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MINISTERS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

N. A. Bailey..... Orlando.
J. D. Bohannon..... DeLand.
L. Drury..... Apopka.
W. B. Dye..... Kissimmee.
S. Dyer..... DeLand.
C. S. Farris..... Orlando.
J. F. Forbes. (Licentiate)..... DeLand.
W. T. Gordon..... Bloomfield.
S. F. Gove..... Longwood.
W. D. Hiers..... DeLand.
J. L. Jackson..... DeLand.
R. W. Lawton..... Oviedo.
R. E. L. Lovell (Licentiate)..... Apopka.
J. McKinney..... DeLand.
D. Palmer..... Altoona.
J. C. Phillips..... Kissimmee.
J. A. Richardson..... Apopka.
J. W. Savage..... Chuluota.
R. Telford..... DeLand.
W. J. Sears (Licentiate)..... Kissimmee.
O. N. Williams..... Chuluota.
J. N. Woodall (Licentiate)..... Kissimmee.
Paul Willis..... Sanford.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Introductory sermon.
2. Reading of letters from churches.
3. Election of officers.
4. Petitionary letters.
5. Inviting visiting brethren to seats.
6. Appointment of standing committees.
7. Call for correspondents.
8. Appointment of correspondents.
9. Election of delegates to the State and Southern Baptist Conventions.
10. Reports of standing committees.
11. Fixing time and place of next meeting.
12. Arranging for printing minutes.
13. Call for Treasurer's report.
14. Miscellaneous business.

MINUTES.

The Wekiva Baptist Association convened Oct., 17th, 1890, with the church at Oviedo, N. A. Bailey, the former moderator in the chair.

At 11 a. m. W. B. Dye preached the introductory sermon from 1st Peter, 2nd chapter and 2nd verse. Adjourned to 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 2 P. M.

The moderator called the body to order, J. R. A. Tucker leading in prayer.

In the absence of the former clerk, C. A. Carson, Paul Willis was elected clerk pro tem.

C. F. Farris and W. B. Dye were appointed to read the letters; and the names of messengers were enrolled as shown by the Statistical table.

N. A. Bailey was re-elected Moderator by ballot. There being no election for clerk by ballot, Paul Willis was elected by acclamation. In a few, appropriate words, the Moderator returned thanks for the action of the body.

W. A. Jelks was chosen Treasurer by acclamation.

A Petitionary letter was read from the Grace Baptist Church, Clearmont. There being no messenger present and no accompanying articles of faith, a motion prevailed to lay the application for membership on the table until the re-assembling of the body.

Committee on preaching was appointed as follows: R.

W. Sawton, W. A. Jelks, A. P. Farnell, J. M. Jones, R. Luten.

Rev. C. A. Turner was received as a correspondent from the South Florida Association.

Correspondents appointed to other associations as follows:

To Manatee:—Walter Gwynn.

To Indian River:—O. N. Williams and N. A. Bailey.

To Alachua:—Paul Willis,
Committee on preaching reported C. F. Farris to preach
to night at 7 o'clock.

Delegates appointed to the State Convention:—W. B. Dye, D. Palmer, C. F. Farris, N. A. Bailey, Paul Willis, R. W. Lawton, John Rogers, E. H. Rice.

On motion the invitation of the Kissimmee church was accepted and this body will meet with that church on Friday before the 1st Sunday in Oct, 1891.

It was ordered that the clerk be allowed ten (\$10) dollars for his services, and that the remaining money on hand be used in printing the minutes.

It was agreed that the special order for tomorrow evening at 7 o'clock be the consideration of the report on missions.

Adjourned with prayer by A. C. Turner to 7 p. m.

NIGHT SESSION, 7 P. M.

C. S. Farris preached from 1st Cor, 15th chapter and 58th verse, after which the moderator announced the following standing committees:

ON FINANCE:—Walter Gwynn, W. A. Jelks, J. W. Joiner.
ON LETTERS AND QUERIES:—C. H. Tuxbury, J. M. Joiner, Jeff Crow.

ON PUBLICATIONS:—R. M. Lawton, J. T. Chapman, W. C. Jacobs.

ON STATE OF THE CHURCHES:—O. N. William Robert Stakes, W. P. Lassiter.

ON TEMPERANCE:—R. W. Kelley, J. R. A. Tucker, J. M. Jones.

ON MISSIONS:—C. A. Cassow, H. W. Tubbs, John Swanson.

ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS:—W. B. Dye, J. M. Leonard, Joseph Tyndal.

ON EDUCATION:—C. S. Farris, J. W. Thompson, J. W. Savage.

ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS:—S. P. Shepherd, D. Mostells, W. P. Lassiter.

On motion the application of Grace church was taken from the table. In regard to its reception C. S. Farris re-

ferred a constitutional question to the moderator, upon which he ruled that according to Art. 7 no church could be received without the presence of Messengers. In declining the application of Grace church the clerk was requested to write, quoting Art. 7 "New churches and churches dismissed from other associations, may be admitted into our union by delegates bearing petitionary letters. If, upon due examination, they be found orderly and orthodox, the moderator shall manifest their reception by giving their delegates the right hand of christian fellowship"; requesting the presence of messengers and Articles of Faith at the next meeting, when the Association will be glad to receive said church.

The letter of application from Cross Prairie church was referred to the committee on Letters and Queries, upon whose recommendation, as appears in the report, said church was received, its delegate receiving the hand of fellowship from the moderator.

Rev. L. B. Plumer, of Tabernacle church, Jacksonville, accepted a seat among us.

Adjourned with prayer by L. B. Plumer, to 9 a. m. tomorrow.

SATURDAY SESSION, OCT. 18, 9 A. M.

The Moderator read 97th Psalm, and D. Palmer led in prayer.

Minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved. W. B. Dye, was elected delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, which meets next May in Birmingham, Ala., with N. A. Bailey, and Walter Gwynn as alternates.

Reports of standing committees being called for W. B. Dye read the report on Sunday-schools, which was adopted.

ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your committee find on investigation that some of the churches make full reports of their Sunday-school work. These reports are very encouraging and demonstrate the importance of that branch of the work. It is to be regretted, however that so many of the churches pay little attention either to the organization and work of the schools, or to properly reporting the statistics to this body. Of the 18 churches represented here 11 report schools, numbering 96 officers and 480 pupils average attendance,

leaving one from which meagre reports are made of their school, and five from which no schools are reported.

We would like to emphasize the importance of the Sunday school work in every church and urge the membership of the churches to prompt, punctual attendance upon the sessions of the schools, and to active hearty and zealous cooperation in the work. We also earnestly insist that the clerks be more diligent in reporting all facts concerning the schools to the end that full statistical reports of the work may be incorporated in the minutes.

Again, we must refer to the fact that the total average attendance at Sunday School is but little more than one third of the membership of the churches. Brethren it should not be so

W. B. Dye, Chairman.

C. H. Luxbury read the report on, Letters and Queries, which was adopted as follows:

ON LETTERS AND QUERIES.

Your committee beg leave to report: It is with pleasure we have listened to the reading of the letters from the churches. Their general tone of cheerfulness, of zeal and courage is a sure prophecy of success in the great work that devolves upon them.

Your committee have enquired into the Cross Prairie church, and recommend that their petition to be received into this association be granted, and the hand of fellowship be extended to their delegate, J. G. Benton.

A query has been submitted to this committee, to ask the brethren if something cannot be done to restrain the great evil of Sunday visiting, so prevalent in country neighborhoods. The hindrance to gospel work; the entertainment and the expense are burdens to some almost greater than can be borne.

Another query: May sisters be appointed by the churches and received by the Association as delegates?

C. H. Tuxbury, Chairman.

R. W. Lawton read the report on Publications, which was adopted as follows:

ON PUBLICATIONS.

Your Committee ask leave to report as follows:

1st. We recommend a more general and careful study of God's word. Our Savior advises to search the scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life, &c. Each one owes it to himself, to the world, and to God that he be able to give a reason for the hope that is in him.' 2nd. We recommend most earnestly the Baptist Witness, our state organ. 3rd. We recommend for our Sunday-Schools Kind Words series." 4th. To our churches and Sunday-Schools the Bibles, tracts and hymn books of the American Baptist Publication Society.

R. W. Lawton, Chairman.

The report on Temperance was read by R. W. Kelly, and adopted as follows:

ON TEMPERANCE,

Your Committee on Temperance would beg to report. That we as Baptist Churches, as in the past so in the future, uphold temperance, in all things.

R. W. Kelly, Chairman.

The committee on the state of churches reported as follows, and the report was adopted:

ON STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

We find that our churches have gone forward in every particular of Christian work. Many that heretofore had no Sunday Schools report flourishing schools. Mission contributions have increased. Pastors are better paid. And a more zealous work has been done by both pastors and churches. God has blessed these efforts abundantly, which should encourage each church and pastor not to relax, but to increase their zeal with work of the Lord. A scarcity of pastors in some sections is the only vital need noted.

O. N. Williams, Chairman.

ON FINANCE.

W. A. Jelks read the report on Finance, and it was adopted as follows: [See Appendix.]

We beg to suggest that the amount sent up for minutes is not sufficient judging from the cost of same last year (\$45) a deficit of \$9.13, which should at once be made up by collection.

Walter Gwynn, Chairman.

The special hour having arrived, John McKinery preached the doctrinal sermon from Rom. 6th chapter 3rd and 4th verses,—Baptism.

Adjourned with benediction by W. B. Dye.

AFTERNOON. 2 O'CLOCK

The moderator called on Walter Gwynn to lead in prayer

The report on education was made the special order for to-morrow evening at 7 o'clock, in connection with a mass meeting in the interest of education.

After reading the report on Deceased Ministers and Deacons was re-committed for enlargement.

Resolved that a committee, consisting of Walter Gwynn and R. W. Lawton be appointed to draft appropriate resolutions expressing our sympathy with Dr. S. Dyer in his great affliction.

C. A. Carson read his report as Treasurer, which was ordered spread upon our minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Wekiva Baptist Association:
Herewith below I hand you my report as Treasurer:

Dr.

Received from Finance Committee,.....	\$ 95.88
" " Cross Prairie Church,.....	75
Total.....	\$96.63

Cr.

Forward W. N. Chaudoin, Treas:.....	\$61.72
Paid for Minutes,.....	35.00
" Clerk for services,.....	10.00
Amt. due the Treasurer,.....	\$106.72
Respectfully Submitted,	\$10.09

C. A. Carson,

Oct, 1890.

A collection was taken up to meet deficit announced in Treasurer's report amounting to \$9.80. The former Treasurer, C. A. Carson, accepted this as payment in full, and donated it to the State Board for Missions.

On motion Query No. 1. in report on Letters and Queries be laid on the table- Query No. 2 in same report was answered as follows: The constitution bearing on the appointment of messengers.

The Committee to draft resolutions of sympathy with Dr. Dyer reported the following, which was adopted:

RESOLUTION To Dr. DYER.

Your committee appointed to draft appropriate resolutions expressing the sympathy of the Association with Bro. S. Dyer, of DeLaud church caused by the mental afflictions of his wife, report as follows:

Resolved that the very painful and sad information which has been brought to the attention of the association, of his devoted wife's entire loss of reason, moves our hearts in the deepest sympathy with him in this, one of the greatest afflictions that could have befallen him. With our prayers for that grace which is sufficient for all our trials, we commend him to our blessed Savior, looking to the dis-

tinguished position which he will occupy in that great throng among those clothed in white, of whom it will be said "These are they which come out of great tribulation."

Walter Gwynn, Chairman.
The clerk was instructed to write to Dr. Dyer informing him of the action of the Association, enclosing a copy of the resolutions.

The report on Deceased Minister's and Deacons was re-read by S. P. Shepherd and was adopted, after a special prayer by J. F. Forles, as follows:

ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

With great gratitude to our Heavenly Father we are able to report that all our Ministers have been mercifully preserved through the past Associational year, to continue their labors for the Master, for which we give him all the praise.

God in his wisdom has taken hence our beloved brother, Deacon Y. W. Hicks, of the Sanford church, who died triumphant in the faith. We recommend that a page of our Minutes be dedicated to his memory.

We are sorry to hear of the death of Dr. Geo. P. Guild, who died at Nugent's Home, in Philadelphia. He was a few years since pastor of the church in Sanford. He was then appointed by the State Convention to hold institutes for the instruction of Colored Ministers and Deacons. In this capacity he did valuable work for the Baptist cause until his health failed. He was a man of great piety and wholly consecrated to the Lord. We commend that a page in our Minutes be dedicated to his memory.

S. P. Shepherd, Chairman.

On motion the application of DeLaud church for a letter of dismission to unite with Indian River Association was granted.

It was agreed that the committees on missions, Education and Sunday-Schools be appointed at this meeting, to report at the next session.

Adjourned to 7 p. m. with prayer by John McKinney.

NIGHT SESSION, 7 O'CLOCK.

After singing, and a prayer by R. W. Lawton the Moderator called up the special order for this hour, viz- the report on missions. The same not being yet present, the report on preaching was read by S. W. Lawton as follows:

REPORT ON PREACHING:

Your committee on preaching would make the following report:

In the Baptist church to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock a Sunday-School Mass Meeting. Same place at 11 o'clock J. F. Forbes to preach. At the same hour D. Palmer to preach a missionary sermon at the Methodist church. At 2 p. m. N. A. Bailey to preach a Missionary sermon at the Baptist church. At 3 o'clock O. N. Williams to preach at the colored Baptist church.

At the next meeting of the Association the following appointments are made:

The introductory sermon to be preached by Paul Willis, alternate O. N. Williams. The Doctrinal sermon by R. W. Lawton, alternate D. Palmer. The Missionary sermon by C. S. Faris, alternate N. A. Bailey.

R. W. Lawton, Chairman.

It was agreed that the collection on to-morrow be turned over to the Treasurer of the Association to be used where most needed.

The report on Missions being now present it was read by C. A. Carson and adopted, after discussion by, C. A. Carson, O. N. Williams, Paul Willis, W. B. Dye, John McKinney, D. Palmer, R. W. Lawton, Bro. Stone and N. A. Bailey, as follows:

ON MISSIONS.

It gives us much pleasure to note the increase of interest in mission work. This increase probably grows out of a better understanding of the pressing necessities of more extended efforts. And a clearer comprehension of our duty to obey the command of our Saviour "Go disciple all Nations."

The subject is so extensive that it can only be barely outlined in a report like this. By Missions, it is intended to convey the idea of God's method of nourishing the spiritual life of men and women in all parts of the habitable globe, through his own called, qualified and sent agencies. It means bearing a light to those in darkness, and a springing up of light and life for those who are in the region and shadow of death.

It requires no vast amount of study to be convinced that North America, has made the sun of Missionary work, the great center from whence spring streams of heavenly light which blesses the nations. Furthermore, it appears that God has so ordered that the South is to lead in this, the greatest of all works. No people upon the globe have therefore such obligations as Baptists in the south—leading the world in their devotion to Christ as shown in their loyalty to him, in obeying the marching order "Go disciple all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you."

Seeing then the peculiar relation which our Heavenly Father has made to exist between us and the peoples of the earth, we should seek earnestly to know how to perform the great duties to which He has called us, and which grow out of this relationship. In meeting such obligations there is a beginning and an ending, a first duty which conflicts with no other duty. Having seen the Lord demands of us such performance, it is implied that these states form the base of supplies which it would be criminal to neglect, and whatever condition or demand may exist in other places, we must press the claims of the home field as our first duty, and this claim is for the *white-people* on this field. Such being the source of our supplies for evangelizing the nations, every part of the field, if possible, should be made to yield a rich harvest. This we conceive to be our first duty, which is the first step toward completing our work as true workmen for Christ.

Our second duty or step is mission work among the negroes who are here by our side, and here to stay, with their ignorance, superstition, and immorality. The negro makes a more pressing claim upon us to-day than his brother in Africa. We cannot escape the influence of his presence, and in Justice to ourselves and our children, he must be educated and Christianized. We cannot shut our eyes to this fact if we wish to.

Following close upon this work is the necessity of elevating the standard of right among the Indians, and it can only be done through missionary operations. They have strong claims upon our benefactions which should not be lost sight of.

Looking over the home field another class appears. The people of other nationalities who flock here, coming as Rationalists, Socialists, Anarchists, Atheists and Infidels, polluting by mere contact the communities which give them support. This element must be renovated and made fit for the Master's use, or we forfeit some most excellent fields whose proper cultivating would issue in fruit which would be for the healing of many. This is to be desired, and demands especial effort, and we cannot lose sight of so important a measure. Having thus done for "our union," what is required of us is to listen to the cries which come to us from the "Regions beyond."

Our next door neighbor, the isle of Cuba, ground down as she has been for ages by the most intolerant tyrant that ever assumed the control of people, lifts her voice above the jargon of the "mother of harlots," and pleads for help.

Mexico, hard by, long controlled by the same power, stretches her long chained hands, beseechingly toward us, and cries aloud for succor.

Thus cry all the Papal and Pagan fields to-day, until it appears to those who give the subject thought, that each step in our life's journey brings us to face hundreds of men and women who

cry unto us for the bread of life. It is with the hope that the need of increasing our efforts and contributions may be felt, that this report is submitted, asking guidance of Him who never errs, and strength in His grace to do our whole duty in this work given unto the churches of Jesus Christ.

C. A. CARSON, Chairman.
Adjourned with benediction by the Moderator, to meet at 7 p. m. to-morrow.

SUNDAY'S SERVICES.

The appointments of committee on preaching were carried out fully. The Sunday School Mass Meeting was conducted by W. A. Jelks, and remarks were made by John McKinney, C. A. Carson and W. B. Dye. Prof. J. F. Forbes' text was I Corinthians 3rd chapter and 15th verse; that of Dr Palmer was Ephesians 1: chapter 22-23; verse; that of N. A. Bailey was Psalms. 72nd chapter 19th verse, latter clause; and that of O. N. Williams was the total collection for Missions amounting to \$3300.

NIGHT SESSION, 7 o'clock.

The Moderator after a song called on C. A. Carson to lead in prayer. The special order consideration, of the report on education was taken up. C. S. Farris read the report, and pending its adoption addresses were delivered by C. S. Farris, Prof. Forbes, Paul Willis, and also N. A. Bailey who engineered a collection for the endowment of John B. Stetson University and the following gave notes for the amounts opposite their names:

LIST OF NAMES AND AMOUNT	
R. W. Lawton.....	\$300.00
Andrew Auliw.....	50.00
W. A. Jelks.....	50.00
C. S. Farris.....	50.00
A. P. Farner.....	50.00
A. C. Turner.....	25.00
Mrs. Crossley.....	25.00
Mrs. R. W. Lawton.....	25.00
Mrs. Truelove.....	25.00
E. L. Hess.....	10.00
Joe. Rice.....	10.00
Mrs. K. B. Roulerson.....	10.00
A. Wahlstrom.....	10.00
J. M. Joiner.....	25.00
R. Kelly.....	25.00

W. C. Nutt.....	10.00
Q. O. Barber.....	25.00
C. A. Love.....	25.00
I. D. Hart.....	50.00
Walter Murk.....	25.00
E. H. Rice.....	10.00
C. A. Carson.....	100.00
Tyndall.....	10.00
W. A. Jelks.....	50.00
J. M. Brown.....	5.00
Cash collection.....	4.00
Total in notes and cash.....	\$1 004.00

The report was then adopted as follows:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

It has been the experience of the world that educated mind is a power far which there is no substitute. The best equipped man is he whose intellectual powers have had their highest development. The world has taken hold of this fact, and for ages the cry of Educate! Educate! has been the keynote of its progress and civilization. What the world has found so efficient, the Christian world has found doubly practicable. Since Paul preached on Mars' Hill, Christians have believed in consecrated, educated mind and to day it is a gratifying fact that institutions of learning, consecrated to Christ are all over our land. Among them is our Stetson University, located at DeLand.

Let the Baptists of Florida rise to the support. There is no estimating the power for good it now is and may be to us as a denomination in the coming years. As it is it is thoroughly equipped and its growth is as rapid as any other similar institution in the country.

We are pleased to see with us our brother, President J. F. Forbes, who will we trust speak to us in detail of his work.

C. S. Farris, Chairman.

The following

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS

were adopted.
Resolved that our thanks are due and are hereby tendered to the citizens of Oviedo for the kind and liberal hospitality dispensed during our Sessions. Also to the transportation that granted reduced rates to Messengers.

The Congregation then sang "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," and the Association was declared adjourned *Sine die.* It will meet with the Kissimmee church on Friday before the first Sunday in Oct, 1891.

N. A. Bailey, Moderator.

Paul Willis, Clerk.



DEDICATED

TO THE MEMORY OF

DEACON G. W. HICKS,

SANFORD.

DECEASED DURING THE PAST YEAR.



CONSTITUTION.

OF THE

WEKIVA ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, who, on producing their credentials, shall be entitled to seats.

ART. 2. The members thus chosen and convened shall be known by the name of the Wekiva Baptist Association, which shall have the privilege of engaging in benevolent operations for the purpose of advancing the Redeemer's kingdom and the furtherance of Christ's glory on earth. In this the churches and individual members are left free, and the giving or withholding shall not be a bar to fellowship.

ART. 3. The Association shall usurp no authority over the churches in our union, nor infringe any of their internal rights, but shall merely be considered an advisory council in all matters relating to their internal concerns. Nevertheless, it becomes necessary in some cases to have a uniform rule of procedure, viz: If one church commits an offense against another, it shall be the duty of the offended to labor with the offender for satisfaction. If she fails of success, she shall call in the aid of two or more churches in our union to assist in laboring for satisfaction; and if, in the opinion of the helps thus called, it be not obtained, the aggrieved may bring the case before the Association, which shall be taken up and decided upon according to its merits. If a serious difference shall arise in an individual church, which upon due labor cannot be reconciled, she shall call in aid from two or more churches to assist in the work, and if reconciliation be not effected, the help so called or the church, may bring the case before the Association to be acted upon according to its merits; but the Association shall take no notice of any case of the above kind unless a due case of procedure shall have been previously pursued according to the economy of the church discipline as found in the scriptures of the New Testament.

ART. 4. The Association shall have the power to exclude any church from her union which shall violate the Constitution or shall depart from the orthodox principles of the Gospel.

ART. 5. Each church in our union shall send to every annual session of the Association written communications, speci-

shall be paid annually appointed, whose duty it shall be to receive in charge all moneys sent to the Association, dispose of the same agreeably to order, and make a fair and circumstantial report in writing

ART. 15. It shall be the duty of the Clerk of the Association to keep a regular file of the printed minutes of every session.

ART. 16. The Association shall not adjourn any session until she shall have finished all business on hand, except in extraordinary cases.

ART. 17. This Association shall correspond with such other associations as may be agreed on while in session.

ART. 18. The Association shall in all cases (except to amend the Constitution) be governed by a majority of the members present.

ART. 19. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the session rises.

ART. 20. The Association shall at each session appoint one of her members to preach an introductory sermon at her next session, one to preach a doctrinal sermon, and one to preach a missionary sermon.

ART. 21. Amendments to this Constitution may be made at any session of the Association when two-thirds of her members present may deem it necessary.

delegates, their number in fellowship, the number of white males, white females, and colored members, the number baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excommunicated, restored or deceased since the last session, which shall be read and minuted accordingly.

ART. 6. Every church in this union shall be entitled to three delegates. Should any church fail to represent herself, she shall state her reason in her next letter to the Association.

ART. 7. New churches and churches dismissed from other associations, may be admitted into our union by delegates bearing petitionary letters. If, upon due examination, they be found orderly and orthodox, the Moderator shall manifest their reception by giving their delegates the right hand of Christian fellowship.

ART. 8. The Association, when convened, shall be governed by the regular and proper rules of decorum, which she is authorized to form and amend according to her own views.

ART. 9. At every meeting of the Association, a Moderator shall be elected by and from the delegates sent, whose duty it shall be to see that the rules are strictly observed, and to take the voice of the Association on all subjects legally introduced.

A Clerk shall also be elected in like manner, whose duty it shall be to take proper and correct minutes of the proceedings; also a Treasurer, and they are to hold office until their successors are elected.

ART. 10. The Association shall furnish the churches of our union with the minutes of every session.

ART. 11. Every query sent by a particular church must be included in her letter, certifying that she has endeavored to rectify it, but failed. In such a case the Association shall take it under consideration, and the voice of the majority shall be considered an advisory answer, which shall be entered on the minutes.

ART. 12. Queries which immediately concern the union, or state of the churches at large, sent by a particular church or introduced by a proper motion, shall be taken up and decided as soon as practicable.

ART. 13. Any church in our Association having a preacher whom she deems worthy of ordination, shall call a presbytery of ministers from sister churches to officiate in the work. All presbyteries in the ordaining of deacons or ministers, or in the constituting of churches, shall be governed by the articles of faith adopted by the Association.

ART. 14. The Association shall have a fund supplied by voluntary contributions of the churches. All moneys thus contributed shall be transmitted from the churches by the delegates and paid over to the Committee of Finance, which committee

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in one only true and living God, and that there are three persons in the Godhead—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Is., 45:22, 23, v:4, 6, 9. 1st Kings. 8:60. Joel, 2:27. Mark, 28:19. 2d Cor., 13:14. Is., 48:16. John, 14:16. Mark, 3:16, 17. John, 10:20, 30. Acts, 5:3, 4.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice. 2d Timothy, 3:10. Acts, 1:16. 1st Peter, 4:11. 1st Thess., 2:13. Luke, 11:28. James, 1:22. 1st Samuel, 15. Deut, 4:2, 22, 32. Prov, 30:8. Matt. 15:9. Rev, 22:19. John, 14:15.

3. We believe in eternal and particular election. Deut, 7:6. Acts, 22:14, 13:46, 15:18. Matt, 24:31. John, 10:16, 6:37, 10:27, 29. Rom, 8:29, 30, 9, 15. Eph, 1:4, 5, 11. 2d Thess, 13:14. 2d Timothy, 1:9. Titus, 1:12. 1st Peter, 1:12, 2:9.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin. Gen, 5:3. Psalms, 51:5. John, 3:6.

5. We believe in man's impotency, of his own free will and ability, to recover himself from the state he is in by nature. Jer,

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES AND PASTORS.	CLERKS AND POST-OFFICES	MESSENGERS.	No. Last Year	Baptized	Rec'd by Letter	Excluded	Dismissed by Letter	Dead	Increased	Decreased	Present Number
Altoona—D. Palmer.....	J R Eubank, Altoona.....	Robert Stokes, W Rogers.....	22	7	22	2	5	1	8	8	22
Apopka—L. Drury.....	P S Shepherd, Apopka.....	J T Chapman, S P Shepherd.....	23	1	1	2	4	4	4	3	23
Astobula—D. B. Farmer.....	A N Sibley, Astobula.....	J W Johner.....	18	9	6	1	1	13	1	1	31
Boggy Creek—J. G. McCoskey.....	C H Tuxbury, McKinnon.....	C H Tuxbury, Joseph Tyndall.....	17	1	6	1	1	2	8	1	16
*Cassia—J. A. Richardson.....	L J Owen, Cassia.....	W C Jacobs, R R Whitter, Geo.....	24	4	4	1	2	8	1	1	32
Chuluota—R W Lawton.....	Chas. Phillips, Chuluota.....	J G Benton.....	130	7	10	10	1	6	21	6	136
Cross Prairie—R W Lawton.....	C W Desson, office not given.....	John McKinney, J F Forbes, W.....	16	4	6	2	3	5	12	2	23
DeLand—John McKinney.....	M W Sargent, DeLand.....	Stones, Mrs L B Telford.....	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11
Elizabeth—J C Phillips.....	H J Hancock, Kissimmee.....	[Higginbotham.....	77	2	6	5	5	24	101	22	101
Ft Bassenger—J C Phillips.....	J C Morgan, Kissimmee.....	W P Lassiter, J W Lennard, Joe.....	10	6	6	1	1	12	22	2	22
Geneva—R W Lawton.....	J N Lennard, Geneva.....	W B Dye, C A Carson, J W Thomp.....	2	6	6	2	2	11	19	19	19
Kissimmee—W B Dye.....	T M Swanson, Kissimmee.....	J J Hodges, J M Tanner..... [son	19	6	3	3	3	12	60	2	60
Lockwood—O N Williams.....	J M Tanner, Lockwood.....	R J Kelly.....	57	12	7	9	9	12	95	95	95
Oakland—L. Drury.....	W B Rush, Oakland.....	N A Bailey, C S Farris, D Mastello.....	35	7	6	2	3	8	45	8	45
Okocet—L. Drury.....	R J Bigelow, Okocet.....	R W Lawton, W A Jelks, J M Jones.....	51	9	1	1	1	10	76	7	76
Orlando—C S Farris.....	E H Rice, Orlando.....	O N Williams, J R A Tucker J W.....	17	6	25	5	2	25	17	17	17
Oviedo—A C Turner.....	J H Tucker, Chuluota.....	Walter Gwyn, Paul Willis Savage.....	18	1	1	1	1	1	18	18	18
Pine Grove—O N Williams.....	E F Barnes, Sanford.....	[H W Tubbs.....	24	1	1	1	1	1	24	24	24
Sanford—Paul Willis.....	.....	.....	23	1	1	1	1	1	23	23	23
*Bloomfield.....	.....	.....	7	1	1	1	1	1	7	7	7
*Enterprise—J C Phillips.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Longwood.....	J D Lewis, Longwood.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Midway.....	W T Hansell, Pine Castle.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Midway, Osceola Co. J C Phillips.....
Totals.....	863	113	88	9	49	9	129	18	1061

* Copied from the minutes of last year.

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13:23, 17:9. Rom, 1:28, 31, 8:7, 8. Psalms, 53:1. John, 7:7, 3:3, 6:4. Eph, 4:18, 19. Gal, 3:10, 11. Hebrews, 10:4.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ. Rom, 8:1, 25, 10:3, 3:25, 26. Isaiah, 1:11. Acts, 13:38, 39. 1st Cor, 1:30. Gal, 3:21, 24, 2:16. Phil, 3:8, 10.

7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, renewed and sanctified by the Holy Spirit. Rom, 8:29, 30, 11:7. Acts, 13: 48. John, 10:16, 30, 32. Eph, 2:5, 10. 2d Tim, 1:9. 2d Thess, 2:13, 14.

8. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace, and never finally fall away. John, 17:9, 10, 11, 23, 10:27, 28, 29. Romans, 8:31, 39. 1st Peter, 1:4, 5.

9. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus imposed upon his churches; that nothing is baptism except immersion; that believers are the only subjects of his ordinance, and that none but baptized believers are entitled to partake of the Lord's Supper. Matt, 2:19. Mark, 16:16, 1:5, 9. 1st Cor, 10:16, 16:29. Acts, 2:38, 8:36, 10:47, 16:2, 4. Rom., 6:3, 5:16. Col. 2:12.

10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment. 1st Cor, 15:3, 4, 12, 20, 25, 4:5. Matt., 25:46. Heb., 9:28.

11. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous will be eternal. Matt., 25:46. Dan., 12:6. Mark, 9:46. John, 5:38, 39. 2d Thess., 1:9.

12. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances, only such as are called and have come under the hands of the Presbytery. Matt., 28:16, 20. Acts, 13:2, 5. 1st Tim, 4:14, 5:22. 2d Tim., 2:2. 2d John, 1:9, 11.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENTS.	No. Officers and Teachers	No. Pupils enrolled	Average Attendance	No. Baptized since year	Volts. in Library	Contributions for Missions	Money raised.
Altamaha.....	J. W. Hayes.....	6	36	31				19.34
Apopka.....	J. A. Richardson.....	11	16	12	1		10.00	10.00
Ashtabula.....	Hiram Barclay.....	3	52	25	8	50	11.00	11.00
Boggy Creek.....	C. Tuxberry.....							
Chuticola.....								
Cross Prairie.....	G. S. Meun.....	9	65	65			3.25	68.75
DeLand.....								
Elizabeth.....								
Ft. Bassenger.....								
Geneva.....								
Kissimmee.....	C. A. Carson.....	11	71	50	8	150		55.10
Lockwood.....	J. J. Hodges.....	6	45	25	3			1.25
Oakland.....	J. W. F. Bray.....	8	61	38	3		3.00	16.37
Orlando.....	J. B. Nokes.....	8	70	50				25.00
Oviedo.....	W. A. Jelks.....	3	27	30				20.71
Pine Grove.....		3	30	20				4.60
Sanford.....	E. F. Barnes.....	14	85	60	1	200	16.13	10.93
Unatilla.....	J. L. Grier.....	7	55					13.97
Totals.....		76	613	406	24	460	36.38	406.94

FINANCIAL REPORT. [See page 7.]

CHURCHES.	Associational Ministers	Cuban Missions	Minutes	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions
OAKLAND.....			1 00	1 00	50	
ELIZABETH.....			1 75			
FORT BASSINGER.....			2 50			
SANFORD.....			4 00			
KISSIMMEE.....			1 00	60		
LOCKWOOD.....			2 50	6 25		
UMATILLA.....		2 60	2 12	3 00		
ALTOONA.....		2 00	1 25			
BOGGY CREEK.....			1 00			
OKOEE.....			1 50			
PINE GROVE.....			1 50			
CHULICOTA.....	50		1 50			45
GENEVA.....			1 00			
APOPKA.....			1 50		8 40	
ASTABULA.....			1 50		5 62	
OVIDEO.....			2 00			5 63
ORLANDO.....			5 00			
DELAND.....						
Totals.....	50	4 60	35 87	10 85	21 22	6 08