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The death of **R. F. Stubbs** was reported in the 1869 Florida Baptist Association *Minutes.*

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APPENDIX.

(A.)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The committee, to whom was referred the subject of Sunday Schools, are gratified to notice and report the great improvement among the Churches in this important department of Christian exertion. The letters of many of the Churches communicate information, which shows that the duty assigned their delegates at the last Association, of organizing these schools, has not been neglected. Instead of six or eight schools in the entire Association, as heretofore have been reported, there are no less than thirteen. Some of these have not reported the statistics of their schools—the number of officers, teachers, pupils, etc., and the amount of funds raised and expended, or still in hand, for the benefit of these schools—as it is desirable that they should do. We respectfully call the attention of the Churches to this point. There are, however, no reports of Sunday Schools from some of the Churches, though it is hoped this is owing to the carelessness of the Clerks of Churches, while it is feared it may be owing to the fact that there are no schools under their patronage and support. We earnestly beg, if this fear be well founded, that the Association will take pains to ascertain which these Churches are, and notice them in some way calculated to stir them up to the performance of this duty. Let the published minutes of our body carry an exhortation to them which shall stand before them the entire year; let the Moderator of the Association call the attention of the delegates of such Churches to their delinquency. Then, let the prayers of this entire body be given to those Churches during the Associational year. By these means, it is hoped, that they will be stimulated to arouse themselves and work. Your committee recommend, in conclusion, that the minutes of the Association shall contain, either a separate statistical table for the Sunday Schools, showing the items hinted at above, and others if needed, or, that there be other columns added to the present table for this purpose.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHAS. D. CAMPBELL, Chairman.

(B.)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

It becomes our painful duty to record the departure of our Brethren, W. H. Jordan, S. H Linton, R. H. Shackleford, and R. F. Stubbs, Ministers of the Gospel. These brethren for years had labored with us in the vineyard of our Master. It has pleased the Great Head of the Church to call hence these brethren, and we are reminded to be also ready. In view of the demise of God's ministers in our midst, and the fewness of our numbers, we would renew the suggestion of last year, to pray the Lord of the Harvest to send laborers into his harvest. Of the Deacons, we mourn the loss of Brethren Whitaker and R. J. Groover. They used the office of a Deacon well, and purchased to themselves a good degree and great boldness in the faith. And lastly, and recently, our Brother, James M. Marvin, has suddenly, and in the midst of his usefulness, been called from us. The Church of which he was an officer will greatly miss the efficient aid he rendered. While we mourn the loss of these brethren, we would bow in submission to the Divine will.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. Z. ARDIS, Chairman.

(C.)

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Missions submit the following Report. First, from such information as we have had, we believe that both our Domestic and Foreign missions are in a more prosperous condition than they were at the time of our last report. Brethren, we should remember