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To ALACHUA.....N. A. BAILEY

MINUTES.

FRIDAY, Oct. 2, 1891.
The Wekiva Baptist Association convened at Kissimmee, in the Baptist church, at 11 A. M., October 2, 1891, with Rev. N. A. Bailey, former Moderator, in the chair.

In accordance with the first order of business, O. N. Williams preached the introductory sermon. [The text is not named in the notes of Bro. Carson.]

C. A. Carson was elected temporary Clerk. Letters were presented; and Brethren D. Palmer and R. W. Lawton were appointed to read the letters from the churches. Accordingly, letters were read from the following churches: Oviedo, Chuluota, Kissimmee, Sanford, Orlando, Midway (now Pinecastle), Lockwood, Bogy Creek, Astabula, Altoona, Apopka and Geneva.

The following messengers were enrolled:

- Apopka—T. C. Darby, J. T. Chapman and S. P. Shepherd.
- Geneva—I. D. Hart and S. M. Cochran.
- Kissimmee—W. J. Sears, E. P. Tebeau and W. B. Dye.
- Chuluota—W. J. Jacobs.
- Oviedo—R. W. Lawton, W. A. Jelks and A. Aulin.
- Sanford—Walter Gwynn, Rev. John Fink and J. E. Kantman.
- Orlando—N. A. Bailey, E. H. Rice and A. J. Mosteller.
- Pine Castle (Midway)—W. T. Hansell and Isaac Powell.
- Bogy Creek—C. H. Tuxbury and H. G. Jamison.
- Lockwood—J. J. Hodges and J. M. Tanner.
- Astabula—J. W. Joyner.
- Altoona—W. P. Shelton, Wm. Rogers and D. Palmer.
- Pine Grove—J. R. A. Tucker and O. N. Williams.
- Oakland—J. A. Richardson.

Adjourned to 2:30 P. M.

Benediction by W. N. Chaudoin.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Convened at 2:30. Prayer by Bro. C. H. Nash.

The following church letters were read:

- Cross Prairie—T. E. Whaley and W. A. Thomas messengers.
- Umattilla—N. J. Trowell, S. J. Crow and Sister K. L. Tabor messengers.
- Oakland—J. A. Richardson messenger.

Permanently organized by electing the following officers by acclamation:

- Moderator—Rev. N. A. Bailey.
- Clerk—Rev. J. A. Richardson.
- Treasurer—W. A. Jelks.

Bro. Bailey accepted the honor conferred upon him in a

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REGISTER OF MINISTERS.

- N. A. BAILEY Orlando, Fla.
- W. B. DYE Kissimmee, Fla.
- *L. DRURY Marshall, Texas
- C. S. FARRIS Orlando, Fla.
- JOHN FINK Sanford, Fla.
- D. B. FARMER Astabula, Fla.
- W. T. GORDON Bloomfield, Fla.
- S. F. GOVE Longwood, Fla.
- R. E. LOVELL (Licentiate) Apopka, Fla.
- R. W. LAWTON Oviedo, Fla.
- J. G. McCASKEY Lakeland, Fla.
- D. PALMER Altoona, Fla.
- J. A. RICHARDSON Oakland, Fla.
- J. W. SAVAGE Chuluota, Fla.
- W. J. SEARS (Licentiate) Kissimmee, Fla.
- J. G. TAYLOR Kissimmee, Fla.
- O. N. WILLIAMS Chuluota, Fla.
- J. N. WOODALL (Licentiate) Kissimmee, Fla.
- PAUL WILLIS Sanford, Fla.
- G. M. T. WILSON Cason, Fla.

*NOTE—The Rev. Lucien Drury, formerly of Apopka, has accepted a position in a theological institution at Marshall, Texas.

saving thousands of dollars on the original cost of our house of worship in Havana.

Several of the pastors promised to take such collection. A favorable report of the special committee on the application of Pleasant Hill Church for admission was made, and the report was adopted. Whereupon, the Moderator cordially extended to the delegates the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the Association.

Pledges were made by the following churches through their representatives toward sustaining young ministers in the Stetson University, viz:

Orlando Church.....	\$10 00	Chuluota.....	\$10 00
Apopka Church.....	10 00	Geneva.....	10 00
Boggy Creek Church.....	5 00	Oviedo.....	15 00
Pleasant Hill Church.....	2 00	Lockwood.....	2 00
Longwood Church.....	5 00	Oakland.....	5 00

And the following brethren pledged as follows, viz:

W. B. Dye.....	\$ 5 00	C. A. Carson.....	\$ 5 00
J. R. A. Tucker (cash).....	1 00		

The invitation of the Orlando church to meet with them next year was unanimously accepted.

Adjourned to meet to-night after preaching.

In answer to the request of the Sanford church for the prayers of the Association in behalf of their beloved and highly-esteemed pastor (the Rev. Paul Willis), who is now sick, the Association closed with an earnest prayer, offered by Bro. T. J. Sparkman, for the recovery of Bro. Willis and for his continued usefulness.

FRIDAY NIGHT.

Rev. C. H. Nash preached from the text: "His name shall be called wonderful." After preaching, Bro. Nash, in appropriate language, presented the claims of the *Florida Baptist Witness*. He was followed by Bro. Bailey, who also presented strong reasons why Baptists should sustain the *Witness*. Although Bro. Chaudoin did not take the floor for the *Witness*, he did some good "scotching" for the other two speakers.

The Moderator then announced the following committees:

Finance—T. C. Darby, C. H. Tuxbury, A. Aulin.
Education—D. Palmer, J. Fink, J. T. Chapman.
Temperance—W. J. Sears, W. T. Shelton, H. G. Jamison.
Missions—R. W. Lawton, O. N. Williams, — Hancock.
Deceased Ministers and Deacons—Walter Gwynn, Isaac Powell, E. F. Driggers.

Periodicals—W. A. Jelks, E. H. Rice, W. C. Jacobs.
Sunday Schools—W. B. Dye, J. W. Joyner, J. R. A. Tucker.
Letters and Queries—A. Mosteller, E. L. Gatlin, Wm. Rogers.
State of the Churches—J. A. Richardson, W. T. Hansell, J. M. Tanner.

The Committee on Preaching reported that Rev. T. J. Sparkman will preach to-morrow at 11 A. M.

graceful and appropriate speech. The Clerk quietly received Bro. Carson's papers (and *penail*) and went to work. Bro. Jelks, not having as yet arrived, saved all his eloquence for another occasion.

Adopted present order of business. Application of Pleasant Hill Church for admission into the Association was received, and referred to a committee of two, consisting of D. Palmer and C. H. Tuxbury.

Appointing of standing committees was postponed till to-night.

Rev. C. H. Nash and Bro. John Cordera were received as correspondents from the Marion Association; and Rev. T. J. Sparkman from the Manatee Association. Rev. W. N. Chaudoin was received as correspondent from the Indian River Association and in his official capacity.

The following correspondents were appointed from this Association to other Associations, viz:

To Indian River—N. A. Bailey and Walter Gwynn.

To Manatee—Walter Gwynn, W. B. Dye and N. A. Bailey.

To Alachua—N. A. Bailey.

The following delegates were appointed to the State Convention, which is to convene at Kissimmee on 7th January, 1892:

D. Palmer, C. A. Carson, R. W. Lawton, E. L. Gatlin, J. A. Richardson, O. N. Williams and C. R. Pattison.

Rev. N. A. Bailey was elected delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention by acclamation; and Rev. W. B. Dye alternate by acclamation.

The report of standing committees was postponed for the present.

The pastor and deacons of the Kissimmee Church were appointed the Committee on Preaching.

Bro. W. N. Chaudoin asked the Committee on Preaching to consider the advisability of setting apart a certain hour for a sermon on the *Centennial Plan* of raising fund for missions.

Bro. W. B. Dye asked if standing committees had been appointed at the last session to report at this session? The Moderator decided that, if such committees had been appointed, they had been omitted in the report.

The Committee on Preaching made the following report:

Rev. C. H. Nash will preach to-night; and Rev. N. A. Bailey will preach the Centennial sermon in connection with the Missionary sermon, which he is to preach by previous appointment.

Bro. Chaudoin, at this juncture, addressed the Association in his usually felicitous manner upon the general work and duties of the churches. He closed by calling upon the pastors to take a special collection between this and December next as a thank offering toward paying an assessment of \$500 made upon the Baptists of this State in behalf of the Cuban mission, in order to liquidate our Cuban indebtedness at one payment, thereby

The Treasurer read the following report, which was adopted:

W. A. JELKS, TREASURER, in account with
Webco Baptist Association:

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Oct. 20—To amount received from Finance Committee.	\$ 79 12
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20—To collection for minutes (At Association held at Oviato, Fla.)	33 54
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Oct. 10—By amount turned over to N. A. Bailey for missions	\$ 76 29
1891.	
Jan. 3—By amount paid Paul Willis, Clerk's fee.	10 00
" 10—" P. W. Corr, printing minutes.	31 45
Oct. 2—By balance on hand.	2 72
	\$120 46 \$120 46
Oct. 2—To balance.	\$ 2 72

Oct. 2—To balance. \$ 2 72
 Adjourned to 9 A. M. to-morrow.
 Benediction by W. N. Chaudoin.

SATURDAY, Oct. 3, 1891.

Moderator read 113th Psalm. Prayer by Bro. Cordera.
 The minutes of the previous day were read and adopted.
 A vationary letter from the Longwood church, for admission into the Association, was read and favorably acted on, and the right hand of fellowship was extended to the delegates by the Moderator in behalf of the Association.
 The petition of Pine Grove church for admission as a member of the Association was also favorably considered, and the hand of fellowship extended to the messengers in behalf of the Association by Bro. Bailey. [This action gives the Association two Pine Grove churches.]

Rev. G. M. T. Wilson, of the Pasco Association, accepted a seat among us.

The report on Education was read by the chairman, Brother Palmer, and made the special order for 7:30 P. M.
 The report on Periodicals was read by Bro. W. A. Jelks and adopted, as follows:

- Your Committee on Periodicals beg leave to report as follows:
- I. We earnestly exhort the brethren to a faithful and frequent study of God's word. It is only by constantly feeding on the Word that we may expect to grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
 - II. We do most heartily recommend our State organ—*The Baptist Witness*. It is highly important to the success of said paper that the brethren support same by a liberal patronage.
 - III. We recommend that the brethren read more missionary literature. The spirit of missions is the spirit of Christ.
 - IV. To our Sunday Schools we commend the Convention (or *Kind Words*) series of Sunday School helps. As they are now published under the auspices of the Southern Baptist Convention, and as we are part and

parcel of said Convention, we deem it our duty to support its insinuations. Respectfully submitted,

W. A. JELKS,
 E. H. RICE,
 W. C. JACOBS.

The report on Missions was read by the chairman, R. W. Lawton; and, on motion to make it the special order for 3 P. M., Bro. C. H. Nash addressed the Association in reference to the advisability of appointing a central committee of live ministers or others, to work up an interest in missions between this and the next session of this body, by holding district meetings. The report was made the special order for to-morrow at 3 P. M.

The Committee on Preaching reported as follows for Sunday:
Presbyterian Church—Morning, D. Palmer; evening, John Fink.
Methodist Church—Morning, J. A. Richardson; evening, D. Palmer.
Baptist Church—Morning, N. A. Bailey; evening, R. W. Lawton.

The report on Sunday Schools was read by the chairman, W. B. Dye, and was discussed with animation by Brethren Dye, Fink and Lawton.

Pending the discussion, the hour for preaching having arrived, the further consideration of the question was postponed till after preaching, with Bro. Jelks on the floor.

Rev. T. J. Sparkman preached from Romans 5:21—"That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord."

After the sermon, the discussion of the report on Sunday Schools was resumed, and Bro. W. A. Jelks, who had the floor when the discussion was interrupted by the arrival of the hour for preaching, was called to the front, and spoke in his usual spirited and happy manner. He was followed with interesting addresses from D. Palmer and Walter Gwynn. After which the report was adopted, as follows:

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

In presenting this important topic before you for discussion, we wish to bring to your minds first—

The Church in her Relations to the Children for Proper Teaching.
 To teach is certainly no small part of the mission of Christ's church. He has put her in the world filled with ignorance—ignorant of Him, ignorant as respects the joys of holiness, ignorant of the blessings which attend righteous living, and says: "Ye are the light of the world"—i. e., possessed of superior spiritual illumination, and the ability to shine away this ignorance.

This obligation is heightened especially when invitations are constantly being made for instruction in the ways of truth. Now, every one who attends our Sunday schools make, by their attendance, urgent appeals for correct instruction, and the Church should meet the demand by furnishing such teaching. In this relation, also—meeting this demand—the Church becomes as "a city set upon an hill, which cannot be hid." Further, in meeting unto the children such instruction, *the aim should ever be* to influence all to become *partners* with us in religious work. A teaching which has no end in view is no teaching; a knowledge which has no practical utility is a practical curse; and a Sunday

The report of the Committee on State of the Churches was read and adopted, as follows:

Your Committee on the State of the Churches beg leave to make the following report: Letters from 20 churches have been received. Six churches have failed to respond either by messengers or letters, viz: Bloomfield, Cassia, Elizabeth, Enterprise, Fort, Bassenger and Midway. The reports, as a whole, are encouraging, but there is yet great room for spiritual improvement. There is needed more of that true missionary spirit which actuated our Savior while on earth; and which is the peculiar characteristic of His holy religion. Will not each church in the Wesiva Association resolve that from this time forth she will walk nearer in the footsteps of that blessed Pattern—the Lord and Savior of us all?

J. A. RICHARDSON,
J. M. TANNER,
W. T. HANSELL.

The Clerk, by a vote of the body, was allowed the usual fee for his services, and was authorized to have the usual number of the minutes printed, leaving it with him to make the best arrangement possible with the printer.

Under head of miscellaneous business, W. J. Sears introduced the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That we advise the churches composing this body to fellowship no member who will persist in patronizing bar-rooms, and who signs petitions for a license for a liquor saloon.

Adopted unanimously.

Bro. W. B. Dye offered the following:

Whereas some ministers are going about and baptizing persons who may make application to them, without approval from any church of such persons:

Resolved, That the promiscuous baptism of persons without the application of the candidate to some church for membership is to be deprecated as revolutionary and destructive of church authority.

Resolved, That we urge our churches to persistently refuse membership, to persons applying for the same, upon the certificate of baptism by such ministers.

Quite an animated discussion followed the introduction of this resolution, participated in by Brethren Nash, Wilson, Dye, Sparkman and Williams. The resolution was laid on the table.

Bro. W. J. Sears asked, "May sisters be appointed by the churches and received by the Association as delegates?" The Moderator replied: "There is nothing in the constitution to prevent any church from sending sisters as delegates."

The Committee on Queries and Letters was read by Bro. Mos-teller and adopted, as follows:

We, your Committee on Letters and Queries, beg leave to report. With pleasure we have listened to the reading of the letters from the churches. From their zealous and earnest tone, they have been blessed with success in the past, and have faith and courage to believe they will be blessed with success in the future.

One query has been submitted to this committee, asking how to increase the interest and efficiency of our monthly conferences.

A. J. MOSTELLER, Chairman,
J. L. GATLIN.

Respectfully submitted,

school which is divorced from Church—in which there is no recognition of Church, and through which the Church can form no partnerships for religious work with the young—is the greatest hinderer to her prosperity. We wish to be allowed to state here, that such relations as are indicated above insure the perpetuity of the Church in the community where such work is done. It is already a demonstrated fact that the best workers—the safest material, received into any Church—are those who are brought to Jesus in early life: first giving themselves to the Lord, and then to us for His sake.

These considerations lead us to ask you to think of the conspicuous absence of Sunday school children from the church services; and answer if such is not a crime? This absence is a fact which should give alarm, for it bespeaks ill for the Church, and hence for the State; and may mean, in the near future, extinguishing the light in the communities where children are taught that they have done well when they attend school and neglect the Church.

Who is to blame for this state of affairs? If children are absent from church service some one is in a grave error. Some one is doing harm, and forming characters which are destined to be church neglecters, church haters, and in the end despisers of all religious work, fearing not God neither regarding man. We will only suggest, in answer to the question, who is to blame, that several parties must share the consequences of this error. Sometimes the children, sometimes the parent, sometimes the teacher, sometimes the superintendent, sometimes the pastor, and perhaps quite of ten all these.

In closing this report, we would ask attention to the work of the Sunday school, under the heads of Possibilities, Necessities and Errors. In the work, it is possible to have close organization, by which all departments of work will be successfully operated and none clash. Again, we wish to emphasize the fact of the possibility of furnishing every attendant with the necessary helps and aids to a clear understanding of the lessons. For this the Bible must be chief, in the hand of every teacher and student; and, in connection and subordinate to this, the Library. Another possible outcome of such organization and literature is Salvation—the end of all work and the glory of all effort. The necessities, then, are important and need careful attention. Whatever of organization and literature, by which those who learn of Christ may love Him more and more, and be more like Him. To secure such ends, errors are to be avoided, among which we mention but two:

- 1. The Sunday school as a performance merely to entertain.
- 2. Deferring preparation until the morning of the session.

Adjourned to meet at 2:30 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met at 2:30 o'clock. Prayer by C. H. Tuxbury.

The report of the Committee on Finance was read by Andrew Aulin and adopted, as follows:

We, the Finance Committee, beg leave to report that we have collected—

For minutes.....	33 15
For missions.....	\$80 45

Respectfully submitted,

T. C. DARBY,
ANDREW AULIN,
C. H. TUXBURY.

Adjourned to 7:30 P. M. Prayer by Bro. A. J. Mosteller.

NIGHT SESSION.

Met at 7:30 o'clock. Prayer by R. W. Lawton.

The report on Education being the special order for this hour, was read and discussed by the following brethren: C. H. Nash, W. B. Dye, R. W. Lawton, D. Palmer and N. A. Bailey. Contributions were then called for, and Bro. J. W. Joyner contributed \$25. A basket collection was then taken up, the result of which was not reported to this scribe.

The report on Education was then adopted, as follows:

Your Committee on Education would beg leave to report that, as a progressive body, we recognize the power of education for the full development of our mental and spiritual life, and would cordially recommend to this Association that we give our full support to the Stetson University of DeLand.

D. PALMER,
J. T. CHAPMAN,
JOHN FINK.

SUNDAY, Oct. 4, 1891.

At 9 A. M., a Sunday school mass meeting was held at the Baptist church, conducted by Bro. C. A. Carson. Interesting addresses were made by Brethren Jelks, Rice, Nokes and Gwynn.

At 11 o'clock, Rev. N. A. Bailey preached at the Baptist church from the text—"All that the Father hath given Me shall come to Me, and him that cometh I will in no wise cast out."—John 6:37.

At the Methodist church, at 11 o'clock, Rev. J. A. Richardson preached from 1st text, "If" 1, "If" as in the mouth of Satan; 2, "If" as in the mouth of God; and 3, "If" as in the mouth of man.

At the Presbyterian church, at 11 o'clock, Rev. D. Palmer preached from John 19:30—"It is finished."

At 3 P. M. the Association met in session.

Prayer by Rev. D. Palmer.

The report on Missions being the special order for this hour, it was read by Rev. R. W. Lawton, and discussed by the following brethren: R. W. Lawton, Walter Gwynn, D. Palmer, N. A. Bailey, W. B. Dye and J. A. Richardson. A collection was taken at this time for the Oakland church, to aid that church in building a house of worship, amounting to \$16.60 in cash and pledges. The report on Missions was then adopted, as follows:

Your committee is pleased to report that missionary work and its results present many reasons for encouragement. This subject is broad, wide as the world, and vast as eternity. We are lost in contemplating its magnitude, and hardly know where to begin and where to stop. Still we can suggest that we should feel thankful for the many avenues God

has opened for us in this work, and will only call to mind some of those which have very strong claims upon us:

1. Our State missions.
2. Home missions, including the Indian missions and the great open door in Cuba.
3. Mexican work, where we have reason to believe the field is already whittening unto the glorious harvest. Nor should we forget our obligation to the Negro race within our borders. We owe them much, and this respect more than ever before.
4. When we attempt to look beyond the fields mentioned into the vast regions beyond—including China, Burmah, Japan and Africa—the spirit and strength of men only, despair and discouragement would overwhelm us. But when we look back at the twelve ordinary men first engaging in this work near the sea of Galilee—facing, as they did, a whole world of angry opponents, in the spirit and strength of Christ—and see what has been accomplished, we feel more than ever that we can well afford to leave results with Him who, in unmistakable language, has commanded us to go and teach all nations, and with that great command has coupled the promise of His sustaining and glorious presence forever.

In conclusion, we recommend that our churches give cordial co-operation to the movement for celebrating the centennial of Modern Missions; and that a committee of seven be appointed, whose duty it shall be to enlist the churches in this movement, by holding meetings for this purpose and circulating suitable literature.

Respectfully submitted,
R. W. LAWTON,
O. N. WILLIAMS,
— HANCOCK, } Committee.

In accordance with this report, a committee of seven was appointed by the Moderator, as follows: Walter Gwynn, W. A. Jelks, T. C. Darby, C. E. Carson, J. W. Joyner, C. R. Pattison, J. D. Beggs.

The Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons made the following report, which was read by the chairman, Walter Gwynn. After a few touching remarks by the chairman, it was adopted:

Your Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons, with thanks and praises to our merciful and loving Father, report that there was not a death of minister or deacon in the bounds of this Association during the past year.

But it has pleased Him to call from their humble homes below to their home in Heaven our beloved sisters, NOLAN and TUXBURY, whose gentle, loving lives of service in His work, and graceful examples of Christian fidelity and purity, have so cheered all who come under their influence. We must bow in meek submission to His gracious, loving will, and in tender sympathy bear the burdens and sorrows of their bereaved families, showing them that we, too, share their bereavement. We commend, in token of the sympathy of this Association with the bereaved families and churches of these beloved sisters, that a page of our minutes be inscribed, with their names and churches, and dates of departure.

WALTER GWYNN,
For Committee.

MISCELLANEOUS.

By Rev. R. W. Lawton—

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be extended to the friends who have cared for the messengers so hospitably and liberally during our

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18 session; to the transportation companies, for reduced rates; to the Moderator, for the able and impartial manner in which he has presided over our deliberations; and to our Secretary, for his faithfulness in making reports.

Adopted.

The Committee on Preaching made the following report to the Clerk:

At the next meeting of the Association, the Introductory sermon is to be preached by J. A. Richardson; alternate, R. W. Lawton.

Doctrinal sermon by W. B. Dye; no alternate.

No announcement was made as to the Missionary sermon, \$16.90.

Collection to-day at the Baptist church for missions—

Collection *some die*, and closed by singing—

Adjourned *some die*, and closed by singing—

"Blest be the tie that binds."

Benediction by Bro. Cordera, of Ocala, Fla.

AT NIGHT.

R. W. Lawton, who, at the previous session, had been appointed to preach the doctrinal sermon, preached at the Baptist church from the text: "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and to-day, and forever." Hebrews 13:8.

Bro. D. Palmer preached at the Methodist church from the text—"On this rock will I build my church," &c.

Inasmuch as the Association said nothing in reference to Friday before the first Sunday in October next. It is hereby so announced, and *Orlando is the place of meeting.*

N. A. BAILEY, Moderator.

J. A. RICHARDSON, Clerk.

PARTIAL SUMMARY.

At this session of the Association, three churches applied for membership and were admitted.

Fourteen Sabbath schools report 671 pupils; 430 volumes in library; and money raised, \$302 59.

Twenty churches report for associational purposes and missions (not including minutes), \$373 86.

Ten churches report the present value of their meeting houses, including furnishings, at \$12,600.

Five churches report the present value of the parsonages and other property at \$4,400.

Fourteen churches report their current expenses, including pastors' salaries, to be \$4,221 94. [Some of these churches did not include pastor's salary in their report, failing to report that item altogether.]

Twenty churches report an increase in membership of 138; and a decrease from death, exclusion and dismissed by letter of 68; leaving an increase of 70 members.

Twenty churches report a present membership of 978.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth."

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints."

IN MEMORIAM.

Sister LIDA NOLAN (wife of Judge G. M. Nolan), member of the First Baptist church, Sanford, Fla. Diad August 13, 1891.

Sister ABBIE TUXBURY (wife of C. H. Tuxbury), member of Boggy Creek church, near McKinnon, Fla. Died Aug. 26, 1891.

"He giveth his beloved sleep."

"Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors."

STATISTICAL TABLE NO. 3-CONTRIBUTIONS

CHURCHES	Minutes		Associational Purposes		B'e W'k		State		Home		Foreign		Sent Now to Association	
	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35
Altoona	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35
Apopka	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35
Astabula	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35
Boggy Creek	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35
Bloomfield	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35
Cassia	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35
Cross Prairie	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35
Chuluota	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35
Elizabeth	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35
Enterprise	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35
Ft. Bassenger	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35
Geneva	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35
Kissimmee	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35
Lockwood	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35
Longwood	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35
Midway	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35
Oakland	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35
Ocoee	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35
Oviedo	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35
Orlando	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35
Pine Castle	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35
Pine Grove	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35
Pine Grove of Orange County	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35
Sanford	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35
Umatilla	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35
Totals	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35	15	35

This report was forwarded by mail to the Clerk after the minutes had been compiled. From a church that specified a certain sum for Minutes and Associational Purposes, continued, will find that sum, in this report, equally divided between these two items. The Finance Committee, in their report, are in advance of this Secretary in this regard, as to the amount collected for both "Minutes" and "Minutes." This is doubtless due to the fact that they collected moneys not mentioned in the church letters, from which this report is made up.

STATISTICAL TABLE NO. 1.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	MESSENGERS.	Number last year.	RECEIVED.		Dismissed		Increase	Decrease	Number this year
					Baptism	Letter	Death	Excl'n			
Altoona	D. Palmer	J. R. Eubanks	W. T. Shelton, Wm. Rogers, D. Palmer.	82	2	1	2	4	80	100	
Apopka	No pastor.	P. D. Shepherd	J. T. Chapman, T. C. Darby, S. P. Shepherd	94	2	4	1	9	24	45	
Astabula	D. B. Palmer.	A. N. Sibley.	J. W. Joyner.	25	1	3	2	14	28	28	
Boggy Creek	J. G. McCaskey	C. H. Tuxbury	C. H. Tuxbury, H. G. Jamison.	33	10	1	1	1	36	36	
Bloomfield	No report.			29			2	1	2	25	
Cassia	J. G. Taylor,	C. W. Deeson	T. E. Whaley, W. A. Thomas.	31	1			1	2	180	
Cross Prairie	R. W. Lawton.	Chas. Phillips	W. C. Jacobs.							20	
Chuluota	No report.									15	
Elizabeth										17	
Enterprise										59	
Ft. Bassenger	R. W. Lawton.	J. U. Lenard	J. D. Hart, S. M. Cochran.	29	1		4	1	34	101	
Geneva	W. B. Dye.	F. M. Swanson	W. J. Sears, E. P. Tebeau, W. B. Dye.	101	15	19	4	1	4	11	
Kissimmee	O. N. Williams	J. M. Tanner	J. J. Hodges, J. M. Tanner.	16	3	1				15	
Lockwood	John Fink.	J. L. Liebert	E. F. Driggers, C. E. Barnhart.				5		6	17	
Longwood	No report.			14	2	4	3		1	59	
Midway	J. A. Richardson	W. B. Rush	J. A. Richardson.	19	1		6		6	101	
Oakland	R. J. Bigelow	R. W. Lawton, W. A. Jelks, A. Aulin.		65			2	11	18	13	
Ocoee	J. M. Jones	N. A. Bailey, E. H. Rice, A. J. Mosteller.		97	7	9	18			11	
Oviedo	C. F. Farris.	E. H. Rice	W. M. Hansell, Isaac Powell.	10	6	3			13	11	
Orlando	G. M. T. Wilson	W. M. Hansell	C. S. Acue, Samuel Clark.	6	4	3			20	91	
Pine Castle	J. G. Taylor.	Sam'l Clark	W. L. Yates, M. D. Tindall, G. W. Tindall.	76	3	1	1	4	6	108	
Pine Grove	"	M. D. Tindall	W. Gwynn, John Fink, I. E. Kauffman.	119	1	4	1	9	6	26	
Sanford	Paul Willis.	E. F. Barnes	N. J. Trow, S. J. Crow, K. L. Tabor.	34			2			978	
Umatilla	D. Palmer.	M. A. Bayless	J. R. A. Tucker, O. N. Williams.								
Pine Grove of Orange County	O. N. Williams	J. H. Tucker		854	67	69	13	21	51	13	7

* Admitted this year. † Admitted this year and is located in Osceola county. NOTE.—There is some mystery as to the report of Pine Castle church. The total increase reported is equal to the total membership reported present, and yet no dismissals are reported.

STATISTICAL TABLE NO. 4—EXPENDITURES.

Churches.	Current expenses, including pastor's salary.	Unusual Repairs & Buildings.	Poor and Home Charities.	Other Purposes.	Total.
Altoona	\$140 10	\$40 00		\$15 20	\$195 30
Apopka	330 00				350 00
Astabula	70 00				70 00
Boggy Creek	75 00				75 00
Cassia*	26 17				26 17
Bloomfield*	60 00	40 00			100 00
Cross Prairie	1058 81				1058 81
Geneva*	31 58				31 58
Kissimmee	20 71				20 71
Lockwood	330 00				330 00
Longwood*	877 00	\$13 45			890 45
Midway*	10 07				10 07
Oakland*	1151 65	330 00			1481 65
Ocoee*	20 85				20 85
Oviedo*					
Pine Castle*					
Pine Grove, Orange county	\$2231 04	410 00	\$13 45	\$15 20	\$4660 59

* Pastor's salary is not included in this item.

Note. Quite a number of the churches make no report at all on "Expenditures," "Contributions," "Sunday Schools," &c. If all the churches would make full reports upon all the subjects indicated in the blanks for church letters to the Association, they would contribute materially toward supplying much needed information.

Pine Grove of Orange sent their report in too late to appear in its proper place in this table.

STATISTICAL REPORT NO. 2—SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	POST OFFICES.	No. of churches.	No. of pupils.	No. of teachers.	No. of baptisms.	No. of converts.	MONEY RAISED.		
								Expenses.	Missi's and Benevolence.	Total Amt.
Altoona	J. W. Hays	Altoona	6	40				\$ 21 58	\$ 7 00	\$ 28 58
Apopka	T. C. Darby	Apopka	10	60						
Astabula	H. M. Barclay	Astabula	4	11				3 20		3 20
Boggy Creek	C. H. Tuxbury	McKinnon	5	47		65		8 32	10 00	18 32
Cassia*										
Bloomfield*										
Cross Prairie	T. E. Whaley	Kissimmee	4	20				5 00		5 00
Chuluota	W. C. Jacobs	Chuluota	8	54				17 38		17 38
Elizabeth*										
Enterprise*										
Ft. Bassenger*										
Geneva*										
Kissimmee	C. A. Carson	Kissimmee	8	100				50 00		50 00
Lockwood	J. J. Hodges	Chuluota	6	45				4 00		4 00
Longwood*										
Midway*										
Oakland*	J. W. F. Bray	Oakland	6	36				5 00		5 00
Ocoee*										
Oviedo*	W. A. Jelks	Oviedo								
Orlando	E. H. Rice	Orlando	6	75		100		100 00	10 00	110 00
Pine Castle*										
Pleasant Hill	Samuel Clark	Kissimmee	2	31		35				
Pine Grove, Osceola county	Fred Mackintosh	Kissimmee	4	30		30		3 00		3 00
Sanford	E. F. Barnes	Sanford	13	97		300		49 70	4 91	54 61
Umatilla	J. L. Grier	Umatilla							1 50	1 50
Pine Grove, Orange county	L. Hodges	Chuluota	3	25				2 00		2 00
			85	671		430		\$265 18	\$33 41	\$302 59

*Unfortunately, no report of this school. It is to be hoped that the different churches will make, at each Association, a full report of their school, as this is a most important work.

STATISTICAL TABLE NO. 5.
The Organization of the Churches; and their Property Values.

CHURCHES.	WHEN ORGANIZED	Present Value Meeting House, including and other furnishings	Present Value Parsonage and other Property.	Total.
Altoona.....	July 31, 1884	\$ 1200 00	.....	\$ 1200 00
Apopka.....	.....	1200 00	.....	1200 00
Boggy Creek.....	Sept. 10, 1881	.....	.....	.....
Chuluota.....	Jan. 9, 1875	850 00	\$ 150 00	1000 00
Geneva.....	In 1875.....	300 00	300 00	600 00
Kissimmee.....	In 1882.....	2000 00	800 00	2800 00
Lockwood.....	Dec. 9, 1888	150 00	.....	150 00
Longwood.....	May 31, 1891	.....	.....	.....
Oakland.....	January 1887	No house.	.....	.....
Ocoee.....	Aug. 26, 1888	.....	.....	.....
Oviedo.....	.....	3000 00	.....	3000 00
Orlando.....	Mar. 5, 1871	1200 00	3000 00	4200 00
Pine Castle.....	June 1891.....	.....	.....	.....
Pleasant Hill.....	April 22.....	.....	.....	.....
Pine Grove of Osceola.....	Aug. 23.....	2550 00	.....	2550 00
Sanford.....	In 1884.....	150 00	150 00	300 00
Pine Grove of Orange.....	Aug. 22, 1874	.....	.....	.....
		\$12600 00	\$ 4400 00	\$17000 00

REMARKS.—The remaining churches of the Association failed to make any report under this head. Longwood, after a state of disorganization, was reorganized last May, and admitted into this Association. Both Pleasant Hill and Pine Grove of Osceola failed to give the year in which they were organized.