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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Association Called to Order by Moderator.
3. Read Letters and Enroll names of Messengers.
4. Election of Officers.
5. Call for Petitionary Letters.
6. Call for Correspondents.
7. Inviting Visiting Brethren to Seats.
8. Appointment of Committees.
9. Report of Committees.
10. Appoint Correspondents.
11. Elect Messengers to State Convention.
12. Miscellaneous Business.
13. Appointing Annual Committees.
14. Adjournment.

MINUTES.

The South Florida Association convened with Bethel Baptist Church on Wednesday, October 4th, 1893. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Bro. J. W. Johnson from Rev. xiii : 16.

Adjourned until 1:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, and after singing and prayer, church letters were handed in and messengers' names enrolled as follows :

Antioch—W. A. Dewett, S. L. Bryant.

Bartow—B. F. Blount, J. M. Hayman.

Bethel—J. J. Robertson, E. G. Wilder, T. A. Rogers.

Clear Water—By letter.

Bethany—T. W. Wilder, H. Collins, J. N. Collins, C. L. Branch.

Plant City—P. C. Drew, C. L. Wilder, C. W. Buel.

Turkey Creek—W. P. Hooker, R. V. Pylant.

Thonotosassa—T. H. Jaudon, C. Vickers, J. C. Rogers.

First Baptist Church, Tampa—W. H. Osborne, A. F. Randall.

Second Baptist Church, Tampa—J. N. Dixon.

Hopewell—W. M. McDonald, J. R. McDonald, L. Evers, J. W. Johnson.

Pleasant Hill—F. M. Bryant, S. T. Boyett.

Providence—W. F. Pratt.

Seffner—W. S. O'Brien.

Keysville—J. Hatcher.

Willow Oak—J. O'Kane.

Medulla—J. L. McClelland.

Peace Creek—H. J. Goddard.

Winter Haven—By letter.

Haskell—Not heard from.

Lake Elouise—A. D. Chestnut.

Lakeland—A. A. Keith, D. K. Turner.

Mt. Olive—W. N. Milton, I. O. Harris.

Mt. Tabor—L. Harlson, H. Overstreet.

Gapway—D. Cumber.

St. Petersburg—P. H. Walters received at this session.

Valrico—E. J. Yates, Thomas Evers received at this session.

Peru—By letter, received at this session.

New Salem—Wiley Douglas, W. F. Pollard.

Largo—F. H. McGill.

After the messengers' names were enrolled, the Association was permanently organized by electing Bro. T. H. Jaudon Moderator, A. A. Lewis, Clerk and W. S. Knight, Treasurer.

Petitionary letters called for and the following were presented and received: One from St. Petersburg Baptist Church, with request that said church adopt Baptist articles of faith and report at the next session of the Association; one from Peru Baptist Church and one from Valrico Baptist Church. The hand of fellowship was extended to the messengers by the Moderator.

On call for correspondents the following names were enrolled: O. J. Frier, Manatee Association; D. T. McCloud, Pasco Association; H. H. Sturges, Alachua Association.

On invitation to visiting brethren to seats, Brothers W. H. House, of Alachua Association, John Sumner and W. C. Sumner, of Pasco Association, and J. C. Porter, pro-

prietor and business manager of the Florida Baptist Witness, were cordially welcomed by this body.

The following committees were appointed by the Moderator:

Preaching—J. R. McDonald, J. C. Rogers, J. J. Robertson, T. A. Rogers, E. G. Wilder.

Letters and Documents—B. F. Blount, J. N. Collins, W. M. McDonald.

Finance—D. K. Turner, J. W. Johnson, E. J. Yates.

Deceased Ministers and Deacons—J. M. Hayman, A. A. Keith.

Standing committees appointed to report at the next annual session of this body with request that each committee be present or send report on or before the second day, are as follows:

State Missions—A. A. Keith, I. O. Harris.

Home Missions—A. F. Randall, W. S. O'Brien.

Foreign Missions—P. C. Drew, C. L. Wilder.

Association Missions—J. W. Johnson, J. R. McDonald.

Temperance—W. H. Osborne, B. F. Blount.

Woman's Work—C. H. Nash, F. H. McGill.

Sunday Schools—J. M. Hayman, O. J. Frier.

Religious Literature—E. G. Wilder, W. M. McDonald.

Ministerial Education—W. H. Osborne, J. Q. Brantly.

Correspondents to other Associations: A. F. Randall to Alachua Association; J. L. McClelland and C. L. Wilder to Manatee Association; W. M. McDonald and J. M. Hayman to Manatee River Association and T. A. Rogers, F. H. McGill, A. A. Lewis and J. W. H. Powell to Pasco Association.

Correspondents to State Convention: C. L. Wilder and J. M. Hayman.

It was moved and carried that the Clerk have seven hundred copies of the minutes of the Association printed and that he draw on the Treasurer for a sufficient amount to pay for same and that he have \$15.00 for his services.

The Association adjourned to meet with Seffner Bap-

tist Church, Hillsborough County, Fla., on Wednesday before the second Sabbath in October, 1894.

OFFICERS OF THE SOUTH FLORIDA ASSOCIATION FROM OCTOBER 4, 1893, TO OCTOBER 4, 1894.

(By oversight to elect a new one the old Executive Board will hold until their successors are elected.)

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

OTHER OFFICERS.

T. H. Jaudon, Moderator.
 A. A. Lewis, Secretary.
 W. S. Knight, Treasurer.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Committee deems any argument in favor of Foreign Missions unnecessary before a body of Christian men and women accustomed to reading the Sacred Scriptures and who are accustomed to being fed on sound doctrine by faithful ministers inflamed with the zeal of the Gospel. The spirit as well as the letter of the Word of God is involved in the one Divine will of evangelizing the world. The burden of a call to the office of the ministry is the conveying of the glad tidings of great joy to the lost of the earth. Conceding the foregoing to be the true expression of God's Word, and recognizing Foreign Missions as a Christian duty, it devolves upon us to adopt the best Scriptural ways and means of accomplishing the object.

We think the plan of a foreign mission board, adopted a half century ago as a medium between the churches and

missionaries, is the best and most successful way of conducting missionary operations in foreign fields, and that the plan of Foreign Missions, without the agencies of a Foreign Board, is doubtful of success.

P. C. DREW,

Chairman.

ON STATE MISSIONS.

Your Committee on State Missions beg leave to report that the State Mission Board is doing a most commendable work in our State. A dozen years ago we had a single missionary operating in the middle section of the State, on a starvation salary secured by private subscriptions from some liberal-minded brethren. The Home Board at Atlanta, Ga., about this time agreed to pay the salary of Bro. Chaudoin as Corresponding Secretary of the State Convention.

From then until now the work has been steadily increasing in efficiency, enlisting every year more of the Brotherhood and extending our lines into new and unoccupied fields; and it is the earnest endeavor of the Board to plant and sustain a Baptist church in every neighborhood, hamlet, town and city in the State of Florida, where none now exists, also in all the centers of population where we have weak organizations. The Board assists to the extent of its ability on the requirements of the church and locality. The Board has enlisted the sympathy of our people in chapel building, and many points in our State have been enabled to build or been aided at an opportune moment to secure a respectable house of worship. Your Committee would call the attention of the body to the generous aid given our young and needy ministers who have been educated at Mercer University, Rochester, Newton Center and at DeLand. Some of these brethren are preaching the Gospel beyond the Yellow Sea, some on the Hudson, some in Pennsylvania and others in Florida.

These brethren are doing a good work that reflects the wisdom of the Board and blesses the liberality of the

brethren that made it possible for the Board to do this work for which we feel thankful. The fields are widening more and skilled laborers are needed to meet the increasing demands upon us and our liberality will be tested in supplying the needs of those who are entering Stetson now for the ensuing year. We earnestly and prayerfully recommend the entire work of our State Board, believing they are doing and have hope and will continue to do more work possible with the funds intrusted to them for application.

After diligent inquiry, your Committee concludes that co-operation with the State Board is profitable and agreeable to the entire membership of the Association.

P. H. WALTERS,
W. S. O'BRIEN,
A. A. KEITH,
Committee.

ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

We deeply regret that we have the death of our much beloved and aged Bro. L. J. Simmons to record. Bro. Simmons died full of years and labors. He fell like a sheaf fully ripened for the shock. He is gathered to his Father's after a long life, in which his strong, persevering nature had been spent in the Master's service below. He doubtless, to-day, is resting in peace with the innumerable hosts who have gone before him.

His work, his example, his life, a legacy left to us, will not, cannot be taken away from us. These are enshrined in our hearts. We have been made better by his being among us and exercising his richly endowed powers of mind and heart in the pulpit, the family circle and the ordinary gatherings of the people. Before the decrepitudes of age stole over him he was a most active and aggressive preacher of righteousness. He invaded the enemy's country—carried the war into Africa. He gave no quarter to evil practices, to heretic notions. The "What saith the Lord" was a watchword of his life. All might leave him

or forsake him in a matter of doctrine or practice, he stood firm as Hindoo-laid foundations. He was a strict constructionist of the Bible. He believed it to be God's truth and thus taught it and his praise is still, and will remain, in our midst.

Also Bro. S. W. Weeks, a deacon of Turkey Creek Baptist Church, died during Christmas week. He was known and loved as a man kind and affectionate in all the relations of life. We reconcile ourselves to his departure in the thought that he is more happily surrounded to-day than when here.

J. M. HAYMAN,
A. A. KEITH,
Committee.

The following resolution was read and adopted:

Resolved, That one page of the minutes of this Association be suitably draped and inscribed to the memory of our dear brothers, Elder L. J. Simmons and Deacon S. W. Weeks.

ON LETTERS AND DOCUMENTS.

We beg leave to report that we have found from the letters in our hands a decided improvement in the increase of members and in the liberality and general usefulness of our churches. One request has been sent up from St. Petersburg Church, asking the ordination of their pastor. As the Association is not an ecclesiastical body, and as the authority of ordination is vested alone in the church, we would recommend the St. Petersburg Church to call a council of ministers and after due examination, if they are satisfied, proceed to said ordination.

P. C. DREW,
W. M. McDONALD,
J. N. COLLINS,
Committee.

ON HOME MISSIONS.

"Watchman, what of the night?" Dr. J. B. Gambrell said, "There never was a time when we needed broader, deeper, more far-reaching plans for our Home Board than now." The success of Home Missions for the past year is cause for profound gratitude to God. The last conventional year was commenced with a debt of ten thousand dollars and having to pay twenty thousand dollars on the Havana church house. All these heavy obligations have been promptly met, and the new year began out of debt and a balance in the treasury of \$2,784 41.

The work of Home Missions is being enlarged. The hearts of God's people are enlarged. Monetary resources are being enlarged, as we see our sisters the last conventional year put into the treasury of our Home Mission Board \$26,283 97, besides what they have done for Foreign Missions. Then let us all do more than we ever have done to send out helps to build houses for the thousands Baptist churches that have none, and that the Board send missionaries to preach the Gospel to the 800,000 Germans in Missouri, where we have but six missionaries and to the three million mountaineers in the western part of Virginia and in North Carolina, Georgia and Alabama, as well as to the seven million negroes in the South, and in Texas in an area as large as South Carolina there is but one Baptist preacher for every one hundred thousand people. In Indian Territory and Oklahoma where white men are crowding in by the thousands—in Cuba, with its one million five hundred thousand souls, half of whom are white and half black and where we have only twenty-one missionaries, to say nothing of Louisiana and the destitution of our own State. Home missions rightly directed look to all these things.

J. M. HAYMAN,
Chairman.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:
Whereas, our aged and highly esteemed Bro. S. Wal-

dren, one of the founders and long a great pillar in this Association, is now, and has been for a period of months, seriously ill and unable to fill his wonted position at this gathering; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we send to him this testimonial of our esteem, our great desire for his recovery from his sickness and further that Bro. J. M. Hayman lead this body in special prayer to God for him.

Resolved, That the establishing of the South Florida Collegiate Institute at Plant City is a praiseworthy enterprise and deserves the patronage of our people.

Adopted by South Florida Association.

ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

Realizing the potent influence of the press for good or evil, and being aware that this important factor is largely used to disseminate pernicious literature among the masses of our people, we would endeavor to impress upon our people the importance of spreading broadcast through our country a good, sound, moral and religious literature to counteract the pernicious evil of the three cent and higher-priced soul-corrupting novels. Many a man who is on the downward road can look back to the time when his youthful mind was corrupted by the literature that he read. Who will deny that many of our best men received their first good impressions from reading good, sound, religious literature, and last, and above all other books, from the teachings of the Bible. We would therefore urge upon Christian parents the importance of seeing that children are well supplied with good, sound literature and that they put out of their hands all that is of a corrupting nature.

Our pastors could not do better work outside of the most important part of their work of preaching the Gospel, than to impress this fact upon their flocks. Our people are sadly in need of spiritual development and training in Christian work. Many of our churches pay their pastors but little for their services and still less for

missions. We would urge our people to read the Foreign Mission Journal, Baptist Basket and Home Field, so as to become acquainted with the work. For our Sabbath Schools we recommend the literature of the Southern Baptist Convention and of the American Baptist Publication Society. Both are good and should receive our hearty support. We would finally urge upon pastors and people the importance of supporting more liberally our State paper, the Florida Baptist Witness. It is our paper and no Baptist can be in warm sympathy with the cause throughout the State unless he peruses its columns and thus becomes familiar with the work of our Baptist hosts through the land.

Respectfully submitted,

C. S. REYNOLDS,
HENRY EDWARDS,
Committee.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee beg leave to report as follows:

During the previous year we have recommended to the State Board appropriations for work done in the bounds of our Association as follows: To Bro. F. H. McGill for work done on the Gulf coast, making weekly visits, \$300; to Bro. G. A. Bryant for work at Antioch Church, including three other stations in that vicinity, \$50; Lakeland Church, \$50; Seffner Church, \$50; to Bro. P. S. Crozier for work done at Winter Haven, Eagle Lake and Lake Elouise, \$50; making a total of \$500, which amount, we believe, has mostly been paid.

We will not make any recommendations for the coming year until our next meeting at Providence Church at the coming Union meeting, except to Bro. G. A. Bryant to whom we have recommended the State Board to pay \$50 for the coming year. We hope by that time to obtain such data and information as will guide us intelligently in our work. We rejoice that the interest in the cause of

missions is growing among all of our churches and the work of the Master is increasing even more rapidly than the wealth and population of the country, and while we find new fields of work springing up in our bounds, we also find that there are other fields, heretofore requiring help, that are becoming self-sustaining.

We pledge a more earnest effort in the future to equalize and appropriate the funds so earnestly contributed for the Master's cause in the bounds of our work where it is most needed.

Respectfully submitted,

B. F. BLOUNT,
Chairman.

The following report has been received since the Association adjourned.

To the South Florida Baptist Association:

Dear Brethren: Since you last met, up to September 30, I have received from your Association:

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| For State Missions..... | \$515 50 |
| For Home Missions..... | 65 66 |
| For Foreign Missions..... | 145 51 |
| For Education..... | 112 32 |
| For Building and Chapel Fund..... | 364 75 |
| For Bible work..... | 3 65 |

Total.....\$1207 39

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| Paid Bible work..... | \$ 3 65 |
| " Building..... | 364 75 |
| " Education..... | 112 32 |
| " Foreign Board..... | 145 51 |
| " Home Board..... | 65 66 |
| " State Missions..... | 516 65 |

Total.....\$1208 54

(Bro. Chaudoin's Report—Continued.)

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| Association due the Board, cash..... | \$ 1 15 |
| “ “ for salary unpaid..... | 158 55 |
| Total..... | \$159 70 |

Amounts paid as per recommendation of the Executive Committee:

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| F. H. McGill..... | \$278 03 |
| P. S. Crozier..... | 30 00 |
| G. A. Bryant..... | 36 16 |
| G. W. Robey..... | 12 50 |
| A. A. Keith..... | 40 00 |
| R. T. Caddin..... | 45 00 |
| T. H. Jaudon..... | 25 00 |
| J. G. McCaskey..... | 49 76 |
| Total..... | \$516 45 |

W. N. CHAUDOIN,
Cor. Sec'y and Treas.

ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

It is admitted that the Sunday School is one of the most important departments of church work. The common, but terse, saying, that the Sunday School is the church at work, should be practically carried out. We call attention to the fact that only seventeen of twenty-nine churches report having Sunday Schools. What is the cause and what the remedy for this state of things?

Respectfully submitted,

A. F. RANDALL,
Chairman.

ON TEMPERANCE.

One of the greatest foes to our Christianity is the making and dealing, under licenses given by the Govern-

ment, in intoxicating drinks. Unless this be destroyed our whole structure, political, social and religious, will be wrecked. Politically, it buries interests which do not uphold and strengthen it. It is a death-dealing work on all real interests that produce good and wholesome results on society. On these it rains its strong, brutal hand and strikes them down. It is vile; it is lawless; it corrupts the ballot; it clouds the judgment of the citizen; it narrows his horizon; it transforms him into an enemy of the good; it hoodwinks justice; it paralyzes patriotism. It moves in the realm of government with satanic mien and effrontery. Hypocritically professing to be persecuted by its enemies, it claims permission to carry on its death-dealing, home-cursing, God-dishonoring, soul-destroying traffic as an inherent right. It goes on without the saying that the manufacture and sale of intoxicating drinks must go or this Government must go. It is for Christians to decide which.

The purity and strength of our institutions are based upon the sanctity of our social structure. Blight the home life and the whole building falls. The saloon, with mailed hand and callous heart, enters the home, takes the father first, bestializes and then demonizes him. With transformation the defender of the home becomes its traducer—the destroyer of that holy institution which came from God in Eden-family. He ignores now all thirst save that of drink. The wife is abused, then pauperized. The church looks on and, shameful to say, largely votes at the returning election the privilege of the manufacturer to make, and his adjunct and accomplice, the saloon keeper, to extend his privilege of making further forays into the social circle. The father is besotted now, says the saloon man, give me the son.

Yes, numberless Christian voters; and the church member locks arms with this vile enemy of society. The two combined lure our sons into a habit that destroys both body and soul for time and for eternity.

Am I my brother's keeper? Possibly, in a sense, you

are not your elder brother's keeper, but you are your younger's, and his debased manhood, wanton appetite, drunken, bleared visage and lost life all say, "My brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground." "Let the saloon alone and it will let you alone." This is on a par with that which usually comes from Satan's mint. The innocent victims of the saloon are among the purest of our men and women, and may be found in crowds in our large cities and in every village and neighborhood in the land.

This enemy—an exotic, a transplant from "the libidinous Rhine"—is throwing its tentacles around us, and in their grasp will the sweet enjoyments, the fervent companionships of our homes, be crushed. Is the Committee magnifying these dangers?

It is not necessary to refresh your minds that there are large districts in the great cities that have one small church to 10,000 people, while the saloons often average one to 100 people. If it were confined to isolated cases the danger would be small, but it is practically unanimous in all American cities. A billion represents the dollars necessary to carry on this incubus on modern civilization. Away with the monster iniquity! Down with the paralyzing curse! Save our homes, our sons, our daughters and our people! Run up our colors! Fight this enemy by abstaining totally from its use! Enter a disclaimer whenever an opportunity occurs. Vote against any man and every measure that sustains it. Cry down the blind tiger as you would the stealthy assassin who enters your home in darkness to murder your children. War to the nife and the nife to the hilt.

Let the black flag float proudly above us with God's eternal "No" to the drink demon on it, so gigantic in size that all who are engaged in its making, and all who sell it or apologize for those who do, may know that they carry the moral, social, financial and political condemnation of Christian men and women. Religiously it plays a helping hand to unrighteousness.

It is well provisioned. It has in great abundance the sinews of war. It makes special specious pleas. It is even the friend of religion. It sometimes gives generously and always loudly.

It will keep a convenient corner hidden under the back stairs to allure with its deadly-bent unthinking disciples and weak Christians. It loves them and it is their friend. It has told one that the cause of the gay music within its screened borders, its splendid appointments and its jolly companionship, that a class of saints often resort thither on the Sabbath as a substitute for the worship of God, and the saloon extends to them its warmest and most sincere greeting.

Here we know that the whole future of a Christian depends largely on his reading the Bible, and attending the service of the sanctuary, but the air of the saloon utterly destroys the spirit that impels us on in this life. Its emissaries in the home injure their love of church, of order, of peace and of righteousness. They plead for the saloon because they see no harm in a social glass or a social game. Man has a social nature and we must meet its demands. Thus lured are your young men drawn into the saloon. Often this is the way they are induced to take the first step that leads to a drunkards grave. Thus are they kept from church and enlisted to recruit Satan's army, and because the saloon is sustained openly or winked at with all its evils by professing Christians.

The logic of the hour is acceptance of the dual practice of total abstinence for the State. Free us from the express juggery, from the blind tiger and from "hop tea." Total, and only total, prohibition. Absolute certainty will satisfy the Christian conscience, and to reach this desirable end we must teach it.

Keep the waters stirred. Keep its ravings, its hideous faces, its wantonness, its orgies, its destructive tendencies before the people. The saloon is brutal; keep its brutality well advertised. It is leud. Let mothers and fathers know it. It menaces every church in the land. Let them

be awakened out of their sleep, and we will see the wall of this kingdom of anarchy begin to crumble, and ultimately, like its prototype, Babylon of old, given over to the hand of the destroying angel. Pray for its absolute destruction. It has destroyed enough souls. It has made and pauperized orphans. It has anguished hearts. It has marched over the prayers of the broken hearts of mothers and fathers like a simoom of destruction. Plead with God for its abolition, and He who hears the ravens cry will hear your pleadings.

A. A. KEITH,
Chairman

ON WOMAN'S WORK.

The question of Woman's Work in the church and woman's position in the world has, within the last generation, received more attention than at any previous time in history. An eminent man of our day has said that the greatest discovery of the nineteenth century is the discovery of childhood. There is an important sense in which womanhood is a new discovery. The time never was since Adam looked around for some one on whom he might lay the blame of his first misdeed, when we could wholly dispense with woman's services, in the home, in the church of God, in the world's progress, she has always found work to do, and sometimes appreciation of that which she has done.

A very interesting and suggestive thought would be to read a catalogue of the names of the women who have been associated with, and promoters of, the epoch-making events of history. It was a woman who conducted the praise service after the triumphant crossing of the Red Sea. It was a woman who, with Barak, had the honor of leading ten thousand men to victory. It was a woman who, in defiance of conventionalites, entered into the presence of the Persian King and saved her people at the most critical period of Jewish history. It was a woman who

guided the infant steps of the world's redeemer. It was a woman whom the world's redeemer called mother. It was a woman of whom the highest praise that was ever spoken, fell from the Savior's lips when he told her that the mention of her deed should be coextensive with the Gospel itself.

These examples are enough to show that woman has not been without honor and appreciation when the best interests of humanity has been subserved. But it has been reserved for us in our day to see woman take the position in the work of the church to which her qualifications entitle her. Admirably adapted by the fine susceptibilities of her nature to religious and social work, and quick to accept that which was the motto of the Son of man, "not to be ministered unto but to minister." The recognition of her usefulness in the practical work of the church amounts to little less than a new discovery.

With no disposition to raise or discuss in this report the thought-provoking question of social or political rights, her equality or inequality with man in the light of epistles of Paul, we have a profound conviction that the sphere of her usefulness will go on widening as the thoughts of men are widening with the process of the sun.

In temperance and Sunday School work, in the missionary and reformatory activities of the age, in the world's arts and letters, in the moral and intellectual education of the young, in the moulding of private and public sentiment, her power is every day becoming more sensibly felt. No man, therefore, who would serve his fellow men to the best possible advantages, (certainly no intelligent pastor) will fail to seek her sympathies and co-operation. Instead, then, of seeking exact definitions as to her sphere and relations to man, let us seek rather to use her in that work to which by nature she is so admirably adapted, and encourage her in whatever mission she is by the Holy Spirit called, and the beatitudes so often by the Savior pronounced of her will also be spoken of us.

W. H. OSBORNE,
J. H. HUMPHRIES,

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

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| Amount in treasury at close of last year..... | \$19 84 |
| Oct. 8, received of Finance Committee..... | 74 12 |
| “ 9, Sunday collection..... | 10 62 |
| “ 29, From Union at Lakeland | 22 15 |
| “ “ From Union for Ministerial Education..... | 9 15 |
| “ “ Sunday collection | 6 91 |
| Nov 19, From H. Edwards | 2 35 |
| Jan. 29, 1892, Turkey Creek Union | 25 12 |
| “ “ “ Sunday collection | 34 23 |
| Ministerial Education | 26 90 |
| March 31, From First Bap. Ch., Tampa S. S. work | 8 00 |
| May 1, Union at Bartow..... | 53 55 |
| July 30, Union at Hopewell..... | 81 11 |
| Total..... | \$374 05 |

DISBURSMENTS.

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| Oct. 8, 1892, to Clerk fee | \$20 00 |
| “ “ “ W. N. Chaudoin..... | 34 70 |
| “ 15, 1892, By Error last report, paid Treasurer.. | 11 19 |
| Nov. 8, 1892, F. H. McGill..... | 30 00 |
| “ 14, 1892, W. N. Chaudoin, Ministerial Education | 16 06 |
| Jan. 14, 1893, J. C. Porter, printing minutes | 30 00 |
| “ 29, 1893, Ministerial Education..... | 26 90 |
| “ “ “ T. H. Jandon, mission work..... | 10 00 |
| Feb. 1, 1893, F. H. McGill..... | 50 00 |
| Mar. 15, 1893, W. N. Chaudoin..... | 8 00 |
| May 1, 1893, F. H. McGill..... | 50 00 |
| “ 5, 1893, W. N. Chaudoin | 6 05 |
| July 1, 1893, F. H. McGill..... | 81 11 |
| | <u>374.05</u> |
| To Balance..... | \$374 05 |

W. S. KNIGHT,

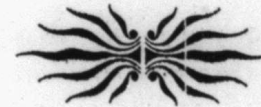
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FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT.

We beg leave to report that the various churches have sent up for missions, printing minutes, and associational purposes the sum of \$79.58, also a collection of \$12.27 for Foreign Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

E. J. YATES,
D. K. TURNER,
Committee.



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CHURCH DIRECTORY.

| Number | CHURCHES. | PASTORS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES. | CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES. |
|--------|----------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 | Antioch | G. A. Bryant, Kathleen | J. W. Costine, Raymond |
| 2 | Bartow | C. H. Nash, Bartow | B. B. Tatum, Bartow |
| 3 | Bethel | J. W. H. Powell, Abbott | A. A. Lewis, Kathleen |
| 4 | Clearwater | C. S. Reynolds | Clearwater Harbor |
| 5 | Bethany | W. N. McDonald, Plant City | F. M. Branch, Plant City |
| 6 | Plant City | P. C. Drew, Plant City | W. S. Knight, Plant City |
| 7 | Turkey Creek | R. Y. Walden, Plant City | J. W. Hull, Turkey Creek |
| 8 | Thonotosassa | F. H. Jaudon, Seffner | B. C. West, Seffner |
| 9 | Tampa, First | W. H. Osborne, Tampa | C. H. Pimm, Tampa |
| 10 | Tampa, Second | H. H. Sturgis, Brooksville | M. C. Sauls, Tampa |
| 11 | Hopewell | W. M. McDonald, Plant City | J. H. Hull, Plant City |
| 12 | Pleasant Hill | J. W. Johnson, Alafia | S. T. Boyett, Freeman |
| 13 | Providence | F. H. Jaudon, Seffner | W. F. Pratt, Riverview |
| 14 | Seffner | A. A. Keith, Lakeland | F. W. Little, Brandon |
| 15 | Keysville | J. W. Johnson, Alafia | B. F. Carpenter, Keysville |
| 16 | Willow Oak | W. M. McDonald, Plant City | James Hicks, Lakeland |
| 17 | Medulla | J. W. Johnson, Alafia | R. E. Hicks, Lakeland |
| 18 | Peace Creek | Peter Brown, Bowling Green | |
| 19 | Winter Haven | G. W. Robey, Tampa | M. B. Pierpont, Winter Haven |
| 20 | Haskel | G. A. Bryant, Kathleen | |
| 21 | Lake Elouise | J. F. Holcomb | J. D. Cunningham |
| 22 | Lakeland | P. C. Drew, Plant City | S. L. A. Clouts, Lakeland |
| 23 | Mt. Olive | A. A. Keith, Lakeland | John Harris, Auburndale |
| 24 | Mt. Tabor | J. W. Johnson, Alafia | J. H. Rushing, Kathleen |
| 25 | Gapway | Elias Turner, Medulla | Henry Cumber, Lakeland |
| 26 | St. Petersburg | E. H. Walters, St. Petersburg | B. W. Johnson, St. Petersburg |
| 27 | Valrico | T. H. Jaudon, Seffner | E. J. Yates, Valrico |
| 28 | Peru | T. H. Jaudon, Seffner | O. K. Mansfield, Peru |
| 29 | Largo | Represented by F. H. McGill | |

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

| CHURCHES. | SUPERINTENDENTS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES. | No. Schools | Officers and Teachers | Pupils Enrolled | Volumes in Library | Contributions for Missions | Total Money Raised |
|----------------|--|-------------|-----------------------|-----------------|--------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Antioch | W. A. Dewett, Aburndale | 1 | 50 | 20 | | \$ 2 50 | \$ 2 50 |
| Bartow | H. Payne, Bartow | 1 | 70 | 80 | | 5 42 | 55 12 |
| Bethel | W. L. Hancock, Kathleen | 1 | 80 | | | 1 4 04 | 25 24 |
| Clearwater | C. S. Reynolds, Clearwater | 1 | 11 | 21 | | | 4 50 |
| Bethany | J. N. Collins, Plant City | 1 | 35 | 60 | | | 4 50 |
| Plant City | K. W. Norwood, Plant City | 1 | 9 | 85 | | 14 00 | 54 80 |
| Turkey Creek | | | | | | | |
| Thonotosassa | J. C. Rogers, Thonotosassa | 1 | 2 | 20 | | | |
| Tampa, First | J. O. Brantly, Tampa | 1 | 12 | 112 | 318 | 41 00 | 104 92 |
| Tampa, Second | J. M. Dixon, Tampa | 1 | 3 | 40 | 25 | 1 00 | 13 41 |
| Hopewell | J. R. McDonald, Plant City | 1 | 5 | 36 | | | 8 00 |
| Pleasant Hill | | | | | | | |
| Providence | | | | | | | |
| Seffner | W. S. O'Brien, Seffner | 1 | 5 | 25 | 12 | | 4 88 |
| Keysville | Not given | 1 | 6 | 20 | | | |
| Willow Oak | | | | | | | |
| Medulla | | | | | | | |
| Peace Creek | D. C. Dukes, Bartow | 1 | 7 | 26 | | | 5 00 |
| Winter Haven | M. B. Pierpont, Winter Haven | 1 | 6 | 30 | 121 | 10 66 | 23 66 |
| Haskell | | | | | | | |
| Lake Elouise | | | | | | | |
| Lakeland | D. H. Sloan, Lakeland | 1 | 5 | 50 | 10 | 6 00 | 20 00 |
| Mount Olive | I. O. Harris, Auburndale | 1 | 4 | 57 | | | 4 40 |
| Mount Tabor | | | | | | | |
| Gapway | | | | | | | |
| St. Petersburg | | | | | | | |
| Valrico | Not given | 1 | 7 | 44 | | | |
| Peru | | | | | | | |
| Largo | | | | | | | |
| Total | | 17 | 101 | 761 | 567 | \$ 94 62 | \$ 331 23 |

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM OCT. 1892, TO OCT. 1893.

| CHURCHES. | Home Church Expenses | Sunday School Expenses | Home Missions | Foreign Missions | State Missions | Ministerial Education | Associational Funds | Printing Fund | Miscellaneous |
|----------------|----------------------|------------------------|---------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Antioch | \$ 26 60 | | | | | \$ 5 00 | \$ 2 50 | 1 55 | |
| Bartow | 1164 41 | 49 70 | | 74 51 | 42 00 | 17 30 | | 3 00 | 33 11 |
| Bethel | 324 31 | 11 20 | 10 00 | 13 00 | 22 39 | 31 10 | | 2 00 | 3 80 |
| Clearwater | 24 35 | | | | | | | 1 00 | 1 00 |
| Bethany | 97 15 | | 53 91 | | | 15 00 | | 2 55 | 1 00 |
| Plant City | 623 55 | 40 81 | 61 14 | 56 95 | 30 70 | 20 00 | | | 2 02 |
| Turkey Creek | 60 00 | | | | | | | | 6 72 |
| Thonotosassa | | | | | | | 4 00 | | |
| Tampa, First | 1205 52 | 63 92 | 23 69 | 54 90 | 21 90 | | | 5 00 | 267 05 |
| Tampa, Sec'nd | 210 10 | 12 41 | | 3 25 | 10 07 | | | | 15 50 |
| Hopewell | 120 00 | 8 00 | | | 18 95 | 6 70 | | 2 00 | 26 80 |
| Pleasant Hill | 62 50 | | 13 51 | | | | | 1 75 | |
| Providence | | | | | | | 1 50 | 1 50 | |
| Seffner | 197 35 | | 21 49 | 21 48 | 2 75 | | 4 10 | 80 | 10 91 |
| Keysville | 40 00 | | 3 00 | 3 00 | | | | 1 70 | |
| Willow Oak | 60 00 | | | 50 | 10 65 | | | 2 00 | 5 00 |
| Medulla | | | 1 00 | 8 25 | | | | 1 80 | |
| Peace Creek | 9 00 | | 1 00 | | | | | 1 50 | |
| Winter Haven | 243 46 | | 3 76 | | | 2 50 | | 1 00 | |
| Lake Elouise | | | 1 50 | 2 00 | | | | | 50 |
| Lakeland | 200 00 | 14 00 | | | 15 00 | | | 1 25 | 50 00 |
| Mt. Olive | 70 74 | 4 40 | | 17 10 | | 2 50 | 5 35 | 1 50 | 9 17 |
| Mt. Tabor | 60 00 | | 6 00 | | 1 00 | | | 1 00 | |
| Gapway | | | | | | | | 1 04 | |
| St. Petersburg | | | | | 2 25 | | | 75 | |
| Valrico | | | | | | | 1 27 | | 75 |
| Peru | | | 3 00 | | | | | | |
| New Salem | | | | | | 50 | | 1 00 | 3 15 |
| Friendship | | | | | | | | 1 90 | |
| Total | \$5474 09 | \$ 203 43 | \$ 203 00 | 246 69 | 176 41 | 100 00 | \$30 99 | 39 51 | \$ 571 26 |

STATISTICAL TABLE.

| CHURCHES. | COUNTY. | INCREASE. | | | DECREASE. | | | Present Membership. | No. Meeting Houses. | Sittings. | Value | Total Value of Church Property |
|----------------|-----------|---------------|---------|--------|-------------|--------|-----------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------|----------|--------------------------------|
| | | No. Last Year | Baptism | Latter | Restoration | Latter | Exclusion | | | | | |
| Antioch | Polk | 16 | 12 | 11 | | 2 | | 37 | 1 | | \$ 300 | \$ 300 |
| Bartow | " | 124 | 15 | 20 | | 3 | | 155 | 1 | | 4000 | 4000 |
| Bethel | " | 97 | 1 | 12 | | 1 | | 108 | 1 | 300 | 1250 | 1250 |
| Clearwater | Hillsboro | | | | | | | 18 | | 21 | | |
| Bethany | " | 72 | 16 | 4 | | 4 | 1 | 86 | 1 | | 560 | 560 |
| Plant City | " | 144 | | 15 | | 4 | 3 | 151 | 1 | | 1100 | 1100 |
| Turkey Creek | " | 105 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 11 | 3 | 2 | 100 | 1 | 1060 | 1060 |
| Thonotosassa | " | 89 | 3 | | 1 | 3 | 1 | 89 | 1 | | 800 | 800 |
| Tampa, 1st | " | 161 | 3 | 4 | | 8 | 7 | 3 | 150 | 1 | 7000 | 7000 |
| Tampa, 2d | " | 24 | 15 | 7 | 6 | | 10 | 42 | 1 | | 600 | 600 |
| Hopewell | " | 79 | 13 | 3 | 4 | 3 | | 86 | 1 | | 300 | 300 |
| Pleasant Hill | " | 27 | 3 | 3 | | 1 | | 32 | 1 | | | |
| Providence | " | 52 | 27 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 82 | 1 | | 515 | 515 |
| Seffner | " | 41 | 4 | 4 | | 4 | 8 | 1 | 36 | 1 | 1030 | 1030 |
| Keysville | " | 28 | 13 | | 1 | | | 42 | 1 | | 400 | 400 |
| Willow Oak | Polk | 89 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 92 | 1 | | |
| Medulla | " | 33 | | 4 | | 2 | 2 | 33 | 1 | | | |
| Peace Creek | " | 23 | | 4 | | | 1 | 1 | 25 | 1 | 650 | 650 |
| Winter Haven | " | 21 | 4 | 9 | | 5 | 2 | 26 | 1 | | 1000 | 1000 |
| Lake Elouise | " | 6 | 1 | | | | | 7 | 1 | | 130 | 130 |
| Lakeland | " | | | 4 | | 9 | | 27 | 1 | | 800 | 800 |
| Mt. Olive | " | 51 | 1 | 2 | | 7 | 1 | 46 | 1 | | 500 | 500 |
| Mt. Tabor | " | 47 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 12 | 1 | 35 | 1 | | 400 | 400 |
| Gapway | " | | | | | | | 28 | 1 | | | |
| St. Petersburg | Hillsboro | | | | | | | 26 | 1 | | | |
| Valrico | " | | | | | | | 25 | 1 | | | |
| Peru | " | | | | | | | 22 | 1 | | | |
| New Salem | Polk | 35 | 1 | 1 | | 7 | 4 | 26 | 1 | | | |
| Total | | 1364 | 147 | 116 | 20 | 109 | 49 | 14,1635 | 24 | 300 | \$ 22295 | |

PARSONAGES: Bartow, 1; Total, 1.

