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MINUTES.

FIRST DAY.

PUTNAM COUNTY, FLA., Saturday, October 16, 1880.

The North St. Johns' River Baptist Association met with Beulah Baptist church, at 11 o'clock a. m.

The Introductory sermon was preached by Elder D. W. Glisson, from John, i:11-12.

After an intermission, the Association was called to order by Elder E. B. Timmons, the former Moderator. The Clerk being absent, Rev. Paul Willis was requested to act as Clerk, pro tem.

Letters from the churches were presented and read, and the names of delegates enrolled.

Petitionary letters were received from Bethlehem, Zion and Evergreen churches, asking for membership in the Association. On motion, the churches were received, the Moderator extending the right-hand of fellowship to their delegates.

The Association was then permanently organized by electing Elder B. W. Becks, Moderator, and J. L. Becks, Clerk.

Visiting brethren invited to seats, which was accepted by brethren D. Spencer, L. Odom, C. V. Hutchins, T. Underhill, and T. D. Harper.

Brother Paul Willis was received as corresponding messenger from the Alachua Association. After which, the following committees were appointed.:

On Preaching—The pastor and deacons of Beulah church, with Wm. Fowler and J. Brooker.

On Religious Literature—Paul Willis, B. W. Becks, D. W. Glisson.

On Missions—B. W. Becks, J. L. Becks, J. Wingate.

On Finance—D. J. Bell, W. F. Wilson, George Antly.

On Sabbath-schools—Paul Willis, J. L. Becks, T. D. Rivers.

On Requests and Queries—D. W. Glisson, T. D. Rivers, J. Brooker.

On Temperance—Paul Willis, J. Wingate, B. W. Becks.

On Deceased Ministers and Deacons—E. B. Timmons, Paul Willis, D. W. Glisson.

The Committee on Preaching reported that Elder D. Spencer would preach to-night, followed by Elder E. B. Timmons.

On motion, the Association adjourned until Monday morning, 9 o'clock.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Ten o'clock a. m. Prayer-meeting, conducted by Elder E. B. Timmons.

At 11 o'clock the Missionary sermon was preached by Rev. Paul Willis from Matt., xxviii:19-20; followed by Elder W. N. Chaudoin; after which a collection for missions was taken up, amounting to \$12.10.

After refreshments, an address was delivered by Rev. Basil M. Pack, in the interest of Sabbath-schools.

At night a sermon was preached at the church by Rev. D. W. Glisson; also, at Georgetown, by Elders E. B. Timmons and D. Spencer.

OFFICERS.

B. W. Becks, Moderator.....Palatka, Fla.
J. L. Becks, Clerk.....Palatka, Fla.
S. L. Bell, Treasurer.....Picolata, Fla.

MISSIONARY BOARD.

B. W. Becks.....Chairman.
P. McCullar.....Secretary.
S. L. Bell.....Treasurer.
J. M. Fraser, J. Brooker.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Introductory sermon.
2. Association called to order.
3. Read letters and enroll names of delegates.
4. Call for petitionary letters.
5. Election of officers.
6. Invite visiting brethren to seats.
7. Call for letters of correspondents.
8. Appointment of committees.
9. Call for Circular Letter.
10. Reports of standing and other committees.
11. Miscellaneous business.
12. Adjournment.

SECOND DAY.

MONDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

Prayer by Elder W. N. Chaudoin. Association called to order by the Moderator. Elder W. N. Chaudoin, missionary and editor of *The Christian Index*, and Rev. Basil M. Pack, Sunday-school Missionary of the American Baptist Publication Society, were welcomed as visitors, and invited to seats.

Letter from Sardis church received and read. Reports of committees called for:

On Religious Literature.

Your Committee on Religious Literature submit the following: In order that we be intelligent, well-posted Christians, we must read as well as hear. In the scope of religious literature many subjects are discussed that our pastors cannot touch for want of time and convenience; therefore, we recommend the reading of some good, sound religious paper or papers. We recognize the *Religious Herald*, of Richmond, Va., and the *National Baptist*, of Philadelphia, as being papers ably edited and well worth reading; and if more than one paper can be taken, we recommend them. But we would ask especial attention to *The Christian Index*, of Atlanta, Ga., believing that it is better suited to meet the wants of our denomination here; besides we have special interest in it in consideration of the Florida Department, which we believe supplies a long-felt necessity—that of hearing of the work of our brethren in various parts of our country. We heartily endorse the management of the Department, and recommend its continuance. For Sunday-school purposes we recommend *Kind Words*, published at Macon, Ga.; and the periodicals of the American Baptist Publication Society, for which Rev. Basil M. Pack is agent in Florida. We furthermore recommend the *Foreign Mission Journal*, of Richmond, Va., to the reading of all who would hear of the progress of religious affairs abroad. But none of them should take the place of the Bible. Let us address ourselves with renewed interest to what God has said to us, using other religious literature as helps to a better understanding of it.

PAUL WILLIS, *Chairman.**On Missions.*

Your Committee on Missions beg leave to report as follows:

The cause of missions is the cause of Christ, and should engage the heart and hands of all God's children. It is the cause for which Christ labored, suffered, bled and died. The Savior came into this world to set up his kingdom. After his resurrection he committed this work to his disciples, with the promise, "Lo, I am with you unto the end of the world." The command is, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." But how can they go except they be sent? All cannot go, but all can bear their part in sustaining those whom God has called to go and preach the everlasting gospel. We recommend the continuation of your mission societies, or the appointment of a finance committee in each church, each committee to be composed of two brethren and two sisters, whose duty it shall be to collect funds and forward to the Missionary Board; and we would also recommend that special effort be made during the ensuing year to place a missionary on Fruit-

land Peninsula—a field which is calling upon us to occupy and sow the seed of gospel truth in the midst of this rapidly-growing population.

B. W. BECKS, *Chairman.**On Temperance.*

We, your Committee on Temperance, make the following report:

We believe temperance is a Scriptural truth, and should be taught and practiced, and this in consideration of the very many evils that result from intemperance, besides the fact of its being a command. We recommend that our churches keep a close watch over those of their members given to intemperance, and kindly, yet faithfully, labor with them, even though it should lead to their exclusion. We also recommend that in every way possible, whether through temperance organizations or otherwise, we encourage the true cause.

PAUL WILLIS, *Chairman.**On Sunday-Schools.*

Your Committee on Sabbath-schools beg leave to report as follows: Sunday-school work we believe to be second only to the preaching of the gospel. Education in Sunday-schools leads to early conversion, and those trained thus make the most active and useful church members; hence, too much emphasis cannot be put upon the importance of Sunday-school work. We are gratified that some of our churches report their schools in active operation, but we have to lament that others of them report no schools at all. We believe that the Sunday-school Convention held in connection with the Putnam Union during the year just closed, has done much good, and we recommend that as soon as possible the two be discontinued, and meetings for each be held at stated times. We believe that the efforts of Rev. Basil M. Pack, Sunday-school Missionary for the American Baptist Publication Society, will result in great and lasting good, and we pledge ourselves to co-operate with him in every way we can. We recommend a thorough organization of Sunday-schools and operations under constitutions which define the duties of officers and teachers. We also recommend that full and more satisfactory statistics of the work accomplished during the year be sent up to our annual meetings.

PAUL WILLIS, *Chairman.**On Deceased Ministers and Deacons.*

Your Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons would offer the following report:

In the providence of God, our beloved brethren, Rev. J. J. Cannon, of Peniel church, and deacon Burrell Greene, of Paran church, have been removed from our midst, each going hence in the full triumph of Christian faith. These dear brethren were long and painfully afflicted; and in their removal are relieved therefrom, and are now enjoying the presence of Jesus in glory.

Resolved, That in their death we feel afflicted and mourn; but that while we mourn, we cheerfully submit to the wise and unerring Providence that has removed them.

E. B. TIMMONS, *Chairman.**On Requests and Queries.*

We, the Committee on Requests and Queries, recommend that the next session of this Association be held with Osceola Baptist church, St. Johns county, Fla.

D. W. GLISSON, *Chairman.*

Missionary Board.

Your Board met December 10, 1879, and resolved to employ Elder D. W. Glisson as missionary for part of his time, to labor on the east side of St. Johns river. Brother Glisson's labors have been blessed, and the people are anxious that we should continue to occupy the field; and we are happy to report that the outlook is encouraging upon this field. For amount of work done we respectfully refer your body to Bro. G.'s report.

J. W. THOMAS, *Chairman.*
H. L. THOMAS, *Secretary.*
J. W. WEATHERSBEE, *Treasurer.*
B. W. BECKS, E. H. PADGETT.

On Nominations.

To preach the Introductory sermon, Elder D. W. Glisson. To preach the Missionary sermon, Elder E. B. Timmons—at next Association.

Report of Elder D. W. Glisson, Missionary.

Number of days' service.....	50
Number of miles traveled.....	772
Number of baptisms.....	13
Amount collected on the field.....	\$14 80
Amount received from Missionary Board.....	22 62—\$37 42
Balance due.....	\$12 58

Treasurer's Report.

1880.	DR.	
Amount on hand.....		\$30 81
Amount received of Putnam Union.....		15 47
Amount received of Finance Committee.....		45 42—91 70
1880.	CR.	
By amount paid to Elder E. B. Timmons.....		\$10 00
By amount paid to Elder D. W. Glisson.....		22 62—32 62
To balance on hand.....		\$59 08

J. W. WEATHERSBEE, *Treasurer.*

On Finance.

CHURCHES.	AMOUNT.
Bethlehem—Associational purposes, \$6.50; Home Mis'ns, \$3.50.....	\$10 00
Bethesda—““““.....	1 35
Beulah—““““.....	1 50
Clear Water—.....	—
Decoy—.....	—
Enon—.....	—
Evergreen—Associational purposes.....	1 35
Gadara—““““.....	1 40
Hickory Grove—““““.....	1 50
Osceola—““““.....	2 30
Peniel—““““ \$6.00; Foreign Missions, \$2 70.....	8 70
Paran—““““ \$5.37; Home “ \$1.34; Foreign Missions \$1.34.....	8 05

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Zion—	Associational purposes.....	\$ 00
Sardis—	“ “.....	1 00
Shiloh—	“ “.....	1 55
St. Johns—	“ “.....	—
Collection on Sunday—Associational purposes.....		12 10
“ on Monday—Home Missions.....		4 50

Total for all purposes.....\$106 60

D. J. BELL, *Chairman.*

RESOLUTION.

By Elder E. B. Timmons: *Resolved*, That we have herewith great pleasure of the prospect of assistance being rendered us in missionary work by the Home Mission Society, and say that we will be glad to have the Society co-operate with us in the work of supplying our vast destitution, which, in our weakness and poverty, it is impossible for us to occupy except in a very limited degree.

MISSIONARY BOARD elected as follows: B. W. Becks, S. L. Bell, P. McCullar, J. M. Frazer, J. Brooker. Rev. T. Hind was requested to co-operate with the Board.

On motion the Clerk was instructed to ascertain what it would cost to have Minutes printed, and call on the Missionary Board for the amount.

Correspondents to sister Associations were appointed, as follows:

To the *Atachua*—B. W. Becks.
To the *New River*—D. W. Glisson.
To the *Baptist State Convention*—B. W. Becks, J. L. Becks.

Resolution by brother Paul Willis:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due and are kindly tendered to the community of Beulah church for the hospitality received during our session. Also, to our Methodist brethren for the use of their church; and assistance.

The Finance Committee were directed to turn over all money sent in for Home and Foreign missions to Elder W. N. Chaudoin; also, to turn over all remaining funds to the Missionary Board.

On motion, all unfinished business was turned over to the Missionary Board.

After singing, taking the parting hand and prayer, the Association adjourned, to meet with Osceola Baptist church, St. Johns county, Fla., Saturday before the third Sunday in October, 1881.

J. L. BECKS, *Clerk.*

B. W. BECKS, *Moderator.*

MINISTERS AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.

B. W. Becks.....	Palatka, Fla.	M. L. Dias.....	Orange Springs, Fla.
J. W. Thomas.....	“ “	C. A. Koger.....	Mount Royal, “
W. H. Denmark.....	“ “	D. W. Glisson, Green Cove Springs	
E. B. Timmons...Putnam Hall, “		Paul Willis.....	Palatka, Fla.
M. N. Strickland, “ “ “			

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CONSTITUTION.

1. This Association shall be known as "The North St. Johns' River Missionary Baptist Association."
2. This Association shall be composed of delegates elected by the several churches connected therewith. Each church shall be entitled to two delegates, and one additional delegate for every twenty-five members in excess of fifty, and such delegate shall be received by this body.
3. This Association shall at each annual meeting elect from their members by ballot a Moderator and Clerk, who shall serve one year.
4. The object of this Association shall be, first, to promote unity and brotherly love among the several churches; second, to promote gospel discipline; third, to encourage home and foreign missions; fourth, to encourage the universal spread of the gospel and practical religion throughout our bounds and elsewhere. Fifth, this Association shall have a fund for the promotion of her objects, raised by voluntary contributions, which shall be appropriated by the Missionary Board, unless otherwise disposed of by the Association.
5. A Missionary Board composed of five members, who shall be members of this Association or of churches belonging thereto, shall be elected by ballot at each annual meeting of the Association, to serve for one year, unless otherwise provided for. Said Board shall have full charge of all moneys and reports belonging to the Association; they shall elect their own chairman and clerk, also a treasurer, who shall be ex-officio treasurer of the Association—all of whom shall be members of said Board. The Board shall at all times be amenable to the Association, and shall make a full report at each annual meeting of the Association of their acts and doings the preceding year.
6. This Association shall invite correspondents and visiting brethren to seats when in session, who shall be entitled to all privileges except voting.
7. This Association may withdraw from any church that may be in disorder, when the same cannot be restored.
8. The annual meeting of the Association shall begin on Saturday before the third Sabbath in October; and by appointment there shall be an Introductory sermon preached the first day, and a Missionary sermon preached on Sabbath at 11 o'clock a. m., and a collection taken up for missionary purposes.
9. This Constitution may be amended only by a two-third vote of the delegates present, at any annual meeting, provided the amendments be reduced to writing.

RULES OF DECORUM.

- At the first meeting of each annual session of the Association, the Moderator of the previous session shall call the delegates to order, and after singing and prayer he shall declare the Association ready for business. The first business in order, after the delegates have enrolled their names, shall be the election of a Moderator and Clerk, and in case of the absence of the Moderator, the delegates present shall elect a Moderator pro tem., who shall proceed as aforesaid.
2. Each meeting of the Association shall be opened and closed with singing and prayer.
 3. The Moderator shall preserve order and decide all questions in debate, subject to an appeal to the body, and when speaking on any subject, shall call some member to the chair, and, in case of a tie, give the casting vote.
 4. The chairman of all committees shall be appointed by the Moderator, and each committee shall be filled by nominations made by the chairman, subject to the vote of the body.
 5. The Clerk shall keep a complete record of the proceedings of each meeting, and in the absence of the Moderator, shall call the Association to order, and preside until a Moderator pro tem. is elected.
 6. No business shall be transacted without a quorum, which shall consist of a majority of the registered members.
 7. All members wishing to speak shall rise and respectfully address the Moderator, and confine themselves strictly to the subject, and not speak more than twice upon the same subject without asking leave of the chair; and no unkind allusions shall be made while speaking.
 8. No motion shall be debated until seconded, nor voted upon until stated by the Moderator or read by the Clerk.
 9. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received except to adjourn, lay on the table to amend, indefinitely postpone, refer to a committee or otherwise, or call for the previous question.
 10. Any member voting in the majority may move a reconsideration at any time during the session.
 11. The Rules of Decorum may be amended at any annual session of the Association, by a majority vote of the members present.
 12. Rules not specially provided for shall be governed by parliamentary usage.

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES FOR 1880.

CHURCHES.	POST OFFICES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	DELEGATES.	Baptized.	Rec'd by letter.	Diam'd by letter.	Restored	Expelled.	Dead.	Total
Bethlehem.....	Sulsville.....		A. C. Osteen.....	R. D. Brooke.....		18				3	40
Bethesda.....	Palatka.....	M. L. Dias.....	H. A. Ashly.....	By letter.....	1						13
Beulah.....	Mount Royal.....	B. W. Becks.....	Wm. Fowler.....	J. Carter, Wm. F.w'er.....						1	30
Clear Water.....	Orange Springs.....		A. W. Dias.....	Not represented.....							19
Decoy.....	Green Cove Springs.....		J. M. M'ar.....	Not represented.....							19
Eonn.....	Pa'atka.....		E. Walker.....	Not represented.....							22
Evergreen.....	Wilderness.....	E. B. Timmons.....	E. W. Geiger.....	By letter.....	2						13
Gadara.....	Wilderness.....	E. B. Timmons.....	Jeesc Weeks.....	By letter.....	1	11					22
Hickory Grove.....	Green Cove Springs.....	D. W. Glisson.....	W. H. Brooker.....	J. Brooker, W. F. Wilson.....		3		1	1		29
Osceola.....	Picolata.....	B. W. Becks.....	D. J. Bell.....	D. J. Bell, Geo. Antly.....	14	3	1				44
Peniel.....	Palatka.....	Paul Willis.....	L. C. Stephens.....	B. W. Becks, J. L. Becks, J. F. Becks, P. J. Becks.....	23	4	1				100
Paran.....	Putnam Hall.....	E. B. Timmons.....	J. T. Cauthen.....	E. B. Timmons, John Ryals.....				1	1		46
Sion.....	Nashua.....	W. H. Denmark.....	J. Canon.....	J. Canon, J. M. Smith.....	7						15
Sardis.....	Palatka.....	M. L. Dias.....	G. Motes.....	By letter.....	4	1				1	23
Shiloh.....	Green Cove Springs.....	L. W. Kicklter.....	D. W. Glisson.....	D. W. Glisson, T. D. Rivers.....	3	6	4				29
St. John's.....	Federal Point.....		A. E. Driggers.....	Not represented.....							9

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