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OF THE

ALACHUA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

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MOUNT ZION CHURCH.

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The Twentieth Session of the ALACHUA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION was held with the Mount Zion Church, of Sumpter County, commencing on Saturday, October 27th, 1866.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered, at 11 o'clock, A. M., in the presence of a large and attentive audience, by Elder J. J. KIRKLAND, from Romans, 5th chap. 1st verse.

At the conclusion of the Sermon, the Delegates and congregation were invited to a table, near the Church, where a bountiful dinner was supplied.

After refreshments, the Delegates assembled in the Church, when the Association was called to order by Elder J. H. BREAKER. After singing and prayer, Elder C. S. REYNOLDS was elected Clerk, *pro-tem*.

Letters from Twenty-one Churches, were then presented and read.

A call was then made for Petitionary letters, when letters from the following Churches were received and read: Midway and Shiloh, of Hillsborough County; Lake Harris, Sumter County; and Liberty, Volusia County. On motion, said Churches were admitted into the Association, and the right hand of fellowship extended to their delegates.

Officers for the present Session of the Association were then elected, as follows: Elder J. H. BREAKER, Moderator, Elder C. S. REYNOLDS Clerk, and Elder R. M. PERRY, Treasurer.

A call was then made for correspondents—none presented.

The Moderator invited visiting brethren to take seats with the Association.

The following Committees were appointed by the Moderator.

On Church Letters—Brethren J. H. Goss, C. S. Reynolds, John E. Williams, J. J. Kirkland, R. M. Perry, Dillin Griffin, Joshua Perry, J. L. Mathews and M. Alexander.

On Preaching—Brethren Joshua Perry, David Hutchinson and M. Alexander.

On Missions—Brethren R. M. Perry, J. L. Mathews, C. S. Reynolds and J. J. Kirkland.

On Finance—Brethren John E. Williams and Wm. J. Taylor.

On motion, adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock, on Monday morning. Prayer by Elder Joshua Perry.

SUNDAY, Oct. 28th.

A Prayer-meeting, well attended, was held at 9 o'clock, A. M. At 11 o'clock Elder J. H. Breaker preached on the subject of mis-

sion, after which a collection was taken up for the support of missions within the bounds of the Association. Amount collected, \$31 01.

In the afternoon, the stand was occupied by Elder R. M. Perry, who declared the truth with much earnestness and ability.

MONDAY, Oct, 29th.

The Delegates assembled in the Church, pursuant to adjournment, at 9 o'clock.

Prayer by Elder A. Wilson.

Read and approved Minutes of Saturday.

The report of the Committee on Missions being called for, was read, and on motion, adopted. See Appendix A.

The report of the Committee on Church Letters was then called for, when two reports were presented. The report of the majority was on motion, adopted. See Appendix B.

The report of the Executive Committee for the past year was then received and read, and on motion adopted. See Appendix C.

The following named brethren were then re-appointed as an Executive Committee during this Associational year: J. H. Breaker, T. Lykes, D. Hedick and Wm. Frierson.

On motion the following Resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That any member of this body who shall be present at the meeting of the Florida Association, the Santa Fe Association, the Concord Association, or the Baptist State Convention of Florida, shall be considered as our appointed Messenger or Messengers.

The first Thursday in May next, was appointed as a day of fasting and prayer to Almighty God for a revival of His work within the bounds of this Association.

On motion, agreed to pay the Clerk thirty dollars for his services. Agreed to have five hundred copies of these Minutes printed.

On motion, the Moderator was requested to return thanks to the Brethren and friends of this vicinity for the kind entertainment furnished the Delegates and visitors.

The report of the Committee on Finance was received and adopted. See Appendix D.

Elder R. M. Perry was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon at our next Association.

Elder L. J. Simmons was appointed to preach on the subject of Missions—Elder J. H. Breaker, Alternate.

Elder C. S. Reynolds was appointed to write the next Circular Letter.

Adjourned to meet with the New Providence Church, at Flemington, Marion County, on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1867.

While singing, the parting hand was given. Prayer and benediction by the Moderator.

J. H. BREAKER, Moderator.

C. S. REYNOLDS, Clerk.

APPENDIX.

A.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Missions beg leave to report: There is in our opinion, no circumstance nor condition in life, that can release the followers of Christ from their obligation to extend the Redeemer's Kingdom. Your Committee last year, convinced by past experience that in order to raise the necessary funds, some personal agency must be employed, recommended that the Pastors of each of the Churches should be requested to bring the subject before their respective Congregations; but the small amount sent up from the Churches, convinces us that they have not taken such an active part in this matter as the importance of the subject and the nature of their connection with the interest of the Redeemer's cause demands.

Unable to suggest a more efficient plan, and believing that if the Pastors of the Churches could be induced to take an interest in the matter, this object, in which the heart of every christian should be warmly enlisted, might be accomplished. We therefore recommended that each and every Pastor be urged by the love that he bears to Christ, by the interest he feels in the conversion of sinners, by every consideration of Religion and Philanthropy, to go to work at once in this glorious matter, and not only bring the subject before their congregations, but endeavor to impress upon them their duty.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. M. PERRY, Chairman.

B.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH LETTERS.

Your Committee on Church Letters would respectfully report With reference to the religious status of the Freedmen, suggested by New Hope Church, we recommend that the same course of discipline which is applied to the white membership, be enforced among them, while every available means for preventing their running into error, in practice or in doctrine, should be used. With reference to the query from the church at Ocala—Resolved, That this body would not advise that any further Ministerial powers be conferred upon any freedmen under existing circumstances, than a verbal license to preach in the church to which he belongs, and under the supervision of the whites.

Your Committee upon the query sent up from the Oak Grove Church, beg to submit the following report: That it is the duty of Christians not to forsake the assembling of themselves together, as the manner of some is. We hold that it is the duty of every Baptist to be a member of some church. The holding of a letter from a church should be disapproved. No member has a right to absent himself or herself more than once without a good excuse.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance has the honor to report to the House of Representatives the results of its investigation into the financial condition of the Government for the year ending June 30, 1891. The Committee has the pleasure to announce that the financial condition of the Government for the year ending June 30, 1891, was such as to warrant the issue of a public debt of \$100,000,000. The Committee has the honor to recommend that the House of Representatives should authorize the issue of a public debt of \$100,000,000, and that the Secretary of the Treasury should be authorized to issue the same.

W. A. COCHRAN, CHAIRMAN.

STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	DELEGATES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICE.	Baptised.	Rec'd by Let.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Expelled.	Deceased.	Whites.	Colored.	Total.	Contributions.	Sabbaths of Meeting.
1 Alaha,	Hillsboro',	N. L. Cross, J. W. Riggs,	A. Wilson,	Cork,	14	6	0	0	1	0	64	0	64	3 15	
2 Bethel,	Polk,	A. Wilson,	A. Wilson,	Cork,	12	3	18	5		62	5	67	2 00	1st.	
3 Buelah,	Putnam,	JAMES A. HAYMAN,	J. M. Hayman,		11	1	5						23	1 50	
4 Crystal River,	Hernando,	John T. Allen,	Dan'l Edwards,	Crystal River,	5	1	1	2					18	3 55	
5 Eden,	"	James Hayman,	H. McGlon,	Abramtown,	1		1			19		19	3 40		
6 Fort McCoy,	Marion,	W. T. Carlton, W. A. Coker,	S. Simmons,	Orange Spring,	7	4	1			55	1	56	4 25	3rd.	
7 Indian Spring,	"	J. J. KIRKLAND,	S. Simmons,	Orange Spring,	10				1	2	27	18	95	8 00	1st.
8 Lake Harris, *	Sumter,	J. M. Robertson, E. Sweringin,					1			9	20	30	5 00		
9 Liberty, *	Volusia,	L. Mothershead,	L. Mothershead,										5	2 00	
10 Mount Zion,	Sumter,	JOSHUA PERRY, D. Hutchinson,	Joshua Perry,	Adamsville,	6	2	1	4	2	1	45	12	57	5 10	1st.
11 Midway, *	Hillsboro',	C. S. REYNOLDS, Wm. J. Taylor,	C. S. Reynolds,	Clear Water,	4	7		3		8			8	3 50	1st & 3d
12 New Providence,	Marion,	J. L. Matthews, M. J. Mixon,	J. J. Kirkland,	Flemington,	3	3				2			38	14 65	
13 New Hope,	"	John E. Williams	R. M. Perry,	Ocala,				2	1	32	33	65	17 20	1st & 3d	
14 Ocala,	"	J. H. GOES, M. Alexander,	R. M. Perry,	Ocala,	16	1	20			21	82	103	24 35	2d & 4th	
15 Orange Creek,	Putnam,	N. A. Cochran, E. Barco,	S. Simmons,	Orange Spring,	7	1		9	2	56	12	69	2 50	2d.	
16 Oclawaha Bridge,	Marion,	By Letter,	S. T. Stansland	Ocala,				8		14	4	23	2 50		
17 Oak Grove,	Sumter,	R. M. PERRY,	R. M. Perry,	Adamsville,	3	2				30		30	16 35		
18 Peas Creek,	Polk,	N. S. Blount,	J. M. Hayman,	Peas Creek,	4	3		4	8	2	64	9	73	3 00	1st.
19 Staffords Pond,	Marion,	Wm. Priest, John Goodnight,	J. J. Kirkland,	Flemington,	22	5		8		72	3	75	22 50	1st.	
20 Spring Branch,	Hernando,	Libern Kersey, M. Wilson,	H. McGlon,		9	1	2	4	6	1			43	2 85	
21 Salem,	Polk,	By Letter,	S. B. Todd,	Cork,	11	2	2	5	6		54		54		
22 Shiloh, *	Hillsboro',	H. Collins,	S. B. Todd,	Cork,	3	26				29		29	5 00	3d.	
23 Tenotassassa,	"	Wm. Franklin,	A. Wilson,	Cork,	8	3		10	1	70	3	73	1 10		
24 Union,	Hernando,	J. H. BRADLEY, A. Murden,	L. J. Simmons,	Brecksville,	15	1	6	10	8	1	80	147	224	20 50	
25 Wacahoota,	Marion,	Dillin Griffin, A. Jackson,	F. C. Johnson,	Ministry	8	2		10	1	1		30	15 00	4th.	

* Admitted this Session.

Ordained by