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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Introductory of 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.

OFFICERS.

S. E. TIMMONS, Moderator Putnam Hall.
E. D. PREVATT, Clerk McRae.
P. McCULLAR, Treasurer Picolata.

MINISTERS AND POSTOFFICES.

M. L. Dyess Hollister.
B. W. Becks Peniel.
D. W. Glisson Green Cove Springs.
J. W. Thomas Palatka.
P. P. Bishop San Mateo.
W. E. Stanton Peniel.
C. A. Koger Fruitland.
C. C. Burrows Green Cove Springs.
Thomas Hind Georgetown.
— Spencer Georgetown.
J. A. Moseley Etoniah.
Charles Conway Wilderness.
R. F. Hart Green Cove Springs.
— Johnson Palatka.
B. B. Hamilton San Mateo.
D. L. Kendrick Green Cove Springs.

MINUTES.

SATURDAY, October 18, 1890.

The Thirteenth Annual Session of the St. Johns River Baptist Association convened with Evergreen Baptist church October 18, 1890.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder M. L. Dyess. After an intermission of one hour, the body reassembled in the church house, and, after prayer by J. M. Fraser, was called to order by S. E. Timmons, Moderator.

Letters from churches being called for, they were read by Elder Thomas Hind and Jno. C. Strickland.

Delegates enrolled as follows:

Ancient City Church—

Beulah—F. M. Beebe, C. A. Koger, Thomas Hind, William Williams.

Barberville—Thos. Underhill, A. L. Richardson.

Evergreen—Samuel Green, Jesse Wilson.

Gadara—V. I. Prevatt, Lyman Hall.

Hickory Grove—R. Brooker, Robert Genann.

Hebron—J. C. Strickland, T. M. Mallett.

Lake Como—By letter only.

Mount Olive—Jimmie and Henry McCullar.

Norwalk—H. L. Thomas, David L. Locket.

Osceola—Robert Ashton, Walter Nestler.

Peniel—H. Clemmons, E. W. Smith, J. M. Cannon.

Paron—J. A. Moseley, S. E. Timmons, W. J. Green.

Palatka—

Providence—W. L. Minton, D. Bohannon, H. S. Minton.

Sardis—Marion Smith, M. O. Osteen.

Shilo—M. D. Moore, Wm. Riggs.

Spring Garden—L. W. Odum.

Spring Grove—

Seville—

Tocoi—M. L. Dyess, J. M. Fraser.

Petitionary letters were read from Union church, Second Baptist church of Green Cove Springs and New Hope, and, on motion, these churches were received and the hand of welcome was extended to the delegates by the Moderator.

Union Church—J. M. Wilson, Jesse Weeks.

Second Baptist Church of Green Cove Springs—S. J. Wingate, James A. Brooker.

New Hope—W. F. Wilson, W. S. Sapp.

On proceeding to the election of officers, the rules were suspended, and S. E. Timmons was elected by acclamation, and E. D. Prevatt reelected Clerk.

Correspondents from other Associations were invited. Elder W. F. Malphurs and Elder L. W. Kickliter, from New River Association, and Jesse Thomas and W. H. Lee, from Santa Fe Association, were welcomed by the Moderator.

On motion, Elder W. F. Malphurs preached at 7:30 P. M.

Adjourned to 8:30 P. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment, and the following committees were appointed:

On Arrangements—A. Geiger, H. S. Minton, C. M. Priest.

On Religious Literature—C. A. Koger, Jesse Wilson, Robert Ashton.

On Missions—H. L. Thomas, W. F. Wilson, V. I. Prevatt.

On Sunday schools—J. C. Strickland, M. J. Green, Samuel Green.

On Nominations—James McCullar, Wm. Williams, Thomas Underhill.

On Temperance—J. M. Fraser, T. M. Mallett, D. L. Locket.

On Education—J. A. Moseley, L. W. Kickliter, M. L. Dyess.

On Finance—J. M. Cannon, H. McCullar, Jas. A. Brooker.

On Woman's Mission Work—Robert Ashton, James Cannon, Jesse Weeks.

On Deceased Ministers and Deacons—Thos. Hind, J. Wingate, Jesse Wilson, W. J. Green, H. Clemmons.

Committee on arrangements reported: Inasmuch as B. B. Hamilton, who was appointed to preach the missionary sermon, Sunday, at 11 A. M., is absent, that Elder Thos. Hind preach the missionary sermon.

On motion, adjourned to 9:30 A. M., Monday.

SUNDAY, October 19, 1890.

In the morning, at 11 o'clock, Elder Thomas Hind preached the missionary sermon (from 7th verse, 4th chapter, 2nd Epistle of Paul to Timothy) to a large and attentive congregation.

After the congregation had partook of a hearty repast, they reassembled in the house where Elder G. W. Hall (the children's missionary and agent for the *Florida Baptist Witness*, and correspondent from Santa Fe Association) officiated at a children's meeting, interesting a large gathering of old and young. At the close of his address, Brother Hall invited those who would endeavor to follow Jesus to come forward, when quite a number responded.

The Committee on Arrangements reported that Elder H. L. Marlow would preach at 7:20 P. M.

MONDAY, October 20, 1890.

Met pursuant to adjournment, and, after prayer by Elder G. W. Hall, the body was called to order by the Moderator.

The Committee on Arrangements reported that Elder L. W. Kickliter would preach at 11 A. M.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WOMAN'S MISSION WORK.

Your Committee on Woman's Mission Work respectfully submit the following:

We highly appreciated the efforts of our sisters in manifesting such zeal and determination in the outset; but, alas! we fear their enthusiasm has somewhat succumbed to tardiness, as we have not received any encouraging reports from the different churches within the bounds of this Association. Among the churches within the bounds of our Association the women have done a great work, but we believe that quite a number of societies have disbanded, and are not co-workers with us, as they once were. What is the cause? Is it for lack of interest? Has your faith in the glorious cause weakened? We ask the question, "What is the matter?" 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. 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 earnestly appeal to all societies, and also to those that have disbanded, to re-organize, and be prepared at the next meeting of our Association to send in an annual report that it may 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 business-like manner.

ROBERT L. ASHTON,
JAMES CANNON,
JESSE WEEKS,

Committee.

After remarks upon the same, the report was adopted.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

In this age of progress, nothing short of the Gospel itself is probably more vital in importance than education. Necessity seems to be laid upon church and State to *educate* the masses. Infidelity is rife in every department of social and political life. Hence, preparation must be made to meet the demand for cultured intellect. Sanctified learning should be the motto. If you would have a blessing rather than a curse, let the *religion of Christ* oppose the assaults of satanic forces against Christianity, whether from Rome or elsewhere. Through Christ *only* may we conquer. The nearer we come to the pattern of His teaching and His image, the grander will be our success. First of all, then, we would urge attention to the study of the Bible. He who knows the most of it, is best qualified for correct living and efficient teaching. Its simplicity stamps its divinity, and proves the goodness and the grace of God. The purity of Bible doctrines makes an appeal to the inner consciousness of man that Jesus spoke as no other had done, or could do. The wonderful preservation of Scriptural integrity, as to the original tongues, shows the wonderful work of God and His mercy to fallen man. Let us cherish in all our churches Bible reading statedly, publicly, and privately. O, brethren, feed upon the "green pastures" therein presented for the family as well as the great congregation. Train your children to read and to study it much. We recommend the patronage of the parents represented in this Association. John B. Stetson University, at DeLand, and our own denominational schools when they are accessible. We also invite your attention to the fact that many disregard the importance of having their children taught by religious teachers. Some employ men of bad habits, such as drinking and profanity; others send their children to convent schools, where principles are taught opposed to our idea of God's truth, and find too late that they have departed from the faith delivered unto the saints.

We likewise ask the brethren to exercise special supervision over the books and periodicals handled by their children. Remember that danger lurks in that class of literature styled fiction. Some may reply that "a tale, or story, with a good moral is harmless." We think it better not to wade through so much trash to gather so little, when the damage may exceed the profit. We recommend the *Florida Baptist Witness* and the American Baptist Publication Society, and the Southern Baptist Convention Publications. May the Head of the church preserve His people, whom He has led through the ages past unto eternal life, is our prayer for his name sake.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. MOSELEY,
L. W. KICKLITER,
M. L. DYESS,
Committee.

After addresses from Elders G. W. Hall, Thos. Hind, J. A. Moseley and Kickliter, the report was adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance beg leave to report the following:

The cause of temperance is of very great importance to every one, whether godly or ungodly. Its injurious effects are produced upon the body and mind of the godly and unholy alike. Its destructive effects upon the morality of the country are seen and felt by all. But, alas! its power is so insidious that the erudite as well as the unlettered are deceived by its subtlety. It causes not only the loss of character and reputation and the dissipation of property, not only the agony of fathers, mothers and children, but it will also send its convicts to eternal nights and despair. We fail to find the reason why any Christian should fail or refuse to do all in his or her power to suppress the traffic, and persuade all to refrain from its use as a beverage. Three years ago we were greatly encouraged in the manly way—our people voted the curse from amongst us. But legislation being insufficient, we are again imposed upon by the few, the result of which has inaugurated the sale of ardent spirits in our county again. However, this defeat should not permit our zeal to relax, but should serve to strengthen us for a greater conflict in the future. We recommend that every Baptist exert his influence for the suppression of this ungodly traffic. The Scripture is explicit and emphatic on this subject, and, therefore, none can plead ignorance, nor present any feasible excuse whatever to justify them in partaking of this poisonous nuisance. We would recommend that Christians everywhere would specially consider the young, and urge them to abstain from its deadly effects. We urge that temperance be observed in our schools, both common and Sabbath-schools; that it may be observed at home and at the church, ever remembering that God hears the prayers of his people.

J. M. FRASER,
Chairman

After remarks upon the same, the report was adopted.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

That, as heretofore, this body still continues the expressions of its faith in the purpose of our Lord to subdue the entire earth to His service, and that He still requires the co-operation of His servants for that purpose; that while it is the plainest demand of economy that we should begin this work on our own field, we should not limit our efforts to any such boundary, but that in the regions beyond our prayers and contributions should go together

for the home and foreign fields, and of the latter we would especially commend the work in Cuba, Mexico, Japan, China, Africa and Italy.

Respectfully submitted,

H. L. TOHMAS,
W. F. WILSON,
V. I. PREVATT.

After remarks upon the report, the same was adopted.

REPORT ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

Your committee have to report that the Lord of the harvest, in His good pleasure, has summoned from their labors to enter upon their reward during the past associational year, our beloved Brethren in the Lord and colaborer in His vineyard, Eld H. Talbird, of the second Baptist church of Green Cove Springs; Deacon Eli Geiger, of Evergreen church; Deacon Elijah Wall, of Paron church, and Deacon Cannon, of Peniel church.

Bro. Talbird was ordained to the ministry in 1836 in the State of Alabama. During his ministry he baptized 2,300 converts on a profession of their faith in Jesus. He passed to his reward October 16, 1890, to receive his crown richly starred with the work of his ministry.

Bro. Eli Geiger was ordained deacon of his church the third Sunday in September, 1868, and served his Master with fervor and zeal until bid to cease his toil and come to the home prepared for the faithful from the foundation of the world.

Deacon Elijah Wall, after sixty years' faithful service, twenty-seven years in his Master's service in the State of South Carolina, and for the past thirty three years deacon of Paron church, ripe in years, went to meet the heroes of the cross who had, during his long life, preceded him to their reward.

Deacon P. A. Cannon, of Peniel church, died August 7, 1890; a loss not only to his church, but to the cause of Christ.

These Brethren were all old in years and service. They performed faithfully the duties the Master placed upon them while on earth, and, while we feel our churches are weaker by their loss, the glorious memory of the long Christian lives is an inheritance for their kindred and their churches, and an inspiration to us all to not weary in well doing.

THOS. HIND.

After remarks, the report was adopted.

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

Your Committee on Religious Literature recommend the Scriptures be read first. As a denominational paper we recommend the *Florida Baptist Witness*, as it is our own State paper, and earnestly request that all our members subscribe for and read

it. For Sunday-school literature, your committee recommend Kind Word series, and that of the American Baptist Publication Society as the best literature we can use in our Sunday-schools.

After remarks, the report was adopted.

C. A. KOGER,
R. L. ASHTON,
JESSE WILSON,

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

We recommend that the next session of our association meet with Spring Garden church, on Saturday before the third Sunday in October, 1891. That Bro. B. R. Moseley preach the introductory sermon, and Bro. L. W. Kickliter the missionary sermon, and we request the brethren appointed to fill these appointments, as we note with regret a departure from this by other brethren heretofore too often.

JAMES McCULLAR,
Chairman.

After remarks, the report was adopted.

[Will the Committee on Nominations be more careful in the future, and not appoint those to preach who are out of our Association.—SECRETARY.]

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sabbath schools beg leave to submit the following:

Jesus Christ, our dear Saviour, while here on earth, called the children to Him and taught them how to become heirs of His kingdom. This example alone should suffice to enlist all Christian parents in the training of their own, and their neighbors' children, for the spiritual kingdom. But, brethren, this is not all which should induce us to train up our children for the Lord. The precepts and examples bearing directly upon this subject are supplemented by the declaration of the Saviour and the Prophet that our Heavenly Father has ordained that our children should be a pillar of strength in His cause, and this promise is being fulfilled. While here Jesus received children into His arms, He still receives them into His kingdom, fills their little hearts with His love, and sends them into the world to bear the sweet message of peace. In many instances the heart of the sinful parents, that has rejected the most powerful preaching of God's ministers, is unlocked by his own little child, and the rays of divine love permitted to shine in and warm up to life the immortal spirit so long dead in trespass and sin. And in some cases the bar-room which had resisted the social and moral influences of the community, and could not be effectually closed by the strong arm of the law of our land, has quietly sub-

mitted to the plea of a dear little child, and ceased its work of destruction and death. Now, brethren and sisters, since God honors and uses little children as instruments in the advancement of His cause, it becomes us to use our united efforts in preparing them for this glorious work. The Sabbath-school offers superior advantages for teaching and training our children for God's service; it occupies a pleasant position between the Christian homes and invites and receives the children of the non-professor, and with gentle forbearance and Christian love imparts the Gospel truths to the youthful mind, which, with God's blessings, will make them wise unto salvation. We, therefore, recommend that Sabbath-schools be organized in the several churches, and even in communities where none exist at the present time.

J. C. STRICKLAND,
Chairman.

After remarks, the report was adopted.

On motion, adjourned for dinner, and after partaking of a hearty repast the body reassembled in the house and after prayer, led by Elder J. A. Moseley, the congregation listened attentively to an able and impressive sermon delivered by L. W. Kickliter. The body then resumed its session.

REPORT OF MISSIONARY BOARD.

In the beginning of the year the Board employed Elders D. W. Glisson and H. M. King as missionaries on the east side of St. John's river for the sum of \$1.50 per day, of actual service, and traveling expenses paid. The outlook was very encouraging, which stimulated the Board to greater zeal in helping to furnish the destitute places in the bounds of our association with the pure Gospel; and after prayerful consideration, the Missionary Board employed more laborers in the Master's vineyard. It employed C. A. Koger and D. L. Kendrick; C. A. Koger's mission being also the east side of St. John's river, while Bro. Kendrick's time was spent in the cause on the west side, in the vicinity of Bostwick. Our missionaries need and require the co-operation and prayers of the people, as does your Missionary Board also, that their work may be, as it should be, directed by the Holy Spirit. For amount of work done by your missionaries we refer you to their report.

Report of H. M. King—First Quarter.—Palicier Creek: Days, 4; sermons, 6; collection, \$3.41. Mount Olive church: Days, 6; sermons, 7; collection, \$6.31. Federal Point: Days, 2; sermons, 2; collection, \$2.75. Miles traveled, 250.

Report of C. A. Koger—Fourth Quarter.—Miles traveled, 330; sermons preached, 13; baptized, 1; collections—Palicier Creek, \$7.49; Cowpen Branch, \$4.80; Federal Point, 78 cents.

Report of D. W. Glisson—Second, Third and Fourth Quarters.—Tomoka Station (second quarter): Days labor, 9; miles traveled, 300; sermons preached, 8; collections, \$3.55. Tomoka Station (third quarter): Days labor, 19; miles traveled, 390; sermons preached, 18; baptized, 1; received for baptism, 3; restored, 2; collections, \$28. Fourth quarter: Days labor, 24; miles traveled, 496; sermons preached, 24; baptized, 5; received for baptism, 3; restored, 3; collected at Windamore, \$4.10; Haw Creek, 5; Tomoka, \$25.

Report of D. L. Kendrick.—Miles traveled, 100; days labor, 3; sermons preached, 3.

E. D. PREVATT,
P. McCULLAR,
W. D. ASHTON,
J. WINGATE,
B. W. BECKS,
Mission Board.

On motion, the rules were suspended, and P. McCullar, E. D. Prevatt, Chas. Conway, J. Wingate and Thos. Underhill were elected by acclamation as the Executive Board of Missions.

Resolved, That any member of our Association visiting other Associations will be considered a delegate to represent our body.

The resolution was adopted.

Delegates to State Convention.—Jesse Wilson, A. Geiger, M. Seigler, Thos. Hind, H. Minton, S. E. Timmons, Chas. Conway, D. W. Glisson, E. D. Prevatt, D. L. Kendrick.

Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention.—Eld. J. A. Moseley.

It was moved that the Clerk be paid \$10 and that he have three hundred copies of the minutes printed.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That to our brethren and sisters of Evergreen church, and to the generous hearted people of the neighborhood this Association tenders its hearty thanks for the bountiful provisions made for our entertainment, especially to the ladies on whom have fallen the greater portion of the labor of our entertainment, and we feel indebted for their great kindness. And we trust that our meeting here may be blessed to each and every one of them, and that when we go we hope to leave as pleasant memories with our entertainers as we carry away of them.

T. HIND.

On motion, adjourned to meet with Spring Garden Baptist church on Saturday before the third Sunday in October, 1891.

S. E. TIMMONS,
E. D. PREVATT, Clerk. Moderator.

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 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 select 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 usages.

FINANCE REPORT.

CHURCHES.	For		Church Expenses.	Home Mission.	TOTAL.	Sunday Schools.	Pupils.	Teachers.	Scholars Baptized.	Church Edifices.	Sittings.	Value Church and Lot.
	Associational Purposes.	For										
Lake Como.....	\$2.00	\$436.50			\$438.50	1	19	4		1	80	\$1,000.00
Sardis.....	2.00	65.00	\$4.00		71.00	1	15	3	1	1	125	75.00
Second Baptist Church of Green Cove Springs	1.00				1.00					1	150	100.00
Gadara.....	3.00	60.00	15.00		78.00	1	25	3	3	1	150	300.00
Hebron.....	1.00	30.00			31.00	1	17	3	3	1	100	200.00
Hickory Grove.....	65				60.00					1	150	500.00
Mount Olive.....	1.50				1.50	1	15	1		1	100	200.00
Barbersville.....	1.25											
Norwalk.....	75	42.00			42.75	1	19	5		1	100	500.00
Providence.....	2.35	45.00			47.35	1	20	3		1	100	100.00
Paron.....	3.71	100.00			103.71	2	25	3		1	200	500.00
Beulah.....	2.25				3.25					1	200	500.00
Evergreen.....	2.50					1	30	4		1	200	300.00
Osceola.....	1.35	50.00			51.35	1	30	4		1	75	200.00
Peniel.....	4.10	196.00			200.10	1	53	7	5	1	200	800.00
Toccoi.....	2.10	35.00			37.10	1	2	3		1	150	150.00
Shilo.....	3.00											
New Hope.....	2.00				2.00							
Spring Garden.....	1.50	50.00			51.50	1	25	5				
Union Church.....	4.00				4.00							
Sunday's collection.....	16.44											

