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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Names of Delegates Enrolled.
3. Election of Moderator and Clerk.
4. Invite Visiting Brethren to seats with us.
5. Call for Correspondents.
6. Call for Petitionary Letters.
7. Appointment of Committees.
8. Election of Delegates to State Convention.
9. Election of Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention.
10. Unfinished Business.
11. Reports of Committees.
12. Election of Executive Committee.
13. Election of Treasurer.
14. Address of Agents.
15. Appointment of Correspondents.
16. Miscellaneous Business.
17. Adjournment.

MINISTERS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

Campbell, J. E. G.	Mt Pleasant, Fla.
Crockett, Stephen	Madison, "
Cartledge, C. J.	Faceville, Ga.
Clemons, I. R.	Aucilla, Fla.
Connell, J. G.	Wakeenah, "
Farnell, J. T.	Day, "
Green, R. P.	Greensboro, "
Hampton, J. M.	Aucilla, "
Humphries, J. T.	Monticello, "
Hacker, R. F.	Madison, "
Langston, J. B.	Smith Creek, "
Manning, A. M.	Iamonia, "
Provence, S. M.	Tallahassee, "
Pigot, R. R.	Crawfordville, "
Revells, S. J.	Bristol, "
Roberts, J. P.	Bristol, "
Roberts, L. A.	Tallahassee, "
Rutherford, J. L.	Madison, "
Trice, Ezekiel	Tallahassee, "
Vann, J. E.	Sunny Side, "
Wells, F. M.	Aucilla, "

LICENTIATES AND POSTOFFICES.

Cornett, Alford	Lee, Fla.
Montgomery, J. T.	Harmony Fla.

MINUTES.

FLAT CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH, }
GADSDEN Co, Fla., Oct. 1, 1895. }

The Florida Baptist Association met today in its Fifty-Third Annual Session.

The Rev. S. M. Provence delivered the introductory sermon, from Psalms, 113 chapter 25 v.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

After an intermission of two hours for refreshments, the Association reassembled.

The former Moderator and Clerk being absent the body was called to order by the Rev. F. M. Wells.

The Rev. A. M. Manning was elected Moderator pro tem and W. W. Edwards Clerk pro tem by acclamation.

Letters from the churches were handed in and read by the Revs. S. M. Provence and Stephen Crockett.

The names of delegates enrolled by the Clerk.

The Association was permanently organized by the election of the Rev. A. M. Manning, Moderator, and W. W. Edwards, Clerk.

An invitation to accept seats with us extended to visiting brethren and was accepted by the Rev. J. G. Porter, of the "Florida Baptist Witness," and the Rev. W. W. Strickland, of the Suwannee Association.

On motion the Association will meet at 9 a. m. and 2 p. m. and adjourn at 12 a. m. and 4 p. m.

The Rev. S. M. Provence offered the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That Article Two of the Constitution of the Florida Association be changed to read as follows: "This Association shall be composed of white male members, chosen by the respective churches in its union, in the proportion of two members for each church and an additional member for each twenty-five members of the church."

The resolution was laid over until tomorrow.

On motion the Rules and Order of former Associations were adopted.

Correspondents called for. No response.

The call for petitionary letters was responded to by the Triumph church, of Taylor county, and the Sunny Dell church, of Gadsden county. Letters handed in read and adopted and on motion they were received as constituents of this body. The right hand of fellowship was extended to the delegates by the Moderator.

On motion Rev. J. T. Farnell was recognized as a delegate from the Oak Grove church, of Madison county.

The Rev. J. C. Porter, representing the "Florida Baptist Witness," was granted the floor for thirty minutes.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

On Preaching—The Pastor and Deacons of this church, and Brethren J. H. Darsey and H. A. Hawk.

On Missions—The Rev. Stephen Crockett, Hon. S. Pasco, A. S. White and W. M. Cornett.

On Woman's Work—The Revs. S. M. Provence, and R. F. Hacker.

On Sunday Schools—Rev. R. P. Green.

On Finance—W. W. Campbell, J. H. Darsey, G. W. Hamrick.

On Temperance—S. Pasco, G. W. Hale, W. M. McKeown, V. H. Bush.

On Periodicals—Revs. J. T. Humphries and J. P. Roberts, Brethren W. J. Farrell, E. McCranie.

On Deceased Ministers and Deacons—J. C. J. Shepard, A. S. White, W. S. Timmons, S. J. Revells.

On Ministerial Education—Rev. S. M. Provence, J. T. Ayers, S. Pasco.

On Nominations—Revs. F. M. Wells and Stephen Crockett, J. W. Shelpfer, I. O. Bishop.

On motion session adjourned until tomorrow after prayer.

Services Tuesday night at 7 p. m., by Rev. J. P. Roberts.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER SECOND.

The Association met at 9 a. m. and was called to order by the Moderator.

Prayer by the Rev. S. M. Provence.

Minutes of Tuesday's meeting read, amended and adopted.

Invitation to visiting brethren renewed and was accepted by Rev. E. Trice, and, on motion, he was recognized as a delegate from the Tallahassee church.

Correspondents called for.

On motion the regular order of business was suspended, the Constitution and Decorum being read instead.

The resolution to amend Article Two of the Constitution, which was introduced yesterday, was called up for action and on a vote was defeated.

The call for volunteers to act as delegatest of he Florida Baptist Convention was responded to by the Revs. S. M. Provence, R. F. Hacker, J. Humphries, J. P. Roberts, E. Trice, S. Crockett, S. J. Revells, A. M. Manning and Brethren A. S. White, T. J. Fulkner, J. B. Fletcher.

The call for volunteers to act as delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention, at Chattanooga, Tenn., was responded to by the Rev. S. M. Provence, with the Rev. S. Crockett as alternate.

Unfinished business was called for and the Rev. F. M. Wells presented the manuscript of the Associational Church History and asked to be relieved from the committee.

On motion the Rev. S. M. Provence was appointed Editor for the Church History and the manuscripts were turned over to him.

On motion the Revs. S. M. Provence, S. Crockett and F. M. Wells were appointed as a committee to examine the manuscripts of the Church Histories and to report what is due former Clerk for his services. The committee recommended that he be paid five dollars for his services and sixty cents for stationery, less fifty cents paid him by F. M. Wells.

The Committee on Preaching reported the Rev. W. H. Strickland to preach at 11 a. m. and Rev. J. G. Porter at 3 p. m.

On motion business was suspended until 2 p. m.

The Rev. W. H. Strickland addressed the audience from the 10th chapt., 117 v. of Luke.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association reassembled at 2 p. m., and after an address by the Rev. J. C. Porter, from 2d Timothy, 2d chapt. and 19 v., the regular order of business was resumed.

Reports of committees were called for. The report on Missions was read and adopted, with the following amendment:

RESOLVED, That each church be requested to raise a sum equal to at least ten cents per capita for the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention before the Thirtieth day of April, 1896.

On motion the Rev. S. M. Provence was allowed forty-five minutes to deliver an address on Missions.

On motion the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, That the pastors of this Association be requested to take up a collection at each of their churches to aid in building a house of worship at Quincy.

The Committee on Preaching reported the Rev. R. F. Hacker to preach tonight, and the Rev. Stephen Crockett tomorrow at 11 a. m.

On motion the session adjourned until tomorrow at 9 a. m.

Prayer by Rev. E. Trice.

Preaching at 7 p. m. by Rev. R. F. Hacker.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER THIRD.

The Association met at 9 a. m. and was called to order by the Moderator.

After prayer by the Rev. I. R. Clemons the regular order of business was resumed.

The minutes of yesterday were read, amended and adopted.

Reports of committees were called for.

The Treasurer's report was handed in, read and adopted.

The report on Periodicals was read and adopted.

The report on Temperance was read and adopted.

The report on Sunday Schools was read and adopted.

After which the Rev. S. M. Provence addressed the audience in behalf of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The report on Woman's Work was read and adopted.

On motion speeches were limited to five minutes.

On motion the Constitution and Decorum were ordered printed in the present minutes.

The report of the Rev. J. P. Roberts, missionary for the Association, for the year ending October 2d, 1895, was read and accepted.

The report of the Rev. J. E. G. Campbell, missionary for the Association, was read and accepted.

The report of the Rev. R. F. Hacker, missionary for the Association, was read and on motion recommitted for revision, and after revision was accepted by the Association.

The report of the Committee on Nominations was read and adopted.

The report of the Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons was read and adopted.

The report of the Committee on Ministerial Education was read and adopted.

Addresses from agents were called for, and the Rev. S. M. Provence addressed the Association on "Missions."

On motion the Treasurer was instructed to pay the State Board of Missions fifty dollars for missions.

On motion the above motion was amended so as to leave it to the discretion of the Executive Committee.

The report of the Executive Committee was read and adopted.

The report of the Committee on Finance was read and adopted.

On motion business was suspended until 2 p. m.

The Rev. Stephen Crockett addressed the Association from Romans, 1st chapt., 21st v.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After two hours intermission the Association reassembled and, after prayer, was called to order by the Moderator.

The regular order of business was resumed.

Correspondents were called for to represent this body at sister associations, and the following brethren responded: Rev. J. T. Farnell, to the Suwannee and Lafayette Association; Rev. A. M. Manning, to the Mercer Association; Rev. R. F. Hacker, to Suwannee and Lafayette Associations; Rev. F. M. Wells, to the Suwannee Associations; the Revs. S. M. Provence and Stephen Crockett, to the West Florida Association.

The query of the Ebenezer church as to what should be done with a minister holding membership with them, who organized a church and adopted foot-washing as a church ordinance, was called up and discussed and on motion the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, That in the opinion of the Association a council should be called by the Ebenezer church to consider the case

mentioned and recommend such action as is judicious and in accordance with Baptist usage.

On motion the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, That Article Two of the Constitution be amended by adding at the close the following words: "PROVIDED, no church shall have more than four delegates."

On motion the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, That the thanks of this body is hereby tendered to the members of the Flat Creek church and the citizens of this community who have entertained us so lovingly and cordially during the deliberations of this body, also to the Florida Central & Peninsular Railroad for reduced rates to the delegates.

On motion the next Annual Session of this body will be held in the Macedonia Baptist Church, of Madison county, on Tuesday before the first Sunday in October, 1896.

On motion the Clerk is requested to correspond with the delinquent churches and report at the next meeting of the Association.

On motion the Clerk is allowed fifteen dollars for his services and be remunerated for stationery.

On motion the Clerk was ordered to have printed 1000 copies of these minutes and distribute them among the churches, pro rata with the amount sent up for minutes.

On motion the clerk will include all letters which were delayed in the minutes.

The following collections and pledges were taken, to-wit:

Rev. R. F. Hacker, for church building, \$4.65; A. S. White, for church in Quincy, \$47.50; Rev. E. Trice, for church building, \$9.25; for foreign missions, \$6.00.

After extending the parting hand, during the singing of a hymn, the Association adjourned.

Prayer by Rev. S. M. Provence.

A. M. MANNING,
Moderator.

W. W. EDWARDS,
Clerk.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Missions begs leave to report that it would be a difficult task to tell where the work of the Home Missions end and the Foreign Mission work begins. The field is the world and its oneness is found in the words of our Saviour, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel," beginning at Jerusalem. This sympathetic heart was as large the world's need, and if He had sojourned upon earth for eighteen hundred and ninety-five years He would not have been contented to confine His great work to a single locality or a small circle of friends. His ear would have heard the Macedonian cry of need as it comes to us from the weak neglected fields within the bounds of our Association and in all our State, and reaching to the end of the world through the various Missionary agencies.

Your Southern Baptist Convention, believing that the members of our churches should be inspired by the spirit of Christ, who was God's representative to the world's missionary field's; we, your Committee, suggest that the pastors throughout the Association aid in the greater dissemination of missionary knowledge among the members of their churches, and to systematically canvass each member for some gift toward the great missionary objects of our own Convention, and that all monies collected be forwarded through Dr. W. N. Chaudoiné, as adopted by this Association at its last meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN CROCKETT,
Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WOMAN'S WORK.

The Woman's Missionary (Mission), with headquarters in Baltimore, labors in connection with the Southern Baptist Convention. Its Corresponding Secretary is Miss Annie W. Armstrong, No. 9 Lexington Street, Baltimore, Md. Last year this Mission raised for our two General Boards several thousand dollars, besides sending out tens of thousands of tracts and leaflets intended to stimulate and increase the interest of the churches in our missionary work. Miss Armstrong edits the Missionary Department of "Kind Words and the Young People's Scripture Union." In addition the Woman's Missionary Union has prepared a programme for a special effort in the Sunday schools in behalf of the missions. This is named "Children's Day," and its purpose is to interest the children and young people in the work of our Boards. September 29th was the day named by the Sunday School Board, which has charge of the matter, by appointment of the Southern Baptist Convention. It is not yet too late, however, for any school to supply itself with these programmes and carry out the plan suggested.

The Secretary of the State Central Committee for Florida is Miss Spalding, of DeLand. It is the aim to organize the women of our churches into missionary societies. If this were done a great impetus would be given to all our missionary work. Information concerning these organization will be cheerfully furnished by Miss Armstrong or Miss Spalding. Very few of our churches have these Women's Missionary societies. We would be glad to have them organized throughout our Association.

Respectfully submitted,

S. M. PROVENCE,
Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We believe Sunday Schools are tributary to the preached gospel in extending the Kingdom of Christ. It is not necessary

for us to praise these institutions. While there is much to be lamented, there is much to be hoped for and rejoiced over. That there has been a good advance all along the line is apparent from the reports sent up from the churches. The minds and hearts of the young are vulnerable and should be sedulously guarded. We might be profited by emulating others, by taking better care of and early indoctrinating our children and youths. Baptists feel and know that they have a preponderance of truth on their side and rest on that. We believe denominational literature should be used in our schools. A few cents saved at the expense of truth is wretched economy. And that is not all, teaching that is pernicious and reading that is hurtful often, if not surely, come from a heedless expectance of so called cheap literature. Our policy is not all together what it should be required.

Wake up brethren, brace up and may the Lord help you!

Respectfully submitted,

R. P. GREEN,
Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

Your Committee on Nominations would respectfully recommend the following named brethren as our Executive Committee: A. M. Manning, W. W. Campbell, E. Trice and H. A. Hawk, with Brother W. W. Campbell as Treasurer. We would also recommend Rev. A. M. Manning to preach the next introductory sermon, and E. Trice as alternate.

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. WELLS,
Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

Since our last meeting our beloved brother, H. H. Friar, has been called to his reward. He was for many years Moderator of our Association and was held in loving esteem by all his brethren.

As a preacher he was forceful, clear and sound. He had few early advantages, but was endowed with strong common sense, a vigorous mind and a warm heart. He was a man of one book. His preaching was effective, spiritual and evangelical. Tall and straight in form, with a vigorous and powerful frame, he could endure fatigue and hardship, and his work was carried on with determination and force into his old age. He never reached the dead line but kept his heart young and his interest keen to the last. His bearing toward his younger brethren was always kind and fraternal.

We place on record our gratitude to God for the work He enables His servants to accomplish. The deceased rests from his labors and his works do follow him.

We recommend that a memorial page be set apart in our minutes, inscribed to the memory of the deceased brother, and a copy of this report be sent to his family.

Respectfully submitted,

S. J. REVELLS,
Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

The thorough preparation of himself for the work is a duty every man who is called to preach the gospel owes the Divine Master. To the people under whose name he is to preach, and to the world our young ministers can no longer excuse themselves for neglecting this duty. The means of a thorough education are put within the reach of all. It has come about that any capable young man, called of God and approved by his church, may by persistent effort obtain in our own schools the best training.

Our great School of the Prophets, at Louisville, mourns the loss of its distinguished president, the honored and beloved Broadus, but the ranks close over the vacancy caused by his death and the good work goes on.

Over two hundred and sixty students were in our seminary last

year, and the prospect is good for a still larger number this year. Some of these are from Florida. They are in part dependant upon the Student's Fund, and we ought to send contributions to Prof. E. C. Dargan to aid in educating those young preachers. The seminary affords very great advantages to those pastors who can obtain a leave of absence from their church for eight months and study in its classes for that period.

We especially urge the young ministers in our Association to prepare for the best work they can do by a course of training, which shall at least embrace a good working knowledge of the English tongue and the English Scriptures. For those of larger aims our colleges offer ample courses of study. We greatly need schoolars for pastors. Education is in the air. Our pastors should prove themselves to be workmen that need not be ashamed.

The John B. Stetson University, at DeLand, offers special inducements to such of our young men as desire to avail themselves of its advantages, and the results already accomplished at this institution of learning leads us to hope that it will be an important factor in advancing the work of ministerial education in our State.

Respectfully submitted,

S. M. PROVENCE,
Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PERIODICALS.

In the estimation of your Committee it would be hard to over-estimate the good of religious literature, and we would be glad to know that every family was taking some religious periodical. As a paper worthy of our patronage and support we endorse the "Florida Baptist Witness," the only paper in the State giving to us the news of our brethren in all parts of Florida. For Sabbath Schools we would mention the "Convention Series" as sound in presentation of the truth and in every way worthy of our support, coming to us, as it does, from the Sunday School Board

of the Southern Baptist Convention. Then the American Baptist Publication Society is giving to us our Sunday School periodicals equally good at prices to suit the hard times.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. HUMPHRIES,
Chairman.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your Executive Committee comes to your brethren with only a fractional part of its members, our Chairman having passed to his reward. We have done what we could in missionary work this year with the money and men at our command, but there remains much to be done.

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. WELLS,
W. W. CAMPBELL.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

The tendency of thought and action at the present day is toward the promotion of the cause of temperance, by restricting and prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors by law, in communities where there is a healthy public sentiment to sustain such laws and a firm hand to enforce them. The evils of intemperance are abated and temptation is removed from the paths in life of those who have fallen under the influence of King Alcohol and cannot pass a saloon or reject the intoxicating cup when it is within their reach.

The laws of our State give every county and community opportunity and power to control and prohibit the whiskey traffic within their bonds. Some have prohibited its sale and it is a duty of every Baptist, as a lover and promoter of law and order, to stand by the action of their communities and aid in the enforcement of the law. In other localities the sale is only permitted upon the petition of a certain number of tax payers and qualified

voters, and it is within the power of the church-going men and professing Christians in many communities to close the bar-rooms and prevent the traffic by keeping their names from the saloon-keepers' petitions. Surely a Baptist can have no doubt as to his duty if his name is solicited, and if he desires to have his name on such a petition he should first have it erased from the church book. It is not consistent for him to assist in placing temptation in the way of his weak neighbor, or to do any thing that may cause his brother to offend. But in our endeavors to promote the cause of temperance we must not depend entirely upon Legislative enactments and the penalties of the law. The power of God alone can effect a perfect reformation of the poor victim of intemperance—all other help is sinking sand. The preaching of the gospel will reach the drunkards as well as other sinners, and the sinner who is truly converted will be a reformed man and will manfully struggle against his besetting sin and invoke the aid of the Almighty power when he is assailed by temptation.

Temperance is one of the Christian virtues to be recommended to all men; it is enumerated among the fruits of the spirit in Paul's Epistle to the Galatians. We perhaps to often consider it only in relation to the use of alcoholic liquors as a beverage, but we should never forget the Apostolic injunction—"Be temperate in all things."

Respectfully submitted,

S. Pasco,
Chairman.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We your Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the following report:

Minute Fund.....	\$ 24.30.
Associational Fund.....	38.56.
Associational Missions.....	33.65.
State Missions.....	4.25.
Home Missions.....	3.75.
Foreign Missions.....	9.50.

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Total.....\$114.01.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. CAMPBELL,
Chairman.

NOTE.—Since the Association adjourned I received \$2.73 and placed this amount for M. S. etc. in the report of churches.

CLERK.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

W. W. Campbell in account with the Flor da Baptist Association:
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1894.	To balance from last year.....	\$124 44
Oct. 3.	Received from Finance Committee.....	100 14
Nov. 7.	Indian Spring church.....	5 85
" "	Ebenezer church, Leon county.....	1 25
" "	Lake Mystic church.....	50
Dec. 30.	D. N. Clark, of Providence church.....	1 25
1895.		
March 12.	J. P. Roberts, missionary, collected on the field.....	50
" 16.	R. F. Hacker, " " " ".....	1 50
" 30.	Union held with Hopeful church.....	11 31
May 8.	R. F. Hacker, missionary, collected on the field.....	1 19
" "	J. P. Roberts, " " " ".....	2 50
" "	J. E. G. Campbell, " " " ".....	3 80
June 30.	Union held with Hopewell church.....	4 55
July 20.	R. F. Hacker, missionary, collected on the field.....	1 50
Aug. 27.	J. P. Roberts, " " " ".....	3 00
" "	J. E. G. Campbell, " " " ".....	3 70

Total receipts.....\$266 98

1894.		CR.	\$266 98
Oct. 4.	Paid H. B. Gibson, salary as Clerk and for stationery.....		\$ 15 60
" "	" " " Minute Fund.....		25 00
Nov. 7.	" " " Postage on Minutes of the Association.....		4 50
" 9.	W. N. Chaudoin, for State Missions.....		5 30
" "	" " " Home ".....		3 50
" "	" " " Foreign ".....		8 50
" "	" " " Church building.....		50
" 16.	J. W. Hanlon balance on printing Minutes.....		12 50
1895.			
March 12.	J. P. Roberts, missionary, for the first quarter.....		12 50
" "	J. E. G. Campbell, " " " ".....		12 50
" 16.	R. F. Hacker, " " " ".....		12 50
May 8.	" " " " second ".....		12 50
" 29.	J. E. G. Campbell, " " " ".....		12 50
" "	J. P. Roberts, " " " ".....		12 50
July 20.	R. F. Hacker, " " " " third ".....		12 50
Aug. 27.	J. P. Roberts, " " " ".....		12 50
" "	J. E. G. Campbell, " " " ".....		12 50
" "	Postage on funds sent to missionaries during the year.....		80

Total paid out.....\$188 60

(Treasurer's Report Continued.)

Balance on hand to date. 78 38
\$266 98

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. CAMPBELL,
Treasurer.

SACRED TO THE MEMORY

OF THE

REV. HENRY M. FRIAR.

Who has finished his earthly labors, and gone
to the mansion of rest, whose builder and
maker is God.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Names of Churches.	County.	Officers and Teachers	Number of Pupils...	Average Attendance...	Volumes in Library.	Sunday School Expenses	Contributed to Missions
Aucilla	Jefferson					\$	\$
Aeon	Leon						
Antioch	Gadsden						
Brewer Lake	Lafayette						
Bristol	Liberty	3	20			5 00	
Concordia	Gadsden						
Corinth	Liberty						
Centerville	Leon						
Cabbage Grove	Taylor						
Ebenezer	Jefferson						
Ebenezer	Leon						
Elizabeth	Jefferson	15	78			3 38	
Flat Creek	Gadsden						
Greenville	Madison	4	18				
Harmony	Madison	4	25				
Hopeful	Madison	6	22			1 80	
Hopewell	Madison						
Indian Spring	Leon						
Lake Ellen	Wakulla						
Lake Mystic	Liberty						
Macedonia	Madison						
Madison	Madison	10	49		250	22 38	19 38
Midway	Madison						
Montecello	Jefferson	5	32	20	80	10 00	5 00
Mt. Bezer	Wakulla						
Mt. Gilead	Taylor						
Mt. Pleasant	Gadsden	4	30				
Mt. Elon	Wakulla						
New Macedonia	Madison						
New Prospect							
Oakland							
Oak Grove	Madison	4	20			1 50	
Oak Grove							
Olive Branch	Jefferson	4	30			2 00	
Perry	Taylor						
Pine Grove	Madison						
Pleasant Grove	Lafayette						
Pleasant Grove	Taylor						
Pleasant Hill							
Philadelphia							
Providence	Gadsden	4	43		100	5 00	25
Quincy	Gadsden	6	32			20 74	2 52
Salem							
San Pedro							
Sunny Dell	Gadsden						
Tallahassee	Leon	5	25				15 00
Triumph	Taylor	6	30		25	2 50	

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Names of Churches	Counties.	SENT TO THE ASSOCIATION.						
		Minute Fund.	Associational Fund	Associational Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Total
Aucilla	Jefferson	\$ 1 50	\$ 5 00	\$	\$ 2.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$10.50
Aeon	Leon	.75						75
Antioch	Gadsden		2 00					2 75
Brewer Lake	Lafayette	75						50
Bristol	Liberty	50						50
Concordia	Gadsden	1 00		9 00			4 00	14 00
Corinth	Liberty	60	50				50	1 60
Centerville	Leon	25		2 50			2 50	5 25
Cabbage Grove	Taylor	25						25
Ebenezer	Jefferson	75	1 00	2 80	50		50	5 55
Ebenezer	Leon	75						
Elizabeth	Jefferson	2 00	1 00	3 00		1 00		7 00
Flat Creek	Gadsden	50		2 00	1 00	1 00	50	5 00
Greenville	Madison	50		1 60				2 10
Harmony	Madison	1 00	90	2 00	50	50	50	5 40
Hopeful	Madison	25		75				1 00
Hopewell	Madison	1 00	25					1 25
Indian Spring	Leon	15	4 00					4 15
Lake Ellen	Wakulla	50						50
Lake Mystic	Liberty	50						50
Macedonia	Madison	1 50		50				2 00
Madison	Madison	1 00	71					1 71
Madison	Madison	1 60						1 00
Midway	Madison	75	8 00					8 75
Montecello	Jefferson	25	75					1 00
Mt. Bezer	Wakulla							
Mt. Gilead	Taylor				2 00			2 40
Mt. Pleasant	Gadsden	40						50
Mt. Elon	Wakulla	50						1 40
New Macedonia	Madison	40		1 00				
New Prospect								
Oakland								
Oak Grove	Madison	1 25		2 50		25		4 00
Oak Grove								
Olive Branch	Jefferson	50	1 15					1 65
Perry	Taylor	1 00		4 00				5 00
Pine Grove	Madison	50	1 25		25			2 00
Pleasant Grove	Lafayette	1 00						1 00
Pleasant Grove	Taylor	23						23
Pleasant Hill								
Philadelphia								
Providence	Gadsden	1 00	6 55					7 55
Quincy	Gadsden	50	50					1 00
Salem								
San Pedro								
Sunny Dell	Gadsden	25	2 00					2 25
Tallahassee	Leon	1 00						1 00
Triumph	Taylor	50	3 00					3 50

CHURCH STATISTICS.

CHURCH.	COUNTY.	ADDITION AND DIMINUTION.							Present Number
		Baptisms.....	By Letter.....	Restoration.....	Total last year..	By Letter.....	Expelled.....	Dead.....	
Aucilla.....	Jefferson..	6	5	4	65	3		1	96
Aenon.....	Leon.....	20		4	47		1	2	68
Antioch.....	Gadsden..		3		39	1	3		38
Brewer Lake..	Lafayette..		1		16		2		18
Bristol.....	Liberty....	8	2	1	180	8	29	1	38
Concordia.....	Gadsden..	9		2	35		1		152
Corinth.....	Liberty....	10			4				46
Centerville..	Leon.....				9				4
Cabbage Grove.	Taylor....	6			24	1		1	15
Ebenezer.....	Jefferson..				14		2		22
Ebenezer.....	Leon.....				85	7			12
Elizabeth.....	Jefferson..	16	4	1	27				99
Flat Creek....	Gadsden..		2		27				29
Greenville....	Madison...	1	1		73	9		1	29
Harmony.....	Madison...	13	1		66	5	6	10	77
Hopeful.....	Madison...	1	3	1	63		6	4	60
Hopewell.....	Madison...	6			9				59
Indian Spring.	Leon.....				39				9
Lake Ellen....	Wakulla....	7	2		37				48
Lake Mystic... Macedonia..	Liberty.... Madison...	5 29	2 6	4	68		2	4	42
Madison.....	Madison...	1	6	1	60	3		2	97
Midway.....	Madison...		6		54		4		63
Monticello....	Jefferson..		2		36	4		2	57
Mt. Bezer.....	Wakulla....		1		17	1	1		32
Mt. Gilead....	Taylor....				13			2	16
Mt. Pleasant..	Gadsden..	3	6		23	1			1
Mt. Elon.....	Wakulla....	3			69	2	4	1	26
New Macedonia.	Madison...	1		1					64
New Prospect..	Madison...				80	4		1	82
Oakland.....	Madison...		7		21				27
Oak Grove....	Jefferson..	2	5		90	3		1	92
Olive Branch..	Taylor....	4	1	1	58	3	19		35
Perry.....	Madison...				57				71
Pine Grove....	Lafayette..	13	1		19				25
Pleasant Grove.	Taylor....	1	4	1					
Pleasant Hill..									
Philadelphia..									
Providence....	Gadsden..	13	7	5	155	8	1	1	170
Quincy.....	Gadsden..				14	2		2	12
Salem.....									
San Pedro....	Gadsden..		2		6				8
Sunny Dell....	Leon.....	5	9		18				32
Tallahassee..	Taylor....		9						9
Triumph.....									
		178	92	57	1734	65	81	24	1903

VALUATION.

Names of Churches	Counties.	Current Expenses	Value of Church Property	For Poor and Home Charities	Totals
Aucilla.....	Jefferson..	\$ 11 25	\$ 250 00	\$	\$ 261 25
Aenon.....	Leon.....				
Antioch.....	Gadsden..				
Brewer Lake..	Lafayette..				
Bristol.....	Liberty....		300 00		300 00
Concordia.....	Gadsden..				
Corinth.....	Liberty....	175 00	600 00		775 00
Centerville..	Leon.....	25 00			25 00
Cabbage Grove.	Taylor....		400 00		400 00
Ebenezer.....	Jefferson..				
Ebenezer.....	Leon.....				
Elizabeth.....	Jefferson..				
Flat Creek....	Gadsden..		175 00		175 00
Greenville....	Madison...	75 00	200 00		275 00
Harmony.....	Madison...		1000 00		1000 00
Hopeful.....	Madison...		200 00		200 00
Hopewell.....	Madison...		150 00		150 00
Indian Spring.	Leon.....				
Lake Ellen....	Wakulla....		400 00		400 00
Lake Mystic... Macedonia..	Liberty.... Madison...				
Madison.....	Madison...		500 00		500 00
Midway.....	Madison...	339 29	3000 00	8 00	3347 29
Monticello....	Jefferson..				
Mt. Bezer.....	Wakulla....	87 00	4500 00		4587 00
Mt. Gilead....	Taylor....	40 00	200 00		240 00
Mt. Pleasant..	Gadsden..				
Mt. Elon.....	Wakulla....		150 00		150 00
New Macedonia.	Madison...		300 00		300 00
New Prospect..	Madison...	35 00	150 00		185 00
Oakland.....					
Oak Grove....	Madison...	75 00	300 00		375 00
Olive Branch..	Jefferson..				
Perry.....	Taylor....	50 00	250 00		300 00
Pine Grove....	Madison...	100 00	600 00		700 00
Pleasant Grove.	Lafayette..				
Pleasant Hill..	Taylor....				
Philadelphia..					
Providence....	Gadsden..				
Quincy.....	Gadsden..		500 00		500 00
Salem.....	Gadsden..	150 00	60 00		210 00
San Pedro....	Gadsden..				
Sunny Dell....	Leon.....		150 00	3 00	150 00
Tallahassee..	Taylor....	15 00	1500 00		
Triumph.....		280 00	375 00		655 00
		\$ 1457 54	\$ 16210 00	\$ 11 00	\$ 15975 54

LIST OF CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS AND DELEGATES

CHURCH	COUNTY	PASTOR	POST OFFICE	STATE
Aucilla	Jefferson	F. M. Wells	Aucilla	Florida
Aenon	Leon	M. F. Burke	Delwood	"
Antioch	Gadsden	H. M. Frier	West Farm	"
Brewer Lake	Lafayette	J. P. Roberts	Bristol	"
Bristol	Liberty	A. M. Manning	Imonia	"
Concordia	Gadsden	S. J. Revels	Bristol	"
Corinth	Liberty	James E. Vann	Centerville	"
Centerville	Leon	E. Trice	Lamont	"
Cabbage Grove	Taylor	M. F. Burke	Tallahassee	"
Ebenezer	Jefferson	I. R. Clemons	Delwood	"
Ebenezer	Leon	F. M. Wells	Aucilla	"
Elizabeth	Jefferson	W. T. Humphries	Aucilla	"
Flat Creek	Gadsden	R. F. Hacker	Monticello	"
Greenville	Madison	R. F. Hacker	Madison	"
Harmony	Madison	J. L. Rutherford	Madison	"
Hopeful	Madison	R. R. Pigot	Madison	"
Hopewell	Madison	J. L. Rutherford	Madison	"
Indian Spring	Leon	Stephen Crockett	Madison	"
Lake Eden	Wakulla	J. T. Farnell	Day	"
Lake Mystic	Liberty	E. Trice	Tallahassee	"
Macedonia	Madison	J. E. G. Campbell	Mt. Pleasant	"
Madison	Madison	J. P. Roberts	Bristol	"
Midway	Madison	I. R. Clemons	Aucilla	"
Montecello	Jefferson	J. D. Evans	Ousley Station	Georgia
Mt. Bezer	Wakulla	E. Trice	Tallahassee	Florida
Mt. Pleasant	Leon	F. M. Wells	Aucilla	"
Mt. Pleasant	Gadsden	W. H. Bryant	Clyattville	Georgia
Mt. Elton	Wakulla	T. Farnell	Day	Florida
New Macedonia	Madison	M. Hampton	Aucilla	"
New Prospect	Madison	F. M. Wells	Aucilla	"
Oakland	Madison	J. E. G. Campbell	Mt. Pleasant	"
Oak Grove	Madison	J. P. Roberts	Bristol	"
Oak Grove	Madison	I. R. Clemons	Aucilla	"
Five Branch	Jefferson	J. D. Evans	Ousley Station	Georgia
Perry	Taylor	E. Trice	Tallahassee	Florida
Pine Grove	Madison	F. M. Wells	Aucilla	"
Pleasant Grove	Lafayette	W. H. Bryant	Clyattville	Georgia
Pleasant Grove	Taylor	T. Farnell	Day	Florida
Pleasant Hill	Taylor	M. Hampton	Aucilla	"
Philadelphia	Jefferson	F. M. Wells	Aucilla	"
Providence	Gadsden	J. E. G. Campbell	Mt. Pleasant	"
Quincy	Gadsden	J. P. Roberts	Bristol	"
Salem	Leon	I. R. Clemons	Aucilla	"
San Pedro	Gadsden	J. D. Evans	Ousley Station	Georgia
Sunny Dell	Gadsden	E. Trice	Tallahassee	Florida
Tallahassee	Leon	F. M. Wells	Aucilla	"
Triumph	Taylor	R. F. Hacker	Madison	"

LIST OF CHURCHES, PASTORS, ETC.—CONTINUED.

CLERK	POST OFFICE	STATE	NAMES OF DELEGATES
J. H. Slaughter	Aucilla	Florida	Revs. F. M. Wells and J. T. Farnell, Brethren J. O. Bishop, J. T. Ayers
W. E. Gray	Tallahassee	"	By letter.
G. R. McCall	Day	"	By letter.
D. L. Maxwell	Concord	"	Rev. J. P. Roberts
A. W. Turner	Cosmilt	"	J. H. Darsey, J. W. Shaffer
W. P. Strickland	Waylanza	"	W. J. Ferrell
H. A. Hawk	Aucilla	"	Rev. A. M. Manning
J. W. Simpson	Spring Hill	"	By letter
C. W. Hamrick	Aucilla	"	H. A. Hawk
J. B. Fletcher	River Junction	"	By letter
J. W. Hamersley	Greenville	"	Rev. J. T. Humphries, C. W. Hamrick, C. T. Shepard
W. W. Campbell	Harmony	"	J. C. J. Shepard, J. H. Goodson
A. E. Stevens	Madison	"	By letter.
S. J. Lee	Madison	"	W. W. Campbell
J. A. Ezell	Crawfordville	"	E. McCrainie
J. J. Revels	Bristol	"	By letter
F. B. Williams	Lee	"	E. L. Carter
J. H. Rowe	Madison	"	Rev. S. J. Revels, L. I. Revels
W. M. Tampling	Lee	"	W. M. Cornett
M. B. Clark	Monticello	"	Rev. Stephen Crockett
A. S. Roberts	Sopchoppy	"	By letter.
N. M. Ramsey	Mt. Pleasant	"	Senator S. Pasco
E. E. Langston	Smith Creek	"	By letter
D. W. McLeod	Greenville	"	J. P. Taylor
W. H. E. Terry	Leland	"	W. W. Corbett
L. J. Copps	Lamont	"	Charles Legette
T. J. Faulkner	Perry	"	By letter
J. S. Warren	Madison	"	By letter
G. I. Winn	Mayo	"	By letter
K. M. Tedder	Iddo	"	By letter
W. W. Edwards	Edwards	"	Rev. R. P. Green, W. W. Edwards, O. F. McKeown, D. N. Clark, W. D. Richards, V. H. Bush, M. E. Clark.
G. B. Brackins	Quincy	"	A. S. White, G. B. Brackins
W. S. Timmons	Quincy	"	W. S. Timmons, W. M. McKeown
J. F. Knight	Tallahassee	"	G. W. Hale, S. M. Provence
W. H. Horne	Stephensville	"	Rev. R. F. Hacker

ARTICLES OF FAITH OF THE FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

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

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

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

ART. 4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

ART. 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.

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

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

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

ART. 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 baptised believers are entitled to partake of the Lord's supper.

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

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

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

RULES OF DECORUM OF THE FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

1. At every meeting of the Association the Moderator shall call the members to order and cause the Clerk to read the minutes of the previous Association.

2. The Moderator shall preserve order, and shall speak on any point of order with reference to the 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 (as the question may be) say, Aye." And after the affirmative voice is taken, "As many as are of a contrary opinion say, No." If doubtful which voice is in the majority it shall be decided by rising and counting.

4. The Moderator shall appoint the 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 Association be equally divided, or unless his vote be given to the minority will make the division equal. In that case the question shall be lost.

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

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

8. When two or more members shall rise at the same time, the Moderator shall decide who is first entitled to the floor.

9. No member shall indulge in unkind remarks in debate, nor shall any member speak more than twice on the same question without leave from the Association, nor more than once until every one choosing to speak shall have done so.

10. While any member is addressing the Association, it shall be the duty of the Moderator to suppress all private discourse that may be entertained between the members, and require strict attention on the part of the members.

11. When a motion is made and seconded it shall be stated by the Moderator before debate.
12. Every motion shall be reduced to writing if desired by any member of the Association.
13. After a motion is made and seconded it shall be deemed 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 unless to amend it or to refer it to a committee, or for the previous question, or for adjournment.
15. A motion for adjournment shall always be in order, and decided without debate.
16. Any member shall call for a division of a question when two or more distinct propositions are set forth, and when the substance will admit of division.
17. Motions and amendments may be referred to a committee at the pleasure of the Association.
18. Every resolution shall receive two statements or readings in the Association previous to its passage. The first shall be for information, and the second when the decision of the Association is to be made.
19. These rules may be changed or amended at any full meeting of the Association.
20. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer each day by the Moderator or some other member.
21. All queries shall be fairly stated in writing and approbated by two-thirds of the members present before they shall be acted on.

CONSTITUTION OF THE FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be known by the name of the Florida Baptist Association. The object of this Association shall be to conduct the work of missions, colportage, Sabbath-

school enterprises, and other work that will tend to the spread of the Gospel.

ART. 2. This Association shall be composed of white male members chosen by the respective churches in its Union, in the proportion of two members for each church of fifty or less, and one additional delegate for every twenty-five members over fifty.

ART. 3. The letters sent by the churches at each session of the Association shall express their respective members in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated, and dead since last session.

ART. 4. Believing it to be proper, on account of the diversity of opinion among men as to the import of Scripture doctrine contained in the Old and New testaments, to declare our belief and understanding thereof: we therefore append our belief in twelve Articles and present them with our minutes to the Baptist denomination.

ART. 5. The Association, when convened, shall be governed by a regular and proper decorum. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the votes of the members present, who shall hold their offices until the next session of the body, and until their successors are elected. The Moderator shall preside at the meetings of the Association, and the Clerk shall record the proceedings thereof and prepare them for the press.

ART. 6. The Association thus organized shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage nor infringe upon the internals of any church.

ART. 7. Newly constituted churches may be admitted to this union on application by letter and delegates; and if, upon examination, found to be orthodox, shall be received by the Association and the right hand of fellowship extended to the delegates by the Moderator.

ART. 8. The Association shall furnish the minutes of their proceedings in proportion to the funds sent up for that purpose by the churches.

ART. 9. The minutes of the Association shall be publicly read.

(and corrected, if necessary), and then signed by the Moderator and Clerk before adjournment.

ART. 10. Any amendment or alteration of this Constitution may be made by the votes of two thirds of the members present at any two regular successive meetings of the Association. All other matters of fellowship shall be decided by a majority of votes. In matters of fellowship the Association must be a unit.

ART. 11. The Association shall have power, first, to provide for the general union of the churches; second, to give the churches advice in matters of difficulty; third, to inquire into the cause of any failing to be represented at the meetings of the Association; fourth, to withdraw all connection from any church or churches in this union who shall violate the rules of this Association, or shall deviate from the orthodox principals of the revealed Word of God; fifth, to appropriate the money contributed and sent up to the Association as specified by said churches, and when not specified it shall be appropriated to promote the best interests of the Master's cause; sixth, to adjourn to any future time and place they may deem most convenient to the churches in the union.

