### MINUTES

OF THE

ST. JOHN'S RIVER

# BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE

SPRING GROVE CHURGH, UOLUSIA CO., OCTOBER 16, 17 AND 18, 1886.

#### OFFICERS:

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SATURDAY, October 16 1886-11 A.M.

THE ninth annual session of the St. John's River Baptist Association convened with Spring Grove Church October 16, 1886.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. B. W. Becks.

After a recess of one hour the body reassembled in the church house and after prayer by Rev. C. A. Koger was called to order by Rev. B. W. Becks Moderator.

7 The clerk not being present, S. E. Timmons was chosen clerk.

Letters from churches being called for, were read by Revs. J. J. W.

Place and J. W. Thomas and O. B. Robinson; delegates being enrolled

Beulah Church—C. A. Koger, Thes. Hind. Decoy Church-M. L. Dyess.

Evergreen Church—Aaron Geiger.
Gadara Church—Represented by letter only.
Hickory Grove Church—Represented by letter only.
Lake Como Church—O. B. Robinson.

Mount Olive Church—James McCullar, Henry McCullar.
Norwalk Church—Represented by letter only.
Osceola Church—William Taylor, Noe Presler.
Peniel Church—J. W. Thomas, B. W. Becks.
Paran Church—S. E. Timmons T. J. Rogers.

First Palatka Church-J. J. W. Place.

St. John's Church-

Sardis Church—James Cannon, F. T. Buchanan. Shiloh Church—H. S. Mint n, D. W. Glisson. Spring Grove Church—F. D. Harper, O. J. Dillard

Petitionary letters were read from First Seville Church and from Spring Garden Church, and on motion these churches were received, and the hand of welcoma was extended to the delegates by the moderator.

Seville Church-J. D. Braddock, A. J. Braddock.

Spring Garden Church-L. W. Odum.

On proceeding to the election of officers, the rules were suspended and Rev. B. W. Becks was reelected moderator by acclamation. O B. Robinson was elected clerk.

Correspondents from other associations were invited. Rev. S. F. Gove, from Wekiva Association, desiring a renewal of correspondence, was welocmed by the moderator, as was also J. M. Davis, same association.

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The following committees were appointed:

On Arrangements-Pastor and delegates of Spring Grove Church and Aaron Geiger and J. D. Braddock

On Religious Literature-J. W. Thomas, C. A. Koger, J. J. W. Place.

On Missions-J. J. W Place, D. W. Glisson and A. Geiger. On Sunday Schools-Thos. Hind, M. L. Dyess, Noe Presler. On Nominations-A. Geiger, F. D. Harper, William Taylor.

On Temperance-O. P. Robinson, S. E. Timmons, C. A. Koger.

On Finance-T, J. Rogers, H. S. Minton, Thos. Hind.

On Woman's Work-J. W. Thomas, O. B. Robinson, James Cannon. On Deceased Ministers and Deacons-Thos, Hind, A. Geiger, S. E.

Committee on Arrangements reported that Rev. M. L. Dyess would preach in the evening, with Rev. C. A. Koger to follow.

Association adjourned, to meet Monday, 9 A.M.

#### SUNDAY.

In the morning, at 11 o'clock, Rev. J. J. W. Place preached the

Missionary Sermon to a large congregation,

At 1 P.M., Rev. G. W. Hall officiated at a Children's Meeting, interesting a large gathering of old and young. At the close of his address, Bro, Hall invited those who would strive to follow Jesus to come forward, when many little ones responded,

At 3 P.M. the Ladies' Associational Missionary Union held a crowded

meeting in the church house,

In the evening, preaching services were held at Barberville and at the residence of O. J. Dillard.

#### MONDAY-9 A.M.

Convened pursuant to adjournment, and opened with prayer.

On motion the roll of churches was read.

St. John Church was reported in a low condition, and Sion Church as virtually dead. '

Revs. B. W. Becks and C. A. Koger were appointed to visit St. John Church and labor with the members; Sion Church was dropped.

The Committee on Sunday Schools reported as follows:

#### REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sunday Schools take great pleasure in reporting that there are sixteen schools organized in connection with the churches of this Association. Three churches have no schools. Your committee feel that it would be a waste of time to advance reasons why each church should have and support a Sabbath School. The Sabbath School has been aptly termed "the nursery of the church." We would impress upon our pastors and missionaries that they take every opportunity to inform our members of the importance to the child and the church that their children are sent to the Sabbath Schools of our own denomination. We very earnestly recommend to the superintendents and teachers in our Sabbath Schools that they use the lesson helps of our own denomination. We feel confident they are not excelled as mediums of effective work and in lowness of price, while the doctrinal soundness of their teachings have never been questioned. Your committee are glad to report that, Brother G. W. Hall, State Sunday School Missionary, has visited many of the Sabbath Schools of our Association during the past year. One of the fruits of his labors has been increased interest manifested by parents, teachers and scholars in this great work; while the Gospel seed sown by him is constantly ripening into a harvest of precious souls. THOS. HIND. Chairman.

After remarks the report was adopted.

Invitation to correspondents was renewed, and Rev. G. W. Hall from Santa Fe Association, was welcomed by the moderator.

#### REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

Committee on Nominations reported as follows: We recommend that the next meeting of the Association be held with Evergreen Church, Clay County; that Rev. J. J. W. Piace preach the Introductory Sermon; and Rev. Thos. Hind the Mission try Sermon. A. GEIGER, Chairman. Adopted.

The Committee on Women's Work reported as follows:

#### REPORT ON WOMEN'S WORK.

It is no part of a Christian spirit to overlook, or to reject, any legitimate aid in our great work of extending the Master's kingdom on earth. This proposition is so self-evident that it needs no demonstration. We all know with what enthusiasm, and with what efficiency, woman works in any cause which she has at heart, when she has opportunity. The world's history is full of instances of great obstacles overcome by the apparently weak efforts of women; and the history of the growth and progress of the cause of Christ on earth demonstrates the incalculable value of woman as a worker in the missionrry cause. The sum of \$1,100 collected by women in the State of Florida last year shows what a power there is lying almost neglected; and who can eatimate the good that \$1,100, accompanied by God's blessing, has done.

Among the churches within the bounds of our Association the women have already done a great work; but we believe they could and would do a vastly greater if the power was rightly directed and used. Let each member ask himself what he has done to help them. Have we done all we could to help them, even in the way of encouragement. Do our ministers remember them while in the pulpit? A few words in the sermon or the prayer; a few inquiries privately made among the sisters as to what they are doing; and an evident interest shown in their progress and welfare, would do good. Let our ministers and brothers remember that we are about our Master's business when we are careful to neglect nothing that tends to advance the cause of religion.

We believe that the societies in affiliation with the Associationa Union should be encouraged and assisted by our pastors and members, and the Associational Union recognized as in every respect a part of us, and worthy co-laborers in the vineyard. We should invite the Union to send in an annual report to our clerk to be embodied in our minutes, to the end that each individual society shall receive due credit for its work, and the results of their labors presented in a systematized and businesslike manner.

We believe it is the duty of the male members to not only encourage our sisters already organized in societies in their work, but to do all in their power to influence and aid in the organization of societies in those churches where there are none at present. J. W. Thomas, Chairman.

Report adopted after an earnest discussion; and clerk directed to extend the invitation recommended.

At 11 A.M., preaching services were provided by the Commi tee on Arrangements, Revs. S. F. Gove and C. A. Koger officiating, the Association continuing its business session in the house.

#### FINANCE REPORT.

Your Committee o Am't received from	n churches f	or Associ	iational	purposes		
Collection Sunday	morning					82
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We recommend that the churches furnish in future full statistical information, and that the clerk of the Association furnish the necessary blanks to the clerks of the churches.

T. J. Rogers, Chairman.

#### REPORT ON MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Missions beg leave to offer the following: In view of the command to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature; and in view of the example set us by the Lord Jesus Himself, in leaving His Father's kingdom and coming to this world and devoting Himself so zealously, unselfishly and sacrificingly to the work of giving us the Gospel; and also in view of the fact of the shortness of the time that we have to do what little we can do in the salvation of dying men, let every Christian minister, official member, lay member, male and female, children, or of whatever other appellation he may belong to, endeavor to realize the personal obligation to do what he can to save the souls of men. That we will to this end endeavor, by increased personal effort, in attendance and financial support of our home churches, to enlist all the agencies of Christ's body in the salvation of the world. That we will establish and sustain by personal effort the Gospel in adjacent destitute neighborhoods to our church homes, also in more remote destitute fields in Christian lands, and also in the still more remote fields from whence comes the Macedonian cry, "come over and help us," until the Gospel is preached to the whole world. That we will observe the day set apart by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Society to pray for our brethren in China that are being persecuted for the faith they have in Christ.

J. J. W. Place, Chairman.

Report adopted—discussion interesting and moving.

The Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons, with gratitude to the great Head of the Church, report that they have not heard of the death of any pastor, minister or deacon of any of the churches in this Association.

T. Hind, Chairman.

The Committee on Temperance reported as follows:

#### REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We believe that it is the duty and in the power of our government to regulate and ultimately to suppress the traffic in intoxicating liquor. We know the traffic is a direct and powerful influence for evil; one of the greatest obstacles to the spread of the Gospel—a promoter of sin.

What, then, is the duty of Christians? In our view no member of a

What, then, is the duty of Christians? In our view no member of a Baptist church can in any way countenance this unholy traffic. Nay, more. We hold that is is the duty of every member of a Baptist church, if he would be about his Master's business, to actively, by voice, vote and action, assist in any genuine effort to curtail or abolish the traffic. The time is come when the Christian must choose one out of three courses open to him in respect of this question when he considers how his vote shall be given. He can vote directly against the traffic; he can vote in favor of it; he can vote solely with respect to other issues, re-

gardless of the effect of his vote on this great question. We hope no Christian will vote in favor of the traffic. We also hope no Baptist will vote indifferently. How can we call ourselves followers of Him who so emphatically denounced all indifferentism where sin was concerned? Let us be consistent and range ourselves by voice and vote on the side of right. Whether we accept the principle of local option or that of prohibition, let us see that no party affiliation, nor any other cause, shall influence us to cast a vote, say a word, or do an act, that can be continued in any way as expouraging this tauffic in sin. As a practical step in advance, we believe that the XIXth Amendment to the State Constitution can be accepted by our Christian voters as a way-station to the end of the road—the complete suppression of the traffic in intoxicating drinks.

O. B. Robenson, Chairman.

Report adopte 1—discussion animated and very generally participated in by those present.

#### REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

Your Committee on Religious Literature beg leave to offer the following:—That we believe it to be the duty, and we so recommend, that the members of our churches take at least one copy of some one of our religious papers, and that the *Florida Buptist Witness* should especially be patronized. That in supplying our Sunday Schools with helps and papers that we patronize either the American Baptist Publication Society or "Kind Words."

J. W. Thomas, Chairman.

Report adopted—after an interesting discussion. A recess was then taken till 2 p.m.

Upon reassembling, prayer was offered by Rev. J. J. W. Place.

#### REPORT OF MISSIONARY BOARD.

In the beginning of the year we employed Rev. D. W. Glisson on what is known as the St. John's Mission, on the east side of the river, and on the Etoniah Mission on the west side, Bro. Gltsson to begin his work in November, 1885, and to perform eight days' labor per month during the year, for which we agreed to pay him the sum of \$200.

The outlook is not discouraging. While the ingathering has not been such as is desirable, we do not feel discouraged. We believe work performed for God is not in vain. Our missionary needs and requires the co-operation and prayers of the Association, as does your Missionary Board also, that their work may be, as it should be, directed by the Holy Spirit.

For the amount of work done by your missionary we refer you to his riport. In January we agreed to return Bro. Glisson to the Fruit Cove Mission, as in the judgment of the Board, as well as Bro. Glisson, more good could be accomplished. But Bro. Glisson was instructed if, in his judgment it was best, to alternate between the Etoniah and the Fruit Cove Missions. We appointed two members of the Board to accompany Bro. Glisson on each of these missions, to survey the work and to instruct the people in regard to the work of the Board and their duty to the Board. But we are sory to say that neither of these brethren performed that work, to wit.—Bros. Strickland and Wingate. At a meeting of the Board on May 9, the Etoniah Mission was discontinued, the time of the missionary to the aforesaid mission to be given to the Fruit Cove Mission. As to the financial condition of the Board we refer you to the treasurer's report.

Thus ends the responsible services of another year. As to whether we have acted wisely or not we leave you to judge. We have tri d to

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Resolution unanimously adopted.

The following were elected as the Missionary Board for the ensuing vear :- B. W. Becks, P. McCullar, Noe Presler, J. C. Strickland and

The following appointments were made:

Delegates to State Convention:—S E. Timmons J. J. W. Ph.ce. T Hind, B. W. Becks, O. B. Robinson, A. Geiger, J. W. Thomas, P. McCullar, C. A. Koger, M. L. Dvess.

Correspondents to Wekiva Association :- B. W. Becks, L. W. Odum,

O. J. Dillard, S. E. Timmons.

Santa Fe Association: -S. E. Timmons, J. J. W. Place, and any member who can attend.

New River Association :-- B. W. Becks, G. W. Becks, A. Geiger, S. E. Timmons.

Moved and carried that the clerk be paid \$10, and that he have the minutes printed and draw on the treasurer for the expense.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we tender the thanks of the members of this Association to the brethren of Spring Grove Church, and especially to the sisters (for we realize that the great burden of labor in providing for our entertainment falls upon them), for the generous entertainment provided by them; and we hope and pray that our visit among them may be b'est of God to the strengthening of their church, and to the neighborhood.

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to the J., T. & K. W. R'y and to the Florida Southern R.R., for courtesies extended in the reduction of fires to delegates and visitors.

Adjourned to meet with Evergreen Church, on Saturday before third Sunday in October, 1887.

B. W. BECKS, Moderator.

O. B. Robinson, Clerk

act judicioutly and conscientiously, and as yours and the stewards of God, we submit you the summary of our year's work

S. E. TIMMONS, Chairman. P. McCullar, Treasurer. NOE PRESLER, Secretary, J. C. STRICKLAND. Members of Board. J. WINGATE.

Report adopted.

#### MISSIONARY'S REPORT.

Day's labor, 96; miles travelled, 1414; sermons preached, 55; baptized, 5; restored, 1; received for baptism, 2, family visits, 10. Collected on St. John's Mission as follows:-Palacerie Creek, \$17.96; Cowpen Branch, \$19.86. On Etoniah Mission: - Minton School House, \$4.24; Bethesda Station, 50c. Fruit Cove Mission, \$7;19. Spring Grove Church, for missions, \$3.32. Hickory Grove Church, for missions, 65c. Missionary Board, \$12.64. Total receipts, \$66.36. Travelling expeeses, \$16.30. Due missionary, \$149.94.

D. W. GLISSON.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT-1885-6.

1885.	Receipts.			1885.	Paid out	
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Oct: 18.	Paran, 5th Sunday					
	meeting in Aug.		55			
	Total	\$139	00		Total \$139	00

On motion the reports were adopted.

Moved and carried that the secretary of the Missionary Board to be appointed be instructed to write to each church in the Association, informing them of the wants of the Board, and requesting a contribution of fifty cents per member for missionary purposes.

Moved and carried that the new Missionary Board appoint a committee to wait upon the State Mission Board at Gainesville, to confer in res\_ect of a plan of co-operation in mission work within the bounds of

this Association.

Rev. J. J. W. Place offered the following resolution and earnestly advocated its adoption:

Resolved. That as Baptists, in the education of our children, that, as by the history of the past the silent influence of the teacher and the school establishes their spirit and molds to a great degree the character of the pupils, and thus decides their future destiny; that we send, as far as we can, our children to schools of our own denomination; and that

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OF THE

## LADIES' ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY UNION.

Organized October, 1883, at Peniel, by Mrs. A. B. Bailey.

THE Ladies' Associational Missionary Union of the St. John's River Baptist Association, held its fourth annual meeting at Spring Grove Church, Oct. 16, 1886—Mrs. Telford, of De Land, presiding; Mrs. O. B. Robinson, Lake Como, Secretary.

On Saturday the programme for the session was arranged.

Sunday, 3 P.M., the Union held a large meeting in the church house. Mrs. Telford presented the needs of the China Mission in an interesting manner, exhibiting several Chinese idols. Other interesting exercises were held, and a Ladies' Missionary Society of Spring Grove Church was organized, with officers as follows:—Mrs. Beers, President; Mrs. Miner, Vice-Pres.; Mrs. Barnes, Sec'y; Mrs. Dillard, Treas.

Adjourned to Monday morning.

MONDAY, 9 A.M.—Union met in the grove near the church house, Mrs. O. B. Robinson presining. Opened with devotional exercises, after which the hymn, "There is a Happy Land," was sung, followed by Mrs. Telford in Chinese. Reports from societies were read, followed by a very Interesting letter from Miss Ruth Ranney, a missionary at Rangoon, Burmah.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:—President, Mrs. B. A. Hutchins, Lake Como; Vice-President, Mrs. Seigler, Paran; Secretary, Mrs. O. B. Robinson, Lake Como; Treasurer, Mrs. Thomas,

Norwalk.

Secretary reported collection on Sunday:—For Missions—Osceola L. M. S., \$1.00; church collection, 2.09. For Witness, \$1.03.

An unanimous vote of thanks was tendered to Mrs. Telford for her

helpful presence.

After an address by Mrs. O. B. Robinson and prayer by Mrs. Telford, the Union adjourned, to meet with Evergreen Church, on the Saturday before the third Sunday in October, 1887.

GENERAL STATISTICAL TABLE.

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#### 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 correspondence.
- 8. Appointment of Committees.
- 9. Call for Circular Letter.
- 10. Reports of Standing Committees.
- 11. Miscellaneous business.
- 12. Adjournment.

#### ORDAINED MINISTERS.

- B. W. BECKS, Palatka, Fla.
- J. J. W. PLACE, "
- J. W. THOMAS, "
- P. P. BISHOP, San Mateo, Fla.
- C. A. KOGER, Fruitland, "
- D. W. GLISSON, Gr'n Cove Sp'ngs.
- JAS. BROOKER, Gr'n Cove Springs
- JAS. HICKEY,
- E. B. TIMMONS, Putnam Hall.
- P. QUEEN, Bostwick, Fla.
- M. L. DYESS,

