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ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Reading Letters from Churches.
3. Election of Officers.
4. Call for Petitionary Letters.
5. Invite Visitors to Seats.
6. Election of Delegates to State and S B. Conventions.
7. Appointment of Standing Committees.
8. Appointment of Correspondents.
9. Report of Standing Committees.
10. Arrange for Printing Minutes.
11. Treasurers Report.
12. Miscellaneous Business.

LIST OF MINISTERS.

T. J. Bell.....	Kissimmee.
D. Blount.....	Altoona.
W. J. Bolin.....	Orlando.
J. H. Crosby.....	Clearmont.
C. S. Farriss	DeLand.
L. D. Geiger.....	Apopka.
R. W. Lawton.....	Oviedo.
R. E. Lovell.....	Apopka.
J. C. Masee.....	Kissimmee.
John McKinney.....	DeLand.
D. Palmer.....	Altoona.
J. A. Richardson	Winter Garden.
J. W. Savage.....	Christenas.
W. J. Sears.....	Kissimmee.
O. N. Williams.....	Christenas.
J. N. Woodall.....	Kissimmee.

MINUTES.

The Wekiva Association of Baptist Churches convened at Apopka, Fla., with the Apopka Baptist Church Friday morning, October 4, 1895. Devotional exercises consisting of several songs, prayers, and Scripture reading were conducted by W. J. Bolin of Orlando.

Rev. B. M. Bean of Whitney preached a most excellent introductory sermon from Ps. 40: 1-3.

Adjourned to 1:30 p. m. Benediction by Rev. L. D. Geiger.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Called to order by Moderator, Rev. R. W. Lawton. Prayer by Rev. T. J. Bell. Letters from the churches were called for. The chair appointed Rev. L. D. Geiger and Rev. J. C. Masee to read the letters. Letters from twenty six churches were read and Messengers enrolled as follows:

Altoona—R. H. Huntly, Sid Brantly.
 Apopka—L. D. Geiger, A. J. Lovell, A. Fenny.
 Astatula—J. W. Joyner.
 Boggy-Creek—Charles Whilden, John Tindell.
 Cassia—J. P. Owens, C. C. Myers, G. C. Davis.
 Clearmont—By Letter.
 Cross Prairie—By Letter.
 Chuluota—By Letter.
 DeLand—Miss J. L. Spalding.
 Kissimmee—J. C. Masee, W. J. Sears, W. B. Hinton,
 T. J. Bell, J. S. Oliver, G. B. Woodall, C. A. Carson.
 Lake Ella—By Letter.
 Lockwood—H. W. Farmer.
 Monte Verde—R. W. Johnson, F. T. Kendrick.
 Monte Vista—Geo L. Stevens.

Mt. Dora—John Swanson, T. D. Bostick
 Oakland—W. B. Rush, J. A. Richardson.
 Ocoee—Solomon Seegar, T. J. Sanders, Chas. Richards.
 Orlando—James DeLaney, M. F. Barksdale, A. J.
 Mosteller, M. J. Hull, J. W. Cain, W. J. Bolin.

Oviedo—R. W. Lawton.

Pine Castle—A. F. Hansell.

Pine Grove—J. R. A. Tucker,

Pleasant Hill—By Letter.

Plymouth—J. T. Chapman, H. E. Smith, J. E. Turner.

Sanford—By Letter.

Muotilla—D. Palmer, T. Lee, W. A. Smith.

West Apopka—C. A. Kendrick, M. M. Stewart.

Upon motion Rev. R. W. Lawton was unanimously re-elected Moderator, W. J. Bolin was elected Secretary and Treasurer.

Petitionary letters were called for and Mt. Dora and Monte Vista Churches responded. Their letters were read and the Churches were received into the Association in due form and their Messengers enrolled.

At the suggestion of the Moderator special prayer of gratitude let by Rev. L. D. Geiger was made.

Upon motion adopted old order of business.

Moved and carried that the Baptist Ministers Relief Association be added to the list of Standing Committees, It was agreed that the hours for meeting be as follows:

Meet at 9 a. m. adjourn at 12 m. Meet at 1:30 p. m. adjourn at 4:30 p. m. Meet at 7:30 p. m. adjourn at pleasure.

Invitation to visiting Brethren, accepted by Rev. B. A. Geiger of the Indian River Association. Rev. E. H. Reynolds, Sr., Alachua Association and Historical Secretary of State Convention, Rev. B. M. Bean of the Alachua Association.

Upon motion the following named Brethren were chosen to represent the Association in our State Convention. Revs. L. D. Geiger, R. W. Lawton, J. C. Masee,

W. B. Hinton, T. J. Bell, James DeLaney, Walter Gwynn, W. J. Bolin.

Rev. J. C. Masee was elected delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, with L. D. Geiger Alternate Upon motion by Bro. J. C. Masee, Article 6 of the Constitution so amended as to read, "Every Church in this Association shall be entitled to three delegates and an additional delegate for every fifty members or major fraction thereof, etc."

Upon motion by L. D. Geiger, Article 5 of the Constitution so amended as to preclude all reference to colored members (which see.)

With permission from the chair Rev. E. H. Reynolds addressed the body on his work as Historical Secretary. L. D. Geiger followed with remarks on the same line.

Upon motion a collection amounting to \$5.08 was taken for this work.

Delayed letters from Altoona, Cassia, Muatilla, Oakland and Lake Ella Churches were received at this point and their messengers enrolled.

The Treasurer offered his report as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT,

W. J. Bolin in account with the Wekiva Association.

DR.		
Oct. 6, 1894	To mission fund.....	\$ 29.17
" " "	To printing fund.....	47.91
" 7, "	Collections for missions.....	10.08
Total.....		<u>\$87.16</u>

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Oct. 9, 1894.	By Am't. sent W. N. Chaudion.....	\$ 39.00
" 22, "	By Printer's Bill.....	31.50
" " "	By Express.....	1.00
" " "	By Postage.....	3.60
" " "	By Clerk Fee.....	10.00
Total.....		<u>\$85.10</u>
To Balance.....		\$ 2.06
Total.....		<u>\$87.16</u>

Respectfully,

W. J. BOLIN.

The report was adopted.

The order of business was suspended and the Clerk was instructed to have the usual number of copies of the minutes printed and retain the usual fee for his services. Upon motion fixing time and place of next meeting of the Association was referred to Committee on Nominations.

The chair announced Pastor L. D. Geiger and the Messengers from the Apopka Church, the Committee on Divine Service.

Rev. L. D. Geiger cordially welcomed the Association to the homes of the Apopka people. Moderator Lawton responded on behalf of the Association.

Committee on Divine Service reported Rev. J. C. Massee to preach Friday evening at 7:30.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. D. Palmer.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION.

After Devotional Exercises conducted by Rev. D. Palmer, Rev. J. C. Massee of Kissimmee preached a good sermon from Job. 38: 31.

Moderator Lawton took the chair and announced the Standing Committees as follows:

Education—J. C. Massee, C. A. Kendrick, M. J. Hull.
Finance—J. T. Chapman, A. Tenney, A. J. Mosteller,
W. J. Sears.

Temperance—T. J. Bell, S. Seegar, R. W. Johnson.
Missions—W. J. Sears, H. E. Smith, H. W. Tanner.
Religious Literature—W. B. Hinton, A. J. Mosteller,
F. T. Kendrick.

Letters and Queries—D. Palmer, A. J. Lovell, M. F. Borksedale.

State of the Churches—H. E. Smith, A. F. Hansell,
Charles Whilden.

Sunday Schools—M. J. Hull, R. H. Huntly, Sid Brantly.

Deceased Ministers and Deacons—J. S. Oliver. J. W. Joyner, W. B. Rush.

Nominations—J. C. Massee, J. P. Owens, J. T. Chapman.

B. M. R. A.—L. D. Geiger. C. A. Kendrick, T. J. Sanders.

Woman's Work—W. J. Bolin, L. D. Geiger, H. F. Smith.

Committee on Divine Services reported Rev. D. Palmer to preach a Doctrinal Sermon at 11 a. m. Saturday.

Upon motion the list of Standing Committees so amended as to include Woman's Work (see list).

On permission from the chair Rev. L. D. Geiger explained the work of the Baptist Minister's Relief Association and secured fourteen new members.

Upon motion adjourned Benediction by W. J. Bolin.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

Call to order by Moderator. Prayer by Dr. W. J. Sears. Minutes of preceding day read and approved. The chair renewed the invitation to visiting brethren, also the call for Petitionary Letters and delayed letters.

Called for reports from Standing Committees. The Committee on Religious Literature made report as follows:

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

While we realize that the Bible is sufficient of itself for all our spiritual needs, we, nevertheless recognize the value of auxiliary religious publications, and give our endorsement first of all to our own State organ, the Florida Baptist Witness, and in the second place would mention the invaluable aid and general edification to be derived from reading those other great exponents of Baptist principles, the Christian Index of Georgia and the Western Recorder of Kentucky. Nor do we in this connection forget the importance of a few of our best books, but believe that every Church and Sunday School might be

strengthened by the possession of a library of greater or less magnitude.

- W. B. HINTON.
- A. J. MOSTELLER.
- F. T. KENDRICK.

Moved and seconded to adopt the report. The following amendment to the report was offered and adopted: "That we heartily endorse and cheerfully recommend to our Churches the Convention Series of Sunday School Lesson Helps and also the consolidated Mission Journal." The report as amended, after discussion by W. B. Hinton and L. D. Geiger, was adopted. A motion prevailed to make the Witness a special order after the evening sermon.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

- To preach Introductory Sermon—R. W. Lawton.
- To preach Doctrinal Sermon—L. D. Geiger.
- To preach Missionary Sermon—John McKinney.
- The next annual meeting of the Association to convene with the Kissimmee Church on Friday before the second Sunday in November 1896.

- J. C. MASSEE,
- G. B. WOODALL,
- J. P. OWENS,
- J. T. CHAPMAN.

It was moved to adopt the report pending which a motion to amend the report by striking out Doctrinal and Missionary Sermons, prevailed.

Motion to further amend by substituting Tuesday for Friday, etc. Discussed by Brethren Lawton, Palmer and Geiger.

A motion to amend the amendment by substituting "Friday before the first Sunday in October" prevailed and the report as thus amended was adopted.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

When the Lord would create a help meet for man He did not take a bone from man's head that woman should rule over him or from his foot that man should trample

upon her, but from his side that woman should be man's equal. It was reserved for Christianity to show the world the significance of the allegory. Wherever the religion of Jesus has gone woman has, slowly true, but, surely taken her rightful place by man's side, helping him in life's struggles. During this century especially have the quickening influences of the Holy Spirit been felt and recognized by the Churches until a mighty work, under God, is being accomplished by our women.

We make no invidious distinctions between classes in our Churches when we report specially on "Woman's Work." Apart from the usual work in the home, Church and social circles our women are attempting special work in associated capacity known as the Women's Missionary Union. Along this line the following facts have been furnished your committee by our much loved State Secretary of the Central Committee.

A year ago we organized an Associational Union for the Wekiva Association. There are in the Association nine Church Societies and five Mission Bands. These have for their aims the study of God's word, prayer for the Holy Spirit's help, contributions for the spread of the Gospel in all lands.

The present condition of this work is very encouraging. There is a growing demand for information never before so large and earnest. More attention is being paid to the instruction of our young people than heretofore.

It is the fond hope of our women that they may, by their own contributions, be able to support our Women Missionaries. Your committee would urge the Pastors of our Churches to sympathize with and help our women in this special work by holding Missionary Prayer-meetings public Missionary meetings, especially children's meetings and by seeing that as many as possible read the Mission Journal of the Southern Baptist Convention

- W. J. BOLIN,
- L. D. GEIGER,
- H. E. SMITH.

Upon motion to adopt the report was discussed by W. J. Bolin. Report was adopted. Delayed letters from Sanford, Pine Grove, Pleasant Hill, Cross Prairie Churches received and their Messengers enrolled.

Rev. D Palmer preached an excellent sermon from I Cor. 3: 11. Adjourned. Benediction by Rev. R. W. Lawton.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Called to order by Moderator Lawton. Prayer by Dr. W. B. Hinton.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

There seems to be manifested a degree of indifference towards missions by too many of our people; and your committee can only say it is with sad hearts that we so report.

The call and cry for help still comes up before us and as Churches and individuals the appeal is strong and we ought to hear and give according as we have been blessed.

Our duty to help at home is urgent and necessary, yet we must not be neglectful of our duty to Foreign Missions.

W. J. SEARS,
H. E. SMITH,
H. W. TANNER.

Upon motion to adopt the report was spoken to by Brethren Sears, Bell Geiger, Palmer, Lawton, Bean, Hull, Carson, Shepherd, Smith, etc. Report adopted.

REPORT ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

God in His Mercy has been good to us as a body and has not removed by death any minister from among us; for which we are grateful and thank our Heavenly Father.

It is with sadness that we report the death of our Brother Deacon, David Mosteller, of the First Baptist Church of Orlando. He died December 27, 1894.

man of sterling worth, though quite and unassuming yet his Christian life was one filled with service for the Master. He lived a life of consecration, enjoying the confidence and esteem of his brethren. He died in the 78 year of his life.

In addition to this report we would state that while at his death Rev. W. B. Dye was a member of another Association, yet because of his former close connection with the deliberations of this body we would specially mention his death. In Bro Dye we had an able consecrated, intelligent minister of the Gospel whose work within our bounds stands as a monument to his memory. We extend to Sister Dye, our Christian sympathy and recommend that a page in these minutes be dedicated to his memory.

J. S. OLIVER,
J. W. JOYNER,
W. B. RUSH.

The report was adopted

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Of the twenty six Churches reporting to the Association this year but seven fail to report Sunday Schools in operation. Showing conclusively that our Churches are alive to the importance of this department of our Master's service. The nineteen reports submitted indicate a membership of 1076—134 officers and teachers and 942 pupils. Also that \$358.11 have been collected and disbursed for current expenses; and \$101.74 contributed to church benevolence. There are 963 volumes in the various libraries exclusive of Bibles and Testaments. In this connection we desire to emphasize very strongly the recommendation of your committee of last year commending the literature of our own Sunday School Board as being equal to any helps published and especially adapted to our needs. We urge upon the Brethren of those Churches which have not yet organized Sunday Schools the propriety of doing so at once, and upon every member of this Association the im-

portance of the Sunday School work in the prosecution of the great work committed to the Churches.

M. J. HULL,
ROBT. HUNTLY.

Upon motion to adopt the report was discussed by Brethren Hull and Barksdale and others. The report was adopted.

A motion prevailed to limit all speeches hereafter to five minutes each.

The Committee on Finance submitted the following:

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Received for Associational purposes	\$ 37 07
Received for Missions.....	25 49
Total.....	<u>\$62 56.</u>

J. T. CHAPMAN,
A FENNY,
A. J. MOSTELLER,
W. J. SEARS.

The report was adopted.

A motion prevailed to divide Sundays collection equally between the Home and Foreign Mission Boards.

REPORT ON STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

We are glad to state that a careful examination of the Church letters shows the churches generally in a healthy condition. We note with joy the growth of many of our Churches in numbers. That the Lord has been with us is evidenced by the number of Baptisms recorded—126 being the number thus received. We have been impressed with the fact that where a Woman's Missionary Society exists there the contributions have been greatly increased. There has been as much money given to Mission work as this Association ought to give—~~wr~~ are backward

in this direction. May God show us all our duty in, this respect is the prayer of your committee.

H. E. SMITH,
A. P. HANSELL
CHAS WHILDON.

The report was adopted as read.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We believe it to be the duty of every Church member to investigate the question of Temperance from the Gospel stand-point and govern themselves accordingly.

T. J. BELL,
S. SEEGAR,
R W. JOHNSON.

Discussion deferred to the evening session. Committee on Divine Service reported Rev. B. A. Geiger to preach Saturday evening. Motion to adjourn. Prayer by Bro. Hinton.

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION.

Called to order by singing. Rev. B. A. Geiger of Titusville preached, using Gal. 3: 10 as a text.

The Moderator announced the Baptist Witness as the special order. Discussed by Rev. J. C. Porter, and a hat collection amounting to \$2.73 was taken

The report on Temperance was again read and spoken to by T. J. Bell. The report was adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

We would impress the great importance of Christian Education. Our children must ere long take our places in the church and nation. Too great importance cannot be attached to the preparation they shall receive at our hands. We therefore commend most heartily the very praise-worthy efforts that are being made by some of our wisest and most consecrated brethren to advance the educational interest of our State. We would bespeak the

hearty sympathy and co-operation of our people with those Institutions that are doing so much to bless our land. Special mention should be made of the Southern Theological Seminary and Stetson University. Both these institutions should receive our material assistance.

But while we encourage the maintenance of school public and Denominational let us not forget that no teacher can take the place of the parent in the home. Every home should be a nursery of virtue and a school of ethics. God holds each parent responsible for the education of his own child. For the glory of God and the good of our nation, let us see to it that our educational interests do not lag.

J. C. MASSEE,
C. A. KENDRICK,
M. J. HULL,

Pending motion to adopt, the report was discussed by J. C. Massee and B. A. Geiger. Report adopted.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Resolved, That the most hearty thanks of this body be and are hereby tendered the Baptists of Apopka and their friends for the cheerful and bounteous hospitality shown us while in their midst.

Also our thanks are due the Railroads in our bounds for courtesies extended us.

The Resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

THE WOMEN.

Whereas, we would put ourselves on record as acknowledging the importance of Woman's Work, and Whereas, we deem it important that our Sisters attend every Session of our Annual Association.

Whereas, they have not the necessary time for their meetings as now arranged, therefore

Resolved, That this Association recommend that our Sisters hold, when, where and as long as they choose a

regular Annual Convention composed of delegates from existing Societies and Sisters sent from Churches where societies do not exist.

This resolution offered by L. D. Geiger, pending motion to adopt was discussed by L. D. Geiger and W. J. Bolin, when a motion that the resolution be laid on the table and the question referred to women prevailed

Committee on Divine Service reported services for Sunday as follows:

Sunday School Mass Meeting 10 a. m., Missionary Sermon by W. J. Bolin in the Baptist Church 11 a. m., Sermon by J. C. Massee at the Methodist Church at the same hour.

The minutes of the Association were read and approved and the meeting adjourned with prayer by Rev. D. Palmer

SUNDAY'S EXERCISES.

By 10 o'clock Sunday morning a packed house had gathered for the Mass Meeting of Sunday School Workers led by C. A. Carson of Kissimmee. For 45 minutes a very spirited meeting was held participated in by a number of earnest speakers.

At 11 o'clock W. J. Bolin of Orlando preached the Missionary Sermon from Rev. 3:8 "Behold I set before thee an open door," and a collection of \$26.60 was taken. Rev. J. C. Massee preached at the same hour to a full house at the Methodist Church. In the afternoon Rev. T. J. Bell preached in the Baptist Church and at night there was preaching by Rev. J. C. Porter. So closed the twenty-sixth annual session of the "Wekiva Baptist Association." Adjourned to meet at Kissimmee Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1896.

W. J. BOLIN, Clerk.
R. W. LAWTON, Moderator.

1895 minutes
of Wekuwa Assn

STATISTICAL TABLE NO. II.

CHURCHES.	WHEN ORGANIZED.	Value of Property	Home Expense Including Pastors Salary	CONTRIBUTIONS										MISSION BANDS		
				Missions	Education	Printing Minutes	Miscellaneous	Total	WOMEN'S SOCIETIES.				State	Home	Foreign	
									State	Home	Foreign	Total				
Altoona	July 31, 1884	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 380.24	\$4.20	\$2.55	\$2.50	\$55.67	\$66.07	\$5.50	\$34.13	\$26.25	\$4.00	\$64.28			
Apopka	1880	1,200.00	44.50	7.90	1.00	1.85	9.02									
Astatula	Dec. 28, 1884	75.00	65.00	6.17	2.00	2.00	3.10									
Boggy Creek	Sept. 10, 1881	600.00	119.43	32.00	1.50	1.50	1.50									
Cassia	May 1887	200.00	119.43	32.00	1.50	1.50	1.50									
Clermont	January 1886	1,000.00	74.00		1.50	1.50	1.50									
Chuluota	1875	1,000.00	15.00		5.00	5.00	5.00									
Cross Prarie	Feby. 22, 1885	16,000.00	1,282.26	238.72	27.19	10.00	275.91							10.43	3.15	13.58
DeLand	1882	3813.36	906.43	111.25		5.00	407.35									
Kissimmee	1882						67.00									
Lake Ella	Feby. 24, 1894	150.00	33.37		1.25	1.25	1.25									
Lockwood	Nov. 25, 1888				2.85	5.00	3.32									
Monte Verde	1877				1.00	1.00	1.00									
Monte Vista	Nov. 11, 1894	40.50	41.60	14.28	5.00	5.00	5.00									
Mt. Dora	June 5, 1895	1,000.00	100.00	9.00	1.00	1.00	1.00									
Oakland	1887				3.40	5.00	3.44									
Ocoee	Aug. 26, 1888	3,000.00	1,000.00	26.25	2.00	19.89	48.13							23.91	62.31	11.50
Orlando	Mch. 21, 1871	3,000.00	117.31	19.00	2.00	2.00	21.00									
Oviedo	1868		120.00	3.50	2.00	2.00	5.50									
Pine Castle	Aug. 6, 1887	150.00	65.00		1.30	3.50	4.80									
Pine Grove	August 1874		28.50	46			26.50									
Pleasant Hill	April 22, 1891	2,000.00	280.00	25.00	1.50	5.00	26.50									
Plymouth	Mch. 12, 1893	3,000.00	700.00	14.01	5.00	180.00	199.01									
Sanford	Feby. 3, 1884	2,000.00	18.77	2.37	1.25	7.00	10.62									
Umatilla		2,000.00	50.00	4.00	5.00	5.00	4.50									
West Apopka																
Total		\$36,428.86	\$5,341.41	\$525.47	\$27.19	\$47.52	\$919.05	\$1,319.32	\$107.44	\$219.12	\$68.57	\$485.58	\$10.43	\$3.15	\$14.65	\$28.23

* Miscellaneous—Includes Repairs, Poor and Home Charities, &c.

SACRED
TO THE MEMORY

—OF—

REV. W. B. DYE.

“Servant of God, well done;
Rest from thy loved employ;
The Battle fought, the victory won,
Enter thy Master's joy.”

LIST OF CLERKS.

CHURCHES.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE.
Altoona	J. R. Eubank	Altoona
Apopka	P. D. Shepherd	Apopka
Astatula	Frank Cobb	Astatula
Boggy Creek	W. M. Nettles	Kissimmee
Bassinger	J. C. Morgan	Bassinger
Cassia	L. J. Owens	Cassia
Clermont	J. A. Winslow	Clermont
Cross Prarie	C. W. Deeson	St. Cloud
Chuluota	O. N. Larson	Oviedo
DeLand	A. J. Rogers	DeLand
Elizabeth	H. S. Hancock	Narcoossee
Geneva	W. P. Lassiter	Buda
Kissimmee	E. Z. Beggs	Kissimmee
Lake Ella	S. B. Carter	Umatilla
Lockwood	J. M. Tanner	Chuluota
Longwood		
Monte Verde	R. W. Johnson	Monte Verde
Monte Vista	Ethel M. Bell	Monte Vista
Mt. Dora	T. D. Bostick	Mt. Dora
Oakland	W. B. Rush	Oakland
Ocoee	R. W. Kelly	Ocoee
Orlando	A. J. Mosteller	Orlando
Oviedo	J. M. Jones	Oviedo
Pine Castle	J. M. Hansel	Pine Castle
Pine Grove	C. M. Tucker	Christmas
Pleasant Hill	C. S. Acree	Kissimmee
Plymouth	H. E. Smith	Plymouth
Sanford	S. J. Bell	Sanford
Toronto	J. M. Shepherd	Toronto
Umatilla	J. N. Epps	Umatilla
West Apopka	M. M. Stewart	West Apopka

STATISTICAL TABLE NO. I.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	No. Last Year.	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.					Increased.	Decreased.	Present No.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS.						
			RECEIVED.		DISMISSED.						No. Officers	No. Pupils	Total	Vol. in Library	Expenses	Missions	Total
			Baptism	Letter	Restoration	Letter	Exclusion										
Altoona	Rev. D. Palmer	122	2	1	1	1	2	3	2	120	6	34	40	40	\$18.60		\$
Apopka	" L. D. Geiger	99	25	5	1		4	1	26	125	8	50	58		28.00	9.00	37.00
Astatula	" D. B. Farmer	25					1			24							
Bassinger		15															
Boggy's Creek	" O. N. Williams	50		4		1	3		2	52	3	45	48		5.00		5.00
Cassia	" D. Palmer	37	5	3	2	2	3	1	1	43	6	25	31				
Clermont	" J. H. Crosby	22	16	6	2	1	3	1	1	21	6	36	42	175	18.35	17.60	35.95
Cross Prarie	" T. J. Bell	32					7			25							
Chuluota	" R. W. Lawton	37								25							
DeLand		154	7	16			20		3	157	14	120	134		28.34	25.54	53.88
* Elizabeth		22								22							
Geneva		29								29							
Kissimmee	" J. C. Massee	144	12	11	1	1	8	1	4	156	12	140	152	100	84.49	22.85	107.34
Lake Ella	" D. Blount	13	3	1	1		2	3	1	14							
Lockwood	" O. N. Williams	31		1			3		2	27							
* Longwood		15								15							
Monte Verde	" D. B. Farmer						2		2	19							
Monte Vista	" J. H. Crosby		4	5		4		1	1	11	4	12	16	9	11.25		11.25
Oakland	" D. Palmer	12								12							
Ocoee	" J. H. Crosby	21	1	4		4	3		2	19	4	18	23	66			
Orlando		18		4		2	2		2	20							
Oviedo	" W. J. Bolin	153		19		1	13	1	4	155	11	120	131	300	41.60	14.25	55.85
Pine Castle	" R. W. Lawton	4		2		4	4	1	1	3	4	25	29		16.37		16.37
Pine Grove	" G. A. Bryant	58	1	1			3	2	1	54	7	40	47		5.00		5.00
Pleasant Hill	" O. N. Williams	50	4	4		1			9	59	3	31	34		1.00		1.00
Plymouth	" T. J. Bell	20	1							21							
Plymouth	" L. D. Geiger	22	13	1					13	35	8	35	43	175	24.18	5.00	29.18
* Sanford	" M. M. Wanboldt	99	4	7		2	6		7	97	12	82	97		65.05	7.50	72.55
Toronto		14								14							
Umatilla	" D. Palmer	140	15	8		1	12	20	1	131	10	46	50	168	13.64		13.64
West Apopka	" J. G. McCroskey	19	1	1					1	20	6	38	44		3.50	1.60	5.06
Total		1506	126	163	7	14	102	34	19	129	136	952	1088	973	\$387.00	\$102.24	\$489.24

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taining "Outline of the Missionary Stations of the Baptist Denomination," closing with an earnest entreaty for deeper consecration of God's service.

Upon motion Mrs. H. E. Smith was elected first Vice-President and Miss Oliver second Vice-President. The following delegates were chosen to represent us in the State Convention, Mrs. H. E. Smith, Miss Oliver, Mrs. S. C. Shepherd.

Upon invitation Rev. J. C. Massee addressed the meeting on Woman's Work. The Secretary read a letter from Miss Armstrong, also letters from Missionaries' wives telling of their hardships and their appreciation of Missionary Boxes.

Mr. Carson next gave us a short but interesting talk, followed by Rev. L. D. Geiger in an earnest speech. A hymn was sung and the meeting adjourned.

MRS. A. TENNY, MRS. H. E. SMITH,
Secretary. President.

BAND MEETING.

A very interesting Children's Meeting was held at the Methodist Church Sunday afternoon conducted by Miss Spalding. There are five Mission Bands in the Association, viz: At Apopka, DeLand, Kissimmee, Orlando and Plymouth. Reports were given from each Mission. Spalding made a beautiful talk on Mission Work. The Children sang "My country 'tis of thee." "The Morning light is breaking" and "From Greenland's Icy Mountains." Miss Spalding closed the meeting with earnest prayer.

VIRGIE DARBY, Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS OF

The Second Annual Meeting of The Woman's Missionary Union,

—HELD IN—

CONNECTION WITH THE WEKIVA ASSOCIATION.

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Wekiva Association met at 2 p. m. Saturday, October 5, 1895. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. H. E. Smith of Plymouth. Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Smith. Mrs. Tenny leading in prayer.

The address of welcome was made by Mrs. W. E. Eldridge extending a very cordial welcome to visiting delegates. This was responded to by Mrs. Crossley of Orlando in a pleasant manner.

The program already prepared was adopted as the order of business.

The following named societies were represented as follows:

Apopka—Mrs. Dr. Henly, Mrs. A. Tenny.
Altoona—Mrs. D. Palmer, Mrs. Brantly.
DeLand—Miss J. L. Spalding.
Cassia—Mrs. L. J. Owens, Mrs. J. P. Owens.
Mt. Dora—Mrs. K. H. Tabor,
Orlando—Mrs. A. Crossley.

Plymouth—Mrs. J. C. Stewart, Mrs. Carpenter.

Kissimmee, Sanford, Umatilla were not represented. The Missions Bands of DeLand and Kissimmee were represented by Miss Spalding and Miss Oliver respectively. Apopka, Orlando and Umatilla Bands had no representatives. Delegates gave reports from their Societies and described their methods of work. Miss Spalding then addressed the meeting in a most interesting and enter-

THE WEKIVA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. 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 on 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 the course 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, specifying the names of their delegates; their number in fellowship; 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 and one additional messenger for every fifty members or major fraction thereof. 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 shall be 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. The 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 may deem it necessary.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in one only true and living God, and that there are three persons in the Goodhead—Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Isaiah, 45: 22-23, v. 4, 6, 9; I Kings, 8: 60; Joel, 2: 27; Mark, 28: 19; II Cor. 13: 14; Isaiah, 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. II Timothy, 3: 10; Acts, 1: 16; I Peter, 4: 11; I Thess., 2: 13; Luke, 11: 28; James, 1: 22; I Samuel, 15; Deut., 4: 2-22 32; Proverbs, 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; Romans, 8: 29-30, 9: 15; Eph., 1: 4-5-11; II Thess., 13: 14; II Timothy, 1: 9; Titus, 1: 12; I 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., 132: 3, 17: 9; Romans, 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 Romans, 8: 1-25, 10: 4, 3: 25-26; Isaiah, 1:11; Acts, 13:38-39; I Cor, 1: 30; Gal, 3: 21; 24, 2: 16; Phil, 2: 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; II Tim., 1: 9; II Thess., 2: 13-14.

8. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never finally fall away. John, 17: 9-10-21-23, 10: 27-28-29; Romans, 8: 31-39; I Peter, 1: 4-5.

9. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ imposed upon his churches; that nothing is baptism except immersion; that believers are the only subjects of this 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; I Cor., 10: 16, 16: 29; Acts, 2: 38, 8: 36, 8:39 10: 47, 16: 2-4; Romans, 6: 3, 5:16; Col., 2: 12.

10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment. I Cor., 15: 3-4-12-20-25, 4: 5; Mat., 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; II 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; Tim., 4: 14, 5: 22; II Tim., 2: 2; II John, 1:9-11.