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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

- I 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 corresponts.
- II Election of messengs to State Convention.
- 12 Miscellaneous business.
- 13 Appointing annual committees.
- 14 Adjournment.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

B. F. Blunt	Bawtows Fla
J R. McDonald	
W. S. Knight	Plant City, Fla
Irwin Walden	
E. G. Wilder	Kathlun, Fla
A. A. Keith	Lakeland, Fla
W. S. O'Brien	

MINUTES.

The South Florida Baptist Association convened with the Baptist Church at Plant City, Hillsborough County, Florida, October 9, 1895. The introductory sermon was preached by Bro. W. M. McDonald fron Eph., 5: 27.

Adjourned until 2 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-J. A. Voyls, W. A. Dewitt.

Bawtow-C. H. Nash, J. M. Hayman.

Bethel-G. A. Bryant, J. E. Bryant, W. J. Platt.

Betheany-C, L. Branch, E. G, Walker, E. L. Todd, W. E. Wiggins.

Plant City—W. E. Bogart, W. S. Knight, G. W. Wells, C. W. Buel, R. W. Norwood, J. W. Martin.

Turkey Creek—R. Y. Walden, T. S. Evers, A. Man-

sel, R. W. Pylant.

Thonotosassa—J. C. Rogers, C. Vickers, T. H. Wilder, W. W. Carlton.

Tampa 2-E S. Crosby, C. A. Arnold,

Hopewell-J. W. Johnson, W. M. McDonald.

Pleasant Hill-F. M. Bryant, S. T. Boytt.

Providence-H. S. Hurst.

Seffner-C. C. Little, W. S. O'Brien.

Winter Haven-By Letter.

Lakeland-O. J. Frier, S. L. A. Clouts.

Mt. Olive-Wm. Collins, W. N. Milton.

Mt. Tabor-C. P. Commins, J. T. Hart, J. H. Rushing

Gapway-D. C. Cumbe, L Grimes.

St. Petersburg-J. H. Cashwell, P. H. Walters,

Valrico-Solen Mansel, T. Evers.

Willow Oak-J. S. Box.

Green Pond-Aaron Martin, J. W. Cumbe.

Laka Elouise-By Letter.

Friendship-H. Clemons, T. J. Hull.

After the messengers' names were enrolled, the Association was permanently organized by electing Bro. W. M. McDonald, Moderator, A. A. Lewis, Secretary, and W. S. Knight, Treasurer.

The same executive committee was re-election.

Petitionary letters called for, one from Kathleen Baptist Church, received.

On call for correspendents the following names were enrolled: Brothers John Sumner, Pasco Association; B. M. Bean, Alachua Association, and J. C. Porter, editor of Baptist Witness.

They were cordially welcomed by the body.

The following committees were appointed to report at this session.

Preaching-W. E. Wiggins, E. L. Toda with the messengers of Plant City Baptist Church,

Letters and Documents-R. Y. Walden, J. W. Johnson, W. L. Hancock.

Finance-R. W. Norwood, G. W. Wells, Irvin Walden.

Session-O. J. Frier, J. M. Hayman, T. W. Wilder. Deceased Ministers and Deacons-R. Y. Walden, B. F. Blunt.

Standing committees to report at the next session. State Missions-O. J. Frier, C. C. Little. Home Missions-J. M. Hayman, R. Y. Walden. Foreign Missions-W. E. Bogart, R. W. Norwood. Associational Missions-J. W. Johnson, J. R. Mc-Donald.

Temperance-Irvin Waldon, Solon Mansel. Woman's Work-C, H. Nash, W. S. Knight. Sunday Schools-E. G. Wilder, W. J. Platt. Religious Literature-G. A. Bryant, W. W. Carlton.

Ministerial Education-J. W. Tucker, E. L. Todd. Brothers J. M. Hayman, R. Y. Walden and O. J. Frier, were appointed to draugh by-laws and constitution for the Association to be submitted at next session.

Messengers appointed to State Convention-W. M. McDonald, W. E. Bogart, T. W. Wilder and wife, W. S. Knight, O. J. Frier, J. N. Hayman, J. W. H. Powill, R. Y. Walden, C. L. Wilden, J. N. Collins.

To Southern Baptist Convention-W. E. Bogart.

Associations messengers-Manitee River P. H. Walters; Alachua O. J. Frier, R. Y. Walden; Pasco J. C. Rogers, C. Vickers; Manitee W. M. McDonald, J. C. Rogers.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved first, That it is the wishes of this Association that we return our heartfelt thanks to the Brethren, Sisters and friends of this community for their hospitality and untiring efforts to make us all feel at home.

Resolved second, That we also offer a vote of thanks to the Presbyterian Brethren for the use of their house of worship, to the Ladies Mission Union of this Association. MOTIONS CARRIED.

It was moved and adopted that Bro. J. C. Porter have 15 minutes to represent his work.

It was moved and adopted that the report of the Ladies Missions Union of this Association be spread upon the

It was moved and adopted that this Association adminutes. journ from 2 to 3 p. m. and invite Bro Wombolt of Pasco Association to preach, which he did ably from Acts 5th chapter later clause of 38 and first of 39 verse.

It was moved and adopted that the clerk have \$15 for his services, and be governed by amount of funds on hand as to the number of minutes printed.

The Association adjourned to meet with Turkey Creek Baptist Church on Wednesday before the second Sabbath in October, 1896.

A. A. LEWIS, Clerk W. M. McDonald, Moderator.

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REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

WOMAN'S WORK

The Woman's Mission Union of the South Florida Baptist Association held its annual meeting at Plant City in the Presbyterian Church at 3 o'clock p. m., Oct. 10, 1895.

The meeting opened with prayer, song, scripture

reading, and prayer led by Mrs. C. A. Wilder.

We listened with pleasure and profit to Rev. W. N. Chaudoin's able address on Woman's Work, with some information of the Indians in their barbarious condition, and what mission work had accomplished up to the present time.

FOLLOWING OFFICERS WERE CHOSEN.

First Vice-President Mrs. T. W. Wilder, second Vice-President, Mrs. C. A. Wilder; Corresponding and Recording Secretary, Mrs. Frank Day. Mrs. Frank Day made an impressive address on personal work.

After an earnest prayer by Sister P. H. Walters adjourned to meet with the next session of the South Florida Baptist Association at Turkey Baptist Church. To which meeting all the Ladies Aid Societies in our Association

are requested to send messengers

The Plant City Children's Band, "Cheerful Givers," held their meeting in connection with the Woman's Mission Union. They are a large band of enthusiastic workers for Jesus,

MEDDIE HUNSTMAN, WILLIE WELLS, Secretary. President.

Secretary.	President.
Forwarded during the year from the V SocietiesPlant City	Vomen Missions:
" —Bethany	24.10
" —Branchboro	I0.00
Present collection	1.25
Total	\$ 97.45

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

HOME MISSIONS.

In a short and hasty report it is impossible to cover the work done by our Home Mission Board. The aerier of the field being so great and the work done so immense.

As your committeeman I would urgently recommend the work of the Board to our Association, and ask you to firmly stand by our Home Mission Board. We learn that they have imployed more than four hundred missionaries this year, and will have expended over \$100,000 and could judiciously expend that much more. Brethren let us pray for our Home Missions and work to help support it.

IRVIN WALDEN.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Brethsen the giving of the Gospel to the world is the

great work of the Church.

The commission is still singing in our ears: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Yes every one of you as much as lieth in you, the rich, the poor, the learned and the unlearned.

It is a work that we can all take part in, and it has been well said, "that the heathen of this generation are our heathen," and if they are ever saved from idolitory and superstition and brought to a knowledge of the truth, it must be by this generation of Christian men and women and while we rejoice over what has been down in the past, the great question for us to consider, is what are we doing to give the world the Gospel.

The fields are white unto harvest, for God in his providence is opening the doors of the heathen worker unto us, and He is calling men and women to the work. So now with our present railroad and steamship facilities connected with our telegraphic lines, these heathen lands are brought to our very doors, and with the educational institutions, the printing press of the day. I very believe we

are going to take the world for Christ. And God grant that our South Florida Association may do her part in this great work.

The great need of the Church is money to push forward this work, we have the means inside the membership but just how to get at it, so that the Church may use

it for this purpose is the problem to be solved.

I do not know of any better plan, than for the pastors of the Churches to urge upon their members to adopt a Bible plan for giving. "Let every one lay by him in store as God has prospered him." Yes every one, and we will surely take the world for Christ. Then let our anti-missionary brethren be quiet, for we are marching on to victory.

W. M. McDonald.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

Your committee have to report that four of our ministers are doing work as missionares in this Association, to wit: P. H. Walters in the western part. G. A. Bryant in the north eastern. R. Y. Walden in the south eastern, and J. W. Johnson in the southern portion of our Association, and though but little mony has been expended in this work, a great deal of good has been accomplished. Respectfully submitted,

J. M. HAYMAN, Chairman.

TEMPERANCE.

The Holy Bible is very plain on this question. both in the Old and New Testament Scriptures, and while the liquor traffic is so dangerous and wicked and the drunkard denounced by all good citizens as well as every Christian, the moderate drinker should be included in the catalogue of crime which intemperance causes. We are commanded to abstain from every appearance of evil. This takes within its scope every superfluity of life. A few of which we refer you to mentioned in the scriptures.

Dan., 1.8-15; I Cor., 9:25; Gal., 5:23; Titus, 1:8; II Peter 1:6; I Tim., 2:9; Titus, 2:3-6.
Submitted,

E. G. WILDER, J. C. ROGERS.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

We realize the demands upon the ministers of South Florida to qualify themselves in an acceptable manner as leaders and teachers, in a divine sense.

We are cognizant of the fact that this is an age of advancement, and thought, and our ministers to be in the front rank as leaders, as they should be, they of a necessity must have the power of knowledge and training.

One must know a thing, be able to impart it to others. "Knowledge is power." Some of our ministers have become a power for good in the community, by reason of their self application and study, and we would recommend to all young ministers who may not have the advantage of systemasic training in the schools and colleges, that by systematic self application and study they may acquire in a great measure this power of knowledge and understanding, and be a great power for the master.

To those who can attend our occademies and colleges, we recommend them to avail themselves of the opportunity and try Paul's admotion to Timothy. "Study to show thyself approved unto God a workman that needest not to be ashed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

II Tim., 2:15.

R. Y WALDEN, J. N. THOMPSON

WOMAN'S WORK

Her sphere is one of the great questions that is before the Baptist of the South for solution. However much the brethren may discuss the limits of woman's sphere, all are oblige to admit that she has a large place of usefulness in the advancing of the cause of Christ. Not only in the Home

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Church is her influence felt but we see her as an active worker in contributing to the support of the Gospel among the heathen, and frequently going to the foreign fields herself. She has become an important factor in the advancement of the cause of Christ. See the reports of Woman Mission Work that are submitted at our conventions. They contribute largely to the support of missions.

It is a foregone conclusion that the organizating work of women in our churches aggregates larger results than could be secured without such organization. This organized effort need not always take the same form and yet it is doubtless better, unles there are sufficient reasons to the contrary, that there should be a oneness of form and unity of action throughout the State. We therefore heartily recommend to our pastors these sisters in their respective churches, and ask them to co-operate with, and help them to make the most of their talents and offerings in pushing forward the Masters cause.

J. W. Johnson, J. N. Thompson,

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

Realizing that which we read has a great deal to do with the framing of the mind and religious character of our people. Therefore we would recommend a close study of the Bible, study the Books in the Bible separately, then study it as a whole. We would also recommend the circulation of sound and wholesome literature among our people. We would specially recommend the Florida Baptist Witness, and urge our people to take and read it. Also we recommend the Mission Journal which will give all necessary information in reference to Home and Foreign Mission. Work. We would also recommend to our churches the Sunday School literature of the Southern Baptist Convention, and the literature of the American Baptist Publication Society.

J. W. TUCKER, C. L. WILDER

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your committee on Sunday Schools beg leave to report that we find a growing interest in the work of Sunday Schools, and a satisfactory increase in the number of pupils reported by the churches of the Association over that of last year, notwithstanding the financial struggle through which we are passing, we find the Sunday Schools have contributed liberally for the support of the various interests of Church Work It is true, there are not as many churches represented at this, as was at the last session, but judging from the reports available by your committee, we have great reasons to take courage and bless God for the grand work.

J. Q. BRANTLY, W. S. KNIGHT.

STATE MISSIONS.

On account of the recent freeze in our State, our State Board of Missions has been perplexed in the Mission work in our borders. Dr. W. N. Chaudoin notified our missionaries a few months ago that the State Board of Mission would not be responsible for the amount promised them. Each Missionary in our Association wrote Bro. Chaudoin that they would hold on to their work, and they have been paid up to date, but the receipts have been light and the outlook is gloomy, we recommend the ministry to press this matter home to the hearts of the people.

P. H. WALTERS, R. Y. WALDEN

LETTERS AND DOCUMENTS

We note with great pleasure the improvement as reported from our churches at this session. Our hearts are made glad to hear of souls being borned again in our midst.

R. Y. WALDEN.

DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

Your committee would report that during the last twelve months we have heard of but one death within the bounds of this Association. That of Bro. W. B. Dye of the Bartow church. Bro. Dye was too well known to require and extended comment upon his life. He came from Kentucky several years ago seeking health in the favorable climate of Florida, and entered at once upon his labors of preaching the Gospel, his earnest and faithful efforts soon proved that he was a power in the Master's cause. We visited him in his last illness, his peace and resignation seemed to be unbounded as he pointed to a motto in large letters on the wall. "In God we trust." We recommend his example of faithfulness, not only to young men entering the ministry, but to every man in all the walks of life. B. F. BLUNT.

This report was adopted after many sweet reminiscences of Bro Dye's life and work were feelingy related by the brethren.

Secretary.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

We have had during the Associational year missionary work done at Green Pond and Anderson's School House and vicinity in the North Eastern part of this Association by Bro. G. A. Bryant at a salary of \$50.00; at St. Petersburg by Bro. P. H. Walters at a salary of \$100.00; at Pine Grove by Bro. R. Y. Walden at a salary of \$50.00; and at Pelote, in Hillsborough County, by Bro. J. W. Johnson at \$25.00. Aggregating \$225.00 for the year ending January 1, 1896, and notwithstanding the hard times these salaries have been kept paid up to date almost to a dollar, and we are glad to report that from the news coming up from these fields a good work is being done and we hope ere long these fields will be self sustaining.

B. F. Blunt, Chairman.

SESSION.

Your committee on sessions recommend that we meet with the Baptist Church at Turkey Creek on Wednesday before the Second Sunday in October, 1896.

J. M. HAYMAN, O. J. FRIER

TREASURER'S REPORT.

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30,	Distributing Fund	10.61
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July 16, "Oct. 7, "	" Union Pine Grove	13.00
	DISBURSEMENTS.	
Oct. 12, 1894	To P. H. Walters church fund \$	21.10
" " "	F. H. Reynolds, Historic work	4.37
	J C. Porter for 50 Sabbath Pam-	
	phlets	4.90
Nov. 6, "	A. A. Lewis clerk fee	20 00
Dec. 10, "	J. C. Porter printing minutes	33.70
Jan. 11, 1895	Dr Chaudoin	15.10
May 19. "	R. Y. Walden missionary work	12.50
July I, "	I C. Porter, Witness Dist. fund	10.61
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	disbursments	\$193.05
Total	Balance in treasury	.\$ 4.85
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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We find the amount sent from the churches as followed	lows:
For minutes	25.24
Association purposes	9.00
Ministerial education	3,40
Total\$ R. W. Norwood, Chairm	

SACRED TO THE MEMORY

-OF-

ELDER W. B. DYE,

Who died February 7, 1895.

To an inheretance uncorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in Heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith unto Salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Secretary.

MINISTERIAL DIRECTORY.

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T. Alderman	Plant City, Fla.
G. A. Bryant	Kathleen, Fla.
W. E. Bogart	Plant City, Fla
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Thos. Fisher	Tampa. Fla
W. P. Head.	Tampa Fla
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A. A. Keith	Lakeland, Fla.
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F. M. McGill	Plant City Fla
C. H. Nash	Bartow Fla
W. H. Osburn	Tampa, Fla.
R. N. Pylant	Bartow, Fla
J. W. H. Powell,	Abbott, Fla.
A. F. Randall	Tampa Fla
C. S. Revnolds	Clearwater Fla
I. C. Rogers	Plant City Fla
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CONTRIBUTIONS FROM OCTOBER, 1894, TO OCTOBER, 1895, AND SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

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