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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Open the meeting by reading the Scriptures, singing and prayer.
2. Read letters from the churches and enroll messengers.
3. Election of Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.
4. Invite visiting ministers and brethren to seats in the body.
5. Call for correspondents.
6. Appoint Committees as follows:
 - 1st. On Preaching.
 - 2nd. On Letters and Queries.
 - 3rd. On Finance.
 - 4th. On deceased Ministers and Deacons.
 - 5th. On Publications.
 - 6th. On Sabbath Schools.
 - 7th. On Temperance.
 - 8th. On Missions.
 - 9th. On Womans work.
 - 10th. Appoint Correspondents.
7. Unfinished business.
8. Reports of Committees.
9. Miscellaneous business.
10. Close with devotional exercises.

MINISTERS AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.

W. M. DAVIS,.....	Lake City, Fla.
P. C. DREW,.....	" " "
J. G. TAYLOR,.....	" " "
K. CHAMBERS,.....	" " "
J. W. FLEMING,.....	" " "
G. T. LEITNER,.....	Fort White
W. C. LEE,.....	Welborn
R. F. ROGERS,.....	Little River

LICENTIATES.

J. J. HOLMES,.....	Wilson, Fla.
L. D. PADGET,.....	" "
J. F. TATUM,.....	McAlpin "
J. J. PEEPLES,.....	Lake Butler "
L. DEES,.....	" " "

MINUTES.

Wednesday October 7th, 1885.

The Beulah Baptist Association convened in Sixth Annual Session at Mt. Pisgah Church Suwannee County Florida, on Wednesday October 7th, 1885.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Eld. B. R. Moseley of the Santafee Association.

After an intermission of one hour the body was called to order by the Moderator, the song "I Love Thy Kingdom Lord" was sung and prayer was offered by Eld. K. Chambers.

Letters from the Churches were read and the names of messengers enrolled, Eld. J. G. Taylor read an interesting communication from Perch Pond Sabbath School.

Under the regular order of business Hon. Thos. W. Getzen was elected Moderator Eld. R. F. Rogers Clerk, and Hon. Geo. B. Ellis Treasurer of the Association.

On motion of Bro. Leitner the communication from Perch Pond Sunday School was referred to Committee on Sabbath Schools.

Correspondents and visiting brethren were invited to seats with the body, Eld. B. R. Moseley of the Santafee and Elds. D. B. Harrell and J. P. Abbott and Bro. J. D. Turner of the Suwannee Associations responded to the call.

The Moderator appointed the Deacons of Mt. Pisgah Church B. L. Morgau and George H. Dorman a committee on arranging for preaching during the session of the Association.

The following committees were appointed by the Moderator viz:

On Querries—Elds. G. T. Leitner, H. E. Braddock and J. F. Tatum.

On Finance—F. R. Moodie, F. M. Pinkston and H. S. Harrell, On Deceased Ministers and Deacons—K. Chambers, Isaac C. Cason & J. W. Williams.

On Publication—Eld. P. C. Drew, W. C. Lee and G. B. Ellis, On Sabbath Schools—J. G. Taylor, J. S. Harrell and R. C. Gainey.

On Temperance—F. R. Moodie, J. G. Taylor, G. B. Ellis and F. B. Moodie.

On Missions—Elder J. G. Taylor, G. B. Ellis and F. B. Moodie, On Womans Work—Elder P. C. Drew, F. B. Moodie and G. T. Leitner.

The Committee on Preaching reported Elder W. C. Lee to preach at the Harbor at 2:30 P. M. to day.

Elder J. G. Taylor reported that Elder K. Chambers was claiming that this Association or the State Convention was due him money for services rendered as Missionary in A. D. 1881, whereupon motion, a special committee was appointed to investigate the claims of brother Chambers against this Association and against the Baptist State Convention, said committee consisting of Geo. B. Ellis, F. R. Moodie and Geo. T. Leitner.

On motion of Elder P. C. Drew, that the Moderator appoint a Standing Committee on Missions, Education, Temperance, Woman's Work, Sabbath Schools and Aged and Infirm Ministers, Widows and Orphans, that each, of said committees, be requested to report at next annual session of this Association.

On motion of Elder Drew, that the several churches of this Association be requested to report to the next annual session of this body, all monies appropriated or contributed by each of them for Foreign Missions, State Missions, Associational Missions, Sabbath School Missions, Pastors support, Church building fund, Ministerial Education, &c. which motion was made special order for to-morrow 10:30 A. M.

Committee on Preaching reported Elder Taylor to preach at the church this evening at 7:30 o'clock

On motion adjourned to 9 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

Thursday morning 9 o'clock, Oct. 8, 1885.

Met pursuant to adjournment, and after singing "How sweet the name of Jesus sounds," prayer was offered by Elder E. A. Kitchen.

An invitation to correspondents was renewed, and was accepted by Elder E. A. Kitchen and Brother D. Turner, of the Suwannee Association.

The committee on preaching reported Elder Drew to preach at the stand at 11 o'clock a. m. to-day.

The committee on Publications made the following report, which was discussed, amended and adopted.

Your committee on Publications would recommend, 1st. The *Florida Baptist Witness* as the organ of the Association, and worthy of our patronage and support, and we would ask that the *Witness* shall be a witness in deed of the distinctive doctrines and practices as held by the great Baptist family, and earnestly contend for the faith once delivered to the saints. 2nd. We would also recommend the *International Lesson Paper* and *Baptist Teacher*, published by the American Baptist Publication Society of Phila., also *Kind Words* published at Macon Ga., as orthodox and suitable literature for our Sabbath Schools,

Respectfully Submitted,

P. C. Drew,
W. C. Lee,
G. B. Ellis.

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REPORT ON DECEASED MINISTERS & DEACONS

The committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons, submitted the following report.

That we deem it justly due and pray the Heavenly father give us grace heartily to render unto Him devout thanks for sparing nearly all of our ministers and deacons. With one single exception we have been spared the labors of our ministers and deacons. That one was deacon Francis McNair. This dear brother will long be missed from the conference of his church, Elim, and from the presence of his brethren. Affable, kind, gentle, at home and abroad, he illustrated the grace of God, and was a light to the world and one of the salt of the earth.

His hospitality and liberality were limited only by his means; his prayers encircled the earth; his labors were willing; he was always earnest and sincere. We tender to his bereaved family and church, our sympathies and pray that the Lord will preserve them.

We recommend that the Association immediately engage in prayer for his family and thanks to God for sparing so many of our church officers.

Respectfully submitted,

K. Chambers,
Isaac Cason,
Jno. W. Williams.

ON WOMANS WORK.

The committee on Woman's Work reported as follows:

Your committee feel that they cannot give too much emphasis to the importance of the subject assigned to us; nor even do justice in the praise of Woman's work in our churches. The truth, that the women of old were last at the Cross and first at the Sepulchre of our Lord, has come down to us through past centuries, and the moral of it is demonstrated to us in this day. They are last in the evils of the day, and first and ever ready to co-operate in every good word and work. Where societies of our ladies have been organized, their aid to the churches, their contributions to our enterprises, and their wholesome influences, in the community, is manifest to every true observer.

We recommend, 1st. That our ladies be organized into societies under the auspices of their respective churches to be known as "Ladies Working Committee," "Ladies Aid Societies" or "Ladies Mission Societies," to work in behalf of the churches in carrying out the great commission. 2nd. That the Societies co-operate with Sister Bailey for information as to the nature of the work and the objects soliciting their aid.

Respectfully Submitted,

P. C. Drew,
G. T. Leitner, F. B. Moodie
J. G. Taylor.

The report on Woman's work was discussed and adopted.

ON MISSIONS.

Your committee find a vast destitution in our bounds.

We find, that where the Gospel is faithfully preached, that law and order predominates, and where the Gospel is not preached, the people disregard law and the morals of society, to a very great extent, therefore, we would earnestly recommend that the Association put some energetic and thoroughly sound man, in the field to preach to the people of those destitutions, who will sow wheat instead of tares, a man able and not afraid to preach the whole truth.

We would call your attention to that portion of Columbia county from Lake City North and Northeast, to the Southeast portion of Suwannee county, from O'Brien Station to Ichetucknee Springs south, and to all of Baker county, as much neglected and very destitute missionary ground.

We call attention to the importance of the great mission work now being fostered by the Baptists of America, in Mexico and Cuba, and recommend them to be eminently worthy of our help, in connection with other foreign fields.

We further recommend that the motion of Elder Drew be adopted, that all monies appropriated for any and every purpose by the churches during the year, be reported by each of them to this Association at its next session.

Respectfully Submitted,
J. G. Taylor, G. B. Ellis, F. B. Moodie.

Pending the adoption of the report on Missions, the hour arrived for the consideration of special motion of Elder Drew yesterday, which was deferred to 10:30 O'clock a. m. to-day.

The motion and the report on missions were discussed and each adopted.

On motion, the Clerk was requested to report the proceedings of this Association, in condensed form, to the *Florida Baptist Witness*, for publication.

On motion, took an intermission to 1:30 p. m. for preaching and refreshment, during which time an interesting sermon was preached at the stand by Eld. P. C. Drew, after which a collection for missions was taken up, amounting to \$7.77.

1:30 O'clock, P. M.

Called to order by the Moderator. The Treasurer's report as follows. —

TREASURER'S REPORT,

G. B. Ellis, Treasurer, in account with Beulah Association for 1884.

The amount collected at Beulah Association:—

By Finance committee.....\$58.38

Thursdays Collection.....	10.25
From Brother Chalker, Treasurer.....	20.33
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	\$88.96

Paid R. F. Rogers, for six months Service as Missionary....	\$30.00
" " " " Clerk fees.....	10.00
" " " " Postage on Minutes.....	3.00
" A. P. Ashurst for printing 250 minutes.....	20.00
" Brother Davis for Brother Chaudoin, State mission.....	7.00
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	\$69.00

Cash in hands of Treasurer.....\$19.96.

Respectfully Submitted,
GEO. B. ELLIS, Treasurer,

The following amounts were pledged to pay an active Missionary to be employed by the executive committee to labor in the bounds of this Association, viz:

P. C. Drew.....	\$5.00
J. G. Taylor.....	5.00
T. W. Getzen.....	5.00
F. B. Moodie.....	5.00
G. T. Leitner.....	2.00
J. P. Abbott.....	2.00
B. L. Morgan, Cash.....	50

Total.....\$24.50

The committee on Preaching reported Elder E. A. Kitchen to preach at the stand at 3 p. m. this afternoon.

ON TEMPERANCE.

The committee on Temperance made the following report, which was discussed and adopted by unanimous vote:—

"A report on temperance to a body of Christians professing to hold the faith once for all time delivered to the saints should certainly be the words of soberness and truth. The word temperance in its common acceptation, conveys simply the idea of moderation or abstinence of strong drink. By some societies it is used to mean total abstinence and abhorrence of strong drink; but when the apostle to the Gentiles "reasoned of temperance, righteous and judgement to come," he no doubt meant soberness and moderation in other things as sinful and hurtful to the souls of men as was the excessive use of wine by the trembling Felix. Therefore we beg to suggest, first, that the primary qualifications of church membership should be temperance in all things, and that our moderation be known to all men; for it is a grave misconception of the temperance of the Gospel that would

limit it simply to the intoxicating bowl and permit without restraint sinful and hurtful excesses in the habitual use of opium, chewing, smoking and snuffing tobacco, gluttony, revelry, extravagant living, etc. All things were made and given to us by our beneficent Creator to be used in moderation and with thanksgiving for our oft infirmities with an eye single to the glory of God in our bodies as well as our spirits, which are his. Secondly, we suggest that as the excessive use of strong drink has become one of the greatest evils of our day, endangering the common welfare of good society and civil government, as well as the peace of our homes and safety of human life and property, that it becomes our solemn duty as professed exponents of good morals, benevolence and the Christian religion, to pronounce judgement upon the "grog-shop" and its proprietor: that the former is the very gate of perdition and the latter receives the price of blood, and every one who signs a petition for the license to sell intoxicating liquors at retail over the enticing counters of a saloon is *particeps criminis* for thus bidding good speed to these reckless traffickers in the souls of men and women. They are according to the New Testament 'partakers of their evil deeds' Therefore, we recommend that all church members frequenting these saloons or sinks of iniquity, or signing their names to petitions for license shall be subject to prompt discipline, and that this Association should withdraw fellowship from any church retaining such guilty members without correction. Also, that we should not patronize newspaper editors and political aspirants who sign these petitions, seeing that all these are powerful enemies and inimical to the cause of Christ's kingdom and prosperity of the church es. In the third and most important place, we deem it a timely and urgent duty to apprise our churches that many temperance workers have a 'zeal that is not according to knowledge.' They would have the churches united with the political temperance party to change the Constitution of the United States and elect their candidates to the Presidency in 1888. These over-zealous temperance workers, composed of women and children (the W. C. T. U. and the Band of Hope), and many of every religious and political hue, going about preaching another gospel called the gospel of temperance, have already invaded the sacred precincts of the sanctuary, laid violent and unholy hands upon the Lord's table, taken away the wine which he instituted to represent his blood, and substituted molasses and water or unfermented grape juice, full of the leaven of corruption, thereby destroying the beautiful symbolism of the joyous wine, intended by our Lord to represent his blood which takes away the sin of the world. We, therefore, recommend that the churches heed not the siren song of these religio-political gospel evangelists and W. C. T. U. where, they urge and advise us to thus change the ordinance of the Lord's house commanded to be observed in remembrance of him till he comes again."

Respectfully Submitted,

F. B. MOODIE,

Chairman.

ON LETTERS AND QUERIES.

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

Your committee after examining the letters are glad to report no queries are sent up by any of the churches. We are glad to find that several of the churches report revivals but, few report coldness. We find that two of the letters ask that the time of the Association be changed to embrace a Sabbath. Your committee think that it is best for the time to remain as it is at present. We recommend that the request of the Suwannee church for a letter of dismission be granted.

G. T. LEITNER, H. E. BRADDOCK, J. F. TATUM.

ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We are pained to have to know there is so little interest taken in the Sunday School. It is certainly a criminal neglect on the part of parents, churches and pastors. If we don't teach our young people the State will be to our shame, also other denominations will draw them off and use them against us. Such evils often occur: We therefore recommend, that each church have a Sunday School; Secure the most efficient leaders, the very best literature, and see that they go themselves and that their neighbors children attend, if possible. Have leaders that dare to do right, and teach faithfully the truths of God. "The way the twig is bent the tree will incline." We furthermore would recommend, that this Association make arrangements for Sunday School Conventions and assist each other in devising the best ways and means of providing for and conducting Sunday Schools. (Statistics)

We find but four Sunday Schools in the bounds of this Association as follows:

LAKE CITY.

Officers and Teachers, 9. Scholars, 38. Over 15 years old 15. Average attendance, 38. Baptized 2. Volumes of Literature, 150. Papers, 40. Months, 12.

CYPRESS LAKE.

Officers, 3. Scholars, 25. Over 15 years old 10. Average attendance, 20. Baptized 7. Volumes and papers, 12. Months, 6.

PEARCH POND.

Officers and Teachers, 10. Total School, 63. Average attendance, 45. Baptized 8. Over 15 years old, 15. Volumes, 75. Months 6.

CAMPBELL SCHOOL HOUSE.

Officers, 2. Scholars, 12. Average attendance, 12. Volumes, 20. Respectfully submitted,

J. G. TAYLOR, Chm'n.

The special committee, appointed to enquire into the claims of Eld. K. Chambers, against the Association and the State Board by their chairman F. R. Moodie reported that they could find no claim on which to base a report, hence nothing could be reported. The Committee asked to be discharged from further investigation, which on motion, was granted and their report accepted.

Elder P. C. Drew offered the following resolution which was adopted.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee of the Association, be and is hereby instructed to co-operate with the State Board in the appointment of a Missionary in the bounds of this Association. The following by R. F. Rogers.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee who were chosen at last session of this body, for this Association, be accepted as such for the ensuing year, A. D. 1886, with the addition of Elder J. G. Taylor, in lieu of Elder B. R. Mosely resigned, and Elder K. Chambers in lieu of Bro. T. J. Walker deceased—adopted.

The Moderator appointed the following correspondents to Baptist State Convention and Sister Associations, viz:

To Convention—F. B. Moodie P. C. Drew, J. G. Taylor, K. Chambers, G. T. Leitner, T. W. Getzen and R. F. Rogers.

To Santafee Association—P. C. Drew, G. T. Leitner and T. W. Getzen.

To Harmony Association—G. T. Leitner and R. F. Rogers.
 To Suwannee Association—R. F. Rogers and J. W. Fleming
 To New River Association—G. T. Leitner and F. M. Pinkston.
 By Eld. J. G. Taylor. *Resolved*, That the Clerk be requested to have 250 copies of Minutes printed, and that he have the work done where it can be done cheapest and best

Resolved, That the Clerk be paid Ten Dollars for his services and he is hereby empowered to draw on the Treasurer for the same, and also for printing minutes—adopted.

By Brother Taylor. *Resolved*, That we tender sincere thanks to the church at Mt. Pisgah and to the surrounding neighborhood for the hospitable entertainment of this Association—adopted.

The Moderator in obedience to action of Association yesterday appointed the following standing committees, to report at next session of this body, viz:

- On Temperance—Elder P. C. Drew.
- On Sabbath Schools—Elder J. G. Taylor.
- On Woman's Work—Elder G. T. Leitner.
- On Education—B. F. Moodie.
- On Missions—K Chambers.

On aged and infirm Ministers, Widows and Orphans—Elder W. C. Lee.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet with Elim church, near Fort White, in Columbia county Florida, on Wednesday before the 2nd, Lord's day in October, A. D. 1886. A hymn was sung, the parting hand given and prayer by Elder J. G. Taylor.

T. W. GETZEN,

Moderator.

ROBT. F. ROGERS,

Clerk.

ON FINANCE.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION.		CASH SENT TO ASSOCIATION.		CASH REC'D BY STATE BOARD DURING THE YEAR	
NAME OF CHURCHES.	Minutes.	General Purpose	Home Missions	State Missions	Church Fund
Antioch	67	5 00	3 00	1 83	4 00
Bethlehem	5 00	2 00	2 05	2 00	2 00
Cypress Lake	5 00	2 00	2 05	2 00	2 00
Elim	5 00	2 00	2 05	2 00	2 00
Fleming	5 00	2 00	2 05	2 00	2 00
Friendship	5 00	2 00	2 05	2 00	2 00
Lake City	5 00	2 00	2 05	2 00	2 00
Lake Butler	5 00	2 00	2 05	2 00	2 00
Mt. Zion	5 00	2 00	2 05	2 00	2 00
Mt. Pleasant	5 00	2 00	2 05	2 00	2 00
Mt. Pisgah	5 00	2 00	2 05	2 00	2 00
Mt. Beulah	5 00	2 00	2 05	2 00	2 00
Suwannee	5 00	2 00	2 05	2 00	2 00
Collection on Wednesday	7 77	7 77	7 77	7 77	7 77
TOTALS		\$4 02 11 60	7 77 00 00	4 25 6 05	\$34 29
		Cash on hand as per Treas. Report			19 96
		Total			54 25
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					8 85
					165 43

Respectfully Submitted,
 F. R. MOODIE, Chm'n.

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NAMES OF CHURCHES.	PASTORS	CLERKS,	POST OFFICE	NAMES OF MESSENGERS.	MEMBERSHIP													
					Baptized	Rec'd by Letter	Restored by Letter	Recom'm'd'd	Dead	Total Loss	Total Gain	Membership						
Antioch	D. P. Ward																	
Bethlehem	W. M. Davis				not represented.													
Cypress Lake	H. H. Mosley				H. Roberts, I. C. Casson,	11	2	4	5	2	11	15	70					
Elm	G. T. Lettner				Lettner, Getzen, Ellis, Pinkston, Harrell,	10	3	2	2	3	5	23	121					
Lake City	P. C. Drew				P. C. Drew, F. B. Moodle, F. H. Moodle	4	2	2	4	2	2	8	63					
Lake Butler					not represented													
Mt. Zion	H. W. Phillips				B. L. Morgan,	8	1	1	1	1	1	2	32					
Mt. Pleasant	W. C. Lee				Lee, Chambers, Braddock, Geo. Dorman	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	79					
Mt. Pisgah	J. P. Abbott				J. P. Tatum, J. W. Williams, J. Williams	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1					
Mt. Beulah	R. F. Rogers				R. F. Rogers, J. G. Taylor, H. C. Galtney	9	1	6	4	1	11	10	40					
Suwannee	H. W. Phillips				H. S. Harrell,													
Friendship					not represented													
TOTALS						31	30	7	18	11	11	85	691	405				

NOTE—The number of Membership and name of Clerk was not given in letter of Mt. Pisgah Church.

CLERK

ON ENVELOPE

