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## FIRST DAY.

ST. JOHNS CO., FLA., October 15, 1881.

The St. Johns River Baptist Association convened with the Ocoola church, St. Johns county, Florida, October 15, 1881, at 12 m.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. D. W. Glisson, from Mat. 12:36, 37: "But I say unto you, that every word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the Day of Judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned."

After a short recess, the Association was called to order, and prayer made by Rev. Dr. A. H. Robinson.

Letters were received from the following churches, and read by Brethren Paul, Willis and J. M. Fraser, and delegates enrolled as follows:

Ocoola—W. D. Ashton and Wm. Taylor.  
Gadawah by letter, no messenger.  
Hickory Grove—Joseph Brooker and W. F. Wilson.  
Decoy—T. A. Knowles and J. M. Fraser.  
Evergreen by letter, no messenger.  
Paran—S. E. Timmons and Rev. E. B. Timmons.  
Nashua—Silas Smith.  
Shiloh—Rev. D. W. Glisson.  
Penial—Revs. B. W. Becks and J. W. Thomas.  
Beulah—Jerry Wingate and B. F. Shuck.  
St. Johns by letter, no messenger.  
Sardis—Revs. W. Basford and M. L. Dias.

Petitionary letters was called for, and the following presented letters, viz: Mount Olive Church, St. Johns county; Spring Grove, Volusia county, and the Como Church, Putnam county, which were received and the right hand of fellowship given by the Moderator, and the delegates of said churches took their seats as members of this body, viz: Mount Olive, P. McCullar and Thomas McCullar; Spring Grove, Peter Stone; Lake Como, Rev. Dr. A. H. Robinson. Then went into the election of officers, the ballot being taken, Bros. Willis and Frazer acting tellers, announced Rev. B. W. Becks unanimously elected Moderator and S. E. Timmons, Secretary.

Visiting brethren were then invited to seats with us and accepted by Deacon N. Star, of the Courtland Association, New York. Rev. Paul Willis, of the Alachua. W. N. Chandoin, as Corresponding Secretary of State Board of Missions, editor Florida Department *Index*, and messenger from Santa Fe Association.

The following committees were then appointed:

On Preaching—Pastor and delegates of Ocoola Church, with Bros. James Brooker and P. McCullar.

On Religious Literature—E. B. Timmons, D. W. Glisson and W. W. Basford.  
 On Missions—J. W. Thomas, D. W. Glisson and Jerry Wingate.  
 On Finance—J. M. Fraser, E. F. Durrence and Silas Smith.  
 On Sabbath-Schools—Revs. Paul Willis, J. W. Thomas and Bro. Wm. Taylor.  
 On Queries and Nominations—W. F. Wilson, M. L. Dias and James Brooker.  
 On Temperance—Revs. A. H. Robinson, E. B. Timmons and D. W. Glisson.  
 On Deceased Ministers and Deacons—S. E. Timmons and W. D. Ashton.  
 The Committee on Preaching reported Rev. Dr. A. H. Robinson to preach this evening at 7 o'clock.  
 On motion adjourned, to meet at 9:30 Monday morning.  
 On Saturday evening at 7 o'clock, Rev. Dr. Robinson preached from the text, (Zech. 3:9,) "Upon one stone shall be seven eyes." Notwithstanding the darkness of the night and the frequent rain showers, the house was crowded and a feeling of profound solemnity pervaded the entire assembly.

### SABBATH SERVICES.

Sunday morning, October 16th, 10 o'clock, engaged one hour in devotional exercises, conducted by Bro. Jos. Brooker.  
 At 11 o'clock the Missionary Sermon was preached by Rev. E. B. Timmons, from Acts 13th chapter and part of 47th verse: "I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles." The subject was handled with the usual pathos and earnestness of the speaker, and after prayer by the Moderator, a collection was taken amounting to \$11.91; services then closed for refreshments, after which the congregation reassembled in the house and after prayer by Dr. Robinson, a Sunday-school mass meeting was called, and after various exercises by the Ocoola school, (conducted by Bro. Ashton, superintendent), in which both the superintendent and school fully demonstrated to the satisfaction of all present, the systematic working of a model Sabbath school.  
 Interesting and edifying addresses, were then delivered by the following brethren: W. N. Chaudoin, Paul Willis, B. W. Becks and others.  
 Sunday evening 7 o'clock, preaching by Rev. Paul Willis, from 37th Psalm and part of 3d verse: "Trust in the Lord and do good."

### THIRD DAY.

Monday morning 9:30, October 17th. After singing a hymn and prayer, led by Rev. E. B. Timmons, the Association was called to order by the Moderator.  
 The Minutes of the previous days were read, and on motion, brethren present belonging to other denominations were invited to seats, and was accepted by Rev. Dr. S. Fisk, of the Presbyterian Church.

On motion, Bro. E. V. Hutchins was appointed to prepare a Circular Letter to be read at the next annual session of the Association.

### Report on Religious Literature.

The Committee on Religious Literature made the following report, which was received and adopted:  
 Your Committee on Religious Periodicals submit the following: *The Christian Index*, with its Florida department, has been adopted by the State Convention as an organ of communication, and recommended by all our Associations, and until such time as we can support a State paper. Your committee is of the opinion that we could not do better than to make *The Index* our organ. It is near to us, is ably edited, is a sound and conservative paper, and in supporting it we are helping our State missions.

We urge our brethren to take *THE INDEX*, by so doing they put themselves in communication with their brethren all over the State.

We also recommend the *Foreign Mission Journal*, published (to give information about our Foreign Missions) at Richmond, Va., at 50 cents a year for single subscribers. For Sunday-schools we recommend *Kind Words, Child's Gem*, with the *Lesson Papers* and *Kind Words Quarterly*, published at Macon, Ga., by the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, and the *Lesson Quarterlies* and other helps and papers of the American Baptist Publication Society.

E. B. TIMMONS, *Chairman*.

### Report of Committee on Missions.

Received and adopted:

We recommend as the best means of enlisting the greater number, and to accomplish the most good, the organization of Missionary Societies, one in each church; each Society appoint Committees, mostly females, to solicit and collect monthly contributions and forward the same to the Board, quarterly.

We also recommend that special efforts be made to embrace as many of the weaker churches in the field of Missionary labor as possible. This matter, however, to be left to the decision of the Mission Board, on the provision that these churches do what they can to meet the expenses of the Missionary.

J. W. THOMAS, *Chairman*.

### On Sunday Schools.

We are gratified to notice from the letters sent up by the several churches composing this Association, that since our last annual meeting there has been a revival of interest in Sunday School work, and this revival we believe, is due to three causes, viz: a deeper interest on the part of pastors and missionaries in Sunday School work, the work of our Sunday School Convention, held in connection with the Putnam Union Meeting, and a revival of religion in the hearts of Sunday School workers. We respectfully and earnestly urge therefore,

1. That all the workers in the Sunday School cause, seek to keep their hearts interested in the work, and make close and prayerful

study of God's word, that they may impressively teach the children.

2. That our pastors, missionaries and ministers in general, maintain and manifest so far as possible a constantly increasing and deeper interest in Sunday School work.

3. That we continue to hold Sunday School Conventions in connection with the Union Meetings.

4. That we encourage and co-operate with Rev. B. M. Paek, Sunday School Missionary of the A. B. P. Society for Florida, when he comes among us to hold a Sunday School Convention.

PAUL WILLIS, *Chairman*.

#### *On Temperance.*

Temperance in all things, but especially *total abstinence* from alcoholic drinks as a beverage, has become, according to the Holy Scriptures, the civilized progress of the age, and the requirements of a high and Christian practice and profession an absolute necessity. Therefore the common bar-room practice of drinking should not be indulged in by professing Christians. We urge then upon all the members of our churches, to abstain from the very appearance of this *evil*. Our example when abroad, when away from our families, as well as in their midst should emphasize the true temperance principle of total abstinence. We present the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That we, the members of the St. John's River Baptist Association, urge upon all the members of our churches, that by precept and example, they use their most strenuous efforts to aid in the destruction of the great evils of intemperance, and that in all lawful and scriptural methods they give the cause their heartiest support.

2. *Resolved*, That we, as an Association, recommend to all our churches the necessity of incorporating in their church covenants a clause requiring strict abstinence from all intoxicants when admitted into their churches.

A. H. ROBINSON, *Chairman*.

#### *On Deceased Ministers and Deacons.*

In the providence of God, our beloved brother, Deacon John J. Booth, of the Oceola church, has been called from his labors of love to rest with our Lord, in the enjoyment of his reward in glory.

*Resolved* 1. That we feel bereft and do mourn, but not as those who have no hope.

2. While we mourn, we cheerfully submit to the righteous will of Him who doeth all things well.

S. E. TIMMONS, *Chairman*.

#### *On Requests and Nominations.*

We have had no subjects claiming our attention during the session except two petitions for the next annual session of the Association, one from the Paran church, and one from Evergreen. Therefore, after due deliberation, we recommend that the next meeting of the Association be held with the Paran church, Putnam county.

W. F. WILSON, *Chairman*.

#### *Report of D. W. Glisson, Missionary, to Executive Board.*

Days labor 46, sermons preached 39, baptized 8, miles traveled 672, family addresses 3, assisted in ordinations of Deacons 1, churches constituted 1, collections on field \$22.95, received from Board \$45.00, total received \$67.95. Balance due \$26.05.

D. W. GLISSON, *Missionary*.

#### *Report of A. H. Robinson.*

Days labor 66, sermons preached 68, miles traveled 256, families addressed 10, baptisms none, ordination of Deacons none, churches constituted none, collections \$3.00, traveling expenses \$10.10. Received of brother Thomas Hind \$20.00, from Beulah church \$1.20.

A. H. ROBINSON, *Missionary*.

#### *Treasurer's Report.*

1881.	DR.
Amount received for year 1880.....	\$59 08
Received from Shiloh church.....	3 65
Received from Hickory Grove church.....	5 61
Received from Beulah church.....	5 10
Received from Penial church.....	6 95
Total.....	80 39
Amount paid out.....	75 37
Balance in hand.....	\$5 08
Amount paid out.....	CR.
To printing Minutes for 1880.....	\$15 00
To express charges on same.....	80
To postage for money order.....	10
To stationery and postage.....	48
To postage on mailing Minutes.....	32
To paid Rev. D. W. Glisson for services 1880.....	12 58
Feb. 16—Paid Rev. D. W. Glisson for services 1881.....	20 00
June 11—Paid Rev. D. W. Glisson for services 1881.....	10 00
June 11—Postage on Register.....	15
Sep. 16—Paid Rev. D. W. Glisson.....	15 00
To postage on Register.....	10
To Book for use of Treasurer.....	80
	\$75 31

SAMUEL T. BELL, *Treasurer*.

#### *Report of Missionary Board.*

The Missionary Board met and organized on the 6th of November, 1881, and elected the following officers: Rev. B. W. Becks, Chairman; Bro. P. McCullar, Secretary, and Bro. Samuel L. Bell, Treasurer. The Board divided the Associational bounds into three missions, viz: St. Johns, Fruitland and Etoniah. It was resolved that the Chairman address circulars to the several churches composing the Association asking them to take up collections for the support of Home Missions, and was also requested to correspond with Rev. W. N. Chaudoin, and solicit aid from the Domestic Board.

The Board agreed to employ Rev. D. W. Glisson for one week of his time in each month for nine months, to labor as missionary on

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the St. Johns mission, for which services they agreed to pay him \$25, and traveling expenses at the rate of \$2 per month. The Board agreed furthermore, to employ Dr. A. H. Robinson to labor as missionary on the Fruitland mission, at the rate of \$25 per quarter. Bros. Glisson and Robinson's labors have been blessed, and the people on their fields are desirous to have them continue, and we are happy to have them report that the outlook is encouraging; for amount of work done by Bros. Robinson and Glisson, we refer you to their reports.

The Board is sorry to say that they have not accomplished as much as they desired to in regard to missionary work on account of the want of means.

The Etoniah mission needs a missionary very much, but we are grieved to say that we have not been able to do anything on that field. Though Bro. E. B. Timmons has labored some as missionary in the Etoniah field, viz: seven days' services—preached six sermons and traveled eighty miles. Bro. M. L. Dias has done some itinerant work and collected on the field, \$3.75, the Board agreeing for him to retain the same for his services.

B. W. BECKS, *Chairman.*  
 P. McCULLAR, *Secretary.*  
 SAM. L. BELL, *Treasurer.*  
 J. M. FRASER,  
 JOS. BROOKER, *Committee.*

*Report of Finance Committee.*

AMOUNT OF CONTRIBUTIONS AND FOR WHAT PURPOSES.

CHURCHES.	Associational Purposes.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	State Board.	Minutes.
Bethlehem.....	\$ 5 00				
Beulah.....	1 75				
Decoy.....	1 15				
Evergreen.....	1 40				
Gadarah.....	1 00				
Hickory Grove.....	2 00				
Mount Olive.....	3 50				
Sardis.....	\$ 2 00				\$ 1 00
Paran.....	9 55	1 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00	
Spring Grove.....	1 00				
Zion.....	1 00				
Shiloh.....	2 00				
St. Johns.....	1 00				
Penial.....	6 40	2 00		8 00	
Oceola.....	3 00				
Collection, Sunday.....	11 91				
Collection, Monday.....		1 00	90		
Total.....	\$51 66	\$ 6 00	\$ 1 90	\$ 9 00	\$ 1 00

J. M. FRAZER, *Chairman.*

NAMES OF MINISTERS.

	P. O. ADDRESS.
B. W. Becks.....	Palatka, Fla.
J. W. Thomas.....	Palatka, Fla.
W. H. Denmark.....	McWilliams, Fla.
E. B. Timmons.....	Putnam Hall, Fla.
M. N. Strickland.....	Putnam Hall, Fla.
M. L. Dias.....	McWilliams, Fla.
W. W. Basford.....	Palatka, Fla.
C. A. Koger.....	Mount Royal, Fla.
D. W. Glisson.....	Green Cove Springs, Fla.
Paul Willis.....	Palatka, Fla.
A. H. Robinson.....	Lake Como, Fla.

MISSION BOARD.

B. W. Becks, *Chairman*.....Palatka, Fla.  
 S. L. Bell, *Treasurer*.....Picolata, Fla.  
 P. McCullar, *Secretary*, .....Federal Point, Fla.  
 Jasep Brooker,  
 J. M. Fraser.

## CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be known as the St. John's River Missionary Baptist Association.

2. This Association shall be composed of delegates elected by the several churches connected with this Association. Each church shall be entitled to two delegates, and one additional delegate for every twenty-five members in excess of fifty, and such delegates shall be received by this Association.

3. This Association shall at the annual meeting, elect from their members by ballot, a Moderator and Clerk, who shall serve for 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 contribution, 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 churches belonging thereto, shall be elected by ballot at each annual meeting of the Association to serve for one year, unless otherwise provided for, the 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 the said Board.

At 11 o'clock the Association adjourned to hear preaching by Rev. W. N. Chaudoin, who preached from the following text: "And Jesus sat over against the treasury," and after a few minutes intermission, assembled in the house for business, and after a stirring address by Rev. W. N. Chaudoin, the following pledges were taken for the State Board of Missions, by sundry brethren for themselves and churches: Jos. Brooker, \$1; Sam. Bell, \$1; Geo. Antly, \$1; Ocoola Sunday-school by Dr. Fisk, \$1 per quarter; J. M. Fraser, \$1; D. W. Glisson, \$1; Penial Church, \$5; Sardis, \$2; Paran, \$5; J. Wingate, \$1; Eliza Antly, 50 cents; M. C. Timmons, \$1; G. Pope, \$1; Thomas Elderton, \$1; Sister Elderton, \$1; Perry McCullar, \$2; W. F. Wilson, \$1.

The Committee on Nominations then reported Rev. Dr. A. H. Robinson to preach the next Introductory Sermon, and Rev. D. W. Glisson, the Missionary Sermon.

On motion of the Secretary, the word North was dropped from the name of the Association.

On motion of Rev. Paul Willis, the following resolution was adopted, viz:

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this body are due, and are hereby tendered to the Ocoola Church and the community at large, for hospitalities extended during our session, and also to boats and railroad companies for half rates.

Thus closed one of the most harmonious and profitable sessions we have held since our organization. The work of both the Board and the Missionaries are entirely satisfactory, and our prospects for the future are encouraging and hopeful.

The following were then appointed as correspondents with other bodies:

Santa Fe Association—E. B. Timmons, S. E. Timmons, D. W. Glisson, James Brooker and B. W. Becks.

Alachua Association—Rev. Paul Willis.

New River Association—D. W. Glisson and W. F. Wilson.

Baptist State Convention—B. W. Becks, E. B. Timmons, A. H. Robinson and S. E. Timmons.

On motion, the Secretary was authorized to have a sufficient number of Minutes printed to supply the churches, and to draw on the Treasurer for funds to pay the expenses of the same.

On motion, Rev. B. W. Becks, S. L. Bell, P. McCullar, Jas. M. Fraser and Jas. Brooker, were re-elected Missionary Board.

After singing the hymn, "Blest be the tie that binds," extending to each other the parting hand and prayer by Dr. Robinson, the Association adjourned to meet with the Paran Church, in Putnam county, on Saturday before the third Sunday in October, 1882.

B. W. BECKS, *Moderator*.

S. E. TIMMONS, *Secretary*.

## STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	POST-OFFICES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	DELEGATES.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Dism'd by Letter.	Restored.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.
Beulah.....	Fruitland.....	C. A. Koger.....	Wm. Fowler.....	Jerry Wingate, B. F. Shuck.....						1	19
Bethlehem.....	Volusia.....	R. W. Lawton.....	A. C. Osteen.....	Represented by letter.....							39
Decoy.....	Green Cove Springs.....	D. W. Glisson.....	J. M. Frazer.....	J. M. Frazer, F. A. Knowla.....						1	22
Evergreen.....	Wilderness.....	E. B. Timmons.....	E. W. Geiger.....	Represented by letter.....	2	1					16
Gadara.....	Wilderness.....		Jesse Weeks.....	Represented by letter.....			2				22
Hickory Grove.....	Green Cove Springs.....	D. W. Glisson.....	W. H. Brooker.....	Joseph Brooker, W. F. Wilson.....					1	1	26
Lake Como.....	Lake Como.....	A. H. Robinson.....	O. B. Robinson.....	A. H. Robinson.....	3					2	18
Mount Olive.....	Federal Point.....	D. W. Glisson.....	J. McCullar.....	P. McCullar, Thos. McCullar.....							12
Ocoala.....	Picolata.....	B. W. Becks.....	S. J. Bell.....	W. D. Ashton, Wm. Taylor.....	8						49
Pental.....	Palatka.....	Paul Willis.....	L. C. Stevens.....	J. W. Thomas, B. W. Becks.....		1					104
Paran.....	Putnam Hall.....	H. W. Becks.....	J. T. Cawthen.....	S. E. Timmons, E. B. Timmons.....	6	3		1	1		54
Jt. Johns.....	Federal Point.....		A. E. Drigers.....	Represented by letter.....							8
Spring Grove.....	Spring Grove.....	B. W. Becks.....	Thos. Underhill.....	Peter Stone.....	1						17
Shiloh.....	Green Cove Springs.....	L. W. Kicklighter.....	D. W. Glisson.....	D. W. Glisson.....	1	6		9			26
Sardis.....	McWilliams.....	Wm. Carlton.....	G. W. Motes.....	W. W. Basford, M. L. Dias.....							23
Sion.....	Nashua.....	C. A. Koger.....	Jas. Cannon.....	Silas Smith.....					1	2	12
Enon.....				Not represented.							
Clear Water.....				Not represented.							
					26	12	13	1	14	8	462

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