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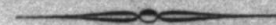
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## MINUTES.

MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA, NOVEMBER 19, 1858.

The FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION convened with Hopewell Church this day. The Introductory was delivered by Elder C. Smith, from Exodus XXXV. 15.

After an intermission, the Association was called to order, and Elder Frier led in prayer.

1. Letters from the Churches were handed in and read; after which eight new Churches were received into the body, upon petitionary letters, of which see table.

2. Re-elected Elder Cooper Moderator, and Elder Craft Clerk.

3. The Moderator appointed Brethren Polhill, Goldwire and Forest, on the part of the Association, and Brethren S. O. and O. E. Sullivan, on the part of the church at this place, a committee on Preaching; and Elders Mays, Fleming and Goldwire, and Brethren Griffin and Cason, a committee to arrange business.

Adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow morning. Prayer by Eld. Fleming.

SATURDAY, November 20.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder Scriven.

4. The Report on business was read and adopted.

5. Visiting ministers being invited to seats with us, Elder Scriven, Agent of the D. M. Board, and Elder J. M. Chiles, of South Carolina, accepted the invitation.

6. The following committees were appointed, viz:

On Finance—Brethren Marvin. Thomas and Dekle.

On Missions—Brethren Broom, Lamb and Powell, and Elders Linton and Bostic.

On Sabbath Schools—Elders Ardis and Houston, and Brethren Horn, Carroll, and Revell.

On Publications—Elders Smith and Whitehurst, and Brethren Smith, Frier and Walker.

7. Correspondence from Sister Associations being called for, Elders Mercer, from the West Florida, and Simmons from the Bowen, and Hays, from the Bethel, were received.

8. Antioch Church, Decatur County, Georgia, having petitioned for dismission from our body: Ordered, that said petition be granted.

9. In compliance with a resolution, item 14 of last session, a bound volume, containing a full and complete file of the minutes of this Association, was presented to the body by the Clerk.

10. Elected the following delegates to the Baptist Convention of the State of Florida, to meet in Monticello, on Friday before the 4th Lord's Day in May next, viz: Elders Ardis, Blewitt, Cooper, Craft, Daniell, Fleming, Frier, Fuller, Goldwire, Mays and Smith, and Brethren Broom, Dekle, Goldwire, Griffin, Polhill and Smith.

11. Elders Daniell, Frier and McKeown, and Brethren White and Trice were appointed a committee on Queries.

12. The Committee on Preaching report, Elder Ardis, to preach the Missionary Sermon at 10 o'clock to-morrow, according to appointment of last year, and Elder Chiles to preach at 2 o'clock, P. M., and Elder Goldwire to close.

13. Elders Ardis and Fleming, and Brother Griffin were appointed a committee, to report upon the action of the First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee, in reference to the case of J. R. Graves, Editor of the Tennessee Baptist.

Adjourned till 10 o'clock Monday morning. Prayer by Elder Chiles.

On Sabbath the sermons were conducted according to the arrangements of Saturday. After the Missionary Sermon, a collection was taken up, amounting to \$51 50.

#### MONDAY, November 22.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder Mays.

14. Elders McKeown, Bostic and Walker were appointed a committee to visit Anon Church, to ascertain their condition, and the reasons of their non-representation in our body, and report to our next session.

15. The committee on Missions submitted their report—marked A. The committee on Sabbath Schools, also reported, which, on motion, was laid on the table. The committee on publications reported—marked B. The Executive Committee submitted their report—marked C. The committee on the Educational Fund reported—marked D. The committee on Finance reported—marked E. The Treasurer's report was read and adopted—marked F.

Adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow morning. Prayer by Eld. Howell.

#### TUESDAY, November 23.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder Fuller.

16. The committee on Queries submitted their report, which, on motion was laid on the table; and in answer to the query from Aucilla Church, which was, "Is it right to receive a Free Will Baptist into the fellowship of a Baptist Church upon his letter?" We answer: No.

17. the committee appointed on Saturday (see item 13) to report in reference to the First Baptist Church, at Nashville, Tennessee, submitted the result of their labors—marked G.

18. Elders Mays and Ardis, and Brethren Whitlock, Polhill and Johnson were elected the Executive Committee for the ensuing year; and Brother S. A. Smith Treasurer.

19. Appointed Correspondence as follows: To the Bethel Association—Elders Fleming and Daniell; to the Bowen—Elders Blewett and Fleming; to the West Florida—Elders Blewett and Frier; to the Alachua—Elders Daniell and Cooper; and to the Santafee—Elders Fleming, Mays and Wheeler, and Brethren Brown and Frier.

20. Ordered that the Minute Fund be appropriated to the printing and distribution of minutes, and nothing else; and that the Treasurer pay the Clerk \$25 for his services, out of the Association Fund.

21. Elder Frier was appointed to preach the next Introductory—Elder Fleming Alternate; and Elder Goldwire the next Missionary Sermon.

#### RESOLUTIONS.

*Resolved*, That we earnestly request the members of the Churches to assemble every Lord's Day in the month, for the purpose of prayer, reading the Scriptures, and engaging in such other religious exercises, as may be suited to the occasion.

*Resolved*, That the Educational Fund be returned to the several subscribers to said fund.

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer of the Educational Fund be instructed to pay to the subscribers of that fund, of money in hand, *pro rata*, according to the amounts paid in by them; and of notes in hand in the same way.

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer of the Association be instructed to settle with our Missionaries, according to their several reports, through the Executive Committee.

*Resolved*, That the Delegates as soon as they return, in connexion with the Pastors of the Churches, ascertain the amounts which their Churches will certainly pay for Missionary Operations in our bounds, so that the Executive Committee may act understandingly.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this body be tendered to the brethren and friends in this community, for their kind entertainment of us during our session.

Adjourned to meet with Friendship Church, Thomas County, Georgia, on Friday before the Third Lord's Day in November, 1859. Prayer by Elder Blewett.

W. B. COOPER, Moderator.

SAM. C. CRAFT, Clerk.

#### A

The Committee on Missions beg leave to report, that God, in his Providence, seems to be enlarging the field for the Missionary efforts of his people. Since your body last convened, the Empire of China, with its teeming millions of idolatrous subjects, estimated as equal to one-third of the entire population of the earth, has been officially and by treaty stipulation opened, in all its length and breadth, to the introduction of Christianity. Here is a glorious and extensive field to be cultivated. They must hear the gospel of our blessed Lord and Savior. And "how can they hear without a preacher? and how can they preach unless they be sent?" "Who will come up to the help of the Lord—to the help of the Lord against the mighty?" "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few."

Africa, too, is extending her hands and asking for the "bread of life." The Southern Baptist Convention has responded in part to that call, and has sent faithful Brethren to portions of that vast country; but their numbers are small, when compared with the extent of the field to be occupied. Let the Church pray that their Great Head may send more laborers into His vineyard, and that His people may have hearts to discharge their whole duty in sustaining those that may be sent.

The Indian missions, under the charge of the Southern Baptist Convention, are represented as in a quiet but prosperous condition, and great hopes are entertained that those interesting relics of once powerful tribes, may, by the blessing of God, be induced to accept a civilization based upon the Gospel of Christ.

In our own country, the Great Head of the Church has been showing His "stately stepplings" in a wonderful manner. During the year now



drawing to a close thousands upon thousands have been added to His people, of such as "shall be saved in the day of His power." In these wonderful outpourings of His Divine Spirit, He has taught us that each earnest and faithful believer may find an appropriate work, and a Father's blessing. The prayer meetings, conducted principally by lay members, have been the nurseries of the Church; and we have been shown in an especial manner the truth and beauty of the poetic declaration, that

*Satan trembles when he sees the weakest saint upon his knees.*

While the labors of the pulpit have been abundantly blessed in a rich harvest of souls, the prayers of feeble saints have been answered—their hearts have been made to rejoice, and multitudes have been converted unto God. The system of weekly prayer meetings in the country and daily prayer meetings in the cities, so greatly blessed during the past year, may be regarded as a new feature in the missionary enterprise, and one that has greatly increased its efficiency.

Within the bounds of our own Association, our Missionary efforts have been blessed of God; and although we cannot rejoice over our thousands that have been "slain of the Lord," yet we have abundant cause to thank God and take courage. A number of Churches have been organized by the labors of our missionaries during the year, and received at our present session as members of this body. A number of precious souls have been hopelessly converted unto God, and buried with their blessed Savior in Baptism. The efforts of your body to give the Gospel of our Lord and Savior to the destitute within your bounds has been owned and blessed; and we are now called upon for renewed efforts in this glorious work. Feeble Churches already organized should be nursed and fed by the faithful Missionary, and fields yet unexplored, if there are such, should be sought out and brought under the influence of the Gospel. The southern portions of Wakulla and Liberty counties, in Florida, have been specially brought to the notice of your committee, as most inviting fields for Missionary labor, and we desire most respectfully to invite the attention of the Executive Committee to an examination of their claims.

Your committee consider it hardly necessary to urge upon your body the importance of efficiency in this department, and the necessity for employing all the Missionary labor that the Churches and Brethren will agree to support. All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES E. BROOME, Chairman.

## B

Your Committee on Publications, offer the following report:—Believing the Press to be an efficient agent for the dissemination of Truth, would earnestly advise every brother to subscribe for and read some sterling Baptist paper, and recommend as these, "The Tennessee Baptist," "Christian Index," "Southern Baptist Review," "Home and Foreign Journal," and "The Commission." As a denominational work, they cannot too highly estimate "Theodosia Earnest." We would recommend as a book eminently adapted for Sunday Schools and Bible Classes, the "Southern Baptist Sunday School Question Book," prepared by Bro. A. C. Dayton.

C. SMITH, Chairman.

## C

The Executive Committee of the Florida Baptist Association, make the following report, viz:—

At the last session of your body the two following resolutions were adopted, as may be found on the sixth page of the minutes of last year:—

"Ordered, That the Executive Committee of this Association be authorized to employ Missionary Laborers, for destitute portions, to the amount of \$800."

"Ordered, That all our Missionary Operations be submitted entirely to the direction of the Executive Committee."

With a view to the efficient discharge of our duty, we held a meeting at Thomasville, on the first day of January last, and appointed four Brethren, who had intimated a willingness to preach in destitute sections, contiguous to their respective localities, and we, as your committee, agreed to pay them at the rate of \$500 per annum, for services actually rendered. The Brethren being well known to your body, and being of good report, we were the more disposed to take them under the patronage of your body, with the belief that their labors would result, under God, in much good to the people, to whom they might minister in holy things. We are glad to be able to say, that we have reason to believe they have been the means of accomplishing great good in their respective fields.

Eld. Ryan Frier of Clyattville reports very encouragingly, respecting the success attending the ministrations of the Word in his bounds. He furnishes the following items respecting the manifestations of the Divine favor on his Missionary efforts:—He has traveled 3028 miles, preached 147 sermons, delivered 50 exhortations, visited 60 families, baptized 66 converts, aided in organizing 5 Churches, assisted in ordaining 1 Minister. Time employed 10 months—due for services, \$416.66.

Elder O. E. McKeown of Quincy, owing to family afflictions, has not been able to extend his labors far from his immediate residence. He reports 17 baptisms, preached 33 sermons, visited 25 families, traveled 220 miles, labored 25 days—due for his services \$34.71.

Elder C. Howell of Mill Town, reports, that he has aided in constituting one Church, baptized 32, preached 109 sermons, traveled 2172 miles; reports 9 months missionary labor. To us it affords great pleasure to state that his labor has been greatly blessed, both at Mill Town and at Nashville, in Berrien county. Due him \$375.

Elder Z. G. Wheeler, Rocky Ford, reports 90 sermons preached, visited 96 families, traveled 2000 miles, prayers and exhortations 90, baptized 13, ordained 1 deacon, attended 3 burial services; actual service 260 days—due him for said services \$353.42.

In the aggregate, it appears there have been baptized by your missionaries 123 hopeful converts. By the above returns of time employed in actual service, by your missionaries, the whole amount due them from your body will be \$1179.79. That our brethren have been faithful in their efforts, we cannot feel willing to question, and that the good pleasure of the Lord has prospered in their hands, we think we have ample manifestation.

As Baptists, we take the word of the Lord for our guide in all things,

hence we have no hesitancy in saying that the Lord has ordained, that those who preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel. "If we have sown unto you spiritual things," said Paul, "is it a great thing if we should reap your carnal things?" Our brethren do not report that they have learned how to live without food and raiment. May the Lord give us hearts to give as he hath prospered us, is the prayer of your committee.

Before concluding our report, we would state to your body, that at our meeting on the first of January last, when we had agreed to re-appoint the three first named brethren, who had labored in your employ last year, we hesitated somewhat in relation to the propriety of making any other appointment, believing that it would be increasing our liabilities beyond the amount of means we should be able to command. Knowing that no funds had been raised for the section of country to which Bro. Wheeler desired to go, we ventured, notwithstanding, to give him an appointment, informing him that he would have to depend for his pay, mainly on funds raised for that particular field. All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. BLEWETT, Chairman.

ROBERT FLEMING, Secretary.

### D

Your Committee on education would submit the following as their report:—

No applications have been made during the past year for assistance. The financial operations will appear from the following report of the Treasurer, which we offer as a part of our own:—

Received from W. B. Cooper, (former Treasurer,).....	\$65 00
Received from D. G. Daniell, (3d instant,).....	5 00
Received from G. W. Bostic.....	5 00
Received from W. W. Revell.....	5 00
Received from Asa May.....	10 00
Received from Caroline Clark.....	5 00
Received from Julia McCants.....	5 00

Total.....\$170 00

This amount he has loaned out from January the 1st, last, at the rate of 8 per cent. interest. He has also on hand the following notes, received from F. S. McCall, former Treasurer:—

G. Smith, dated December 27th, 1854, for.....	\$110 00
" " May 21st 1855, for.....	50 00
" " November 20th, 1855, for.....	50 00
" " March 18th, 1856, for.....	50 00
" " November 17th, 1856, for.....	55 00—\$315 00
J. G. McCall, dated January 6th, 1855, for.....	\$ 85 00
" " September 15th, 1855, for.....	50 00
" " October 30th, 1855, for.....	50 00
" " June 9th, 1856, for.....	75 00
" " August 26th, 1856, for.....	50 00—\$310 00
G. R. Moore, dated May 12th, 1855, for.....	85 00

Total.....\$710 00

Also a twenty-dollar bill, returned as counterfeit, and formerly reported by F. S. McCall.

W. B. COOPER, Chairman.

J. M. MARVIN, Secretary.

### E

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report, that the Churches composing your body, with the exception of the Indian Spring, New Port, Ocklocknee and Redland, have sent up through their delegates, the following amounts:—

For Minute Fund .....	\$ 58 25
For Associational Fund .....	688 40
For Bowen, or Central African Mission .....	9 05
For Oncken Mission .....	1 00
For Indian Mission .....	50
From Colored Members Thomasville Ch. for Af. Mission .....	8 30
From Colored Members Monticello Ch. for Af. Mission .....	8 15
Collection at stand, on Sabbath, present session .....	51 50—\$822 15
Upon counting the money taken up at the stand on Sabbath, and paying same over to your Treasurer, we find a two-dollar bill which is worthless, being on the Exchange Bank of Griffin, which amount we deduct from the above .....	

2 00

Leaving a balance of.....\$820 15

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. M. MARVIN, Chairman.

### F

Florida Bap. Associa'n, in Account with S. Alex. Smith, Treasurer.

1857.		Dr.	
Nov 17	To amount paid Z. G. Wheeler, Ag't, Finholloway	\$ 34 90	
	do do Z. G. Wheeler, Missionary.....	27 50	
	do do R. Frier, Missionary.....	125 00	
	do do C. Howell, Missionary.....	375 00	
	do do E. O. McKeown, Missionary.....	54 80	
	do do J. O. Scriven, Agent D. M. Board	94 00	
Nov.24	do do D. G. Daniell, Agent F. M. Board	22 45	
	do do Florida Convention.....	50 00	
	do do D. G. Daniell, Agent Af. Mission	35 62	
	do do D. G. Daniell, Agent Bowen Miss.	26 75	
	do do S. C. Craft, Clerk Association.....	25 00	
1858.			
Jan. 1.	do do Love & Hall for printing minutes	60 00	
	do do Postage on minutes.....	7 50	
	Balance.....	103 62	
	Total.....		\$1041 64
1857.		Cr.	
Nov.17	By Balance, per account rendered.....	\$188 89	
	By Cash from Committee on Finance.....	852 75	
	Total.....		\$1041 64

SIM. ALEX. SMITH, Treasurer.

SAN PALA, FLORIDA, Nov. 20, 1858.



Your Committee acknowledge themselves deeply impressed with a sense of the magnitude of the responsibilities resting upon them, and they have not, they hope, entered upon the consideration of the subject submitted to them, without a heart's desire and prayer to God, to direct them in such course as shall be for His glory, and for the peace and prosperity of His cause on earth.

It cannot have escaped the notice of the brethren composing this Association, that for a year or more, a very unpleasant and unhappy state of feeling has existed between two of our most talented brethren in the ministry, at Nashville, Tennessee—men whose lives have been devoted to the defence of the gospel, and whose writings have gone forth through all our beloved country, to give them a wide-spread reputation and to endear them to the hearts of the friends of God and of his truth—men whom we have esteemed highly for their work's sake. We have loved them as brethren in the Lord, and we love them still. How, then, can we, with cold indifference, pass by them in the day of their troubles and sorrow? How can we look upon their afflictions without emotion—without the enquiry being excited in our bosoms, Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Brethren of this Association, do we not hope we are members of the body of Christ by grace? And are not our brethren at Nashville, as we hope, members of the same body? The Apostle speaking of the tie which binds the great Christian brotherhood together, says, "For by one spirit are we all baptized into one body; and have all been made to drink into one spirit; and whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honored, all the members rejoice with it." As an advisory body, seeking to promote the peace of our beloved Zion, shall we be considered as passing beyond the boundaries of Associational power, when we would express our Christian sympathies with our brethren? Is Christian sympathy of no value? Why, then, does Paul exhort us to "weep with those who weep?" Is the advice of our brethren of nothing worth? For what purpose, then, does he exhort us to "put on charity and let the peace of God rule in our hearts?" O, what a happy state of things it is, when the peace of God rules in the hearts of the membership of a church!—when there is no root of disturbance springing up to trouble them.

We do not come forward to decide for them. We do not claim to be in possession of all the facts connected with the difficulty in the First Church at Nashville: and if we were, we do not claim any authority from the word of God to interfere with their internal rights. We claim no such power over the churches in our own immediate bounds; nor would we dare to set up such claim over a sister church at a distance. The churches are within themselves independent of all outward influences from any and all other bodies. It is a great and fundamental principle with Baptists to acknowledge no Lawgiver but "Christ, who is the head of the body, the church." We, therefore, cannot recognize any rule of action, in dealing with members for personal offences, (commonly called private offences,) but that rule laid down in the 18th chapter of Matthew, from the 15th to the 18th verses inclusive. When this rule is observed it is

binding in heaven and in earth. There is no appeal from it—no higher tribunal to decide upon it. In cases of public transgression, Paul gives us the rule in 1 Cor., 5th chap., 4th and 5th verses. These rules are a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. To depart from them, is to wander in paths where our going is not recognized by the Lawgiver and consequently not sanctioned—not binding, neither in heaven nor on the earth.

Let us, then, brethren of this Association, see to it that we so regulate our lives as to take no side, and be on no side but the Lord's side, which is the side of truth, the side of holiness, peace and endless happiness. And while we live, let us pray for the peace of Jerusalem. They shall prosper that love thee. Let each one of us unite in the prayer of the Psalmist, "For my brethren and companions' sakes I will now say, Peace be with thee." Ps. 122.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. Z. ARDIS,

H. GRIFFIN,

ROBERT FLEMING,

} Committee.

#### DECORUM—REVISED IN 1857.

1. At every meeting of the Association, the Moderator shall call the members to order, and the Clerk shall read the minutes of the preceeding meeting, or any part of them, if called for by any member of the Association.

2. The Moderator shall preserve order, and shall speak on points of order in preference to other members, and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Association, when requested by any two members.

3. The Moderator shall put all questions distinctly in this form:—"As many as are in favor of (whatever the question may be) say aye;" and after the affirmative voice is taken—"as many as are of a contrary opinion, say no." If it is doubtful which side is in the majority, it shall be decided by rising and counting.

4. The Moderator shall appoint committees, except in cases of appointment by ballot.

5. In all cases of ballot, the Moderator may vote; in all other cases he shall not vote, unless the opinion be equally divided.

6. When any member is about to speak in debate, he shall rise and address himself respectfully to the Moderator.

7. If any member, while speaking or otherwise, transgresses the Rules of Decorum, the Moderator shall, or any member may, call him to order.

8. When two or more members rise at the same time, the Moderator shall determine who is entitled to the floor, by calling his name.

9. No member shall indulge unkind remark in debate; nor shall any member speak more than twice without leave of Association, nor more than once until all have spoken who may choose to do so.

10. While any member is addressing the Association, it shall be the duty of the Moderator to suppress all private discourse among the members and require strict attention of all.

11. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the Moderator at any time when called for.

12. Every motion shall be reduced to writing, if desired by any member present.

13. After a motion is made and seconded, it shall be considered in possession of the Association, but may be withdrawn at any time before discussed or amended.

14. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be entertained but, 1st. To lie on the table; 2d. For the previous question; 3d. To postpone to a time future; 4th. To postpone indefinitely; 5th. To commit; 6th. To amend; 7th. To adjourn. These are called privileged questions, the last of which is always in order. The first and second are not debateable. The object of the first is to prevent debate entirely and the object of the second is to cut short a protracted debate, and bring the meeting to a direct vote, on the main question, to the exclusion of all amendments, &c.; and the object of the fourth is designed to suppress a question with as little disrespect as possible.

15. All questions of order on appeal—all questions as to priority of business—a motion to adjourn—a motion to read a paper—a motion to reconsider, and all motions relating to the order of business should be promptly put by the Moderator, allowing no debate—subject, however, to an appeal to the body.

16. Any member may call for a division of a question, when the substance will admit of it.

17. Any member voting in the majority may move a reconsideration of the subject at any time during the then present session.

18. Every resolution shall receive two statements or readings before its passage—the first for information, and the second before the vote is taken.

19. These Rules may be changed or amended at any regular and full meeting of the Association.

20. The Moderator shall cause the Association, each day, to be opened and closed with prayer.

21. All Queries shall be fairly stated in writing, and approved by two thirds of the members present, before they shall be acted on.

#### ARTICLES OF FAITH OF THE FLA. BAP. ASSOCIATION.

1. We believe in one only true and living God, and that there are three persons in the God-head—the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.

2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of particular and eternal election.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

5. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state in which he is by nature, by his own free will and ability.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God, only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

8. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace, and never finally fall away.

9. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances

of Jesus Christ—that nothing is Baptism except immersion—that believers are the only subjects of this ordinance, and that none but baptized believers are entitled to partake of the Lord's Supper.

10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment.

11. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting, and the joys of the righteous will be eternal.

12. We believe that no Minister has the right to administer the ordinances, only such as are regularly called, and have come under the imposition of the hands of the Presbytery.

W. B. COOPER, Moderator.

SAM. C. CRAFT, Clerk.

#### MINISTERS OF THE FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

1. Ardis, H. Z.,	Madison,	Florida.
2. Blewett, Wiley,	Thomasville,	Georgia.
3. Bostic, G. W.,	Sopchoppy,	Florida.
4. Broome, John	Madison,	Florida.
5. Cooper, W. B.,	Monticello,	Florida.
6. Craft, Sam. C.,	Mosely Hall,	Florida.
7. Daniell, D. G.,	Thomasville,	Georgia.
8. Duval, W. T.,	Sopchoppy,	Florida.
9. Fleming, Robert,	Thomasville,	Georgia.
10. Frier, Ryan,	Clyattville,	Georgia.
11. Fuller, B. S.,	Monticello,	Florida.
12. Goldwire, W. H.,	Troupville,	Georgia.
13. Houston, J. T.,	Mosely Hall,	Florida.
14. Howell, C.,	Mill Town,	Georgia.
15. Lacy, J. B.,	Thomasville,	Georgia.
16. Levy, Robert,	Tallahassee,	Florida.
17. Linton, H. S.	Monticello,	Florida.
18. Mays, R. J.,	Clifton,	Florida.
19. McKeown, O. E.,	Quincy,	Florida.
20. Parker, R. R.,	Madison,	Florida.
21. Pigott, J. E.,	Sopchoppy,	Florida.
22. Shackelford, R. H.,	Monticello,	Florida.
23. Smith, C.,	Monticello,	Florida.
24. Tate, W. A.,	Glasgow,	Georgia.
25. Tiftou, B.,	Sopchoppy,	Florida.
26. Walker, E. C.,	Benhaden,	Florida.
27. Wheeler, Z. G.,	Beazely,	Florida.
28. Whitehurst, H.,	Monticello,	Florida.

#### LICENTIATES.

1. Brock, H.,	Madison,	Florida.
2. Coleman, G. B.,	Duncanville,	Georgia.
3. McCall, J. G.,	Union University,	Tennessee.
4. Revell, W.,	Sopchoppy,	Florida.
5. Ryder, H.,	Clay Landing,	Florida.
6. Webb, T. P.,	Madison,	Florida.



TABLE OF

STATISTICS.

Churches	County AND State.	Post Office.	Pastors for	
			1858.	1859.
1 Anon .....	Leon .....	Tallahassee		
2 Antioch .....	Decatur .. Ga	Atapulga	Martin	Same
3 Barnett's Cr'k .....	Thomas .. Ga	Arabia	Fleming	Same
4 Bethel .....	Hamilton .. Fla	Bellville	Goldwire	Same
5 Bethesda .....	Wakulla .. Fla	Shellpoint	Bostic	Same
6 Bethlehem .....	Wakulla .. Fla	Benhaden	Walker	Same
7 Bethpage .....	Jefferson .. Fla	Waukeenah	Wheeler	Same
8 Carter's B'dge .....	Clinch .....	Mill Town	Howell	Same
9 Concord .....	Madison .. Fla	Clifton	Mays	Same
10 Elizabeth .....	Jefferson .. Fla	Monticello	Linton	Same
11 Ebenezer .....	Jefferson .. Fla	Monticello	Cooper	Same
12 Friendship .....	Thomas .. Ga	Thomasville	Blewett	Same
13 Harmony .....	Madison .. Fla	Ft. Hamilton	Cooper	Ardis
14 Hopewell .....	Madison .. Fla	Mosely Hall	Craft	Same
15 Indian Spring .....	Leon .....	Micosukie	Cooper	Same
16 Liberty .....	Thomas .. Ga	Grooverville	Blewett	Same
17 Lake Jackson .....	Leon .....	Tallahassee	M'Keown	Same
18 Madison .....	Madison .. Fla	Madison	Ardis	Same
19 Midway .....	Madison .. Fla	Madison	Sheffield	Same
20 Monticello .....	Jefferson .. Fla	Monticello	Smith	Same
21 Mill Town .....	Barrien .. Ga	Mill Town	Howell	Same
22 Mount Gilend .....	Jefferson .. Fla	Beazley	Craft	Same
23 Mount Beazor .....	Wakulla .. Fla	Sopchoppy	Tifton	Bostic
24 Mount Elon .....	Wakulla .. Fla	Sopchoppy	Tifton	Same
25 Nashville .....	Barrien .. Ga	Nashville	Howell	Same
26 New Hope .....	Thomas .. Ga	Glasgow	Fate	Blewett
27 New Port .....	Wakulla .. Fla	New Port		
28 Oclocknee .....	Thomas .. Ga	Duncanville	Cooper	Same
29 Oak Grove .....	Leon .....	Micosukie	Fate	Same
30 Olive .....	Thomas .. Ga	Thomasville		
31 Providence .....	Gadsden .. Fla	Quincy	M'Keown	Same
32 Piny Grove .....	Madison .. Fla	Madison	Frier	Same
33 Redland .....	Lowndes .. Ga	Clyattville	Linton	Same
34 Summerhill .....	Thomas .. Ga	Boston	Fate	Same
35 San Pedro .....	Madison .. Fla	Madison	Sheffield	Same
36 Trouppville .....	Lowndes .. Ga	Trouppville	Goldwire	Same
37 Thomasville .....	Thomas .. Ga	Thomasville	Smith	Same
38 Tallahassee .....	Leon .....	Tallahassee	Long	Same
<i>New Churches.</i>				
39 Benevolence .....	Lafayette .. Fla	New Boston		
40 Aucilla .....	Jefferson .. Fla	Monticello	Smith	Same
41 Macedonia .....	Lowndes .. Ga	Cow Creek	Howell	Same
42 Picket Lake .....	Lafayette .. Fla	New Boston		
43 Concordia .....	Gadsden .. Fla	Concordia	M'Keown	Same
44 Corinth .....	Lowndes .. Ga	Clyattville		
45 Finholloway .....	Taylor .. Fla	Finholloway	Wheeler	Same
46 Mt. Pleasant .....	Lafayette .. Fla	Fayetteville		

Delegates.	Baptized	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Dis. by Letter	Excommunicated	Dead	Whites	Blacks	Total	Minute Fund	Associat'n Fund	Sabbaths Meeting
Not Represented									100			
1 J. D. Girtman	3	5	0	1	0	0	17	2	19	\$1 00		1
2 R. Fleming, O. J. Bowen	0	5	0	4	0	0	13	2	15	1 00		1
3 S. B. Smith, J. J. Polhill	2	4	0	4	0	0	29	12	41	1 00	\$21 25	2 4
A. W. C. Price	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	33	49	2 00		1 00
E. C. Walker	0	5	0	0	0	0	12	00	12	3 00		3
Z G Wheeler, J D Hampt'n	9	1	2	1	2	0	18	30	48	1 00	10 00	4
J. H. Carroll	9	3	0	1	0	0	20	1	21	1 00		1
R. J. Mays, L. T. Houston	12	25	0	8	1	1	44	68	123	3 00	57 00	3
H. S. Smith, Hardy Griffin	28	3	6	16	8	2	62	28	90	2 00	12 00	2
W. B. Cooper	12	2	0	0	0	0	17	77	94	1 50	24 00	1
1 S. Forest, R. Thomas	12	0	0	4	1	0	60	22	88	2 50	54 10	2
J. N. Lamb, R G W Thomas	0	2	0	0	1	1	43	2	45	2 25	12 00	3
Sam. C. Craft, G. Waller	18	2	0	1	0	0	20	52	72	1 00	8 50	1 3
A. M. Cason—No Letter									91			3
16 W. Blewett, C. E. Groover	0	4	0	1	0	0	27	2	29	2 00	56 00	3
Green Johnson	3	2	0	8	0	1	33	28	61	2 00	9 25	1
H. Z. Ardis, T. L. Whitlock	19	0	0	2	1	2	23	39	62	2 00	35 00	1 2 4
R. R. Parker, T. P. Webb	1	6	0	8	0	0	44	00	44	1 00		2
C. Smith, J. M. Marvin	20	12	3	8	7	0	49	111	160	2 50	84 30	1 2 3
21 C. Howell	20	9	0	1	2	0	62	14	76	2 00	4 50	3
Josiah Horn	0	0	0	1	0	0	13	1	15	1 00	1 50	4
G. W. Gastic, S. C. Revell	6	5	0	2	3	0	49	6	55	1 50	6 00	2
By Letter	3	0	0	0	1	1	44	1	45	1 00	6 00	4
25 H. P. Morris, D. H. Peeples	5	1	0	0	1	0	24	0	24	1 50	17 75	2
26 C. N. Powell, J. G. Dekle	3	19	1	25	0	0	31	15	46	1 50	10 00	1
Not Represented									41			
28 Not Represented									62			
Samuel White	2	0	1	12	0	1			51	2 00	14 15	4
30 Dissolved									8			
M'Keown, J. N. Shepherd	3	1	0	0	1	0	56	0	64	1 50	3 00	4
H. M. Frier, Uriah Brown	3	4	0	0	0	2	33	0	33	2 00	34 00	4
32 Not Represented									28			
3 J. H. Murphy	8	2	0	3	0	0	44	8	52	1 50	5 00	3
John Broome	5	5	2	1	3	0	23	87	110	1 00		1 3
36 W. H. & J. O. Goldwire	6	1	0	0	0	1	28	0	38	1 00	40 00	1 3
37 D. G. Daniell, S. A. Smith	10	3	0	8	2	1	39	86	125	2 00	40 00	1 2 3 4
James E. Broome	44	7	0	0	0	2	16	366	382	1 50	9 50	1 2 3 4
M. Suivan, I. Davis	0	0	0	0	0	0			16	50	2 00	1
H Whitehurst, E E Barclay	0	0	0	0	0	0	43	10	53	1 00	10 25	4
41 T. D. Sellers	18	0	0	0	0	0			26	1 00	5 00	4
Henry Ryder, L. Jones	0	0	0	0	0	0			18	50	3 50	3
E. B. Lane	0	0	0	0	0	0			24	1 00	5 55	
44 E Daniel, R W Wisenbake	0	0	0	0	0	0			30	1 00	14 50	1
Edward Jordan	5	0	0	0	0	0			12	1 00	5 00	2
A. D. Coker	0	0	0	0	0	0			19	1 00		2 3
289 128 15 115 32 15 1059 11 1 2709 58 75 631 60												

P. S.—Some few of the Churches sent up small contributions for objects not contained in the above list, for which see Financial report, "E." Considerable discrepancy is discoverable between the above and the Financial Committee's report.

The reason is, the above was made out from the letters sent up to the Association, whilst that report was made from moneys actually paid into the hands of the committee. Net increase of membership for the past year 398, about 17 per cent.

## NOTICE.

My Dear Brethren of the Florida Bap. Association:

In closing up the Minutes of our recent session, I embrace the opportunity of returning you my grateful acknowledgments for the confidence reposed, in electing me, for the THIRTEENTH time, the Clerk of your Body. Having, as I hope and believe, discharged its onerous and responsible duties to the very best of my abilities, it is my earnest desire, that some other Brother may, at your next session, be selected, upon whom all the Brethren may cordially unite, to bear this burthen in the future. The reasons moving me to this, I need not now advert to. Suffice it to say, my dear Brethren, let us all read and ponder well, the First Epistle General of John, and weep and pray over our own obdurate hearts. And should we meet no more in associations upon earth, may we meet beyond the skies,

"Where there's no more stormy clouds to rise."

Brethren, farewell; and may our Heavenly Father guide and direct us all to the Haven of earthly rest. Amen.

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