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MINISTERS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

—ofo—

Wm. M. Davis	<i>Little Shalpers</i>	Lake City, Fla.
John G. Taylor	<i>Little Shalpers</i>	" " "
K. Chambers	<i>Little Shalpers</i>	" " "
Geo. T. Leitner	<i>Little Shalpers</i>	" " "
Ben. R. Moseley	<i>Little Shalpers</i>	Welborn, "
Wm. C. Lee	<i>Little Shalpers</i>	" " "
R. W. Phillips	<i>Little Shalpers</i>	Suwannee, "
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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

- I. Open the meeting by reading the Scriptures, singing and prayer.
- II. Read the letters from churches, and record names of messengers.
- III. Elect Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.
- IV. Call for Petitionary Letters.
- V. Invite visiting ministers and brethren to seats in the body.
- VI. Call for Correspondents.
- VII. Appoint Committees as follows:
 - 1st, On Preaching.
 - 2nd, On Letters and Querries.
 - 3rd, On Finance.
 - 4th, On Deceased Ministers and Deacons.
 - 5th, On Publications.
 - 6th, On Sabbath Schools.
 - 7th, On Temperance.
 - 8th, On Missions.
 - 9th, Appoint Correspondence.
- VIII. Unfinished Business.
- IX. Reports of Committees.
- X. Miscellaneous Business.
- XI. Close with Devotional Exercise.

MINUTES

—ofo—

FRIDAY OCT., 6th 1882

The third annual Session of the Beulah Baptist Association, convened to-day, with Elim Church Columbia County Florida.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Eld. Ben. R. Moseley from Prov. XI chap. 25 verse "The liberal soul shall be made fat."

After an intermission of one hour, for refreshments, the body assembled in the church, and after prayer by Eld. K. Chambers was called to order by Eld. B. R. Moseley, former Clerk, the former Moderator, Eld. Wm. M. Davis, being absent.

The letters from the various churches were read by Eld. G. T. Leitner and Bro. T. W. Getzen, and the names of messengers enrolled as will be seen in the statistics of the churches on another page.

A ballot was then taken for permanent officers which resulted in the election of Hon. Thos. W. Getzen, Moderator, Eld. Robt. F. Rogers Clerk, and Bro. Thos. S. Chalker, Treasurer.

On motion of Bro. Leitner, the order of business adopted for this body be amended, so as to provide for the appointment of a Committee on Missions, which was carried. Visiting brethren from other Associations were invited to seats, which were accepted by Eld. A. J. Cone and Bros. T. C. Carroll and H. R. Williams of the Santa Fee River Association.

The Moderator then called for Correspondents. When Eld. S. Sheffield of the Harmony and Eld. Wm. F. Malphurs of the New River Associations, responded, as such, from their respective Associations.

The following Committees were then appointed:

On Preaching:—F. M. McNair, Jacob Ellis, H. E. Braddock, S. E. C. Collins and Wm. White

On Letters and Querries:—Elders K. Chambers W. C. Lee and B. R. Moseley.

On Finance:—F. M. Waldrep, J. J. Peeples and R. F. Rogers.

On Deceased Ministers and Deacons:—Eld. G. T. Leitner, Reubin Willis and Leonard Dees

On Publications:—Eld. B. R. Moseley, J. Ellis and M. G. Wilder.

On Sabbath Schools:—Eld. John G. Taylor, S. L. Wilder and Josiah Warren.

On Temperance:—B. R. Moseley, W. D. Hardee and Miles Dennis.

On Missions:—Eld. G. T. Leitner, H. E. Braddock and W. C. Lee.

The hour of meeting was fixed at 9 a. m.

The Committee on preaching reported; Eld. Wm. F. Malphurs to preach to-morrow at 11 o'clock a. m., Eld. W. C. Lee to close.

Eld. S. Sheffield to-morrow 3 p. m., with Eld. A. J. Cone to close.

S. E. C. COLLINS, Chairman.

On motion adjourned to 9 a. m. to-morrow.

SECOND DAY.

SATURDAY OCT. 7th, 9 a. m.

The session opened with singing, and prayer by Eld. A. J. Cone.

The Committee on Deceased and Ministers Deacons made the following report which was adopted:

We are thankful that all of our Ministers and Deacons have been spared that they may yet "work in the masters vineyard," except, one aged and afflicted brother, F. S. Hasting, who was a Deacon of Mount Pleasant Church. Let the praise be to God, from whom all blessings flow.

G. T. LEITNER.

R. WILLIS.

L. DEER.

The Committee on Letters and Queries reported as follows, which was adopted:

Your Committee is sorry that there is no request in any of the letters from the churches for the next session of this body, they find no queries offered.

KINSEY CHAMBERS, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Report, that it is much to be regretted that we hear of but four Sunday Schools in all of the churches composing this Association, viz: Lake City, Lake Butler, Elim and Mount Pleasant, and some of them not in a very prosperous condition, perhaps from want of efficiency in officers, or Teachers, or for lack of common propriety and zeal on the part of parents and church members, whose duty it is to remove every obstacle out of the way and see that the proper persons are worked in the proper places, and great good will be the result of such efforts; we regard the Sunday School as second to no interest at present, because, it is in the interest of the young, which is the hope of our country. The Sunday School then, is a great means of improving the mind, and employing the time religiously, and every church could and should have one under its own immediate supervision and control; it should be denominational, as no church could afford to teach, or handle, the word of God deceitfully. We therefore trust each church may be able to send to the next session of this Association, a report of a good, lively working, Sunday School.

JOHN G. TAYLOR, Chairman.

The report was discussed at length by brethren Cone, Taylor, Getzen, and Braddock and adopted:

The Committee on Missions reported. That the Mission work is of the most vital importance, for our Saviours command was "preach the Gospel to every creature;" we are sorry to say, that while the Foreign Mission Field is so inviting for Mission work, and the need of our State Board is so urgent, but little is being done by our churches to meet the Macedonian cry. As to Associational missions, after carefully examining the field, we see but little at present of more importance to the cause than Colporteur work, a work which your Committee think of the most vital importance, hence, we would suggest that this body devise at once some plan to start the work; we would also suggest, that our Associational territory be divided into districts, and the churches of each district meet on Friday before each 5th Sabbath and have missionary mass meetings, at which time, the subjects of missions shall be presented, and a missionary sermon preached on Sunday of such meetings, after which a collection be taken up and sent to the Treasurer of this Association.

Respectfully submitted, GEO. T. LEITNER.

H. E. BRADDOCK.

The above report was ably discussed and adopted as offered.

On motion taken a recess till 2 o'clock, during which time an instructive and edifying sermon was preached from the subject of the "Lords Prayer" by Eld. Wm. F. Malphurs of the New River Association.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

SATURDAY 2 p. m.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator at the time fixed.

The Church at Suwannee presented a letter by her messenger Bro. John L. Williams who was accorded a seat with the body.—The Moderator appointed, Elders K Chambers, R. F. Rogers, J. G. Taylor and Geo. T. Leitner a Committee to divide the Association into Missionary Districts as per report of Committee on Missions.

The Committee on Temperance reported:—That the distillation and uses of intoxicating liquors as a beverage is a growing evil, and a vice in our country, and underlies crime of the greatest magnitude, and should by all means be restrained if not prohibited in our country, and more especially as a beverage among our church members, and every church should discipline each member which is found guilty of its immoderate use, and any church indulging it among its members should be considered in gross disorder.

MILES DENNIS, Chairman.

The report was discussed at length, amendments offered and lost, and the report adopted as above. The hour of Divine service having arrived, the Association repaired to the academy, while Eld. S. Sheffield of the Harmony Association, preached an instructive sermon from Matt. 18th, chap. and 5th verse.

THE COMMITTEE ON PREACHING,

Report Eld. J. G. Taylor to preach to-night at 7 o'clock with Eld. A. J. Cone to close, Eld. R. F. Rogers the Missionary Sermon to-morrow at 11 a. m. and Eld. B. R. Moseley at 2 p. m. to-morrow.

S. E. C. COLLINS, Chairman.

On motion of Eld. K. Chambers, the time of meetings of this Association was changed from Friday to Saturday and said meetings to be continued to Monday evening of each year, instead of adjourning on Sabbath as heretofore.

THE COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS PERIODICALS.

Report:—That it is a matter of deep regret that so many of our brethren entirely neglect religious literature; in the houses of a few, are to be found books and papers calculated to awaken an interest in every important subject, the children of these parents will show the fruit of this in after years by uncommon intelligence. Where there are no good books, bad ones will find their way, "Evil communications corrupt good manners" "He that walketh with wise men shall be wise, but a companion of fools shall be destroyed" Our ministers in trying to circulate good literature are met with one general excuse, "poverty." Do brethren mean to say that they can spend from ten to fifty dollars for tobacco to gratify the flesh, while they starve the minds of their families, that which is immortal, that craves after knowledge culture intelligence, and refinement? But if we could get brethren to believe this, alas! they would not act, we entreat them nevertheless, and we entreat God for them, to cause them to consider these things. We recommend first the Bible, and as explanatory of its teaching, the *Christian Index* and *Tennessee Baptist*.

Respectfully submitted, B. R. MOSELEY, Chairman.

The report was adopted.

The Committee appointed to divide the Association into missionary districts reported:

That the division be made as follows: First District to embrace the churches of, Suwannee, Friendship, Mount Olive, Mount Zion, Mount Pleasant and Pine Mount.—Second District to embrace the churches, Lake City, Lake Butler, Bethlehem, Elim and Cypress Lake. Ministers of first district, K. Chambers, J. G. Taylor, W. C. Lee, R. W. Phillips,—and of second district R. F. Rogers, W. M. Davis, G. T. Leitner and B. R. Moseley.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN G. TAYLOR, Chairman.

The report was adopted.

The body then proceeded to elect an Executive Committee, which resulted as follows:

R. F. Rogers, W. M. Davis, T. S. Chalker, Geo. T. Leitner and Jacob Ellis.

Bro. Leitner for the Treasurer submitted the following report:

T. S. CHALKER, Treasurer,
1882. *In acc't, with Beulah Association;* Dr.

To am't sent up by churches last session	\$50 50
" " collected on Sabbath	16 50
" " received from T. W. Getzen	5 00
" " " M. M. T. Huchingson	5 00
" " " J. G. Taylor	1 00
" " returned by B. R. Moseley	3 00

Total... \$80 40

PER CONTRA.

By am't paid B. R. Moseley, balance on printing	
Minutes of 1880	\$ 5 00
" " " W. N. Chaudoin	35 15
" " " B. R. Moseley printing Minutes	30 00
" " " K. Chambers, Missionary	10 00

..... \$80 40

T. S. CHALKER, Treasurer.

Pending the adoption of the Treasurers report, the following was offered by Bro. Rogers and adopted:

Resolved:—That in as much as the Minutes of this Association giving authority to the Baptist State Board to control the money sent up for Associational Missions at last session. Therefore the Clerk is hereby instructed to confer with our Treasurer (who is now absent on account of sickness) and with Bro. Chaudoin who is Treasurer of the State Board and ask an explanation thereon and that the same be published with these Minutes.

The report was then adopted.

The Committee on Finance submitted the following report:

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	Min. & ass'l pur's.	Home mis.	For'n mis.
Pine Mount,	Suwannee,	\$ 2 00	\$	\$
✓Cypress Lake,	"	5 05		
Suwannee,	"	50		
Bethlehem,	Columbia,	2 50		
✓Elim,	"	5 63		
✓Lake City,	"	1 25	3 85	
✓Mt. Pleasant,	"	1 70	3 15	
Mt. Zion,	"	6 25		25
Friendship,	Hamilton,	1 00		
Lake Butler,	Bradford,	2 40		
Total.....		\$28 28	\$ 7 00	25

F. M. WALDREP, Chairman.

