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MINUTES.

According to previous appointment the Association met with the Live Oak Baptist church, Orange county, Florida, October 1st, 1880. Elder R. W. Lawton preached the introductory sermon from 1st Timothy, 3d chapter, 16th verse: "And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness. God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory." Elder S. F. Gove offered prayer and pronounced the benediction.

After refreshments the delegates assembled at the house. Prayer by Elder W. J. Hughes of the Alachua Association. After which Elder J. H. Hayman, former Moderator, called the body to order, and W. B. Culpepper took his place as Clerk.

Letters from the churches were called for, and received letters from eight churches, which were read and the names of the delegates enrolled as shown by the statistical table. On motion of Elder R. W. Lawton the rule of electing by ballot was suspended, and Elder George C. Powell as Moderator, and W. B. Culpepper, Clerk, were elected by acclamation. Visiting brethren of the same faith and order were invited to seats with the body, which was accepted by Elders W. J. Hughes and S. T. Standland, Brethren J. E. E. Border and D. A. Fryer of the Alachua Association. Petitionary letters were then called for, when letters were presented from Moss Bluff and New Salem churches, asking for admission, which was granted. The right hand of fellowship was given by the Moderator, and delegates admitted to seats. Committees were then appointed as follows:

On Preaching—J. P. Browker, J. M. Owens, Sr., and J. R. A. Tucker.

On Letters and Queries—Elder R. W. Lawton, J. L. Myers, and J. M. Blich.

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On Finance—J. M. Owens, Sr., J. H. Talbird and E. F. Dreggers.

On Publications—Elders S. F. Gove, J. H. Hayman, and A. Tyndal.

On State of Churches—Elder J. H. Hayman, J. J. Higginbotham, and L. McConnel.

On Temperance—Elder L. J. Simmons, J. M. Owens, Sr., and H. Tanner.

On Deceased Ministers and Deacons—Elders S. F. Gove, L. J. Simmons, and R. W. Lawton.

Adjourned to meet at Saturday morning at 9 o'clock A. M.

Preaching Friday night by Elder A. Tyndal from Book of Joshua, 4th chapter, latter clause of 21st verse: "What mean these stones?"

SATURDAY MORNING.

The Association met according to adjournment. Prayer by Elder W. N. Chaudoin. Invitation to visiting brethren continued. Received Elder W. N. Chaudoin, Missionary for Home Missions and corresponding editor of the INDEX. On motion of Elder L. J. Simmons, Elder S. F. Gove was released from preaching the missionary sermon at 11 o'clock A. M. on Sunday, and Elder W. N. Chaudoin was requested to occupy the stand. On motion, Elder W. N. Chaudoin was allowed an hour to speak for the CHRISTIAN INDEX.

At 11 o'clock A.M. Elder W. J. Hughes occupied the stand, and preached a very feeling sermon from 8th Psalm, 4th verse: "What is man that thou art mindful of him, and the son of man that thou visitest him."

At 2 P.M. business was resumed.

On motion of Elder S. F. Gove: That the Moderator appoint an Executive Committee of seven, who are, in addition to other duties, charged to devise and put in force a missionary system. And the following brethren were appointed: Elder S. F. Gove, J. R. A. Tucker, W. B. Culpepper, Elder R. W. Lawton, I. D. Dorsett, J. W. Blicht, J. M. Owens.

On motion of Elder R. W. Lawton, the churches were

requested to adopt the Baptist Hymn Book, printed by the American Baptist Publishing Society of Philadelphia.

The following delegates were appointed:

To the State Baptist Convention—Elders S. F. Gove, R. W. Lawton, and Geo. C. Powell.

To the Alachua Association—Elder L. J. Simmons.

To the South Florida Association—Elder Geo. C. Powell and A. Tyndal.

To the Midway Association—Elders Geo. C. Powell and S. F. Gove.

Reports of Committees received and adopted:

On Letters and Queries.

Your Committee on Letters and Queries beg leave to make the following report:

We find nothing in the letters to call your attention to, except that invitations from five churches are offered for the next meeting of the Association, viz: Moss Bluff, Apopka, Bethel, Orange Grove, and Lake Harney. We recommend that the invitation of Bethel church be accepted.

R. W. LAWTON, *Chairman.*

On Publications.

Your Committee on Publication beg leave to report:

That we commend to the support and confidence of our brethren, THE CHRISTIAN INDEX. It has been doing good service for the faith once delivered to the saints. Its Florida Department is a necessity to every Baptist in our State. We also commend "Kind Words" to every church and Sabbath school.

S. F. GOVE, *Chairman.*

On Temperance.

Your Committee on Temperance beg to report:

That it is our duty as professed followers of Christ to use every means in our power to crush out intemperance from our land. All around us we see the evil effects of the traffic and use of ardent spirits. It demoralizes society, corrupting the young, enfeebling the old, consigning its victims to miserable lives and hopeless deaths. It has filled our land with widows and orphans, our poor houses with paupers, and our jails with criminals. The laws of the land have been and are powerless to arrest this great evil. The remedy is with the Great Head of the Church. Let us appeal to Him in prayer that He will graciously put a stop to this great iniquity, and let us fearlessly but kindly use every means in our power to this end.

L. J. SIMMONS, *Chairman.*

On Finance.

Your Committee on Finance beg to report:

That we have received from the several churches the following amounts:

Associational purposes	\$14 80
Associational Missions	8 55
Minutes	9 85

Total \$30 70

J. M. OWENS, SR., *Chairman.*

On State of the Churches.

Your Committee on State of Churches beg to report:

That we have examined the letters from the churches to this Association, and find that the good Lord has blessed their efforts with peace, harmony, and an ingathering of saints.

L. H. McCONNELL, *Chairman.*

On Preaching.

Your Committee on Preaching beg to report:

That Elder A. Tyndal preach the next Introductory Sermon, Elder R. W. Lawton, alternate; Elder S. F. Gove preach the Missionary Sermon, Elder J. H. Hayman, alternate.

J. M. OWENS, SR., *Chairman.*

On Deceased Ministers and Deacons.

Your Committee beg to report:

Our Heavenly Father has been long suffering and full of tender mercies, and He has graciously spared the lives of his ministers. Of the deacons, brother S. A. Russ, of Bethel church, after a long life of patient endurance, of well doing, has departed to his eternal reward, leaving behind him glorious testimony of the beauty and loveliness that marks the true and humble follower of Jesus. We thank God for his life, and for the hope in his death.

S. F. GOVE, *Chairman.*

On motion of Elder R. W. Lawton, Elder S. F. Gove was appointed Treasurer of this Association.

That fifteen dollars be appropriated for printing minutes, and ten dollars be paid the Clerk for his services.

Treasurer's Report.

S. F. GOVE, Treasurer, in account with the Wekiwa Association.

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To cash received from churches	\$30.70
To cash collected on Sabbath	25.07

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By cash for Minutes	\$15.00
By cash paid Clerk for services	10.00
By cash paid J. D. Dorsett, Treasurer Ex. Committee	30.77—55.77

All of which is respectfully submitted,

S. F. GOVE, *Treasurer.*

On motion, the four General Meetings for the ensuing year to be held with the following churches, commencing on Friday before the Sabbath designated:

First District, Live Oak church, second Sunday in August, 1881.

Second District, Concord church, fourth Sunday in March, 1881.

Third District, Lake Harney church, fourth Sunday in January, 1881.

Fourth District, Harmony church, second Sunday in June, 1881.

On motion—

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be tendered the brethren and friends in the vicinity of Live Oak church for their hospitable entertainment of the messengers and visitors during this session of the Association.

SUNDAY EXERCISES.

Prayer meeting at 9 o'clock A. M., after which services were introduced at the stand, and Elder W. N. Chaudoin preached a most interesting sermon from 3d John, 8th verse: "We therefore ought to receive such that we might be fellow-helpers to the truth."

A collection of \$25.07 was taken, and \$71.00 subscribed for missions in the bounds of this Association.

One dollar and ninety-six cents collected for Indian missions, and paid over to Elder W. N. Chaudoin.

At 3 o'clock P. M., Elder W. N. Chaudoin preached to the children from 51st Psalm, 21st verse: "Create in me a clean heart, O God."

A hymn was sung, the parting hand given, and prayer was made by Elder R. W. Lawton, when the Association adjourned, to meet with Bethel church, at Orlando, on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1881.

GEO. C. POWELL, *Moderator*.

W. B. CULPEPPER, *Clerk*.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in only one true and living God, the Father, the Son or Word, and the Holy Ghost. Dent. 4: 39; Cor. 8: 6, and 1 John 5: 7.

2. We believe that the Scriptures, comprising the Old and New Testaments, are the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice. 2 Tim. 3: 16; Romans 15: 4. and 3: 2.

3. We believe that Adam, by sin, fell from the state of purity in which he was created; that all his posterity are degenerate, and that all human nature is corrupt and depraved. Rom. 3: 12; Gen. 1: 21-28, 3: 6-8.

4. We believe that man is utterly unable, by his own free will and ability, to recover himself from the fallen state in which he is by nature. Heb. 9: 22, 23; 1 Peter 2: 34, and 3: 18.

5. We believe in the doctrine of election, and that God chose His people in Christ before the world began. Eph. 1: 35; Titus 1: 1, 2.

6. We believe in the covenant of redemption and salvation by grace, entered into by the Sacred Three, in behalf of the elect on whom Grace and Glory were settled forever in Christ, their covenant head. Psalms 89: 2-4, and 27: 37; Eph. 1: 35; 2 Tim. 1: 9.

7. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Christ only, and that they receive pardon and reconciliation through Him. Rom. 3: 22-26.

8. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the influence and operation of the Holy Spirit. 1 Peter 1: 2; Mal. 3: 17.

9. We believe that saints shall be preserved in Grace, and that none of them shall be lost. John 10: 22-29; Rom. 8: 31-39; 2 Tim. 1: 9.

10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and the general judgment; and that the joy of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal. Job 19: 25-27; John 5: 28, 29; Mat. 25: 31, 34, 41, 46.

11. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ; that true believers are the only fit subjects of baptism; that immersion of the subject in water is the Apostolic mode, and that none but regularly baptized members have a right to commune at the Lord's

table. Mat. 3: 6-16; Mark 1: 9-16; John 4: 1, 2; Acts, 2: 38, 12 and 18: 8; Luke 22: 17-20; John 13: 2-41.

12. We believe that no minister has any right to administer the ordinances of the Gospel unless he has been regularly baptized, called and come under the imposition of the hands of a Presbytery. Tim. 2: 6, 7; 5: 21, 22; Titus 1: 5; Acts 13: 2, 3.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

- 1st. Introductory Sermon.
- 2d. Read Letters from Churches.
- 3d. Elect Officers.
- 4th. Petitionary Letters.
- 5th. Invite Visiting Brethren to Seats.
- 6th. Letters of Correspondence.
- 7th. Appointment of Special Committees.
- 8th. Reports of Standing Committees.
- 9th. Treasurer's Report.
- 10th. Appointment of Standing Committees.
- 11th. Report of Special Committees.
- 12th. Fix Time and Place for Next Meeting.
- 13th. Miscellaneous Business.

OFFICERS.

GEO. C. POWELL, Moderator, Geneva.
 W. B. CULPEPPER, Clerk, Geneva.
 S. F. GOVE, Treasurer, Longwood.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

S. F. GOVE, Longwood, Fla.
 E. W. LAWTON, Oveido, "
 J. R. A. TUCKER, Fort Christmas, "
 J. D. DORSETT, Apopka, "
 W. B. CULPEPPER, Geneva, "
 J. M. BLITCH, Orlando, "
 J. M. OWENS, SR., Umatilla, "

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERICS.	DELEGATES	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Excluded by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Deaths	Total	Amount for Minutes
Live Oak	L. J. Simmons	N. J. Trowell	Elder L. J. Simmons, Elder J. H. Hayman, J. M. Owens, Sr., J. P. Browker, N. J. Trowell	4	2	1	0	561	561	28
Apopka	S. F. Gove	L. H. McConnel	L. H. McConnel	10	21	0	0	371	371	20
Concord	I. H. Hayman	W. F. Howard	Elder S. F. Gove, E. F. Dreggers, J. L. Myers	26	5	1	0	1,813	1,813	00
Bethel	S. F. Gove	W. B. Hull	J. M. Bittch	2	0	0	0	2	2	00
Orange Grove	S. F. Gove	C. A. Love	Elder K. W. Layton, Elder Geo. C. Powell, J. J. Higgenbotham	2	0	0	0	2	2	00
Lake Harney	S. F. Gove	I. D. Hart	J. H. Talbird, W. B. Crippen, J. R. A. Tucker	2	0	0	0	2	2	00
Pine Grove	S. F. Gove	Samuel Hodges	L. J. Tucker, J. A. Chancey	2	0	0	0	2	2	00
Harmony	J. W. Savage	D. L. Simmons	H. Tsaner	2	0	0	0	2	2	00
Indian River	S. F. Gove	R. J. Sims	Not represented	0	0	0	0	0	0	00
New Salem	A. Tyndal	A. C. Bass	Elder A. Tyndal, Lewis Holden	0	0	0	0	0	0	00
Moss Bluff	S. J. Simmons	J. F. Holden	John Holden, M. Morrison	0	0	0	0	0	0	00
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				4	0	0	0	1,891	1,891	00
				4	0	0	0	207	207	00

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