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OF THE

ALACHUA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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Oct. 25th, 26th and 27th, 1884.

OFFICERS:

JOHN CORDERO, MODERATOR, - - - Ocala, Fla.

E. H. RENNOLDS, CLERK, - - - - - Orange Home, Fla.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Introductory Sermon.
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3. Elect Officers.
4. Petitionary Letters.
5. Invite Visiting Brethren to Seats.
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15. Adjournment.

MINUTES.

EDEN BAPTIST CHURCH, October 25, 1884.

The ALACHUA ASSOCIATION assembled as above at 11 o'clock A. M.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder N. A. Bailey, of Micanopy, Fla. Text, Psal. iv. 6: "There be many that say, who will shew us any good?"

Adjourned one hour for refreshments.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Re-assembled at 2 o'clock P. M.

The Association was called to order by the former Moderator, Deacon John Cordero.

On motion of Elder W. J. Hughes, E. H. Rennolds was appointed Clerk *pro tem*.

The letters from the churches were then read by Elder H. C. Martin and Brother A. H. Helvenston, and the messengers enrolled as follows:

Brooksville—G. W. Higgins, J. B. Law.

Cedar Keys—Not represented.

Citra—Not represented.

Cool Spring—Not represented.

Crystal River—Elder J. B. Haralson, H. D. Edwards, William Priest.

Ebenezer—Not represented.

Eden—C. A. Mason, J. H. Priest.

Equity—Elders J. P. Smith and W. H. House.

Fellowship—Not represented.

Fort McCoy—Elder H. C. Martin, A. M. Browning.

Four Mile—Not represented.

Harmony—W. E. Martin, W. B. Parker.

Hickory Spring—Not represented.

Lake Kerr—Not represented.

Lake Weir—Not represented.

Leesburg—W. R. Matthews.

Midway—E. H. Rennolds, S. P. Stephens.

New Hope—P. W. Whiteside.

Ocala—Elder C. H. Nash, John Cordero, A. E. Holland.

Oak Grove—Elder Joshua Perry.

Ocklawaha Bridge—C. J. Henderson, Joseph Stanaland.

Ockwilla—Not represented.

Orange Creek—J. A. Carlton.

Palatka—Elder W. J. Hughes, E. S. Futch.

Pleasant Plains—By letter.

Pine Level—S. K. Revell, J. S. Perry, Jr., E. Dias.

Simmons—Not represented.

Sumterville—A. H. Helvenston.

Stafford's Pond—N. A. Blitch.

Union Level—L. L. Aiken, E. Higginbottom, A. R. Brooks.

Unity—Not represented.

Wacahoota—J. C. Witherspoon, G. H. Tyson.

Wildwood—D. Curington, G. W. Huntsman.

The Association was then permanently organized by the re-election of Brother John Cordero Moderator and E. H. Rennolds Clerk, by acclamation, under a suspension of the rules.

Petitionary letters were then called for, and the following churches received, their messengers enrolled, and the right hand of fellowship extended to them by the Moderator, to wit: Wildwood, Midway and Cool Spring.

A letter was read from the Sunday-school at Ocklawaha Bridge, inclosing \$3.28, which was referred to the Committee on Sunday-schools.

On motion of Elder H. C. Martin, Brother John Welsh, the oldest member of the Association present, was specially invited to a seat in the body.

An invitation was extended to visiting brethren to take seats with us, when the following brethren accepted, viz.: Elder W. N. Chaudoin, one of the editors of *Florida Baptist Witness*, and Corresponding Secretary of the State Board of Missions, Elder G. W. Hall, General Missionary of the State of Florida, Elder N. A. Bailey, Vice President of Foreign Mission Board, and Elder H. H. Sturgis, of the Selma (Alabama) Association. Also Elders W. N. Chaudoin, G. W. Hall and N. A. Bailey, as corresponding messengers from the Santa Fe River Association, and Brother J. J. Knight, of Pleasant Hill Church, as visitor.

The pastor and officers of Eden Church, together with Brother W. E. Martin, were appointed a committee on divine service, who reported Elder G. W. Hall to preach to-night, and also to hold a children's meeting to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock A. M., Elder W. N. Chaudoin to preach to-morrow at 3 o'clock P. M., and Elder H. H. Sturgis to-morrow night.

Elder W. N. Chaudoin was permitted to present the claims of the *Florida Baptist Witness*, and Elder N. A. Bailey the *Christian Index*, the *Foreign Mission Journal*, the *Heathen Helper*, and *Kind Words*.

The Moderator announced the appointment of the following committees:

Sunday Schools—C. H. Nash, C. T. Henderson, W. Priest.

Finance—A. H. Helvenston, L. L. Aiken, W. R. Matthews.

Missions—W. J. Hughes, J. S. Perry, Jr., W. H. House.

Letters and Queries—H. C. Martin, G. W. Huntsman, W. B. Parker.

Periodicals—N. A. Bailey, N. A. Blich, E. Dias.

Temperance—Joshua Perry, C. A. Martin, J. C. Witherspoon.

Deceased Ministers and Deacons—J. A. Carleton, S. P. Stephens, E. Higginbottom.

Woman's Work—G. W. Hall, E. S. Futch, S. K. Revell.

Brother J. A. Carleton reported Elder William Johnson, one of the founders of this Association, and for a long time its Moderator, as being very feeble and apparently near the end of his earthly course, and upon motion special prayer was offered for his spiritual welfare, led by Elder W. N. Chaudoin.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock Monday morning.

SABBATH.

At 10 o'clock A. M. a large crowd assembled in the grove, and an interesting children's meeting was held, conducted by Elder G. W. Hall.

At 11 o'clock Elder C. H. Nash preached the Annual Missionary Sermon, text, 1 Peter iv. and last clause of the 10th verse: "As good stewards of the manifold grace of God."

A sumptuous dinner was then partaken of, and at 3 o'clock P. M. Elder W. N. Chaudoin preached from the text: "May the Lord of the harvest bless the seed sown."

MONDAY.

The Association was called to order at 9 o'clock A. M. by the Moderator. Prayer was offered by Elder G. W. Hall.

The Executive Committee, through their Chairman, Brother John Cordero, reported that for the want of funds no missionary work had been attempted during the year.

Brother John Cordero, Treasurer, submitted the following:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

John Cordero in account with the Alachua Baptist Association:

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| By balance on hand..... | \$44 75 |
| Amount received from Finance Committee..... | 84 10—\$128 85 |

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| By Amount paid to Sumterville Church building..... | \$30 00 |
| Amount paid ministerial education..... | 29 00 |
| Amount paid Paul Willis..... | 15 00 |
| Amount paid for printing Minutes..... | 30 00 |
| Amount paid for postage..... | 20—\$104 20 |
| To balance on hand..... | 24 65 |
| | <hr/> \$128 85 |

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN CORDERO, *Treasurer.*

✓ The present Executive Committee was re-appointed for the ensuing year.

The Committee on Sunday-schools reported as follows:

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We would earnestly entreat every church that has no Sunday-school to make an effort to organize one at once, and gather all the children into the school, and not to stop at the children, but gather the older people into a Bible class to study the Holy Scriptures every Lord's day, and use Baptist literature by all means. We recommend the lessons published in *Kind Words* and those published by the American Baptist Publication Society. For the smaller children we would call attention to *Kind Words'* Catechism, prepared by Rev. S. Boykin, Macon, Ga., as the best within our knowledge. We also advise the holding of district Sunday-school conventions in different parts of this Association, and that every Sunday-school make efforts to send delegates to these conventions.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

The report was adopted.

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| C. H. NASH, | } Committee. |
| C. T. HENDERSON, | |
| WM. PRIEST, | |

The following was submitted as the committee's

REPORT ON PERIODICALS:

Your Committee on Periodicals beg leave to report. Religious literature is an important factor in the dissemination of our principles, and the proper evangelization of the world. While the Bible stands incomparably above all other literature, and furnishes all the information necessary to salvation, still there are truths very important to the development of our Christian life which are not contained in the Bible. The sources from which we may gather this needed information are our religious newspapers and books. We would therefore commend to the membership of our churches, first, *The Florida Baptist Witness* as having the highest claim upon our patronage. It is a Baptist paper for the dissemination of Baptist principles, and furnishes that information concerning the progress of the denomination in the State which can be obtained from no other source. We would respectfully insist upon it, that no Baptist family can afford to be without this paper and do itself justice. We also urge upon our brethren the claims of the *Foreign Mission Journal*, a monthly paper published under the auspices of the Foreign Mission Board at Richmond, Va., and devoted to the dissemination of information respecting the fields occupied by our foreign missionaries and the progress of the work. We also commend to the special attention of our sisters the *Heathen Helper*, published at Louisville, Ky., under the editorial conduct of the corresponding secretaries of the Southern States, and personally supervised by Miss Agnes Osborne, of Louisville, Ky. This paper is published monthly and specially devoted to Woman's Work. We also advise all our Sunday-schools to use *Kind Words*, published by the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, at Macon, Ga.; also the publications of the American Baptist Publication Society, Philadelphia, Pa.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

N. A. BAILEY, }
N. A. BLITCH, } *Committee.*
E. DIAS, }

Pending a motion to adopt, remarks were made by Elders N. A. Bailey, G. W. Hall and W. N. Chaudoin, when it was adopted.

The Committee appointed on Temperance made the following

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your Committee, beg leave to report: Whereas, the opportunities for drunkenness and debauchery have been so great in our midst for so many years, many have been the misfortunes to the sons and daughters of Adam. But since our Legislature has placed in our hands the means of checking the power to a great extent of this monstrous evil, it is suicidal for us not to do so. There are so many reports in circulation, that some of our church members have done themselves the disgrace to sign petitions to have saloons in their midst! Now, brethren, we should in every case discourage such a course; and we recommend to the churches to exclude those of their members who are guilty of such conduct, and that they labor in every way to prevent the establishment of saloons in our midst. Respectfully submitted.

JOSHUA PERRY, }
C. A. MASON, } *Committee.*
J. C. WITHERSPOON, }

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

The subject of Missions is one of the all-absorbing themes of the civilized portions of the earth. It is a subject dear, or should be, to every Christian heart, and just in proportion as believers imbibe the Spirit of Jesus, so will they be Missionaries.

Missions is the object in the organization of Associations, Conventions and our Boards. Nor is the spirit of Missions so much wanting in these organized bodies, except in some of the Associations, and why in these? An answer to the question is found in the fact that the whole is made up by the combination of its several parts, and that the fountain cannot rise higher than its source; neither can an association do more in any particular than its several parts. It is not from the poverty-stricken condition of our people that our Boards cannot answer the many Macedonian cries that come over to them, but from the fact that the great spirit of Missions is wanting. Who can change this state of affairs? or when shall it be done? When our pastors and several churches realize their obligations. Brother ministers, how fearful the responsibility resting upon us in sending the gospel to every creature! Hence your Committee would earnestly entreat every pastor to instruct his churches on the subject of Missions, and urge them to the discharge of their duty. As an effort is being made to raise \$800 for Foreign Missions in our State for the present Conventional year, and \$180 of the amount has been apportioned to our Association, we recommend the acceptance of the apportionment, and that an earnest effort be made to raise the same.

Our State Board is doing much in the State for Missions, and we would recommend each church in our Association to think of and act towards that Board, not as that which belongs to some one else, but as their own. We would further recommend quarterly collections for Missions in each church. Finally, the liberality of the Home Mission Board, in giving us \$2,400 yearly for our State work, deserves to be specially mentioned; and we recommend that each church will take up a collection for the Board between this and the meeting of our Convention. Only through this Board can we help in the Indian mission work, that should ever be dear to us in Florida. Respectfully submitted.

W. J. HUGHES,
J. S. PERRY, JR., } *Committee.*
W. H. HOUSE,

The above report was discussed by Brothers W. N. Chaudoin, N. A. Bailey, W. J. Hughes and H. H. Sturgis, and unanimously adopted.

Elder H. C. Martin read the following:

REPORT OF LETTERS AND QUERIES.

While we notice with pleasure a general advance for good in the preparation of the letters, still there is much room for improvement. We should bear in mind that our letters should contain a full report of all facts necessary to be brought before the Association to be acted on in a body, or reported upon by the committees, as well as decrease of officers, that our Minutes may represent fully all the work being done for the Master. And our statistics should show our increase or decrease during the year. We find our letters are very incomplete expositions of our condition the past year, as our committees have to hunt up among the delegates the facts for their reports. Our imperfect letters will place our Clerk to great disadvantage, and give the public a very indefinite idea of

our work. We notice that eleven churches report Sabbath-schools, against nine last year, viz.: Ocala, Pine Level, Union Level, Leesburg, Orange Creek, Ockwilla, Harmony, Ocklawaha Bridge, Sumterville, Midway and Citra. But there are but few of these that give any statistics, which all should have done. Seven report prayer meetings, against only three last year, viz.: Orange Creek, Ocala, Union Level, Harmony, Ocklawaha Bridge, Sumterville and Citra. We are grieved to note only five reporting Ladies' Missionary Societies, against six last year, viz.: Pine Level, Leesburg, Sumterville, Citra and Wacahoota.

We urge upon the churches the necessity of making a more complete report of their stewardship for the Master in their Associational letters.

There is but one query that presents itself for our consideration: The time of week of our annual meeting, which was referred to the churches for their consideration at our last meeting. We notice only two churches, Leesburg and Citra, expressing a desire for a change, while the following nine churches want no change, viz.: Crystal River, Harmony, Brooksville, Pleasant Plains, Oak Grove, Equity, Ocklawaha Bridge and Palatka. We therefore recommend that the time of our annual meeting remain unchanged.

With gratitude we notice the addition of three churches, making a total of thirty-four churches in the Association, reporting a membership of 1,305, against 1,060 last year, an increase of 245. We have great cause to rejoice, brethren, and praise the Lord of the harvest for this manifestation of His presence and power with us.

As there is but one petition for the next session of the Association, we recommend the next meeting be held with the Union Level Church (Camp Izard), Marion county.

Fraternally submitted,

H. C. MARTIN, *Chairman.*

The report was adopted,

Brother J. A. Carleton submitted the following report on

DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

We find that it has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from among us our brother, Elder J. F. Pelote, of New Hope Church, and our brethren, Deacons W. A. Dual, from Eden Church, John Goodnight, from Stafford's Pond, and J. D. Colley, from Leesburg; and while we feel much bereaved in the loss of these beloved co-laborers in our Master's vineyard, we mourn not as those who are without hope, but that our loss is their immortal gain.

We recommend that a blank page be left in our minutes with suitable epitaphs to the memory of each of those brethren.

Fraternally submitted,

JAS. A. CARLETON, }
E. HIGGINBOTTOM, } *Committee.*
S. P. STEPHENS, }

The report was adopted.

On motion of Brother W. J. Hughes, Brothers E. H. Rennolds and H. C. Martin were appointed to collect a file of the minutes of the Association from its organization to the present, and have them substantially bound for the use of the Association, and to report to the next session of this body.

Adjourned one hour for refreshments.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Re-assembled at 1 o'clock P. M.

Brother L. L. Aiken moved that a committee of three brethren be appointed in each district of the Association to work in the interest of Sabbath Schools, with power to call conventions, etc., and to make a report of its year's work to our next session.

The motion prevailed, and the following brethren were appointed :

North-Eastern District—P. L. Durisoe, H. C. Martin, J. A. Carleton.

North-Western District—L. L. Aiken, Thomas Smith, J. C. Wither-
spoon.

Southern District—A. H. Helvenston, H. J. Edwards, J. B. Law.

Brother G. W. Hall read the following report on

WOMAN'S WORK.

This important work of our sisters is making steady advancement in this and other States, and has now grown to such proportions, and is aiding so materially in our Mission work, that it has become indispensable to the success of this work. In fact, some of our State Missionaries would have to cease their labors; and our Foreign Mission work would be crippled if the contributions from Ladies' Missionary Societies were withdrawn. But this work is in its infancy in this Association, and much needs to be done before our sisters will be fully aroused to the great importance of this work. Many of the churches have no societies, but if you will compare the contributions of the churches that have societies with those that have none, during the past year, the great necessity for societies will be clearly manifest. In union there is strength. Therefore, we would earnestly recommend that the pastors of churches labor to have a Ladies' Mission Society in every church, and every member of the church a member of the Society, and that every sister in our churches be willing to do her part in this blessed work, and that every Society send delegates to the Associational Missionary Union of Woman's Work in this Association.

We would call attention to the position of Mrs. A. B. Bailey, the esteemed Corresponding Secretary of Woman's Work in Florida, as stated in the *Christian Index* some time since, in reference to mixed audiences in the meetings of our Woman's Mission Societies, and would hereby affirm that we heartily endorse the position of Sister Bailey, and recommend that our sisters hold their meetings without the presence of gentlemen, except about once in three months there might be a Missionary Mass Meeting of all the congregation in behalf of Missions, with appropriate exercises, presided over by the pastor, or some other brother of the church.

We would earnestly recommend to our sisters the *Heathen Helper*, the organ of our Woman's Mission Work in the Southern States. Let every sister take this paper and read it, and she will never do without it again, if she is a Missionary in heart. Send 50 cents to Mrs. A. B. Bailey (Florida's editor), Micanopy, Fla.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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| G. W. HALL, | } Committee. |
| E. S. FUTCH, | |
| S. K. REVELL, | |

The report was adopted.

The Committee on Divine Service reported Elder H. C. Martin to preach the next Introductory Sermon, and Elder J. W. Primm the Missionary Sermon.

RESOLUTIONS.

Brother J. C. Witherspoon offered the following preamble and resolution:

WHEREAS, There is throughout our country a lamentable disregard of the Sabbath, even by church members, in many instances both in public and private life; therefore,

Resolved, That this Association recommend to pastors the importance of preaching to their churches on the proper observance of the Sabbath, and that the churches try to influence their members to remember the Sabbath and keep it holy, by abstaining from all recreation, and visiting that is manifest violation of the Fourth Commandment.

Remarks were made by Brothers N. A. Bailey and E. H. Rennolds, and the resolution adopted.

Brother H. C. Martin offered the following:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due, and are hereby tendered to the brethren and sisters of Eden Church and citizens of the community for their kind hospitality during the session of this body.

The resolution was adopted by a rising and unanimous vote.

Brother W. J. Hughes offered the following:

Resolved, That the Clerk be allowed \$15 for his services, and that \$40 be appropriated for printing Minutes, and that the remainder of the funds on hand be equally divided between church building and ministerial education, and that the collection taken up on Sabbath be divided as follows:

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| American Baptist Publication Society..... | \$14 51 |
| Church building (S. B. Convention)..... | 14 51 |
| Foreign Missions..... | 14 51 |
| Home Missions..... | 14 51 |
| State Mission Board..... | 14 52 |

Total.....\$72 56

Remarks were made by Brothers Hughes, Chaudoin and Bailey, when it was adopted.

Brother John Cordero was re-elected Treasurer for the ensuing Association year

Brother H. C. Martin announced that some of the churches in the northern part of the Association contemplated organizing a new Association, and requested that the Clerk be instructed to issue letters of dismission to such of said churches as should notify him of their intention to enter into the new Association, and to report their names to the next session of this body, when their names will be dropped.

On motion of Brother W. J. Hughes the petition was granted, and the Clerk so instructed.

Brothers H. C. Martin and J. A. Carleton were appointed Corresponding Messengers to the Santa Fe River Association, which meets with Eliam Church Wednesday after the second Sabbath in November, and attention called to the standing rule of the Association that any of our

members who may be present at the meeting of our sister Associations are empowered to represent us in any of our corresponding Associations.

Delegates to the State Convention, which meets at Orlando, December 11th, 1884, were appointed as follows: Elders C. H. Nash, W. B. Hare, W. J. Hughes, H. H. Sturgis, H. C. Martin, and Brothers E. H. Rennolds, A. H. Helvenston, A. M. Cason, L. L. Aiken and A. M. Browning.

A collection of \$38 was taken up for the benefit of Sister Tomkies.

The Minutes were read, corrected and adopted.

After a delightful session the meeting closed with the time-honored custom of singing a hymn and extending the hand of brotherly love and affection among the whole brotherhood, and the Association adjourned to meet with the Union Level Church (Camp Izard), Marion county, Fla., on Saturday before the fourth Sabbath in October, 1885.

Prayer by Elder W. J. Hughes.

(Signed)

JOHN CORDERO, *Moderator.*

E. H. RENNOLDS, *Clerk*

MINISTERS' POST OFFICES.

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| Lamar Bryan..... | Bronson, Fla. |
| W. T. Carleton..... | Island Grove, Fla. |
| Z. A. Crumpton..... | Williston, Fla. |
| A. E. Cloud..... | Lady Lake, Fla. |
| W. B. Carson..... | Candler, Fla. |
| W. R. Coggin..... | Stanton, Fla. |
| J. H. Curry..... | Lady Lake, Fla. |
| A. B. Goodwin..... | Leesburg, Fla. |
| W. T. Gordon..... | Leesburg, Fla. |
| B. A. Geiger (Licentiate)..... | Macon, Ga. |
| W. J. Hughes..... | Grahamville, Fla. |
| W. H. House..... | Lady Lake, Fla. |
| W. B. Hare..... | Sumterville, Fla. |
| J. B. Haralson..... | Crystal River, Fla. |
| Wm. Johnson..... | Banana, Fla. |
| R. F. Marlow..... | Fellowship, Fla. |
| H. C. Martin..... | Fort McCoy, Fla. |
| C. H. Nash..... | Ocala, Fla. |
| J. P. Parker..... | Moss Bluff, Fla. |
| Joshua Perry..... | Oxford, Fla. |
| A. W. Peck..... | Sligh, Fla. |
| J. W. Primm..... | Citra, Fla. |
| Hiram Steele..... | |
| H. H. Sturgis..... | Brooksville, Fla. |
| J. P. Smith..... | Wildwood, Fla. |
| T. M. Tobey..... | South Lake Weir, Fla. |
| Wm. M. Williams..... | Citra, Fla. |

Report of the

| CHURCHES. | CASH SENT TO | | |
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| | General Purposes. | State Missions. | Home Missions. |
| Brooksville | \$ 4 00 | \$ | \$ 3 00 |
| Cedar Keys. | 2 00 | | |
| Citra | 1 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Cool Spring..... | 3 00 | ..... | 3 50 |
| Crystal River..... | 7 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Eden | 1 00 | 3 00 | ..... |
| Equity | 3 45 | ..... | ..... |
| Fort McCoy..... | 3 00 | 2 00 | 1 00 |
| Harmony ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Lake Kerr..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Lake W. ir..... | 5 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Leesburg | 2 00 | 2 50 | ..... |
| Midway | 8 00 | ..... | ..... |
| New Hope..... | 3 00 | 16 00 | ..... |
| Ocala | 2 10 | ..... | ..... |
| Oak Grove..... | 10 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Ocklawaha Bridge..... | 12 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Ockwilla | 3 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Orange Creek..... | 3 50 | 4 00 | ..... |
| Palatiakaha | 1 60 | ..... | ..... |
| Pleasant Plains..... | 8 00 | 4 60 | ..... |
| Pine Level..... | 1 00 | 1 00 | ..... |
| Sumterville | 3 25 | ..... | ..... |
| Stafford's Pond..... | 2 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Union Level..... | 3 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Wacahoota..... | 1 00 | 3 00 | 3 00 |
| Wildwood ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Ocklawaha B. S. S..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Miscellaneous..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Sunday's collection..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| | \$92 90 | \$36 10 | \$10 50 |

The report was adopted.

Finance Committee.

| ASSOCIATION. | | CASH RECEIVED BY STATE BOARD DURING THE YEAR. | | | | | | |
|-------------------|----------|---|----------------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------|
| Foreign Missions. | TOTAL. | State Missions. | Church Edifice Fund. | Home Missions. | Foreign Missions. | Theological Seminary. | Ministerial Education. | TOTAL. |
| \$ 1 00 | \$ 8 00 | \$ 4 00 | | \$ | \$ 2 00 | | \$ | \$ 6 00 |
| | | 2 00 | | | 1 00 | | | 3 00 |
| | 2 00 | 42 75 | 7 30 | | 30 50 | | 15 00 | 95 53 |
| | 1 00 | | | | | | | |
| 3 50 | 10 00 | | | | | | | |
| | 7 00 | | | | | | | |
| 4 00 | 8 00 | | | | | | | |
| | 3 45 | 2 20 | | | | | | 2 20 |
| 1 00 | 7 00 | | | | | | | |
| | | 3 75 | | 1 05 | 1 50 | | | 6 30 |
| | | 75 00 | 12 00 | | 51 00 | | | 162 00 |
| | 5 00 | 15 00 | | 15 20 | 15 00 | | 16 20 | 61 40 |
| | 4 50 | | | | | | | |
| | 8 00 | | | | | | | |
| | 19 00 | 30 90 | 1 25 | | 20 00 | | 7 20 | 59 35 |
| | 2 10 | | | | | | | |
| | 10 00 | 20 32 | | | 17 33 | | | 37 65 |
| | 12 00 | | | 2 00 | 11 00 | | | 13 00 |
| | 3 00 | 28 86 | | 5 05 | 16 36 | | | 50 27 |
| | 7 50 | 1 50 | | | 1 50 | | | 3 00 |
| | 1 60 | | | | | | | |
| | 12 60 | 17 48 | | 4 70 | 14 52 | | | 36 70 |
| | 2 00 | 26 76 | | | 6 25 | 20 00 | | 53 01 |
| | 3 25 | 1 53 | | | | | | 1 53 |
| | 2 00 | | | | | | | |
| | 3 00 | | | | | | | |
| 3 00 | 10 00 | | | | | | | |
| 3 28 | 3 28 | | | | | | | |
| | | 13 88 | | | 4 22 | | 1 00 | 19 10 |
| | 72 56 | | | | | | | |
| \$15 78 | \$227 84 | \$ 289 91 | \$20 55 | \$28 00 | \$ 192 18 | \$20 00 | \$39 40 | \$ 590 04 |

Respectfully submitted.

A. H. HELVENSTON,
 W. R. MATTHEWS,
 L. L. AIKEN, } Committee.

Statistical Table

| Number. | CHURCHES. | SABBATH OF MEETING | INCREASE. | | | DECREASE. | | | Total. |
|---------|------------------------|--------------------------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|--------|--------|
| | | | Baptized. | By Letter. | Restored. | By Letter. | Exclusion. | Death. | |
| 1 | Brooksville | | 3 | 16 | | 5 | | 4 | 31 |
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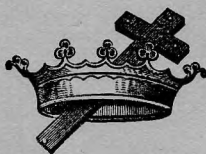
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