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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Introductory.
2. Association Called to Order.
3. Reading of Letters and Enrolling Names of Messengers.
4. Election of Officers.
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8. Appointment of Committees.
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11. Election of Messengers to State Convention.
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The South Florida Association convened with the Lakeland Baptist Church, on Thursday, October 6th, 1892.

The introductory sermon was preached by Bro. F. H. McGill, from 2 Cor., vi, 1.

Adjourned until 2 p. m.

2 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Association met at 2 o'clock, p. m., the Moderator in the chair.

After reading the 27th Psalm by the Moderator, Bro. Nash lead in prayer, after which the former Moderator, T. H. Jaudon, called the body to order.

Church letters being called for, the following were handed in and the Messengers' names enrolled:

Antioch Church—Jasper Sloan, J. D. Moore.

Bartow Church—C. H. Nash, B. F. Blount, A. Brooks.

Bethel Church—A. A. Lewis, Orvil Sloan, Lacy Hancock.

Bethany—T. W. Wilder, Hardy Collins, J. N. Collins.

Clearwater—L. D. Hackney.

Corinth—Not heard from.

Friendship—A. M. Hull, N. C. Bryan.

Gapway—J. T. Reynolds, Laurence Grimes.

Hopewell—J. R. McDowald, Wm. McDonald, J. W. Johnson.

Homeland—An arm of Bartow Church.

Keysville—J. R. Steward, B. F. Carpenter.
Lakeland—J. G. McCaskey, L. M. Ballard, D. K. Turner.

Mt. Tabor—H. Overstreet, J. E. Harrelson.
Mt. Olive—George Fussel, W. H. Milton, J. A. Voyles.
Medulla—A. Newburn, J. J. Taylor, Sr., J. D. Pollock.
New Salem—Not heard from.
Peace Creek—I. F. Holcomb.
Providence—H. S. Hurst, W. F. Pratt.
Pleasant Hill—J. N. Thompson, J. T. Hart.
Plant City—W. S. Knight, P. S. Drew.
Seffner—By letter on contribution.
Thonotosassa—T. H. Jaudon, B. C. West, Columbus

Vickers.

Turkey Creek—S. Walden, L. J. Simmons, R. N. Pylant.
Tampa—J. H. Humphries, J. Q. Brantley, W. H. Osborne.

Tampa—Second Baptist Church: W. J. Dixon, J. M. Dixon.

Willow Oak—Elias Turner, R. W. Trapwell, James Hicks.

Winter Haven—P. S. Crosier.

Haskell—Received at this session: H. F. Hunt, A. Martin.

Lake Eloise—Received at this session: A. D. Chestnut.

Renel—Dismissed by this body to unite with the Manatee Association.

After the Messengers' names were enrolled the permanent organization was completed by electing T. H. Jaudon Moderator; E. G. Wilder, Clerk, and W. S. Knight, Treasurer.

Petitionary letters being called for, one from Haskell Baptist Church, and one from Lake Eloise Baptist Church were handed in, and the same received into this body, and the hand of fellowship was extended by the Moderator to the messengers.

On call for correspondence, no response was made.

On invitation to visiting members to seats, Elder Brown, from the Manatee Association, and J. C. Porter, Evangelist for the State at large, also Publisher of the Florida Baptist; J. W. H. Powell, from Pasco Association, and Elder E. D. Killian, from Chicago, Ill., were all cordially received by this body.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:
On Preaching—Elders Roby, McCaskey, L. M. Ballard
D. K. Turner.

On Woman's Work—A. A. Kerth, C. H. Nash.

Home Missions—B. F. Blount, J. Q. Brantly.

Sunday Schools—J. Q. Brantly, C. H. Pimm.

Temperance—A. A. Keith, J. W. Johnson.

On Finance—A. Newburn, B. C. West, Hardy Collins.

Deceased Ministers and Deacons—J. H. Humphries, S. Walden, J. R. McDonald.

Letters and Documents—J. G. McCaskey, J. R. McDonald, T. W. Wilder.

Standing Committees appointed to report at the next Annual Session of the S. F. Association:

State Missions—S. Walden, J. R. McDonald.

Foreign Missions—P. C. Drew, G. W. Wells.

Religious Literature—C. S. Reynolds, Henry Edwards.

Woman's Work—W. H. Osborne, J. H. Humphries.

Ministerial Education—C. H. Nash, L. M. Ballard.

Associational Missions—B. F. Blount, W. S. Knight.

Home Missions—J. M. Hayman, J. G. McCaskey.

Correspondents to other Associations—Walter McDonald, C. H. Nash and J. H. Humphries to the Manatee Association; J. H. Humphries, to the Pasco Association.

Messengers to State Convention—W. M. McDonald, C. H. Nash, J. H. Humphries, Jno. W. Johnson, W. H. Osborne, A. A. Lewis, G. A. Bryant, F. H. McGill, E. G. Wilder.

Messengers to Southern Baptist Association—J. Q. Brantly; C. L. Wilder, Alternate.

Moved and carried that the Clerk have six hundred copies of the Associational Minutes printed, and that he draw on the Treasurer for a sufficient amount to cover the same, and that he have \$20.00 for his services.

The Association adjourned to meet with the Bethel Baptist Church, Polk County, Fla., on Wednesday before the second Sabbath in October 1893, and so was closed a most hopeful and harmonious session of the South Florida Associations, and to those who visited us from other Associations and other States we feel very much indebted for their counsel and cheering words. It is seldom that we hear such encouraging talks on Sunday Schools as Brother Killian of Chicago gave

OFFICERS OF THE SOUTH FLORIDA BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION.

FROM OCTOBER 6TH 1892, TO OCTOBER 1893.

The following Executive Board was elected at this session:

B. F. Blount, Bartow; J. R. McDonald, Plant City; W. S. Knight, Plant City; Irvin Walden, Plant City; E. G. Wilder, Kathleen.

OTHER OFFICERS.

T. H. Jaudon, Moderator; E. G. Wilder, Secretary; W. S. Knight, Treasurer.

APPENDIX

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REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We are aware that it is one thing to write missions or talk missions, but quite another thing to act missions. It is to be hoped, therefore, that while this report is thoroughly discussed it will take form in larger sacrifices and more earnest action in our mission work. After the Rip Van Winkle sleep of ages there came the awakening of a hundred years ago, under the stirring words of Cary and others, and a new era of missions opened; and yet how slow the Christian World has aroused itself. Many are yet asleep, and many more are only half awake, and are doing little or nothing in this, the grandest, the most important work in our generation. Some one has said that the heathen of this generation are *our* heathen, and each of us may truthfully say some one of these heathen is my heathen. Now the all-important question to me is, and a question which I must answer in the judgment, is what am I doing for them for my heathen? Shall I make no prayer, make no effort for their salvation? Shall I hoard my surplus means or spend money on luxuries, which could easily be dispensed with, or even on some foolish vicious habit, and let my heathen go down to perdition? God forbid.

Over against every Christian life is the possibility of doing something to save the heathen, and as sure as there is judgment, God will hold each of us responsible for making that possibility good. Let the Hard Shell element, under Baptist name, continue, if they will, in the cave of sleep and inactivity until the kingdom come, but let us, who profess to be missionary Baptists, be missionaries indeed, both honoring the name and honoring our Lord.

Our Southern Baptist Convention, in entering the six foreign fields, viz.: China, Africa, Italy, Brazil, Mexico and Japan, have undertaken a large work. Our Board, into whose hands we have put this work, can only hope to succeed as they shall be sustained by the prayers, the labor and the giving of the great Baptist host behind them. It is, indeed, a commendable emulation that we vie with our Northern brethren and our English brethren in this great

God-given work. As yet we are far in the rear, the per capita in giving—of the million and a quarter the white Baptist of the South is exceedingly small—not because some do not give nobly, but because multitudes give nothing at all, and other multitudes give next to nothing.

God grant that the special effort in this centennial year on the part of our consecrated men and women, to arouse our Southern people and Baptist Zion may call forth prompt and hearty response, and in that response may our South Florida Association stand well at the front. We, therefore, recommend that our churches contribute regularly and liberally to the foreign cause, and that each pastor and church put forth special effort to make the centennial year a large success. Earnest prayer, consecrated action, liberal giving, under the Lord, very soon would solve this dark problem of the conversion of the heathen world. C. H. NASH.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

Your Committee, to whom was referred the report on this work for completion, submit the following:

We find that work is being done in the eastern part of this Association by Brethren P. S. Crosier and J. W. Tucker. Bro. Crosier's work shows the establishment of one new church, viz.: Lake Eloise. Bro. Tucker's work shows quite an increase to the Antioch church in membership; also one young convert studying for the ministry, one Sunday-school organized, four hundred pages of tracts distributed, eight Bibles and Testaments given away.

Bro. Edwards, on the west coast, reports preaching at Clearwater, St. Petersburg, Largo, Cadi, Disston City, Sylvan, Abbey and Bayview. Bro. Johnson reports work at Pleasant Hill, six baptized, and at Branch's school-house, in the southern part of the Association. Bro. McGill reports church organized at Anclote, on west coast, also promising outlook at Port Tampa City. Ybor City we find is being supplied in part by Bro. R. T. Caddin, in addition to places reported to be supplied. We beg leave to call your attention to the following places unoccupied: Peru, on the Alafia; Whitten schoolhouse, on Peace River; Green Pond, in the northeastern portion of Association, and the Cuban element in Ybor City and Port Tampa City.

Respectfully submitted,

F. H. MCGILL,
J. W. TUCKER,
W. M. McDONALD,
BEN. F. BLOUNT.

STATE MISSIONS.

Your committee report that it is with pleasure we note the progress in our State mission work, and the increasing interest taken in it by our Association. The State Board of Missions are pushing to the utmost of their ability the denominational work into the regions where our people are few and needy, which alone should recommend them to our most favorable consideration; also, they are using their resources in strengthening our cause in centers where our Churches are unable to cope with the odds against them. Their work has been a great blessing to us, in that it has aroused a mission spirit in the Churches from the St. Marys to Key West, and our people are, a greater portion, more unified in mission work to-day than ever before.

Brethren, let the work done by this Board in our bounds stimulate us to hold up their hands while they go to other fields more needy than ours and build up our cause there.

A. A. KEITH,
Chairman.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be extended to the Lakeland Baptist Church and citizens of Lakeland and vicinity for their generous entertainment, and to the Methodist Episcopal Church for the use of their pulpit; also, to the South Florida Railroad Company for reduced rates.

Very respectfully,
SOUTH FLORIDA ASSOCIATION.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Your committee report the following: We believe that the first and greatest qualification to preach the gospel is a Divine call. We think the best gospel school is the school of Christ. He called some Gallilean fishermen; taught them by Divine inspiration; and the Apostle Paul says not many wise men were called, but God hath chosen the weak things of this world to confound the wise and great. We do not depreciate the services of our uneducated ministry, but thank God for such men, who, against such odds and such disadvantages, have done so much good; they have been the advanced guard, have penetrated the wilderness, have blazed the way, and have made the rough places smooth. We venerate their names; they have fought a good fight, and have kept the faith, and many of them have finished their course. All honor to their names. But in this enlightened age of advanced thought we feel that we

cannot too strongly urge the importance of ministerial education. Education gives power to think; strength to express thought, to control the voice and refine the mind. A sanctified education is certainly necessary to perfect our ministry. We find from the last year's minutes that the Committee on Ministerial Education went to sleep so soon as it left the house in which it was created, and the report not carried out.

We would recommend to your consideration Brother Noah Norwood and Jasper Sloan as suitable young men for the ministry, who feel that they are called by God to this high office.

We also recommend that each Church in this Association make one collection, at least, this year for ministerial education.

Very respectfully,
S. WALDEN,
Chairman.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Of the many living questions which agitate the public mind in our land, none is more vital than this question of temperance. Touch it where you will, the subject of strong drink shows itself to be a thing of life. Of all the serious problems which confront both the Christian and economist, none is more difficult of solution than the temperance problem. It is easy to talk prohibition; it is not so easy to prohibit. It is easy to recommend measures for the eradication of this evil; it is not so easy to enact such measures. Least of all, in the present stage of things, is it easy to enforce such measures when once enacted. The drink habit and traffic is the real question with which this report deals. It is an evil that is fundamental, and does not yield to superficial treatment. It lives, and is fed from two sources—appetite on one side of the counter, on the other side greed. No decree of man, therefore, can suddenly put an end to a business which rests on such a substantial basis, and yet your committee believes that there is a rapidly growing sentiment and conviction in favor of the prohibition of the traffic which is such a dismal blight on our civilization, and which stands as a formidable foe to the progress of all that pertains to the best welfare of the race. While recognizing the enormity of the evil of strong drink, and the inadequacy of superficial measures in dealing with it, we believe it to be

the duty of every conscientious man and woman to keep their faces toward the rising sun, and to do everything possible to hasten the day when the rum power will be at an end.

Your committee is of the opinion that the best work done on this much needed reform will assure the orderly and successive steps of agitative education and legislative agitation until the public mind everywhere shall be aroused to think on the evils which owe their existence to strong drink, and the peril which threatens our civilization from it. Education in the home, in the school, from the pulpit and the press till the feeling of discontent shall become deep and universal, and the public mind thoroughly imbued with the conviction that to drink, or to traffic in drink, is as disreputable as it is damaging. The last step then, that of legislation, will be made both easy and efficacious. The public conscience will then be screwed up to the sticking point, where the passage of law means the enforcement of law. If along this line every man and woman shall do their duty, we shall all see in this fair land of ours, before this generation shall have passed away, the absolute and total prohibition of the liquor traffic. Be it ever remembered, however, that while it is the community, socially as a whole, that is sought to be affected, the work of reform and gradual regeneration must begin with individuals. It is, therefore, the duty of every Christian, first, to practice prohibition on himself to teach it to his neighbor, and, when opportunity affords, to throw the full weight of his citizenship against the power of rum.

Respectfully submitted,
WILL H. OSBORNE.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee beg leave to report the following:

We have abundant cause to be thankful for the present outlook of the Redeemer's cause in our Association. There are within our bounds twenty-nine churches, two of which have been organized this year. Your Board has not been able through the State Board to reach all the destitute within our Association, but have done the best we could with the means at our command at Hooker Prairie, Chicora and Greenpond. We have not been supplied as we would have desired, but from the increasing contributions, that we

are thankful for and that the church letters show, we hope to soon be able to occupy every nook and corner of our bounds, and also to be able to contribute largely to the support of missionaries in foreign fields. We find that there has been during this Associational year sent to Brother Chaudoin and State Board from the South Florida Association \$849.92, of which \$410.83 have been expended in the bounds of this Association; and not being able at this time to employ Ministerial aid to supply all the above mentioned places, we will make recommendations to the State Board later on, but we hope to be able to do so in due time.

Respectfully,

B. F. BLOUNT,
J. R. McDONALD,
W. T. KNIGHT,
O. J. FEIER,
E. G. WILDER,
Executive Committee.

LETTERS AND DOCUMENTS.

Your Committee, after examination, report that they are glad to note an increase of two new churches to this body, also we find one church asking for dismissal to unite with the Manatee Association, and we recommend the same to be granted. We also find a request from Bethel Church asking for the next Association, and we ask that the request be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. McCaskey, *Chairman.*

DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

Your Committee report, on examination of Church letters, that death has not entered the ranks of our Ministerial brethren during the year just closed, for which we feel thankful. The ranks of our Deacons, however, have not been spared, as we find that Deacons O. E. Taudy, of Winter Haven Baptist Church, and John Darling, of the First Baptist Church of Tampa, have been called to their last rest. We respectfully ask that a page for each of the deceased brethren, suitably inscribed, be set aside in our minutes to their memory.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. HUMPHRIES,
S. WALDEN,
J. R. McDONALD.

The following resolution, offered by W. H. Osborne, was read and adopted:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this body that the Sunday-school is the church at work and that it serves its best purpose when under the auspices of the church, with its officers amenable to the church.

HOME MISSIONS.

Your committee report, that while the subject is one that is claiming the attention of the Christian world with more force at this time than ever before, and in heathen lands the cry is being made that fields are already white unto harvest, and praying us to send more laborers into their vineyards, still we find there is a great work to be done all over our own Southern land that can only be done through the agency of home work. The Home Mission Board at Atlanta, Ga., having in charge this department of work, it is the channel through which our contributions are to flow, to reach the destitute portion of our country; and as there are sections of territory which Baptists have not yet occupied, that are being possessed by other denominations, some of which are at variance with the truth of Christianity, it devolves upon us, who have been enlightened by this Gospel, to help to send His word to the dark corners of the earth, until the whole land shall be possessed, and the Gospel be planted where it is not known. We find reported at this Association amounts sent up from the churches to the State Board of Missions aggregating \$213.26 undesignated, which it has been the custom of the State Board to divide among the various fields, giving the home field its share. We also find \$85.15, sent by the churches as Home Mission funds, which shows that there is an interest being awakened all along the line of missions, and we would urge that pastors enlighten their congregations on every line of Christian giving, and that the membership of the churches seek to understand these great fields of labor and the way by which they are supported, that we may give intelligently and as the Lord prospers us.

J. Q. BRANTLY,
B. F. Blount.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Your Committee find that the general outlook in the Sunday-school interest is very good; in fact, if we are to

judge from the reports coming up to this Association, there is a growing zeal among the churches in that direction. This body is doubtless apprised of the fact that at a union meeting held with the Plant City church in June last that a Sunday-school Convention was organized, with Bro. P. C. Drew for its President, and Bro. Irvin Walden, Secretary; also elected an Executive Board, which took into their employ Bro. F. H. McGill, at a salary of \$400. So far as we have been able to learn Bro. McGill has been doing a good work, both in organizing and encouraging Sunday-schools. But we are of the opinion that it was a mistake on the part of the Executive Board to employ a missionary to do this work, as there are already more demands upon us for Christian giving than we are living up to; and, besides, we think it the better plan for pastors in charge of churches and missionaries employed by the Association to preach in the destitute portions to look well to this great work as one of the departments of their labor. We would, therefore, recommend that the work of the missionary be discontinued, and that he be paid promptly for his services already rendered.

B. F. BLOUNT.

WOMAN'S WORK.

Within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention there are thousands of Woman's Societies, organized under the Woman's Missionary Union, and their contributions for last year amounted to more than \$25,000. Your committee are of the opinion that had these women been encouraged to do their work inside the churches, in conjunction with the male members, with full recognition of their rights and ability, that the results would have been even better. While we do not oppose the separate organization of our sisters, and under many circumstances would encourage it, still we deplore the fact that the women of our churches are in a large measure too often ignored in that which constitutes the organized work of the church, under what your committee believe to be an extreme erroneous interpretation of the Apostolic injunction: Let your women keep silent in the churches. They are discouraged from untying the napkin of their hidden talent, and thus splendid results are lost to the Lord's cause. We, therefore, recommend that the sisterhood of our churches be called out and encouraged to share with their brothers in all that church work suited to their sphere, letting them

share fully the responsibility for the results. An active committee composed in part, at least, of the women, has often secured the best aggregate results in the Mission Work of a church, but whatever plan is adopted in the individual church, give the women their full share of the responsibility, and call into exercise all their ability.

A. A. KEITH.

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

Your committee on this important subject feel incompetent to the great task imposed upon them, and, therefore, can only touch upon it. It is a fact well known that the mind of the child is shaped largely by what it reads. Place in its hands trashy literature of the present time, which is for sale at almost every bookstore and on every train in our land, and the mind of that child, without a wonder, will descend down to the vicious, vile and sinful things of life. On the other hand, place in the hands of the child something pure and wholesome, and the mind is elevated, and will seek the better and purer things of life. Put the Bible in its hands when it begins to read, and it will learn to love the Book of Books, which never leads astray. As the parents love the child, and would have it become a Christian, let them see to it that the children read something that will lift their minds above the sinful things of this world. We thank God that there are so many good books within the reach of all, and we advise parents to get them for their children. To brethren and sisters of the South Florida Association we would say, are we missionaries as we claim to be, and desire to be more enthused with the mission spirit, we must become better acquainted with the needs of the world. In order to do this we must take and read the periodicals and papers published by the brethren having this work under their charge. Would we know something of heathen lands, their idolatry, ignorance and superstition, and of the sufferings of the noble men and women that have gone there to teach those people of Christ, then let us take the Foreign Mission Journal. Would we know something of the waste places and dark corners of our Southland and the great West, let us take the Home Field, published at Atlanta, Ga. Would we learn something of what the noble women are doing to help in these destitute places, let us read the Baptist Basket, published at Louisville, Ky. From these we get facts and figures that will do us good. As to

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our Sabbath-school literature we are happily situated. We have the Kind Words Series and the A. M. B. Publication Society Series, all of which are good. The Baptists of every State should have and support their State papers; therefore, we recommend the Florida Baptist Witness to this Association, and do most earnestly desire that every individual member take and heartily support our State paper. We recommend, further, that all our churches take at least one collection for the Witness during the coming year, and the same go to the distributing fund, to give the paper to the poor of our denomination and others who may earnestly desire the same.

J. G. McCaskey.

SACRED TO THE MEMORY

—OF—

Deacon O. E. TANDY,

—OF THE—

Winter Haven Baptist Church, of Winter Haven.

And God shall wipe away all tears from thine eyes, and there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying; neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are past away.

E. G. W., Secretary.

SACRED TO THE MEMORY

—OF—

Deacon JOHN DARLING,

—OF THE—

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, OF TAMPA,

Who died in Nashua, Iowa, September 11, 1892.

This faithful servant of God was loved and honored most by those who knew him best. In christianity he was once a beacon light to the city of Tampa and to the South Florida Association. Servant of God, well done; rest from thy loved employ.

E. G. W., Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Amount in treasury at the close of last year.....	\$4 72
Received of Financial Committee October 10th, 1891.....	157 41
Homeland Church, per R. Y. Walden.....	75
Nov. 28, '91, at Willow Oak Union.....	65 04
February 1, 1892, Union at Bethel.....	44 87
August 17, 1892, Centennial Missions at Plant City.....	84 16
May 28, 1892, Union Plant City.....	44 58
June 6, from Mt. Olive Church.....	5 65
August 4, Union at Clearwater.....	44 52
August 9, Bartow Church, per J. C. Blount.....	3 00
	\$454 70

DISBURSEMENTS.

October 10, 1891, to N. A. Bailey, for State Board.....	\$83 14
October 10, 1891, to E. G. Wilder, clerk fees.....	15 00
October 10, 1891, to E. G. Wilder, printing minutes.....	25 00
November 29, to J. W. Tucker, for mission work.....	12 50
December 5, to W. H. Chaudoin.....	92 28
February 11, 1892, to W. H. Chaudoin.....	44 87
April 17, 1892, to W. H. Chaudoin.....	44 58
May 28, to N. A. Bailey, for State Board.....	84 16
August 4, to F. H. McGill, S. S. Evangelist.....	33 33
	\$434 86
Amount to balance.....	19 84 — \$454 70
This October 6, 1892.	W. S. KNIGHT, Treasurer.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT.

	State Missions	Printing Minutes
Willow Oak.....	1 25	1 25
Mt. Olive.....	1 00	85
Gapway.....	50	1 00
Thonotosassa.....	3 03	2 00
Haskell.....		1 00
Hopewell.....		2 00
Turkey Creek.....	4 00	2 30
Friendship.....		2 00
Mt. Tabor.....		1 25
Peace Creek.....		1 25
Pleasant Hill.....	2 00	1 50
Seftner.....	2 35	25
Bartow.....		2 50
Tampa Second Baptist Church.....		1 00
Bethany.....		2 10
Plant City.....		4 69
Winter Haven.....	10 95	1 00
Lake Eloise.....	3 80	50
Medulla.....	1 25	1 00
Antioch.....		1 05
Providence.....	1 20	1 25
Bethel.....		3 00
Lakeland.....		1 00
Clearwater.....		1 00
First Baptist Church of Tampa.....		5 00
Keyville.....		50
	81 33	42 24

SUNDAY-SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	Superintendents and their Postoffices.	Number of Schools.	Number of Officers and Teachers.	Pupils Enrolled.	Total Enrolled.	Average Attendance.	Baptized Last Year.	Volumes in Library.	Contributions for Missions.	Total Amount of Money Raised.
Bartow	J C Blount, Bartow	2	9	80	80	60	5	60	\$6.30	\$70.67
Bethel	W L Hancock, Kathleen	1	7	75	75	45	5	5	7.50	15.00
Bethany	B W Branch, Plant City	1	5	40	45	30	5	60	2.25	8.25
Clearwater	W E Alexander, Armour	1	5	16	16	12	1	58.00	58.00	58.00
Friendship	N C Bryan, Plant City	1	5	36	36	25	1	50	5.00	55.00
Hopewell	J R McDonald, "	1	5	36	36	25	1	50	5.00	55.00
Keysville	J R Stewart, Keysville	1	5	45	45	30	1	50	5.00	55.00
Lakeland	W V Ellis, Lakeland	1	5	30	30	25	1	50	5.00	55.00
Mt. Tabor	R H Sylvester, Kathleen	1	5	40	45	30	3	18.65	87.88	87.88
Mt. Olive	J O Harris, Auburndale	1	6	30	33	20	4	3	2.75	2.75
Medulla	S McClelland, Medulla	1	4	50	57	40	3	3	4.54	4.54
Seffner	W S O'Brien, Seffner	1	4	35	35	30	1	6.00	6.00	6.00
Peace Creek	D C Dukes, Bartow	1	6	23	23	14	1	3	1.00	1.00
Plant City	R W Norwood, Plant City	1	7	75	75	60	11	10.00	38.00	38.00
Thonotosassa	B C West, Seffner	1	4	75	75	20	1	9.18	92.00	92.00
Tampa First	W H Reed, Tampa	2	13	135	130	55	9	318	11.75	11.75
Tampa Second	W T Rian, "	1	4	19	23	12	1	120	6.44	15.00
Winter Haven	M B Pierpont, W'r Haven	1	3	15	18	12	1	120	6.44	15.00
		20	94	777	764	526	47	548	115.04	409.64

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

CHURCHES.	Pastors and their Postoffices	Clerks and their Postoffices.
Antioch	J W Tucker, Kathleen	J W Costine, Raymond
Bartow	C H Nash, Bartow	Frank Blount, Bartow
Bethel	J W H Powell, Richland	A A Lewis, Kathleen
Clearwater	Henry Edwards, Largo	F L Taylor, Largo
Friendship	W M McDonald, Plant City	W Q Bryan, Plant City
Gapway	G A Bryant, Kathleen	J A Ellerbe, Lakeland
Homeland	C H Nash, Bartow	W T Denham, Homeland
Hopewell	W M McDonald, Plant City	J H Huil, Plant City
Keysville	J W Johnson, Alafia	B F Carpenter, Keysville
Lakeland	J W Robey, Tampa	S L A Clouts, Lakeland
Lake Eloise	P S Crosier, Winter Haven	J D Cunningham, Bartow
Haskell		H F Hunt, Haskell
Mt. Olive	L J Simmons, Plant City	John Harris, Auburndale
Mt. Tabor	L J Simmons, Plant City	J H Rushing, Kathleen
Medulla	J W Johnson, Alafia	C F Holton, Medulla
Seffner		F W Little, Brandon
Plant City	P C Drew, Plant City	W S Knight, Plant City
Thonotosassa	T H Jaudon, Seffner	B C West, Seffner
Turkey Creek	T H Jaudon, Seffner	Irvin Walden, Plant City
Tampa First	W H Osborne, Tampa	C H Pimm, L B 99, Tampa
Tampa Second	R T Cadden, Richland	W J Dixon, Ybor City
Willow Oak	W M McDonald, Plant City	James Hicks, Lakeland
Winter Haven	P S Crosier, Winter Haven	M B Pierpont, Winter Haven
Pleasant Hill	J W Johnson, Alafia	I N Thompson, Alafia
Providence	Elias Turner, Medulla	W F Pratt, Riverview
Peace Creek	J M Hayman, Bartow	H I Goddard, Bartow
Bethany	W M McDonald, Plant City	F M Branch, Plant City

Renel. Dismissed by letter. New Salem and Corinth not heard from.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE CURRENT YEAR, OCTOBER 1891 TO OCTOBER 1892.

Number.	Churches.	Home Church Expenses.	Expenses Sunday School.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Printing Fund.	Miscellaneous.
1	Antioch						\$1 00	
2	Bartow	\$1,970 47	\$70 87	\$35 00	\$33 00	\$35 00	2 50	\$3 48
3	Bethel	244 99	12 00	50 24		5 00	3 00	50 00
4	Clearwater	72 00	4 13	12 58			1 00	
5	Friendship	50 00	10 00		10 00		2 00	
6	Bethany	109 86	6 00	18 75			12 10	50 00
7	Gapway						1 50	
8	Hopewell	125 00	8 00	25 00			2 00	
9	Keysville		3 25				50	
10	Lakeland	413 65		10 00			1 00	87 88
11	Lake Eloise							
12	Medulla		6 00	1 25			1 00	
13	Mt Olive	80 04	4 54		8 65		1 85	
14	Mt. Tabor	50 00	2 75		5 00		1 25	51 80
15	Haskell							
16	Providence			7 95			1 25	
17	Pleasant Hill	13 75	13 75		15 12		1 50	
18	Peace Creek						1 25	
19	Seffner	57 30		6 85			5 00	608 80
20	Tampa 1st	1100 20	92 00	31 00	22 19	24 10	5 00	31 80
21	Tampa 2d		11 75	3 75	3 75		1 00	
22	Thonotosassa			11 45			5 03	
23	Turkey Creek			12 60			6 30	
24	Willow Oak			6 00			1 25	
25	Winter Haven	338 37	9 00		2 60	11 79	1 00	
26	Plant City	670 00	27 75	42 59	14 64	16 22	4 69	25 35
Total		\$4,366 00	\$192 00	\$275 49	\$111 95	\$75 89	\$48 97	\$771 15

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

CHURCH AND INDIVIDUAL PLEDGES.

Plant City Church.....	\$20 00
Bartow Church.....	15 00
J W Tucker.....	5 00
J R McDonald.....	4 00
Bethel Church.....	15 00
Lake land Church.....	10 00
Tampa Church.....	20 00
J H Humphries.....	5 00
L J Simmons.....	5 00
W M McDonald.....	10 00
L M Ballard.....	5 00
Thonotosassa Church.....	10 00
Antioch Church.....	5 00
J W Johnson.....	5 00
Mt. Olive Church.....	6 00
Bethany Church.....	10 00
Winter Haven Church.....	2 50
A A Keith.....	2 50
Total.....	\$9 091

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	Increase.				Decrease.			Present Membership	Pastors.	Clerks and their Postoffices.	Number of Meetings Houses.	Number of Meetings. Houses.	Value of Meeting Houses.	No. of Parsonages.	Value of Parsonages.	Total Value of Church Property.
		By Baptism.	By Letter.	By Restoration.	By Letter.	By Exclusion.	By Death.										
Antioch.....	Polk.....	8	4	1	1	5	3	2	101	J W Tucker.....	John W Costine, Raymond.....	1	1	200	1	\$3,400	\$3,400
Bartow.....	".....	94	17	6	1	1	1	1	123	C H Nash.....	Frank Blount Bartow.....	1	1	250	1	1,250	1,250
Bethel.....	Hillsboro.....	76	14	6	1	1	1	1	47	J W Powell.....	A A Lewis, Kathleen.....	1	1	100	1	600	600
Clearwater.....	".....	36	3	4	1	4	2	1	43	Henry Edwards.....	F L Taylor, Clearwater.....	1	1	400	1	1,000	1,000
Plant City.....	".....	101	23	4	4	6	2	1	144	P C Drew.....	W S Knight, Plant City.....	1	1	500	1	1,000	1,000
Turkey Creek.....	".....	111	1	1	1	1	1	1	105	T H Jaudon.....	Irvin Walden, Plant City.....	1	1	500	1	1,000	1,000
Thonotosassa.....	".....	99	2	1	1	1	1	1	87	T H Jaudon.....	Ben West, Seffner.....	1	1	175	1	7,000	7,000
Tampa First.....	".....	133	27	1	1	20	1	1	161	W H Osborne.....	C H Pimm, Tampa.....	1	1	300	1	300	300
Tampa Second.....	".....	24	4	4	1	1	4	1	30	R T Cadden.....	W J Dixon, Ybor.....	1	1	200	1	400	400
Bethany.....	".....	69	1	1	1	1	1	1	79	W M McDonald.....	F M Branch, Plant City.....	1	1	300	1	300	300
Hopewell.....	".....	75	5	3	1	1	3	1	25	W M McDonald.....	J H Hull, Plant City.....	1	1	200	1	200	200
Pleasant Hill.....	".....	17	5	3	1	1	1	1	25	J W Johnson.....	I N Thompson, Alafia.....	1	1	500	1	500	500
Providence.....	".....	41	5	1	1	1	1	1	52	Elas Turner.....	W F Pratt, River View.....	1	1	200	1	1,650	1,650
Seffner.....	".....	43	4	2	1	1	1	1	44	W W Johnson.....	W F Little, Brandon.....	1	1	400	1	400	400
Keyville.....	".....	32	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	J W Johnson.....	B F Carpenter, Keyville.....	1	1	500	1	500	500
Willow Oak.....	Polk.....	99	1	1	1	9	1	1	89	W M McDonald.....	Jas Hicks, Lakeland.....	1	1	400	1	400	400
Medulla.....	".....	23	3	3	1	1	1	1	33	J W Johnson.....	C F Holton, Medulla.....	1	1	500	1	500	500
Peace Creek.....	".....	16	3	3	1	12	3	1	25	J M Hayman.....	H J Goddard, Bartow.....	1	1	100	1	1,000	1,000
Winter Haven.....	".....	28	5	4	1	1	1	3	21	P S Crosier.....	M F Pierpont, Winter Haven.....	1	1	100	1	1,000	1,000
Haskell.....	".....	28	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	P S Crosier.....	N F Hunt, Haskell.....	1	1	200	1	200	200
Lake Eloise.....	".....	50	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	W Roly.....	S L Clouts, Lakeland.....	1	1	500	1	500	500
Lakeland.....	".....	50	1	1	1	1	1	1	47	J W Johnson.....	J H Hushing, Kathleen.....	1	1	500	1	500	500
Mcabor.....	".....	50	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	L J Simmons.....	Jno Harris, Auburndale.....	1	1	100	1	100	100
Mt. Olive.....	".....	28	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	J A Bryant.....	J A Ellerby, Lakeland.....	1	1	100	1	100	100
Gapway.....	".....	25	1	1	1	1	1	1	26	W M McDonald.....	W Q Bryan, Plant City.....	1	1	100	1	100	100
Friendship.....	Hillsboro.....	1427	147	127	12	79	68	17	1512			18	4,725	21,310	2	23,040	

