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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Read Church Letters and Enroll Messengers.
3. Elect Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.
4. Call for Petitionary Letters.
5. Call for Correspondents.
6. Invite Visitors to Seats.
7. Appoint Committees on Religious Exercises, Finances, Digest of Letters and Nominations.
8. Reports of Executive Committee, Treasurer and Missionaries.
9. Reports of Standing Committees on Missions, Woman's Work, Education, Periodicals, Sunday Schools and Temperance.
10. Elect Executive Committee.
11. Reports of Committees on Finances, Digest of Letters and Nominations.
12. Elect Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention and State Convention.
13. Appoint Standing Committees.
14. Miscellaneous Business.
15. Arrange for Printing Minutes and Payment of Clerk.
16. Adjournment.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

D. C. ANDRESS Jacksonville, Fla.
J. T. BETTS Fernandina, Fla.
THEO. DAVIS Hilliard, Fla.
W. A. HOBSON, D. D. Jacksonville, Fla.
R. McLellan Jacksonville, Fla.
E. H. RENNOLDS, SR. Jacksonville, Fla.
D. SIKES Folkston, Ga.

LICENTIATE.

D. J. BLOCKER DeLand, Fla.

MINUTES.

Macclenny, Fla., October 5, 1900.

The twenty-second annual session of the St. Mary's River Association assembled with the Bethel Church at 10:30 o'clock a. m. and was called to order by the former Moderator, Bro. S. M. Scruggs.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder D. C. Address. Text, Matt. 25:31, "When the Son of Man shall come in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then shall He sit on the throne of His glory."

Adjourned one hour for refreshments.

Afternoon Session.

Reassembled at 1 o'clock p. m.

After a short devotional service, led by the Moderator, the letters were read by D. C. Address and C. G. Harris and the following named brethren and sisters enrolled as

Messengers.

Bethany—A. E. Braddock, J. B. Jones.
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Bethel—T. Patton, J. D. Chalker.
Brandy Branch—Wm. Chesser, F. H. Thomas.
Buford Grove—Richard S. Mott.
Ephesus—J. D. Haddock, G. W. Libby, John McKendree.
Folkston—D. Sikes.
Jacksonville First—W. A. Hobson, S. M. Scruggs, C. G. Harris, E. H. Rennolds, Sr.
Live Oak—J. S. Braddock.
Macedonia—R. A. Braddock, J. C. Braddock, Miss Mary Braddock.
Moniac—C. E. Murrhee, Mrs. M. Albertson, Miss Maud Murrhee.
Marietta—Cuyler Altman.
Mt. Olive—J. O. Wingate, J. M. Higginbotham, T. J. Wingate.
Thomas Creek—A. E. Ogilvie, W. A. Ogilvie.

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Callahan Church, recently organized, petitioned for membership, and a committee consisting of T. Patton, J. C. Braddock and J. B. Jones, was appointed to inquire into its orthodoxy, who reported favorably, and the church was received into the fellowship of the Association, and the right hand of fellowship extended to its messengers, J. M. Ogilvie and Mrs. J. M. Ogilvie, by the Moderator.

The rule requiring the officers to be elected by ballot was suspended, and S. M. Scruggs, Moderator, and A. E. Ogilvie, Treasurer, were re-elected, and E. H. Rennolds, Sr., was elected Clerk, all by acclamation.

Pending the appointment of committees, W. A. Hobson, D. Sikes, D. C. Address and S. M. Scruggs addressed the Association, and W. A. Ogilvie led in prayer for the recovery of the sick child of Bro. J. O. Harris, pastor of Bethel Church.

On a call for visitors, Elder S. Godwin, of New River Association, and Bro. J. Baxter Campbell, of Florida Association, responded and were welcomed.

The Moderator announced the following

Committees.

Religious Exercises—J. D. Chalker, T. Patton, D. C. Address.
 Religious Condition of the Churches—J. S. Braddock, G. W. Libby, J. D. Chalker.
 Temperance—A. E. Ogilvie, J. D. Haddock, G. W. Libby.
 Missions—J. D. Chalker, A. E. Braddock, R. S. Mott.
 Nominations—T. Patton, W. Chesser, F. H. Thomas.
 Periodicals—D. C. Address, J. D. Haddock, G. W. Libby.
 Discipline—D. Sikes, R. S. Mott, J. S. Braddock.
 Woman's Work—D. C. Address, Miss Mary Braddock, R. A. Braddock.
 Obituaries—C. Altman, A. E. Ogilvie, J. M. Higginbotham.
 Finance—J. O. Wingate, A. E. Braddock, J. D. Haddock.
 Sunday Schools—W. A. Ogilvie, G. W. Libby, John McKendree.
 Ministers' Assurance Association—J. B. Jones, J. O. Wingate, W. A. Ogilvie.

The Committee on Religious Exercises reported as follows: A. E. Ogilvie to conduct prayer meeting exercises at 7 o'clock p. m. and Dr. W. A. Hobson to preach at 7:30 p. m.; J. B. Jones to conduct prayer meeting tomorrow at 8 a. m.; W. A. Ogilvie to conduct prayer meeting Saturday, 7 p. m., and D. Sikes to preach at 7:30 p. m.; T. J. Wingate to lead prayer service Sunday at 8:30

a. m.; Sunday School Convention at 9 a. m. and J. C. Porter to preach at 11 a. m.

W. A. Ogilvie read the

Report on Sunday Schools.

We find that some of our churches have Sunday Schools, though many of them have not. Recognizing the great benefit of Sunday Schools, we would earnestly urge our brethren to organize and work up the Sunday School cause in all our churches.

Respectfully submitted.

W. A. OGILVIE,
 G. W. LIBBY,
 J. C. MCKENDRY,
 Committee.

After remarks by W. A. Hobson, D. C. Address and D. Sikes, the report was laid over till tomorrow morning.

D. Sikes read the

Report on Discipline.

From the best information that we can obtain, we find that all the churches are in a good state of discipline, except Marietta, but from the reading of the letter from that church we conclude that its discipline is not of the best. We are thoroughly convinced that unless good discipline is maintained no church can prosper. Respectfully submitted.

D. SIKES,
 J. S. BRADDOCK,
 R. S. MOTT,
 Committee.

After some discussion by D. Sikes, W. A. Hobson and D. C. Address, the report was adopted.

Bro. A. E. Ogilvie read the

Report on Obituaries.

Your Committee has the pleasure of saying that God has mercifully spared to us the lives of all our ministers and deacons, for which we are profoundly thankful.

We find that during the year seven of our brethren have been called to their rewards, viz., Bro. L. H. Gale and Sisters S. H. Melton and G. E. Anderson, of Jacksonville, and Brethren William Wright and Allen Ogilvie, and Sisters Lizzie Libby and Millie Connor of other churches.

C. H. ALTMAN,
 J. M. HIGGINBOTHAM,
 A. E. OGILVIE,
 Committee.

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The report was adopted without discussion.

D. C. Address read the

Report on Woman's Work.

We rejoice in the reports of the good work done by the women's societies and children's bands, wherever organized in the Association, and in the knowledge of the fact that they have been so helpful to the churches and to the cause, therefore we feel that they deserve the prayers and help of the brotherhood in organizing and sustaining them in every church.

Respectfully submitted.

D. C. ADDRESS,
MISS M. BRADDOCK,
R. A. BRADDOCK,
Committee.

Pending the adoption of the report the Association adjourned till 9 a. m. tomorrow.

Friday Night Services.

At 7 p. m. A. E. Ogilvie conducted prayer meeting exercises.

At 7:30 p. m. Dr. W. A. Hobson preached. Text, Prov. 11:30, "He that winneth souls is wise."

SATURDAY—MORNING SESSION.

After a prayer service, the Moderator read a chapter in the Bible and Dr. W. A. Hobson led in prayer.

The report on Sunday Schools was called up and, after remarks by J. S. Braddock, A. E. Ogilvie, T. Patton, D. C. Address, D. Sikes and W. A. Hobson, it was adopted.

T. Patton read the

Report on Nominations.

We recommend that the next session be held with the Brandy Branch Church, Nassau county, commencing on Tuesday after the first Sunday in October, 1901, and that Elder D. Sikes preach the Introductory Sermon, and Dr. W. A. Hobson the Missionary Sermon. We recommend that the following brethren constitute the Executive Committee for the ensuing year, viz.: A. E. Ogilvie, J. C. Braddock, O. R. Sanders, J. B. Jones, F. H. Thomas, J. M. Ogilvie and J. O. Wingate. We nominate as delegates to the next State Convention W. A. Hobson, D. C. Address, E. H. Ren-

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nolds, Sr., D. Sikes and W. C. Davis, and as delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, W. A. Hobson, with E. H. Rennolds, Sr., alternate.

T. PATTON,
F. H. THOMAS,
WILLIAM CHESSER,
Committee.

Remarks were made by W. A. Hobson, S. M. Scruggs, E. H. Rennolds, Sr., D. C. Address and D. Sikes and the report was adopted.

Bro. A. E. Ogilvie read the

Report on the State of the Churches.

We beg leave to report that so far as we are able to ascertain from reading the letters from the churches, they are, with one exception, in a healthy state of religion.

J. S. BRADDOCK,
G. W. LIBBY,
J. D. CHALKER,

Committee.

After some remarks by D. Sikes and E. H. Rennolds, Sr., the report was adopted.

A. E. Ogilvie read the

Treasurer's Report.

A. E. Ogilvie, Treasurer, in account with St. Mary's River Baptist Association:

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To amount received from Finance Committee	\$	40 38
To amount of Sunday's collection		17 55
To amount received from union meetings		84 75
Total receipts		\$142 68
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By Amount Paid:		
D. Sikes as missionary		52 50
D. C. Address as missionary		47 50
For printing minutes		18 00
J. D. Chalker, Clerk		5 00
For Postage on minutes		1 13
Aid to Callahan Church		5 00
Balance on hand		13 55
Total		\$142 68

Respectfully submitted.

A. E. OGILVIE, Treasurer.

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

The report was adopted without discussion.
J. O. Wingate read the report on

Ministers' Assurance Association.

The work of this Association in securing protection for the widows and orphans of our deceased ministers, deserves our help and should have our sympathy and aid. Our ministers should all become members of it, and thus provide something for their loved ones when their labors are no more available. Our brethren and sisters can find no better use for the money God has honored them with, as His stewards, than to help buy food and raiment for the families of those who have so unselfishly given their labors and lives that we might have the preached Word. If all the Baptists in the State who could help in this matter, would do so, the numbers of this Association would be so much increased that much want would be relieved, and the Savior would say, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto them ye have done it unto me."

Respectfully submitted.

J. B. JONES,
J. O. WINGATE,
W. A. OGILVIE,

Committee.

The report was discussed by D. Sikes, W. A. Hobson and E. H. Rennolds, Sr., and adopted.

J. O. Wingate read the

Report of Executive Committee.

We, the Executive Committee, beg leave to make the following report of our transactions for the year:

We employed Elder D. Sikes for part of his time. He reports 12 months' labor; miles traveled, 1,085; days of labor, 40; sermons preached, 52; family visits, 53; baptisms, 8; received by letter, 1; by experience, 1; for baptism, 1. Collected on the field, \$4.30. For which services we paid him \$52.50.

We also employed Elder D. C. Andress for part of his time. He reports: Months labored, 12; sermons preached, 82; miles traveled, 2,877; prayer meetings held, 5; family visits, 34; baptisms, 10; received by letter, 2; by experience, 1; by restoration, 1. Collected on the field, \$90.47. We paid him for his services \$47.50. We also donated \$5 to Callahan Church.

The missionaries both report great interest manifested at their meetings.

J. O. WINGATE,
Secretary.

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After a few remarks by D. Sikes and D. C. Andress, the report was adopted.

J. D. Chalker read the

Report on Missions.

Christian missions, foreign, home and State, is the supreme work appointed by Christ for Christian churches. There should be fervent prayer, liberal giving and faithful, energetic work in every church for the advancement of missions. There should be earnest prayer to the Lord of the harvest, to send forth laborers into His harvest. There should be faithful work, and generous giving, not only to local associational missions, but to the work of the State Convention and to the home and foreign mission work of the Southern Baptist Convention. More light is needed to increase the missionary spirit and it is important that pastors preach frequently on the duty of giving to mission work, giving full information of the wonderful doings of the Lord with the missionaries in heathen lands.

J. D. CHALKER,
A. E. BRADDOCK,
R. S. MOTT,
Committee.

On motion of T. J. Wingate, a collection was taken for foreign missions amounting to \$9, after the report had been discussed by D. Sikes, T. J. Wingate, S. Godwin, D. C. Andress and W. A. Hobson. The report was then adopted.

Adjourned for refreshments.

Benediction by Dr. W. A. Hobson.

Afternoon Session.

Reassembled at 1:30 p. m.

The report on Woman's Work was called up and remarks made by D. C. Andress, S. Godwin and D. Sikes and the report adopted.

J. O. Wingate read the

Report of Finance Committee.

Your Finance Committee begs leave to report as follows:
Received from the churches for Associational purposes... \$23 64
Received from same source for minute fund 18 05

Total \$41 69
Respectfully submitted.

J. O. WINGATE,
A. E. BRADDOCK,
J. D. HADDOCK,
Committee.

Pending a motion to adopt, remarks were made by T. J. Wingate, W. A. Hobson and E. H. Rennolds, Sr., when the motion prevailed.

It was ordered that the Clerk be paid \$10 for his services and that he draw on the Treasurer for the necessary funds to pay for printing and distributing the minutes.

On motion, it was ordered that the collection taken tomorrow be equally divided between the Associational Executive Board and the State Board.

A. E. Ogilvie read the

Report on Temperance.

We recommend that our churches take some action to prevent their members from indulging in the evil habit of drinking intoxicating liquors and also to co-operate with all worthy societies in banishing the destroying monster from their communities. Respectfully submitted.

A. E. OGILVIE,
J. O. HADDOCK,
W. CHESSER,
Committee.

The report was discussed by J. C. Braddock, A. E. Ogilvie, E. H. Rennolds, Sr., D. C. Andress, T. J. Wingate, G. H. Townsend, W. A. Ogilvie and D. Sikes and adopted.

Dr. W. A. Hobson offered the following

Resolution.

Resolved, That Standing Committees be appointed at each session of this Association to report at the next session, on Missions, Sunday Schools, Temperance, Ministerial Education, Periodicals, Ministers' Assurance Association, Nominations and Woman's Work.

The resolution having been adopted, the Moderator announced the following as the Standing Committees for next session:

Missions—W. A. Ogilvie, L. W. Braddock, G. C. Burgess.
Sunday Schools—T. Patton, H. J. McCallum, G. H. Townsend.
Temperance—D. Sikes, D. C. Layton, P. L. Jones.
Ministerial Education—W. A. Hobson, O. R. Sanders, O. R. Braddock.
Periodicals—D. C. Andress, C. E. Murrhee, B. Mozo.
Ministers' Assurance Association—E. H. Rennolds, Sr., C. G. Harris, J. E. Jones.

Nominations—A. E. Ogilvie, G. W. Haddock, C. Higginbotham.

Woman's Work—J. M. Ogilvie, Jesse Braddock, Charles Ellis. J. O. Wingate offered the following

Resolution.

Resolved, That hereafter four members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum, instead of five, as heretofore required.

Resolution adopted.

The following resolution of thanks was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be tendered the Bethel Church and community for their generous hospitality, and to the railroads for consideration shown the messengers in transportation.

Adjourned till 7:30 p. m.

Night Session.

At 7 p. m. W. A. Ogilvie led the prayer service, which was very devotional.

At 7:30 Elder D. Sikes preached. Text, Psalms 51:15. The pastor of the Macclenny Methodist Church led in prayer.

D. C. Andress then read the

Report on Periodicals.

We heartily recommend our State paper, the Baptist Witness, as watchful over our interests; also as giving us sound Baptist doctrine, and faithful in reporting all events of interest to church and associational work in the State. Every family would be bettered were it a weekly visitor.

The Foreign Mission Journal furnishes information from all mission fields, and we recommend it as a great means of keeping in touch with our foreign mission work.

We recommend also the Home Field, to keep us posted about our home mission work.

For Sunday Schools we recommend the literature of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and the American Baptist Publication Society.

D. C. ANDRESS,
J. D. HADDOCK,
G. W. LIBBY,
Committee.

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

The report was spoken to by J. C. Porter, editor of the Florida Baptist Witness, and adopted.

The Association adjourned.

Benediction by J. C. Porter.

Sunday Services.

At 8:30 a. m. T. J. Wingate led the prayer service.

At 9 o'clock the Sunday School Convention was called to order by the President, W. A. Ogilvie.

Reports and messengers were received from all the Sunday Schools in the Association.

On motion of J. B. Jones, two dollars of the Convention's funds were donated to the aid of aged ministers.

A collection amounting to \$17.26 in cash and \$40 in subscriptions was taken up to aid Bro. D. J. Blocker in securing an education.

The Convention adjourned to meet with the Ephesus Church on the fifth Sunday in December.

At 11 o'clock Elder J. C. Porter preached the Missionary Sermon.

Mission collection, \$9.70.

Prayer by D. C. Andress.

The Association then adjourned to meet with the Brandy Branch Church on Tuesday after the first Sunday in October, 1901.

E. H. RENNOLDS, SR., Clerk.

S. M. SCRUGGS,

Moderator.