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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

E. A. McWHORTER, Chm'n.
A. E. OILVIS.
W. C. WILDS.
AARON FORAKER.
MUNROE DAVIS.
WILLIAM DAVIS.
W. H. WINGATE.
J. C. BRADDOCK.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

L. W. SIMMONS, Callahan, Florida.
THEO. DAVIS, Hilliard, Florida.
J. A. JOHNSON, Folkeston, Georgia.
J. F. REEVES, Folkeston, Georgia.
G. A. MALLETT, King's Ferry, Florida.
DANIEL SYKES, Folkeston, Georgia.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Association called to order by the Clerk.
3. Letters from Churches Called for and Read and the Names of the Messengers Enrolled.
4. Election of Officers.
5. Petitionary Letters called for.
6. Inviting Visiting Brethren to Seats.
7. Letters of Correspondence called for.
8. Appointment of Committees.
9. Report of Standing, or other Committees.
10. Queries called up and considered.
11. Miscellaneous Business.
12. Adjournment.

MINUTES.

FIRST DAY.

THURSDAY, October 17, 1889.

Rev. J. A. Johnson, who was appointed to preach the Introductory, failing to attend the Association, Rev. Daniel Sykes, the alternate, preached the Introductory Sermon from Matthew, 5th chapter and 14th verse: "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid," after which an intermission of ten minutes was given.

The Moderator not being present, the Association was called to order by the Clerk.

On motion, Rev. J. F. Reeves was elected Moderator *pro tem*. Letters from the Churches were then called for, read, and the names of messengers duly enrolled as follows:

From Live Oak—Rev. Theo. Davis, W. H. Wingate, J. A. McIntosh and H. H. Braddock.

From Camp Pinkney—Daniel Sykes, James A. Johnson and J. H. Johnson.

From New Providence—E. A. McWhorter, J. A. Mills and J. W. Dunnaway.

From Macedonia—W. S. Braddock, J. C. Braddock, R. Smith and J. M. Burney.

From Buford Grove—O. E. Small, Munroe Davis and John Davis.

From Thomas Creek—Allen Ogilvie, E. Higginbotham, A. E. Ogilvie and W. A. Ogilvie.

From Mount Olive—W. C. Wilds, John B. Jones, G. W. Haddock and John H. Braddock.

From Ephesus—J. A. Vanzant, Paul C. Haddock, Harley Jones and G. W. Libby.

From Ruhamah—Rev. J. F. Reeves, M. E. Brown and E. C. Gillet.

From Brandy Branch—Aaron Foraker, B. L. Higginbotham, Henry Norton and N. H. Hunt.

Petitionary letters were called for, but none were presented.

The Association then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted in the selection of E. A. McWhorter as Moderator, C. A. Sauls as Clerk, and W. A. Ogil-

vie as Treasurer. Visiting brethren were then invited to seats, when R. E. Hall, of Santa Fe River Association, and W. N. Chaudoin, Treasurer State Board of Missions and John B. Stetson University, were welcomed by the Moderator, and requested to take part in the deliberations of the Association.

Correspondence from sister Associations called for; none presented.

The following committees were then appointed, as follows:

On Letters and Queries.—H. H. Braddock, J. W. Dunnaway and G. W. Haddock.

On Sunday Schools.—J. A. Mills, Riley Smith and John H. Braddock.

On Missions.—J. F. Reeves, Daniel Sykes, W. A. Ogilvie and Harley Jones.

On Periodicals.—O. E. Small, E. Higginbotham, J. A. Vanzant and G. W. Libby.

On State of Religion in the Churches.—T. Davis, W. H. Wingate and John B. Jones.

On Finance.—W. A. Ogilvie, N. H. Hunt and W. C. Wilds.

On Nominations.—Allen Ogilvie, E. C. Gillet and W. S. Braddock.

On Temperance.—A. E. Ogilvie, Munroe Davis and J. C. Braddock.

On Religious Services.—J. F. Reeves, Munroe Davis, O. E. Small and John Davis.

On Deceased Ministers and Deacons.—John Davis, M. E. Brown and Paul C. Haddock.

On Discipline.—Daniel Sykes, W. C. Wilds and J. A. McIntosh.

The Committee on Religious Exercises were requested to report at as early an hour as possible on Friday.

Then, after singing and prayer, the Association adjourned to meet on Friday, at 9 o'clock A. M.

SECOND DAY.

FRIDAY, October 18, 1889.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, and, after singing and prayer, business was resumed.

The messenger bearing the letter from Brandy Branch Church having arrived, the letter was read, and the name of the messenger duly enrolled, as follows: Aaron Foraker.

The minutes of Thursday were read and approved.

The Committee on Religious Exercises reported that Rev. W. N. Chaudoin would preach to-day at 11 o'clock. Rev. Daniel Sykes would preach at early candle-light to-night, and that Rev. L. W. Simmons would preach Saturday, at 11 o'clock, and Rev. Theo. Davis would preach at early candle-light Saturday night, and that Rev. W. N. Chaudoin would preach the Missionary Sermon on Sunday.

Reports of committees were called for and read, as follows:

ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee, to whom was referred the question of temperance, after thoughtful consideration, rejoice to report that intemperance is fast falling into contempt by the thoughtful; and we can but feel like thanking God that it is a thing soon to be numbered with the curses that have passed. Still, we regret the fact that there are yet a few professed Christians who continue to practice and encourage the cursed habit by patronizing the so-called social clubs, and we would recommend to the Churches the enforcement of rigid discipline, by withdrawing from every brother that walketh disorderly, feeling that this is the only hope of the cause of Christ for the Church and the children in the future.

J. C. BRADDOCK, Chm'n.
A. E. OGILVIE.
MUNROE DAVIS.

ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

Your committee beg leave to report (and it should be with a feeling of profound gratitude to God, the giver of all our blessings, that we are permitted to so do), that none of the ministers or deacons of this Association have been called from time to eternity since our last annual session.

M. E. BROWN, Chm'n.
JOHN DAVIS.
PAUL C. HADDOCK.

ON NOMINATIONS.

Your Committee on Nominations beg leave to report that we recommend the next session of this body be held with the Ruhamah Church, Camden County Georgia, on Thursday before the second Sunday in October, 1890, and that Rev. L. W. Simmons preach the Introductory Sermon, Rev. Daniel Sykes, alternate, and Rev. J. A. Johnson preach the Missionary Sermon, Rev. J. F. Reeves, alternate; and we also recommend that Joseph Mills, Jr., Rev. L. W. Simmons, Aaron Foraker, E. A. McWhorter, W.

C. Wilds, W. A. Ogilvie, A. E. Ogilvie, N. H. Hunt, Mrs. A. E. Ogilvie, Miss Ella Ogilvie and Miss Jessie Wilds represent this Association in the State Convention, to be held with the Baptist Church, at Monticello, Florida, Thursday before the fourth Sunday in January, 1890.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. GILLET, Chm'n/
ALLEN OGILVIE.
W. S. BRADDOCK.

Report read and adopted.

ON STATE OF RELIGION IN THE CHURCHES.

Dear Brethren—While it is a source of pleasure to us, and should excite our profound gratitude to God, the giver of all our blessings, that our Churches have been enabled to report great progress, and have enjoyed a great ingathering of members, and that one of our communities has scarcely an unredeemed soul in it, thus enabling us to thank God, take courage and press on in His divine service; yet, when we remember how much necessity there is for active work, and how short the time allotted to us to work for the salvation of the perishing in the bounds of our Association, we have serious cause to regret that we have not put forth more united and harmonious efforts to save them, preferring one another standing shoulder to shoulder, and heart to heart, that the labors of our hands and hearts in the work for the Lord might have resulted in greater success to our cause. God grant us more of the grace of humility and Christian charity for the year to come, that our cause may have increased success.

Respectfully submitted,

THEO. DAVIS, Chm'n.
W. H. WINGATE.
J. B. JONES.

After some remarks by Rev. J. F. Reeves, the report was read and adopted.

ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your committee on Sunday Schools beg leave to report that they regret that the churches are not as active in this work as we could desire, although we find three churches support Sunday Schools. The duty of the churches to provide religious instruction for the children cannot be questioned; and the Baptist churches are generally at least ahead of other churches in this matter. It is not only a duty, but a blessed privilege to instruct

the young in the words and works of Him who said: "Suffer little children to come unto me."

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. MILLS, Chm'n

J. H. BRADDOCK.

RILEY SMITH.

Report read, and after some remarks by Rev. L. W. Simmons and Rev. Daniel Sykes, the report was adopted.

ON PERIODICALS, ETC.

The Committee on Periodicals respectfully offer the following report:

The Florida Baptist Witness is our paper. It is the organ of the churches of this Association, and is, therefore, necessary to the prosperity and intelligent working of all our people. Baptists of other States have the interests of their own people to look after. Our paper advocates the temporal and spiritual interest of every man, woman and child in the State. Therefore, the pastors of the churches, and all our leading brethren, should never cease their efforts until every Baptist family takes and reads the Florida Baptist Witness. We further recommend that our people take the Foreign Mission Journal, Our Home Field and the Baptist Basket, and instruct themselves in the workings of our several Mission Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention.

To our Sunday Schools we recommend Kind Words—the Child Gem with Kind Words quarterly. We also recommend the Sunday School periodicals of the American Baptist Publication Society. We hope the time will soon come when all our Sunday Schools will discard all literature that is not strictly Baptist. Respectfully submitted,

O. E. SMALL, Chm'n.

E. HIGGINBOTHAM.

G. W. LIBBY.

JAMES A. VANZANT.

Report read and adopted.

The time having arrived for preaching, Rev. W. N. Chaudoin delivered an interesting sermon, after which the Association adjourned for refreshments.

After an intermission of one hour the Association reassembled and resumed business. Reports of committees were then called for.

The Committee on Missions reported as follows:

We, your committee, beg leave to report to your body, that the great command of our blessed Master, to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every nation, should be as bind-

ing on us as any other Baptist people; but we are sorry to report that we find men in the bounds of our Association starving for the want of the Gospel, and we do trust that our churches will take more interest in the Master's work in the coming year than they have in the past. Respectfully submitted,

G. W. LIBBY.

DANIEL SYKES.

W. A. OGILVIE.

After remarks made by Brothers Sykes, Chaudoin and Simmons, the report was read and adopted.

ON DISCIPLINE.

Your committee beg leave to report that from the best information we can get we are glad to note that in most of our churches the discipline is good. Let us thank God, brethren, and press on to the mark of the high calling, and let us keep our churches pure, that they may be like a city set on a hill, that their lights may be seen. Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL SYKES.

W. C. WILDS.

J. A. MCINTOSH.

Report read and adopted.

After religious exercises, the Association adjourned to meet Saturday, the 19th, at 9 o'clock.

THIRD DAY.

SATURDAY, October 19.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator; and W. Simmons has labored on the Florida side of the St. Marys after singing and prayer by Rev. W. N. Chaudoin, business was resumed.

Reports of committees were then called for.

ON FINANCE.

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report as follows: Thirty-seven dollars and eighty five cents on hand, of which \$14.60 are for printing minutes, \$23.25 for State Missions. We beg leave to say we find a balance of \$10.70 standing in the treasury from last year, waiting the order of the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. OGILVIE.

N. H. HUNT.

W. C. WILDS.

Report read and adopted.

On motion of Rev. J. F. Reeves, the \$10.70 now in the treasury is to be donated to the State Board of Missions.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your committee beg leave to submit the following report, and regret that we sorely realize that so little has been done. When it is known that when we took charge of this Mission work there were only \$5.00 in the treasury, and no organized system by which funds for the work could be collected, you will not be surprised that during the first six months of the year very little was done. In April we secured the services of Brothers L. W. Simmons and Daniel Sykes for that part of their time which was not already occupied upon the following conditions, viz: That they do what Missionary work they could, and we, as a committee, would do the best we could for them in the shape of raising money to pay them for their services.

An appeal was then made to the Churches, and the following responded as follows:

Thomas Creek Church, \$11.75.

Live Oak, \$10.00.

Mt. Olive, \$9.46.

Buford Grove, \$2.25.

Camp Pinckney, \$5.00.

Brandy Branch, \$3.51.

Add the \$5.00 in the treasury, and it makes a total of \$46.72 of funds collected and paid out by the committee. Brother L. River, and has traveled 625 miles, preached twenty-two sermons, delivered twelve addresses, visited twenty-two families, collected in his field \$11.13, and we have paid him \$21.73, making a total received by him of \$32.86. Brother Sykes has labored on the Georgia side of the river, and has traveled 371 miles, preached sixteen sermons, paid sixteen family visits, made fourteen addresses, held nineteen prayer meetings. We have paid him \$22.34. Brother Simmons has received from Brother Chaudoin \$20.00, and Brother Sykes \$9.40, making a total received from the State Board of \$29.40.

The hour of 11 having arrived, Rev. L. W. Simmons preached to a large and attentive congregation from John, 17th chapter, 20th and 21st verses.

After which, the Association adjourned for refreshments. After an intermission of one-hour the Association reassembled and resumed business.

On motion of Brother W. C. Wilds, the time of meeting of the Association was changed from Thursday before the third

Sunday in October, 1890, to Thursday before the second Sunday in the same month.

Then there were some feeling addresses made by different brethren on Missions, etc.

The Committee on Religious Exercises reported that Rev. L. W. Simmons would preach at Hilliard to-night.

It was resolved that the sincere and heartfelt thanks of this Association be, and are hereby extended to the membership and congregation of Buford Grove Church, and especially the citizens of Hilliard station, for the generous hospitality manifested in the entertainment of this Association.

After singing and prayer, the Association adjourned to meet Sunday.

FOURTH DAY.

SUNDAY, October 20, 1890.

Association met at 9 o'clock for prayer before the sermon. After the prayer meeting there was an intermission before the 11 o'clock sermon, which was preached by Rev. W. N. Chaudoin, from Matthew, 25th chapter and 40th verse.

After the sermon, a collection was taken up, amounting to \$25.00. A hymn was then sung, and the parting hand given, after which the Association adjourned in order to meet with the Ruahama Church, Candem County, Ga., Thursday, before the second Sunday in October, 1890.

C. A. SAULS,
Clerk.

E. A. McWHORTER,
Moderator.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORD.

NAMES OF SUPERINTENDENTS.	Total Amount Money Raised.	Volumes in Library.	No. of Scholars.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars Enrolled.	Average Attendance.	Teachers Baptized.	No. Sunday School Papers.	No. Months' Session.	Scholars Baptized.
J. C. Braddock.....	15.00	60	111	3	17	13	2	.....	.....	2
N. H. Hunt.....	.....	.....	.....	5	20	11	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	\$18.00	60	226	12	37	34	4	.....	.....	7

NOTE.—Some of the churches report that they have Sunday Schools, but give no statistics of them.

STATISTICS.

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	MEMBERSHIP.								CHURCH PROPERTY.					
	When Constituted.	Increase.				Decr's				Present Membership.	No. Meeting Houses.	Seating Capacity.	Value of Meeting Houses.	Total Value Church Property.
		Membership Last Year.	Baptism.	Letter.	Experience.	Restoration.	Exclusion.	Letter.	Deaths.					
Buford Grove.....	.....	29	3	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	33	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ephesus.....	.....	28	1	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	41	1	125	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	.....
Live Oak.....	1885	40	3	3	.....	3	2	.....	41	1	200	225.00	225.00	.....
Camp Pinckney.....	.....	38	3	2	.....	1	4	1	39	1	150	125.00	125.00	.....
Brandy Branch.....	1878	37	16	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	54	1	250	500.00	500.00	.....
Mount Olive.....	1878	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	49	1	150	900.00	900.00	.....
Ruhamah.....	1884	72	6	1	.....	1	2	2	76	1	200	400.00	400.00	.....
New Providence.....	1878	22	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	22	1	100	100.00	175.00	.....
Macedonia.....	.....	9	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17	1	60	100.00	100.00	.....
Thomas Creek.....	1883	24	10	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	37	1	75	100.00	100.00	.....
Total.....	.....	299	54	13	2	3	11	9	1	402	10	1210	\$205.00	\$2125.00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

NAMES OF CHURCHES, WITH THEIR SUNDAY SCHOOLS.	Miscellaneous	For Visiting Ministers.	For Charitable Purposes.	Home Church Expenses.	Home Sunday School Expenses.	State Missions	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Printing Minutes.	Ministerial Education.	Total.
Buford Grove.....	\$51.00	.....	.....	\$ 52.50	.....	.....	\$ 3.75	.....	\$ 1.50	.....	\$ 108.00
Ephesus.....	31.05	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.00	.....	32.05
Live Oak.....	57.75	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.00	.....	71.35
Camp Pinckney.....	6.05	.....	\$ 4.00	9.60	.....	1.00	.....	15.05
Brandy Branch.....	50.00	\$15.00	2.50	5.00	.....	1.50	.....	69.00
Mount Olive.....	\$ 4.00	\$24.50	88.04	.....	.....	.....	\$ 2.00	2.00	.....	135.00
Ruhamah.....	89.00	.....	5.50	.....	.....	2.00	.....	173.25
New Providence.....	3.00	.....	31.00	.....	12.50	.....	.....	3.00	.....	48.00
Macedonia.....	25.00	.....	2.00	.....	5.00	1.00	.....	26.35
Thomas Creek.....	61.75	.....	5.25	10.00	.....	2.00	.....	79.00
Total	\$51.00	\$ 7.00	\$24.50	\$ 492.14	\$15.00	\$31.75	\$28.35	\$ 7.75	\$15.60	.....	\$ 758.05

NOTE.—The churches that give statistics of their Sunday Schools are Thomas Creek, A. E. Ogilvie, Superintendent; Macedonia, J. C. Braddock, Superintendent, and Brandy Branch, N. H. Hunt, Superintendent.