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CONSTITUTION AND RULES OF DECORUM
OF THE
ST. MARY'S RIVER
MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

In view of the increase of fraternal love, knowledge, usefulness and efficiency, which must accrue from an association of churches in cordial union upon the principles of the Gospel, we now seek to be thus united, that, by individual and collective action, we may subserve the great objects of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

ARTICLE 1. This body shall be called the St. Mary's River Missionary Baptist Association.

ART. 2. It shall be composed of such churches as hold to the doctrine of human depravity; the atonement of Christ; the election unto eternal life; regeneration and the perseverance of the saints; baptism by immersion, administered to none but professed believers; and the Lord's Supper, intended for those only who have been regularly admitted into the visible Church.

ART. 3. The officers of this Association shall consist of a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually by ballot.

ART. 4. We believe in only one true and living God, and that there are three persons in the Godhead.

ART. 5. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the only rule of faith and practice, both in the concerns of religion and the general affairs of

life, and particularly in transacting the affairs of our churches.

ART. 6. We believe the Church of Christ to be a congregation of faithful believers, who live in fellowship, and have given themselves to the Lord and to one another, in cordial agreement to observe holy discipline in conformity with the requirements of the Scriptures.

ART. 7. We believe Jesus Christ to be the Great Head of the Church; that spiritual discipline, with an eye single to the glory of God, must greatly conduce to the final prosperity and union of the churches.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The Association shall not be dissolved without a concurrence of two-thirds of the churches composing the body, and shall have power to withdraw its connection from any church which shall act contrary to the teachings of the Holy Scriptures.

2. Any churches wishing to be admitted into this body shall petition by letter and messengers, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, shall be admitted.

3. Each church shall have a right to four delegates, and shall be entitled to one additional delegate for every fifty members after the first hundred; and a majority of the churches represented shall constitute a quorum.

4. Any query sent to the Association by any of the churches composing this body, shall be read and duly considered.

5. Every motion made and seconded, shall come under the observation of the Association, unless withdrawn by the mover.

6. Every member who speaks shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator, and shall not be interrupted unless he depart from the subject.

7. No brother shall speak more than twice upon one subject, without permission of the body.

(The Constitution and Rules of Decorum of this body may be altered or amended by the concurrence of two-thirds of its members.)

8. No member shall absent himself without leave of the Moderator.

9. It is the duty of this Association to provide for the general union of churches; to provide for the destitution of the territory within its bounds by missionary aid; and to give the churches the best advice it can in matters of difficulty.

MINUTES.

EPHESUS CHURCH,
EVERGREEN, NASSAU COUNTY, FLA., Oct. 19, 1893. }

The St. Mary's River Association met pursuant to adjournment, with Ephesus Church, Nassau county, this October 19th, 1893.

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. L. C. Musick, from John, 3d chapter, 5th verse, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born of water and the spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." Brother Musick filled the appointment in place of Rev. W. G. Patterson, who was not present.

After the sermon a recess was taken for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

In the absence of the Moderator, the Association was called to order at 1 o'clock by Brother E. A. McWhorter, of St. Marys, Ga.

Upon motion and by a vote, Brother McWhorter was elected Moderator, pro tem. It was also found that the clerk was absent, and Brother A. W. Webber was elected clerk, pro tem.

The Moderator pro tem, then called the regular order of business as follows:

Letters from the churches were presented and read by the clerk, and the names of messengers enrolled as follows:

Bethany—E. Murry, C. A. Sauls, A. J. Higginbotham. Alternates—A. E. Braddock, Harley Jones, J. H. Buford.

Bethel Church—T. W. Williams, G. H. Townsend.
 Ephesus Church—Rev. T. Davis, J. A. VanZant, R. G. Haddock, J. D. Haddock, G. W. Haddock, Joseph Haddock, J. T. Haddock.

Fernandina First—Rev. J. S. Wharton, Curtis B. Higginbotham.

Jacksonville First—Rev. Malcolm MacGregor, A. W. Webber.

Mount Olive Church—Edwin Braddock, T. J. Wingate, W. C. Wilds, J. H. Braddock.

Midway Church—J. M. Marr, L. Ramis, C. L. Johnson.

Ruhamah Church—E. Roberts, M. E. Brown, W. F. Allen, W. H. Peoples, Harry Allen.

Thomas Creek Church—Allen Ogilvie, Adolphus Turner, E. Higginbotham.

At later periods the following letters were read, and messengers enrolled.

Brandy Branch Church—David Higginbotham, Geo. C. Motes, Nathan Fouraker.

Macedonia Church—M. C. Burney, J. C. Braddock.

Live Oak Church—J. A. Braddock, L. L. Jones.

Marietta Church—C. A. Young, A. Peterson, R. S. Mott.

New Providence Church—E. A. McWhorter, John Brazell.

New Sharon Church—Rev. N. S. Wainwright, J. M. Ogilvie.

Buford Grove Church—Munroe Davis.

During the session and later, the following churches were admitted, and messengers enrolled as follows:

Moncrief Springs—John Spiers, William Lueders.

Folkstone First Church—Rev. D. Sikes, G. W. Haddock. Alternates—T. E. Wainwright, J. B. Lloyd.

Deep Creek Church—R. C. Hicks, A. T. Summersill.

Petitionary letters were then called for, whereupon the Moncrief Springs Church near Jacksonville presented a letter asking for membership in the Association. The letter was read by the Moderator pro tem, and referred to a committee consisting of Rev. Malcolm MacGregor, Rev. Daniel Sikes, Brother W. C. Wildes, for examination as to orthodoxy and correct organization.

After a short absence the committee returned and reported that they cordially recommend the admission of this church as sound in the faith. Upon motion and by a vote, the report of the committee was adopted, and the church with its messengers, John Spiers and William Lueders, were admitted.

Brother G. W. Haddock then made a statement concerning the petition of the First Baptist Church, of Folkstone, Ga., for admission to our body. The letter had been written and approved by the church in regular session, but had not yet reached, having miscarried.

Rev. L. C. Musick also made a statement concerning this petition, and vouched for the regularity of its organization.

Upon motion and by a vote, it was decided that we waive the requirements of the constitution, and that we receive the application of Folkstone Church upon this personal statement of the messengers present, Rev. Daniel Sikes, T. E. Wainwright, and G. W. Haddock.

A committee was then appointed consisting of Rev. Malcolm MacGregor, Brother W. C. Wildes, and Brother Allen Ogilvie, to investigate as to the regularity of the constitution and orthodoxy of the applicant church. After an interview of the committee with the messengers present, they soon returned with a recommendation that we receive the First Baptist Church of Folkstone into our fellowship.

Upon motion and by a vote, the report of the committee was adopted.

The election of officers was then called for.

Upon motion and by a vote, the temporary officers were elected as permanent officers for this term of the Association.

Brother A. J. Higginbotham, P. O., Evergreen, was nominated and elected as treasurer by acclamation.

The Moderator then extended the hand of welcome and fellowship to the messengers of the newly admitted churches.

Rev. L. C. Musick, of Missouri, as a visiting brother, and Rev. W. B. Bennett as a messenger from the corresponding body, Piedmont Association of Georgia, were invited to seats with us, and made welcome by the Moderator.

Letters from corresponding bodies was then called for, but none appeared.

The following query was sent up by the Ruhamah Church, to-wit:

Has a church the right to call on an outside person that does not belong to any church, to lead in prayer in public?

The following committees were then appointed by the Moderator:

COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

Religious exercises, viz: The messengers from Ephesus Church.

Christian Education—W. C. Wilds, C. B. Higginbotham, A. Ogilvie.

Woman's Mission Work—Rev. Malcolm MacGregor, Rev. D. Sikes, M. E. Brown.

Letters and Queries—A. J. Higginbotham, John Spiers, L. Ramis.

Discipline—T. J. Wingate, R. G. Haddock, E. Higginbotham.

State of Religion in the Churches—Rev. D. Sikes, Joseph Haddock, E. Murry.

Sunday-Schools—W. C. Wilds, A. Ogilvie, J. H. Braddock.

Periodicals—G. A. VanZant, L. Ramis, W. F. Allen.

Nominations—E. Roberts, Wm. Lueders, Nathan Fouraker, Jr.

Deceased Ministers and Deacons—W. C. Wilds, T. J. Wingate, T. W. Williams.

Missions—Rev. Malcolm MacGregor, G. W. Haddock, W. C. Wilds, C. B. Higginbotham.

Temperance—Rev. D. Sikes, J. D. Haddock, T. W. Williams.

Finance—W. H. Peeples, Edwin Braddock, T. J. Wingate.

After prayer, the Association adjourned until Friday morning at 9 o'clock.

Benediction by Rev. L. C. Musick.

FRIDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 20TH.

The Association convened at 9 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment, the Moderator in the chair.

The session was opened by reading a passage of scripture from the 8th chapter of Romans. After which a hymn, and then the congregation was led in prayer by Rev. W. B. Bennett.

Minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

Committee on Religious Exercises reported as follows:

That Rev. W. B. Bennett would preach this morning at 11 o'clock, and Rev. Malcolm MacGregor would preach on Saturday morning at 11 o'clock. Other services to be appointed from time to time as the Association might deem best. Upon motion and by a vote, the report was adopted. Additional letters were read from Brandy Branch Church and Macedonia Church, and delegates enrolled.

Committee on Queries made a report on the query sent up by Ruhamah Church, concerning prayers made in public by one not a member of any church, as follows:

Your Committee on Letters and Queries beg leave to say that as to the letters, we see no room for remarks. As to the query that was presented, while it is the duty of "all men everywhere to pray," we certainly have no right to invite an unconverted man to pray in public. And if he is converted, he lives in open violation of God's law if he refuses to unite with his people. It also obliterates the line that separates the church from the world.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. HIGGINBOTHAM,
JOHN SPIERS,
L. RAMIS,

Committee.

Report adopted.

Report on Christian Education was then read as follows:

The subject of Christian Education cannot be too strongly emphasized. On this one point hangs the prosperity of our churches, the destiny of our nation, and the eternal happiness or misery of our children. The minds of our youth are open to receive knowledge; and it will be forthcoming either for good or evil. If we fail to give them the truth, the enemy will not fail to fill their

minds with falsehood. Religious education should be commenced by the parents in infancy, and continued in the Sunday-School and Bible class, and from the pulpit. And especially should we provide for our children the best moral and religious literature. For our instruction see Deut. vi., 4-9; Prov. xxii., 6; Eph. vi., 4; 2 Tim., iii., 15.

Respectfully submitted,

C. B. HIGGINBOTHAM,
W. C. WILDS,
A. E. OGILVIE,
Committee.

Discussed by Rev. L. C. Musick, W. C. Wildes, A. W. Webber.

Adopted by a vote.

Committee on Missions reported as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Missions most earnestly recommends and urges that the Association and all the churches composing it shall devote greatly increased attention, labor, liberality and prayer, to the work of missions in connection with the Association itself, with the State Convention, and with the Southern Baptist Convention in its Sunday-School, Home Mission, and Foreign Mission, departments. The missionary needs and opportunities, both at home and abroad, are very great, and demand earnest thought and prompt and generous action upon the part of all followers and servants of Christ. A very encouraging feature of the present time among the Baptist churches of the South, is the increased interest and liberality during the centennial year, toward Home and Foreign Missionary enterprises. This good movement should not be permitted to subside, but it

should be fostered by preaching, by prayer meeting talks, and in every legitimate way.

Respectfully submitted,

MALCOLM MACGREGOR,
M. E. BROWN,
G. W. HADDOCK,
C. B. HIGGINBOTHAM,
Committee.

Rev. Malcolm MacGregor, chairman, read this report. The discussion was opened by himself, giving a glowing account, and interesting experiences among foreign missionaries, urging a greater interest in missions. He gave an historical account of Dr. Adoniram Judson and his work. It was so inspiring that the grand old missionary hymn "From Greenland's Icy Mountains," was sung, after which a prayer was offered by Rev. L. C. Musick.

Brother W. C. Wildes, and Brother A. E. McWhorter followed with remarks. Stress was laid upon the fact that Baptist missions were more fertile than any others, with greater returns for the outlay.

Rev. W. B. Bennett, and Rev. Daniel Sikes followed with remarks.

Upon motion and by a vote, the report was adopted.

In accordance with the report of the Committee on Religious Exercises, the hour of 11 o'clock having arrived, Rev. W. B. Bennett preached from the text, 60th Psalm; 4th verse.

Adjourned for dinner until 1 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association convened at 1 o'clock, and the session opened by singing "How Firm a Foundation," after which Rev. L. C. Musick led in prayer.

Letters were read from Marietta Church, Live Oak Church, and New Providence Church, and their delegates were enrolled.

Rev. Daniel Sikes made a statement concerning the letter from Buford Grove Church. That he had lost or misplaced it. It was moved and carried that Brother Munro Davis be invited to a seat in this body as a messenger from that church.

A petitionary letter from Deep Creek Church asking for admission to our body, was then read and referred to a committee consisting of Rev. D. Sikes, M. Davis, W. F. Allen, to ascertain as to the orthodoxy and orderly organization of the applicant.

Committee on Temperance then made its report as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your Committee on Temperance, beg leave to report as follows:

We find that the great monster evil of intemperance is still making havoc within the bounds of our Association.

We recommend that our churches take some action to prevent their members from signing the (so called whiskey petitions, that is to say,) petitions for the establishment of additional drinking saloons. That a rigid discipline be established and enforced towards such members, as bringing reproach on the church of Christ.

We also urge that our brethren co-operate with our sisters in the grand temperance work they are doing towards banishing the monster evil. We also urge that our pastors preach a sermon on the duty of temperance at least as often as once a year.

Respectfully submitted,
T. W. WILLIAMS, Chairman,
J. D. HADDOCK,
DANIEL SIKES,

Committee.

Which upon motion and by a vote, was adopted without discussion.

The committee upon the admission of Deep Creek Church, made a verbal report through Rev. D. Sikes. He said that only one ordained minister was present at the organization of the church, and it was understood that our constitution made it obligatory for two ordained ministers to be present. As the constitution was not at hand for reference, its requirements were for the present suspended. After discussion by Rev. N. S. Wainwright, Rev. L. C. Musick, and Rev. Malcolm MacGregor—Rev. W. B. Bennett for the committee—reported that Deep Creek Church was constituted in accordance with the New Testament rule, and that they recommend its admission.

Upon motion, the recommendation of the committee was adopted, and the messengers from Deep Creek Church enrolled, and the hand of welcome was extended by the Moderator in behalf of the Association.

Committee on Nominations then reported as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

We, your Committee on Nominations, submit the following:

We recommend that the next session of this Association be held with Ruhamah Church, Camden county, Ga., on Thursday before the 4th Sunday, in October 1894, and that Rev. J. S. Wharton preach the introductory sermon, Rev. Daniel Sikes, alternate; Rev. Malcolm MacGregor preach the missionary sermon, Rev. W. B. Bennett, alternate.

Your committee also nominate an Executive Committee for the consideration of the Association, to-wit: E. A. McWhorter, W. C. Wilds, J. B. Jones, A. E. Ogilvie, C. F. Higginbotham, W. M. Wilds, E. Fouraker, W. H.

Wingate, J. M. Ogilvie, J. C. Braddock, C. A. Young, L. W. Guernsey, W. C. Davis, and J. W. Williams.

Respectfully submitted,

E. ROBERTS,

WILLIAM LUEDERS,

NATHAN FOURAKER, JR.,
Committee.

Upon motion and by a vote, the report was adopted without discussion.

NOTE.—Ruhamah Church is situated five miles from the first new station beyond St. Mary's river, on the recent Savannah extension of the F., C. & P. R. R. Messengers can also take boat up the St. Mary's river from Fernandina and get off at Oakwell, three miles from Ruhamah. Conveyances will be ready at each point for messengers and visitors.

Committee on State of Religion in the Churches, reported as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF RELIGION IN THE CHURCHES.

We, your Committee on State of Religion in the Churches, submit the following:

We find from reading the letters, that nearly all of our churches report some ingathering of souls, and in this the Lord has blessed us. Brethren let us take courage and "press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL SIKES,

E. MURRY,

JOSEPH HADDOCK,
Committee.

Upon motion and by a vote, the report was adopted without discussion.

Rev. N. S. Wainwright, having acted as a volunteer

missionary within the bounds of this Association, asked permission to make a report of the work he had done. The matter was referred to the Executive Committee for mention by them in their report.

It was moved by Brother Wingate that the constitution of this Association be published in the minutes regularly hereafter. The motion was amended by including the articles of faith also. Remarks in approval by Rev. W. B. Bennett, Rev. Daniel Sikes, Rev. Malcolm MacGregor, N. S. Wainwright, T. J. Wingate, and others, were made.

The motion was by a vote adopted.

Report of Committee on Sunday-Schools was then read as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

We, your Committee on Sunday-Schools, submit the following:

We find that a few of our churches have good Sunday-Schools, but we regret that the good work has not been pushed forward this year as it should have been, and that a considerable number of our churches have no Sunday-Schools. We suggest that our pastors urge the importance of the Sunday-School work in their churches.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. WILDS,

A. OGILVIE,

J. H. BRADDOCK,
Committee.

It was discussed by Rev. D. Sikes and Rev. Malcolm MacGregor, who urged systematic work in soliciting scholars, and finding out such as did not belong to any Sunday-School. Remarks were made also by Rev. N. S. Wainwright, and D. Sikes. Brother Summersill also made a good talk upon the subject, as did the Moderator and Rev. L. C. Musick.

A resolution as follows was then read for adoption in connection with this committee's report:

Resolved, That we, as an Association of Christian workers, urge the importance of the Sunday-School, and we believe that no Missionary Baptist Church is in the full discharge of its duty that fails to maintain a Sunday-School.

Upon motion and by a vote, the resolution was made to connect with the report.

Upon motion and by a vote, the report and resolution were both adopted.

After prayer by Rev. Malcolm MacGregor, the Association adjourned until 9 o'clock Saturday.

SATURDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 21ST.

The Association convened at 9 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment, and began with a devotional service.

The Moderator read a portion of the 15th Chapter of John.

"All hail the power of Jesus name" was sung, with several prayers by the brethren, and hymns of praise.

The minutes of the proceedings of yesterday were read, and after correction, were approved.

The report of the Committee on Woman's Mission Work, was then presented and read by the chairman, Rev. Malcolm MacGregor:

REPORT ON WOMAN'S MISSION WORK.

Your Committee on Woman's Mission Work, strongly recommends that the churches of this Association form and make diligent use of Woman's Missionary or Aid Societies or Unions, to assist in disseminating information about missions, and in cultivating the grace of giving to our existing missionary enterprises in connec-

tion with our State, home and foreign boards. We further recommend that these societies be closely patterned after the Woman's Missionary Union Auxilliary to the Southern Baptist Convention; and that they be strictly auxiliary to the missionary departments of the work of our churches. In the opinion of your committee, such societies thus constituted and worked, would prove useful handmaids and helpmeets to the churches in their work of faith and labor of love in the cause of missions.

Respectfully submitted,

MALCOLM MACGREGOR,
M. E. BROWN,
DANIEL SIKES,
Committee.

It was discussed by the chairman, also by Rev. J. C. Porter, L. C. Musick, N. S. Wainwright, E. A. McWhorter, Rev. D. Sikes, Brother Young and others, and by a vote was adopted.

Rev. J. C. Porter, of the *Baptist Witness*, was welcomed by the Moderator, and invited to a seat with this body.

Report of the Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons, was read as follows:

REPORT ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

We are glad to say that during the year the Lord has so blessed us as to preserve the lives of all our ministers. But we have to mourn the loss of one of our deacons, our beloved brother G. H. Peoples, has been called to his reward. He was for a number of years deacon of the Ruhamah Church, and part of the time clerk of the Association. His death was peaceful and triumphant, and we mourn not as those who have no hope. We recommend that a page of the minutes be devoted to his memory.

It also becomes our duty to state that our beloved

Brother Wheelock has been called home. Brother Wheelock, though so far as we can learn, was not at the time of his death an acting deacon; he was a licensed preacher, and a faithful worker in the Lord's vineyard. We also recommend that a page in the minutes be devoted to his memory.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. WILDS,
T. J. WINGATE,
T. W. WILLIAMS,
Committee.

Upon motion and by a vote, the report was adopted, after remarks by Rev. L. C. Musick concerning the death of Brother Wheelock.

The Moderator made some feeling remarks concerning the beautiful Christian character of Brother Peoples, and the great loss we sustain in his death.

Rev. N. S. Wainwright stated that the New Sharon Church, of Callahan, was here without its letter. He asked that its messengers, J. M. Ogilvie and Rev. N. S. Wainwright be received by this body, and promised that the statistics would be furnished later.

The report of the Executive Committee was then read as follows:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee appointed at your last session, makes the following report of their transactions:

The committee went to work as soon as it was appointed. We employed Rev. S. S. Proctor for \$200.00 for half of his time. He reports the number of months, 11; sermons preached, 54; other meetings, 14; addresses, 14; baptisms, 11; added to churches by letter, 7; by relation of experience, 2; visits made, 100; miles traveled, 1,767; pages of tracts distributed, 2,191; Bibles sold, 14; Testaments, 25; books, 10; churches consti-

tuted, 1; deacons ordained, 2. We paid Brother Proctor \$131.00, balance due him, \$69.00. The board also employed Brother L. C. Musick for his whole time. Days of labor, 118; sermons preached, 64; miles traveled, 540; families visited, 127; 4 additions. The board paid Brother L. C. Musick \$83.60, balance due, \$5.00. The board has received during the year, \$206.91, and has paid out \$214.70; balance due our missionaries, \$74.00.

A. E. OGILVIE,
Treasurer.

This was discussed by Rev. N. S. Wainwright, L. C. Musick, Daniel Sikes, Brother A. E. Ogilvie, Rev. Malcolm MacGregor, Brother T. J. Wingate, Rev. J. C. Porter, Brother Young, Brother Summersill, and Brother Bennett.

Adopted.

Inquiries were made concerning the union meetings, (that is to say, the quarterly meetings) held within the bounds of the Association. It was found that these meetings were held at several different churches during the year, under the auspices of this Executive Committee. That reports were made at each of these meetings of work done and its needs. That a programme was presented of important topics for discussion, and that delegates from each of the churches were expected to be present.

The hour of 11 o'clock having arrived, a recess of five minutes was given, after which Rev. Malcolm MacGregor preached a sermon from 110th Psalm, 3d verse. After the sermon, a collection was made for the benefit of the Executive Committee, resulting in \$19.37 cash.

Recess for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Moderator called the Association to order at 1 o'clock, after a hymn by the congregation.

The letter from Folkstone Church was read, and delegates enrolled.

The Committee on Finance reported as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Your Committee on Finance report that we have received the following amount from this body, which we turn over to the treasurer of this Association: For minutes, \$24.10; associational purposes, \$28.06; for Brother Madison Blicht from Ruhamah, \$5.00; from Brandy Branch, \$5.00; total for Brother Blicht, \$10.00; total amount received, \$62.16.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. PEEPLES,
EDWIN BRADDOCK,
T. J. WINGATE,
Committee.

NOTE.—After this report was made, additional contributions were handed in for the minute fund, to enable the clerk to print the constitution and articles of faith as agreed upon.

During the discussion it was suggested, that as the minutes would be considerably larger than usual, that we increase the fund for printing the same. A number of the churches increased their contributions to the printing fund, after which the report was by a vote adopted.

The report on Discipline was then read as follows:

REPORT ON DISCIPLINE.

In view of the fact, that in our churches there are members who openly violate the laws of God, and the

rules of the Church, and by so doing become a stumbling block to the world, and a reproach to the cause of our Divine Master, we recommend that after the necessary steps are taken to reclaim such men, if they refuse to hear the church, that the hand of fellowship be withdrawn from them.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. WINGATE,

R. G. HADDOCK,

Committee.

And was discussed by Rev. L. C. Musick, Rev. N. S. Wainwright and Bro. Webber. Adopted.

The Committee on Periodicals was not quite ready with their report and the Association requested Rev. J. C. Porter, of the *Baptist Witness*, to make a verbal report, which was done. The committee later submitted a written report as follows:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Realizing the great importance of reading good literature, your committee submit the following:

We are glad to recommend the *Baptist Witness* published at Ocala, and the *Christian Index* of Atlanta, Ga. These give us good sound doctrinal articles and we heartily commend them to all members of our churches. To our homes and firesides they contribute a real feast of good things every week. We suggest that our pastors of all our churches recommend these papers to their members.

We also recommend the literature of the American Baptist Publication Society. We also recommend the publications published under the auspices of the Southern Baptist Convention.

We would also add the *Home Field, Foreign Mission*

Journal and the *Baptist Basket*. All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. D. VANZANT,
W. F. ALLEN,
Committee.

Adopted.

A report of the special committee concerning aged ministers was called for from last year's appointment. Rev. Daniel Sikes reported as follows:

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE CONCERNING THE CARE OF AGED MINISTERS.

Your committee to whom, at the last session of this body, was entrusted the care of the aged ministers in our Association, beg leave to report that there has come no occasion for work of the kind intended in the forming of this special committee. In this we thank the Lord for his great blessing.

We would, however, urge our brethren of this Association to make provisions for such care as may hereafter be needed for our aged and worn out ministers. That when these servants of God are not able to work, we may follow the example set before us by the churches in the days of the Apostles.

Submitted in the love and fear of the Lord.

DANIEL SIKES,

E. H. ELLIS,

W. A. OGILVIE.

Remarks were made by Rev. L. C. Musick, who took up a collection for a sick minister (Rev. Thos. Davis) resulting in \$16.27 cash.

Upon motion and by a vote the report was adopted.

Upon motion and by a vote it was decided to reappoint the same committee, to-wit: W. A. Ogilvie, Rev. D. Sikes and E. H. Ellis to make arrangements for the

care of sick, disabled and aged ministers. The committee to report at our next meeting.

Rev. N. S. Wainwright then called for pledges from the churches to finish raising the amount due the Executive Committee.

The ministers from various churches responded as follows:

New Sharon	\$ 5 00
Deep Creek	6 00
Thomas Creek	10 00
Marietta	5 00
Brandy Branch	5 00
Live Oak	2 50
Ruhamah	5 00
Monerief Springs	5 00
New Providence	5 00
Bethany	5 00
Mount Olive	2 50

Total \$56 00

These amounts with the collection taken at the close of Rev. Malcolm MacGregor's sermon pays all debts due from the Executive Committee and they begin the new associational year free from all debt encumbrances. It was suggested that a prayer of praise be offered up for this successful issue and manifestations of God's goodness. All joined in a fervent prayer led by one of the brethren.

Bro. T. J. Wingate made a motion that we draw on the Treasury of the Association, from the fund for "associational purposes," a sum sufficient to pay the balance of the cost of printing the minutes. Also to pay the clerk the sum of seven dollars for his services. The remainder of the fund to be turned over to the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee then announced that the first union or quarterly meeting for the ensuing year, would be held with the Thomas Creek church on Friday

before the fifth Sunday in December. The program to be published hereafter in the *Baptist Witness*.

Thomas Creek church is five miles from Callahan. Brethren will meet the messengers at the depot, and convey them to the church.

Rev. N. S. Wainwright then offered the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are due the members of Ephesus church for the splendid hospitality exhibited towards our messengers.

Also to the friends of other denominations who have contributed so much to our pleasure and comfort during our sojourn among them.

Also to the Moderator for the prompt manner in which he has conducted our business during the session as well as his courtesy and kindness towards us all.

Also to our clerk for his efficiency.

N. S. WAINWRIGHT.

The Moderator then announced that Bro. Allen Ogilvie would lead a prayer and praise-meeting to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock before the regular preaching service.

After benediction by Rev. W. B. Bennett the Association adjourned till Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.

FOURTH DAY, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22D.

At 10 o'clock a. m. a prayer and praise meeting was held, conducted by Brother A. E. Ogilvie. It was participated in by the lay brethren mostly. There was a good attendance and a fine spiritual effect.

The hour of 11 o'clock having arrived, Rev. J. C. Porter, of the *Baptist Witness*, preached most acceptably to a very large and attentive congregation. At the

close of the service, a collection was taken up for the benefit of the "Witness Fund," amounting to \$10.27.

The parting hand was given, while a hymn was being sung. The Moderator then announced the St. Marys River Association stood adjourned to meet with Ruhamah Church on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1894, (which is the 25th day thereof).

Thus closed a most pleasant and profitable session.

A. W. WEBBER,
Clerk.

E. A. McWHORTER,
Moderator.

A BIT OF HISTORY.

The first session of our Association was held with the Hebron Church, Camden county, Ga., November 21st, 1879, where it was organized. Hebron Church, New Providence Church of Camden county, Ga., Mount Olive Church of Nassau county, Fla., and Mount Zion Church, were the sole constituent members.

Rev. G. A. Mallette and G. H. Peeples from Hebron Church, E. A. McWhorter and Thomas J. Simmons from New Providence Church, Rev. G. A. Pendarvis and D. H. Higginbotham from Mt. Olive Church, Rev. Theodore Davis and Daniel Davis, comprised the delegates.

Brother E. A. McWhorter was the first Moderator, G. A. Mallette, the clerk, and D. H. Higginbotham, treasurer.

The second annual session of the Association was held with the New Providence Church. L. W. Simmons was Moderator, E. A. McWhorter, clerk, and William Brazill, treasurer, October 1st, 2d and 3d, 1880.

The third annual session was held October 1st, 2d and 3d, 1881, with Mount Olive Church. G. A. Mal-

lette was Moderator, G. H. Peeples, clerk, William Brazill, treasurer.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND PASTORS.

W. B. Bennett	Pendarvis, Georgia
Theo. Davis	Hilliard, Florida
Samuel Godwin	Baldwin, Florida
J. O. Harris	Lake City, Florida
L. W. Kickliter	Starke, Florida
Malcolm MacGregor	Jacksonville, Florida
S. S. Proctor	Lake Butler, Florida
Daniel Sikes	Folkstone, Georgia
L. W. Simmons	Hilliard, Florida
J. S. Wharton	Fernandina, Florida
N. S. Wainwright	Harts Road, Florida

CHURCH CLERKS.

Bethel	C. R. Patten	Glen St. Mary, Fla.
Bethany	C. A. Sauls	Callahan, Fla.
Brandy Branch	Aaron Fouraker	Baldwin, Fla.
Buford Grove	A. H. Davis	Hilliard, Fla.
Deep Creek	R. C. Hicks	Dutton, Fla.
Ephesus	P. C. Haddock	Kings Ferry, Fla.
Fernandina First	Harry Patterson	Fernandina, Fla.
Folkstone First	G. C. Burgess	Folkstone, Ga.
Jacksonville First	L. W. Guernsey	Jacksonville, Fla.
Live Oak	L. L. Jones	Callahan, Fla.
Marietta	E. H. Ellis	Marietta, Fla.
Macedonia	Henry Vernon	Dinsmore, Fla.
Midway	S. Williams	Tompkins, Ga.
Moncrief Springs	John Spiers	Jacksonville, Fla.
Mount Olive	T. J. Wingate	Evergreen, Fla.
New Providence	J. Mills, Sr.	Sheffield, Ga.
New Sharon	J. A. Johnson	Callahan, Fla.
Ruhamah	A. B. Brown	Oakwell, Ga.
Thomas Creek	W. A. Ogilvie	Callahan, Fla.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	Contributed		Officers and Teachers.	Number Enrolled.	Average Attendance.	Number Baptized.	Volumes in Library.
		For Expenses.	For Missions.					
Bethany	T. H. Tracy, Maccleenny, Fla.	\$7 75	\$2 00	12	26	18	100	
Bethel	H. Hunt, Driecoville, Fla.	1 36		6	19		60	
Brandy Branch	A. Sheffert, Dorton, Fla.	2 43		4	16			
Deep Creek	S. A. Swaine, Canadine, Fla.			4	22		50	
Fernandina First	W. P. Sumner, Jacksonville, Fla.	40 56		5	40			
Jacksonville First	J. C. Braddock, Dinsmore, Fla.	3 00		2	2			
Macedonia	Joseph Mills, Sheffield, Ga.	34		5	49			
Ruhamah	A. E. Oglivie, Callahan, Fla.	11 80	2 90	5	49			
Thomas Creek				5	55			
		\$101 36		51	282			

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