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H. M. FRIAR, F. M. WELLS, J. H. ROWE, W. W. CAMPBELL, W. S. JORDAN.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

- Introductory Sermon.
- Names of Delegates enrolled.Election of Moderator and Cierk.
- Invitation to visiting Brethren to seats with the Association.
- 5. Call for Correspondents.
- 6. Call for petitionary letters.
- Appointments of Committees.
- Election of Delegates to State Convention.
- Unfinished business.
- Reports of Committees.
- 11. Election of Executive Committee.
- 12. Election of Treasurer.
- 13. Addresses of Agents.
- Appointments of Correspondents: 14.
- Misceilaneous business, 15.
- Adjournment:

MINISTERS AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.

II. M. Friar, West Farm, Madison Co., Fla.

J. A. Tinsley, Madison.

J. W. Faulkner, Perry, Taylor Co.,
S. D. Waller, Sunny Side,
J. E. Vann, Williamsburg, Jefferson Co.,
J. M. Hampton
J. E. G Campbell, Alamo, Gadsden Co.,
R. P. Green.
J. G. Cornell, Wacissa, Jefferson Co.,
R. B. Beyan, Madison Co., Fla.

LICENTIATES.

H. B. Gibson, Madison, Madison Co., Fla,

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

H. M. Friar, F. M. Wells, J. H. Rowe, W. W. Campbell, W. S. Jordan.

MINUTES

FIRST DAY.

PROVIDENCE BARTIST CHURCH,

Gade in County, Fla., October 4,1888.

The Forty-sixth annual session of the Florida Baptist Association, this day convened with Providence Baptist Church, ten miles South-west of Quincy, Gadsden County, Florida.

The Introductory Sermon was preached at eleven o'clock A. M. by Rev. F. M. Wells, from 1st. Corinthians, 1st. Chapter and 40th verse.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After an intermission of two hours for retreshments, the body re-as sembled. The former Hoderator and Clerk being present.

The Moderator read the 26th Psalm; Prayer by Rev. R. P. Green.

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The Moderator appointed Revs. A. M. Manning and F. M. Wells, a committee on credentials.

The Clerk enrolled names of delegates. Permanent organization was effected by re-electing the the former Mod-

erator and Clerk by acclamation.

Invited visiting brethren to seats with us. Call for Correspondents, responded to by Rev. J. C. Cartledge of South-

western Association, Georgia. Called for petitionary letters, responded to by church from Crawfords-

ville, Wakulla County, Florida. On motion the church was received, names of the delegates enrolled and

the right hand of fellowship given by the Moderator. The Moderator appointed the following committees:

On Preaching, Rev. R. P. Green, with Deacons of Providence Church. On Sabbath Schools, Rev. E. Trice, Bros. J. P. Roberts, W. H. Dodgen.

On Temperance, P. w. J. E. G. Campbell, Bros. H. D. Lawhorn, F. S.

On Periodicals, Revs. A. M. Manning, E. Trice and F. M. Wells. On Missions, Revs. R. P. Green, F. M. Wells and A. M. Manning. On Finance, Bros. W. W. Campbell, O.F. McKeown and W.W. Edwards

On Deceased Ministers and Deacons, Rev. F. M. Wells. Bros. W. S. Jordan and W. W. Campbell.

On motion, that the Moderator be granted time to arrange and complete

On Motion, that the Association meet at 9 o'clock a. n and adjoirn at

SECOND DAY.

MORNING SESSION, Oct. 5, 9 A. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

The Moderator read the 3d chapter of General Epistle of John; Rev. F. M. Wells led in prayer.

Read and approved Minutes of yesterday.

Renewed calls for letters and enrolled names of delegates. Invited visiting brethren to seats with us.

Renewed call for correspondents.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

On Ministerial Education, Revs. R. P. Green, F. M. Wells and Brother

On Womens' Work, Revs. J.E.G. Campbell, R.P. Green and J.S. Robinson On Nominations, Revs. A. M. Manning, E. Trice, Bro. J. E. Herring. On State of Churches, Revs. A. M. Manning, E. Trice and F. M. Wells.

On Motion, that a special committee of three consisting of Revs. E. Trice, R. P. Green and Bro. O. F. McKeown be appointed to suggest names of delegates to the Florida Baptist State Convention, to convene on Thursday, Jan-

The Committee on Preaching reported Rev. J. C. Cartledge to preach at church to-night at early candle light, and Rev. E. Trice at the Edwards

Unfinished business.

On Motion, that Revs. A. M. Manning be granted farther time in compiling the History of Churches in the Florida Baptist Association.

On Motion, that Rev. A. M. Manning be requested to notify delinquent churches in reference to the compilation of History of Churches Called for reports of committees.

The report of Committee on Periodicals was received and adopted as

Your Committee on Periodicals, would carnestly recommend the "Florida Baptist Witness," as a good religious and family paper. It is the only medium of communication for all Florida Baptists. Where carefully and thoughtfully read and studied; it helps the pastors; it helps families; it helps missions; it aids temperance, and it is our duty to sustain it. It is our paper The "Kind Worl" series of Sunday School papers is as good as the

best and we would specially commend them, because these publications pay a boaus to the Southern Baptst Convention, and Florida is receiving aid from the Home Board in her relgious development.

A. M. Manning, Ch'n. The report of the Committee on Sabbath Schools was received and adepted, as follows:

We, your committee, to whom was referred the duty of Sabbath Schools. beg leave to submit the following report: We believe the Sabbath School is an organ to the Church, and has been instrumental in bringing thousands of precious souls into the Church of Christ, where they are to-day wearing the yoke of our Blessed Redeemer, bearing his burden through the heat of the day to propigate the glorious cause in the midst of dying humanity Then, Dear Brethren, we urge upon our Ministering Brethren the duty of impressing upon their several churches the importance of the Brothers and Sisters of taking their tender offspring by the hand on Sunday mornings and go with them to the Church of Christ, where they can teach them the Pure Word of Truth, and where they can learn the sound doctrine of an orthodox Religion, together with the Baptist Faith as it is laid down in the Word of God, and where they can learn to sing songs in Anthems of Praise to our God then we can realize the words of Solomon: "Teach your child in the way he shall go and when he gets old, he will not depart from it."

Respectfully submmitted. J. P. Roberts, Chin.

On motion, adjourned for preaching. Divine service at 11, a.m. by Rev. H M. Friar, from Romans, 5th chapter and 1st verse.

AFTER-NOON SESSION, 2 P. M-

Met pursuant to adjournment. After singing a hymn, Rev. J. Cartledge led in praver.

Renewed the call for letters and enrolled names of delegates.

Invited visiting brethren to seats with us. Called for correspondents.

Called for petitionary letters. Responded to by church from Mt. Olive, Gadsden county Florida.

On motion, the church was received, name of delegate enrolled and right hand of iellowship given by the Moderator.

Call for for reports of committees.

The report of Committee of State of Churches was received and adopted as follows:

The Committee on State of Churches, would report: That our churches are in their usual condition of prosperity with the exception of a few which are without any pastors. There are efforts at these points to build houses of worship, to-wit: Mt. Rezor, Carabelle and Crawfordsville. Any help which can be given to either place will be thankfully received as aiding the Cause of the Blessed Redeemer,

The report of the Committee on Nominations was received and adopted

Your Committee on Nominations, would recommend the continuance of the present Executive Committee, and would suggest the name of W. S. Jordan for treasurer. The majority of the committee suggest the name of Rev. A. M. Manning to preach the next introductory sermon.

The report of the Executive Committee was received and adopted as follows:

Dear Brethren: In directing the work of your body for the year just closed, your committee has labored under disadvantages that prevented them supplying the destitution of our Association, or even aiding every call for help that has been sent them. Brethren, we ask you to remember that we are only your servants, and can only do that which you permit us to do by your co-operation, and to come nobly to the work before us. We have done but little in the mission work this year, because of the disadvantages just mentioned. We employed Brother E. Trice to labor at Carabelle for one-fourth of his time, at a salary of ten dollars per month. Later in the year we increased his salary to fifteen dollars per month, with the understanding that he take up the M. Rezor church, a little band of faithful disciples calling months. ples calling upon us for help. For a statement of his work, see missionary report. All of which is respectfully submitted.

The report of the Missionary was received and adopted as follows: F. M. Wells, Ch'n Your Missionary actnig under the authority of your Executive committee, beg leave to submit the following as their report, viz:

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Respectfully submitted, R. Trice, Missionary

The report on the committee on Temperance was received and adopted as follows: your committee on Temperance beg leave

to submit

the following report: Intemperance is one among the greatest evils in which human nature is liable to be ensuared We, therefore as followers of Christ, should use every means possible to teach temperance both by word and example, and in our church dealing, and as Solomon tells us in his book of Proverbs, 23d chapter and 20 verse, to "Be not among wine bib-hers;" and again in the 32d verse, "At last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder." We therefore advise our churches to be dilligent in suppressing this great evil, and if any Brother is known to encourage intemperance by words or example, he should be reprimanded by the church, and if he should fail to heed its counsel, they should withdraw fellowship from him. Respectfully submitted,

J. E. G. CAMPBELL, Ch'n. The Committee on Preaching reported Rev. A. M. Manning to preach on to-morrow at 11 o'clock a.m., followed by Rev. E. Trice. On motion, adjourned till to-morrow 9 a.m. Prayer by Rev A.M Manning

THIRD DAY.

MORNING SESSION, Oct. 6, 9 A. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

The Moderator read the 9th Psalm; prayer by Rev. J. E. G. Campbell. Read and approved the minutes of vesterday.

On motion, that the regular order of business be suspended and take up miscellaneous business.

On motion that the following named churches, viz; Salem, Spring

Warrior, Special Providence, Taylor county, be granted letters of dismission. On motion that the next session of this Association convene with the Hopeful Baptist Church, six miles North-west of Madison C. H., Madison county, Florida, on Thursday. before the first Sunday, in Oct., A. D., 1889.

On motion adjourned for preaching. Divine service at 11 a.m. by Rev. A. M. Manning from Revelations, 3d. chapter, 19, 20, and 21st. verses.

AFTERNOON SESSION. 2 P. M. Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Brother H. B. Gibson.

Resumed regular order of business. Called for the reports of committees.

The report of the Special Committee was received and adopted as

We, the committee, to whom was referred the duty of suggesting the names of delegates to the State Baptist Convention, beg leave to suggest the following named Bothers, viz: Revs. J. B. Chevis, A. M. Manning, H. M. Friar. F. M. Wells, L. B. Plumer. Bros. W. S. Jordan, W. M. McKeown, W.

W. Campbell, W. T. Duval and J. G. Plant. Also that they are authorized to choose their alternates. Respectfully submitted, E. Trice, Ch'n The Committee on Ministerial Education was received and adopted as

In this progressive age, there are no louder call, no more impotant work claiming the attention of our denomination than that of Ministerial Education. With the facilities the masses now enjoy for culture, there is an increasing demand for higher and better training of our ministers. We do not believe in taking any kind of material and run it through a theological mill and grind out preachers, but we do believe that after God's call qualifies a man for this work, that his usefulness can be much increased by proper training. To this end your committee would take pleasure in recommending DeLand University, in DeLand, Florida, the Mercer University, Macon, Ga., and the Sonthern Baptist Theological Seminary, at Louisville, Ky., as the best institutes of learning known to us, and we urge the brethren to give more attention to this matter in the future than they have in the past. And to contribute more liberally of their means to aid and support ministerial students that may need help at any or all of these institutes. Respectfully submitted,

R. P. Green, Ch'n.

The report of committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons was re-

ceived and adoptd as follows:

Dear Brethren, We feel grateful to God for the preservation of his ministering servants during the last year. As he has spared them for a time to labor for his cause, for which we return adorable thanks to His Great and Glorious Name. But with sad hearts, we have to report the death of one of our Deacons, Bro. J. Waldense Smith, of Madison church, who was an earnest and effcient laborer for the Master; but his labors on earth are ended, and while we moun his loss, we know that he has been called to refreshments and our loss becomes his eternal gain. As a token of our regard, we suggest that a blank leaf be left in our minutes inscribed with his name. All of which is respectfully submitted.

P. M. Wells,

The report of committee on womans' work was received and adopted as

ollows:

Your Committee are glad to add a word of approval to meet work done by our sisters in the name of Christ's Cause. Their missionary societies wherever organized, have increased, not only in zeal and knowledge themselves, but that also of brethren in the work of the Lord. The extent of influence exerted by Sister Bailey can only be estimated by the Master; "And by it being dead, yet speaketh." Sister Telford's living influence has been acknowledged by many lovers of Christ; but others in less prominent positions are moving silently but surely the Banner of Immanuel's Kingdom. Brethren, let us assist, and encourage by example and precept our sisters in every Gospel enterprise, for her power in all noble causes is no uncertain omen of success.

J. E. G. Camprell. Ch'n

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-WHO HAS GONE-

To Occupy a Mansion in Heaven.

The report of committee on missions was received and adopted as follows:
Your committee, to whom was referred the subject of missions have had

the same amore consideration, and respectfully offer the following report:

Peculiar are the emotions that pervade our hearts. We have both joy and sorrew. We rejoice to know that the spirit of missions, which is the spirit of Christ, has not entirely departed from us. There are a few devout, carnest christians among us whose Christ-like example we should emulate. We furthermore rejoice in the fact, that, although the workers are few and the means very limited, that the Lord is adding many jewels to His crown, and that the waste places are made to blossom like a rose. While there is still much destitution at home, the calls from heathen lands are imperative and continually increasing. The latter of which we rejoice at. For details of the work done in the Association, we refer you to the report of your mis-

We have much sorrow of heart, because there are so many who profess the love of our Lord, who pay absolutely nothing for His cause. This is incompatible with the true christian character. Many plead poverty, which is absolutely wrong, for there are none so poor as the widow, who cast in her mites, all her living. We know this by their display of worldly fashions Others are not satisfied with the management, etc. Oh, how prolific we mortals are in excuses! Such reasons for non-performance of duty manifests a worldly, if not a rebellious spirit, and antagonizes the Lord of Heaven. Brethren and Sisters, all, the laws of Christ are positive. Yes, positive! When He said, "Go ye—" He did not mean that James, Peter and John only should go. When he says go work in my vineyard; He means that all shall go, and blessed truth, it is accepted according to what we have, and not according to what we have not. Dear Brethren and Sisters, what shall we answer, when the Saviour calls on us for an account of our stewardship? What!

TREASURERS' REPORT.

The report of Treasurer was received and adopted as follows: W. S. JORDAN, in account with the Florida Baptist Association.

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Respectully submitted,

W. S. JORDAN, Treasurer.

FINANCE REPORT.

The report of the Finance Committee was received and adopted as

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We your committee on Finance, report that we have completed our work, and that the contributions sent up by the churches for various purposes amounts to \$90,96, which we have turned over to the Treasurer, and taken his receipt for the same

Reserved from Elizabeth church, per registered letter \$1.—Clerk.

Called for correspondents. Rev. H. M. Friar volunteered as correspondent to the Suwannee

Baptist Association.

sions, amounting to \$28,05.

Rev. R. P. Green volunteered as correspondent to the South-westrrn Baptist Association, Ga. The Committee on Preaching, reported Rev. E. Trice to preach on to-

morow (Sunday) at 11 o'clock a. m., followed by Rev. J. C. Cartledge. On motion the Clerk was allowed \$15.80 for his services.

On motion that the Clerk have only the proceedings of this session pub-

Resolved, that the thanks of this body are hereby due and tendered to the church at Providence, and to the community at large for the kind, hospitable manner in which they have entertained us during our session.

On motion the Association adjourned.

On motion the Association adjourned.

During the singing of the hymn, "Bles'd be the tie that binds," the parting hand was extended. The Moderator led in prayer.

The Association adjourned to meet with the Hopeful Baptist Church, 6 miles North-west of Madison C. H.. Madison county, Florida, on Thursday, before the first Sanday in October A. D. 1880 before the first Sunday in October, A. D., 1889. H. M. FRIAR, Moderator.

H. B. Gibson, Clerk. SUNDAY SERVICES. Divine services at 11 a. in by Rev. E, Trice, from 1st John, 3d chapter and 1st verse; after which a collection was taken up for Association Mis-

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES AND PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST-OFFICE	MESSENGERS
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