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Florida Baptist Association

PROVIDENCE CHURCH,
Gadsden County, Florida.
1899.

REV. A. M. MANNING,
Mannington, Fla.,
MODERATOR.

REV. STEPHEN CROCKETT,
Madison, Fla.,
CLERK.

PROCEEDINGS

— OF THE —

Fifty-Seventh Anniversary

• OF THE •

FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

— HELD WITH THE —

Providence Baptist Church,

Gadsden County, Florida,

Sept. 26, 27, 28,

1899.

OFFICERS.

Moderator	REV. A. M. MANNING	Mannington, Fla.
Clerk	REV. STEPHEN CROCKETT	Madison, Fla.
Treasurer	W. W. CAMPBELL	Harmony, Fla.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Revs. A. M. Manning, F. M. Wells, Stephen Crockett.
Bros. W. W. Campbell, C. L. Leggett.

Next session to be held with Aucilla Church, Jefferson County, Tuesday
before the First Sabbath in October, 1900. Rev. Stephen Crockett to
preach the introductory sermon. Rev. F. M. Wells, alternate.

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1899.

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 vote 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 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 being discussed or amended.

14. When a question is under debate no motion shall be entertained unless to amend it or refer it to a committee, or for the previous question, or for adjournment.

15. A motion for adjournment shall always be in order, and decide without debate.

16. Any member may 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 approved 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. No church, however, shall have more than four delegates.

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 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 internal rights 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 re-

ceived 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 principles 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.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

ARTICLE 1. We believe in one only true and living God, and that there are three in the God-head—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 in 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 of 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 the 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 baptized believers are entitled to partake of the Lord's Supper.

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

ART. 11. We believe that 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.

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.

LIST OF ORDAINED BAPTIST MINISTERS

COMPILED FROM THE CHURCH LETTERS.

J. A. GANDY
J. M. HAMPTON
I. R. CLEMENTS
P. W. CORR
A. M. MANNING
M. KNIGHT
R. F. HACKER
R. R. PIGOTT
W. J. SULLIVAN
H. B. GIBSON
W. H. CARAWAY
W. B. WALTERS
J. T. FARNELL
L. A. ROBERTS
J. E. CLEMENTS
STEPHEN CROCKETT
J. G. CONNELL
J. E. G. CAMPBELL
S. J. REVELL
C. M. CEDDIE
E. NEWBERRY
H. T. AUSTIN
J. D. BOHANNON
W. S. KELLY
F. M. WELLS
J. T. MONTGOMERY
S. F. BLOUNT
S. M. PROVENCE
E. TRICE
J. L. RUTHERFORD

Aucilla, Fla.
Aucilla, Fla.
Aucilla, Fla.
Monticello, Fla.
Mannington, Fla.
Ousley, Ga.
Stephensville, Fla.
Pigott, Fla.
Greenville, Fla.
Madison, Fla.
Madison, Fla.
Stephensville, Fla.
Day, Fla.
Spring Hill, Fla.
Ashmore, Fla.
Madison, Fla.
Waukeenah, Fla.
Mt. Pleasant, Fla.
Bristol, Fla.
Bristol, Fla.
Faceville, Ga.
Athens, Fla.
Tallahassee, Fla.
Madison, Fla.
Alamo, Fla.
Aucilla, Fla.
Alamo, Fla.
Tallahassee, Fla.
Tallahassee, Fla.
Madison, Fla.

LICENTIATES.

JOSEPH E. CRAPTON
WILL. E. RICHARDS

Stephensville, Fla.
Sawdust, Fla.

N. B.—It is urgently requested that the clerk of each church be sure to insert in the church letter the names of ordained ministers and licentiates in its membership.

MINUTES.

PROVIDENCE CHURCH, September 26, 1899.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. A. M. Manning, with Rev. Stephen Crockett as Clerk. Joined in singing, "How Firm a Foundation." Rev. A. M. Manning read in the Scriptures and led in prayer, and preached the Introductory Sermon on the following passage of Scripture, "I am the Way."—John 14:6. Adjournment for refreshments.

Tuesday Afternoon.

Joined in singing, "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less." Rev. J. A. Gandy led in prayer.

Proceeded to enroll the names of delegates. The church letters were read by Revs. F. M. Wells and S. M. Provence.

Rev. A. M. Manning was re-elected Moderator by ballot and Rev. Stephen Crockett Clerk.

The call for correspondents and invitation to visiting brethren to take seats with us was responded to by Revs. G. T. Leitner, J. C. Porter, E. H. Rennolds, Sr., and E. Newberry, of the Southwestern Association.

A petitionary letter being presented by the Corinth Baptist Church, Taylor county, for membership in the Association, a favorable motion prevailed and the church was admitted to membership.

A motion prevailed that Mt. Elim be restored to the list of churches and that Bro. M. B. Anderson be received as a delegate from that church.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

Preaching—The pastor and deacons of Providence Church, with A. S. White and H. C. Billingsley.

Finance—C. L. Leggett, W. W. Campbell, J. C. Scruggs, H. A. Hawk.

Woman's Work—S. M. Provence, I. R. Clements, S. J. Revell, J. W. Smith.

Deceased Ministers and Deacons—I. R. Clements, J. A. Gandy, I. A. Hall, J. T. Taylor.

Sunday-schools—H. B. Mahoney, J. F. Davis, J. T. Kemp, J. H. Walker.

Periodicals—J. A. Gandy, T. E. Whidden, W. W. Crews, George Dice.

Foreign Missions—S. M. Provence, S. H. Peacock, Jr., W. M. McKeown, W. J. Hartsfield.

Temperance—W. J. Sullivan, J. A. Gandy, J. E. Clements, W. J. Bateman.

Ministerial Education—A. S. White, J. E. Connell, H. F. Baker, J. F. Davis.

Nominations—F. M. Wells, J. B. Fletcher, H. B. Mahoney, J. B. Porter.

It was resolved that a special committee of five be appointed to arrange for a memorial meeting to be held some time during the ensuing year.

Motion carried that the Association meet at 9 a. m.; adjourn at 12 noon; meet at 2 p. m. and adjourn at will.

The Committee on Preaching announced Rev. G. T. Leitner to preach at night and Rev. J. C. Porter to preach at 11 a. m. Wednesday.

Rev. J. A. Gandy closed the afternoon session with prayer.

On Tuesday night Rev. G. T. Leitner spoke from John 11:28: "The Master is come, and calleth for thee."

Wednesday Morning.

Rev. S. M. Provence led in prayer.

The following brethren were chosen to represent the Association at the State Convention: J. E. Connell, S. H.

Peacock, Jr., S. M. Provence, Stephen Crockett, W. J. Sullivan, C. A. Hardee, A. S. Pasco, President A. A. Murphree, A. M. Manning.

Motion prevailed that at 10:30 this morning Rev. E. H. Rennolds, Sr., be given time to present the Baptist historical work.

Motion carried that 2:30 this afternoon be made the special time for Rev. G. T. Leitner to present the claims of the Florida Baptist Ministers' Assurance Association.

Rev. S. M. Provence volunteered to represent this Association at the next meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention.

By unanimous vote of the Association it was decided that the question of the division of the Association be dropped.

The motion was made and seconded concerning the resolution of Temperance Committee proposing a change in one of the articles of the Constitution, that the question be dropped. Remarks were made by A. S. White, Stephen Crockett, J. A. Gandy, F. M. Wells, I. R. Clements and J. F. Davis. It was moved and seconded, as a substitute, that the resolution be adopted. The substitute failed to pass. The motion to adopt the resolution was lost.

Rev. E. H. Rennolds, Sr., of Jacksonville, spoke concerning the historical work of the denomination. A collection amounting to five dollars was taken to assist him in his work.

Motion carried that 2:30 p. m. be set apart as the time to hear the report of the Committee on Periodicals, and that Rev. G. T. Leitner be allowed to speak at this hour.

The order of business was suspended at 11 o'clock for preaching service.

Rev. J. C. Porter preached on the miracle of "the feeding of the five thousand," found in John 6.

A cash collection of \$11.76 was taken up to assist J. E. Connell in his studies at Stetson University, and the following pledges were made for this purpose:

Centerville	\$ 2 00
Lake Mystic	2 00
Indian Springs	2 00
Mrs. S. Crockett	1 00
Greenville	5 00
Quincy	4 00
Antioch	2 00
Flat Creek	2 00
Mt. Elim	1 00
Corinth	1 00
Sunny Dell	2 00
New Macedonia	1 00
Providence	2 00
J. L. McClellan	1 00
Total	\$28 00

Wednesday Afternoon.

Rev. S. J. Revell led in prayer.

The following report was made by the Committee on Periodicals:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

This is properly called the reading age, and if we, as parents, do not furnish our children with wholesome literature, they will be sure to feed their minds on the trashy, demoralizing books and periodicals which are being circulated in our midst by the enemies of our holy religion. The only way to drive out these pernicious books and papers from our homes is to flood the country with sound Baptist literature. Your committee takes pleasure in recommending to all our Baptist people the Florida Baptist Witness, our own State organ, published at Ocala, Fla. It is an able defender of the faith once delivered to the saints. It is the only medium of communication between us as Florida Baptists and without it we cannot keep posted on our denominational work. We would urge all Baptist families in the bounds of our Association to take and read the Baptist Witness.

In order to keep posted on the work of our Home and Foreign Mission Boards we recommend the Home Field

and Foreign Mission Journal. These contain fresh missionary news from the fields and will elicit prayers and sympathy for our self-denying and hard-working missionaries at home and abroad.

For our Sunday-schools we recommend the excellent periodicals published by our Sunday-school Board, at Nashville, Tenn., and also those published by the American Baptist Publication Society.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. GANDY,
T. E. WHIDDEN,
W. W. CREWS,
GEORGE DICE,
Committee

Adopted after remarks had been made by E. H. Reynolds, Sr., Stephen Crockett and J. C. Porter.

The Moderator appointed the following committee to arrange for the memorial meeting: S. M. Provence, Stephen Crockett, F. M. Wells, A. S. White, A. M. Manning.

Rev. W. J. Sullivan presented report of Committee on Temperance, as follows:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The baneful effects of the drinking and sale of intoxicants upon our people, individually, socially, politically and religiously, are so self-evident and so clearly recognized that we consider it a waste of time, if not a reflection upon this body, to offer any proofs of its dreadful reality. How to either drive out whisky or lessen the drinking of it is the question. We should abolish whisky if possible and if unable to abolish restrict the sale. The drinking would diminish. Hence, if we could entirely abolish the sale, the drinking would of necessity cease. Inspired with this hope, we have set about to secure such legislation as would produce the result desired and to this end have appealed to both voters and legislators. In obtaining such laws, in many instances we have been successful. In many more we have failed, and when we have been successful we must confess that we have not always been entirely satisfied with the results brought about by such measures. The fault, we feel, is not so much from defects in the laws passed as in the lack of faithfulness on the part of officials to enforce and a failure of a hearty moral support on the part of citizens to uphold them. Therefore, brethren, while we would in no way discourage the efforts of our people to secure

such legislation, but exhort all to exert every ability they possess to this end, yet we would suggest to and entreat our people, both preachers and churches to put forth greater efforts by every means possible to raise the masses to such a high plane of Christian citizenship that they will not only work for legislation along this line, but will co-operate heartily in the successful enforcement of such laws when obtained.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. SULLIVAN,
J. A. GANDY,
J. E. CLEMENTS,
W. J. BATEMAN,
Committee.

The report was discussed by W. J. Sullivan, E. H. Reynolds, Sr., and Geo. T. Leitner, and adopted.

The following report on Ministerial Education was presented and adopted, after being spoken on by A. S. White, J. C. Porter and J. E. Connell:

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

We feel that in this age of progress and enlightenment ministerial education is one of the all-important questions of the day, one that every church and family should be deeply concerned about. Paul realized this when, in his charge to Timothy, he told him to "study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly divining the Word of Truth." We would therefore urge our brethren who feel that they are called with a holy calling to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ, to fully prepare for this grand and glorious work, that they may be able to tell sinners of a Savior's love and His mighty power to save. And we bless God for the establishment of the John B. Stetson University in our fair State and for such a grand, noble and consecrated man as Dr. J. F. Forbes to instruct them more perfectly concerning the Way. We would remember also the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, of Louisville, Ky.

With these advantages at our very doors we would therefore the more earnestly urge our young preachers to avail themselves of every opportunity possible, and not to be satisfied with a sip, but drink deep, until they are fully prepared to lead the flocks beside the still waters and into pastures green.

Brethren, let us not only encourage this work with words

from our lips, but let prayers ascend to the Throne of Grace from our hearts that will unloose our purse strings to enable these young men to obtain this knowledge that is so needful to their success and God's glory.

Respectfully submitted,

A. S. WHITE,
J. E. G. CAMPBELL,
H. F. BAKER,
J. F. DAVIS,
Committee.

The Committee on Preaching announced Rev. S. M. Provence to preach at night and Rev. S. J. Revell to preach at Greensboro School House.

The following report on Woman's Work was read and adopted:

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

The Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to Southern Baptist Convention, was organized in 1888. Since that time the women of the Baptist churches of the Southern States have raised for the purposes of the Convention a grand total of \$532,971.96. Probably a far greater work has been done in the dissemination of information in regard to the missionary enterprise and in the education of our people on missionary lines. The object of the Union is not only to raise money, but also to provide literature on the subject of missions, to assist in organizing mission bands among the children and mission societies among the women of our churches. It has proven a great leverage in extending the work of the Southern Baptists. It provides for a department in the Foreign Mission Journal and in Our Home Field, the organs, respectively, of the Foreign Mission Board and the Home Mission Board, besides the large number of leaflets sent in all directions, and seeks in every way to develop the missionary interest in our churches.

Your committee believes that the organization of women's auxiliaries in all our churches would go far toward bringing a great missionary revival.

Respectfully submitted,

S. M. PROVENCE,
S. J. REVELL,
J. W. SMITH,
I. R. CLEMENTS,
Committee.

The Committee on Foreign Missions made the following report, which was adopted, after being discussed by Rev. S. M. Provence:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Missions, briefly defined, are for the work of carrying the Gospel into places where it has not been preached, or where its preaching cannot be continued without help. This alternative definition indicates the two main divisions of the work, commonly called Foreign Missions and Home Missions. The one contemplates carrying the living preacher, together with all needed accessories, to the heathen; the other contemplates sustaining the living preacher, and providing him with the needed accessories, in his work of preaching in the home land. The two are essentially one. Every reason for preaching the Gospel of salvation at home applies for its preaching abroad.

The members of our churches are not alive, apparently, to their individual duty in this matter. It is as much one Christian's duty as another's to provide for the preaching of the Gospel. No one can neglect it and live a life of Christian obedience. Our churches were intended to be missionary societies by the very plan of their constitution.

During the past year the work has been greatly blessed and much enlarged. The newly acquired possessions of our government have opened vast missionary fields, which our boards will gladly enter as rapidly as the churches supply the necessary funds. This is the great work of all the years, a work unlike any other and sustained by the promises of God:

Respectfully submitted,

S. M. PROVENCE,
F. H. PEACOCK, JR.,
W. J. HARTSFIELD,
W. M. McKEOWN,
Committee.

The report of the Committee on Sunday-schools was presented and adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

DEAR BRETHREN: We, your Committee on Sunday-schools, are glad to find that the interest along this line of the Master's Cause is being revived and the work of training the youth for earth and Heaven in a more prosperous

way. We are glad to note that some of the Sunday-schools are stepping forward in the cause of missions in the observation of Children's Day, and do pray that ere the close of this Associational year every Sunday-school in this Association will most earnestly impress upon the youth of their respective memberships the all-important duty of spreading the glorious tidings of a blessed Savior.

Respectfully submitted,

H. B. MAHONEY,
J. T. KEMP,
J. F. DAVIS,
J. H. WALKER,
Committee.

The Association adjourned with prayer by Rev. G. T. Leitner.

Rev. S. M. Provence preached at night. Text, Luke 15:10.

Thursday Morning.

Rev. F. M. Wells led in prayer.

The following report of the Finance Committee was read and adopted:

REPORT ON FINANCES.

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

We find for minutes, \$29.15; for Associational fund, \$25.43; for Associational missions, \$39.07; for State missions, \$6.55; for home missions, \$8.15; for foreign missions, \$13.00; for relief of aged ministers, \$7.85; for ministerial education, \$13.20. Total, \$142.40.

Respectfully submitted,

C. L. LEGGETT,
J. C. SCRUGGS,
W. W. CAMPBELL,
H. A. HAWK,
Committee.

The Treasurer's report was read and adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

W. W. Campbell, in account with the Florida Baptist Association.

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Sept. 29.	To balance from last year	\$ 66 65	
29.	To amount received from Finance Committee	144 57	
29.	To public collection at Association, ministerial education of J. Connell	10 11	
	To amounts received:		
Oct. 3.	From Monticello Church, through Bro. Paseo, Ministerial Education	2 45	
29.	From Stephen Crockett, over paid expenses on Minutes	1 21	
Nov. 3.	From Madison Church, ministerial education J. Connell	3 14	
28.	From Monticello Church, through Bro. Paseo, Ministerial Education pledge 1897	5 00	
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April 12.	From Bristol Church, Association Missions	2 75	
Feb. 20.	From Indian Springs Church, Ministerial Education	4 00	
20.	From Centerville Church, Ministerial Education	2 00	
20.	From New Hope Church, Ministerial Education	1 00	
July 29.	From Macedonia Church, through Bro. Woodard, Association Missions	1 00	
August 8.	From Concordia Church, through Bro. Wells	5 25	
8.	From Providence Church, through Bro. Wells	3 75	
8.	From Flat Creek Church, through Bro. Wells	2 40	
Sept. 26.	From Rev. J. T. Farnell, pledge for Ministerial Education	50	
26.	From Brewer Lake Church, pledge	1 00	
	Total received.	\$256 18	

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	By amounts paid:		
Sept. 29.	To Stephen Crockett, Clerk of Association	\$ 15 00	
29.	To " " to defray expenses on Minutes	7 00	
29.	To S. M. Provence, State Mission Fund	7 75	
29.	To " " Ministerial Education Fund	9 62	
29.	To " " Relief of Aged Ministers	4 00	
29.	To " " Home Mission Fund	14 85	
29.	To " " Foreign Mission Fund	12 25	
29.	To Joseph Connell, public collection at Association	10 11	
Nov. 3.	To W. N. Chaudoin, for Ministerial Education, Madison pledge	3 14	
10.	To Bro. Porter, for printing Minutes of Association	32 50	
28.	To W. N. Chaudoin, Ministerial Education, Monticello pledge 1897.	5 00	
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Feb. 20.	To Joseph Connell, Ministerial Education	7 00	
May 14.	To " " " "	10 00	
	Total paid out.	\$137 72	
	Balance on hand	\$118 46	

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. CAMPBELL,
Treasurer.

Rev. J. A. Gandy was appointed as correspondent to the Mercer Association.

The report of the Executive Committee was read and adopted.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

DEAR BRETHREN: Your committee has nothing favorable to report to your body. For the present year we have done no missionary work as an Association for lack of adequate funds, but have used our efforts to collect means for this purpose so that our successors may have something to operate on.

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. WELLS,
Acting Chairman.

The following report was made by the Committee on Nominations:

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

DEAR BRETHREN: After consultation your committee has failed to nominate an Executive Committee, but would respectfully refer that matter to this honorable body.

We nominate Brother Stephen Crockett to preach the next Introductory Sermon, with F. M. Wells as alternate.

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. WELLS,
Chairman.

The report was adopted, after being discussed by Rev. F. M. Wells.

Motion prevailed that the Association proceed to the election of an Executive Committee by each member writing the names of five brethren, those receiving the highest number of votes to compose the Executive Committee. The following named brethren received the highest number of votes and were elected as the Executive Committee by acclamation: A. M. Manning, F. M. Wells, Stephen Crockett, W. W. Campbell, C. L. Leggett.

Following is the report on Deceased Ministers and Deacons:

REPORT ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

DEAR BRETHREN: Since our last meeting the Father has called to Himself our beloved brother, Rev. R. P. Green, one of His faithful workers on earth, who, in his labors for the Master, not only built up some of the waste places in Zion, but also endeared himself to many of his co-laborers in the Vineyard. In his death we sustain a great loss, but our loss is his gain. We recommend that a blank leaf be left in the minutes to his memory.

In other respects the Lord has dealt mercifully with us and spared to us the remainder of His ministers and deacons, for which we thank God and take courage.

Respectfully submitted,

I. R. CLEMENTS,
J. A. GANDY,
J. A. HALL,
J. T. TAYLOR,
Committee.

The report was passed for the present.

W. W. Campbell was re-elected Treasurer of the Association by acclamation.

The report of the Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons was taken up and adopted, after being discussed by Rev. F. M. Wells.

The following resolution was offered and adopted:

Whereas, we think there are churches that after further consideration will desire letters of dismission from this body, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Clerk of our Association be authorized to grant letters of dismission to any church so desiring at any time during the next Associational year.

A motion was adopted that the next meeting of this Association be held with the Aucilla Church.

It was ordered that the Clerk be paid the usual amount for his services and be allowed the expenses for stationery.

It was carried that all funds sent up to this Association for State, home and foreign missions be remitted by the Treasurer to Rev. W. N. Chaudoin.

In Memoriam.

"I have
fought a good fight,
I have finished my course, I have
kept the faith." "O Death! where is thy sting?"
"O Grave! where is thy victory? The sting of Death is sin."
"Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory
through our Lord Jesus Christ."

REV. R. P. GREEN,
OF
Providence Church.

BORN IN PUTNAM COUNTY, GA., APRIL 12, 1825; DEPARTED
THIS LIFE JUNE 18, 1899, AGED 74 YEARS,
2 MONTHS AND 6 DAYS.

"Safe in the arms of Jesus,
Safe on His gentle breast:
There, by His love o'ershadowed,
Sweetly my soul shall rest."

It was moved and seconded that money collected for ministerial education be sent through Rev W. N. Chaudoin. The motion was lost.

Motion prevailed that the thanks of this Association be tendered to the Providence Church and community for their bountiful hospitality and to the F. C. & P. railroad for courtesies received.

A motion was introduced and carried that a collection be taken up to aid the Carrabelle and Mt. Elim churches in rebuilding their houses of worship. The amount collected was \$11.50.

Adjourned for preaching.

Rev. Stephen Crockett preached. Text, Rev. 7:14: "These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

Thursday Afternoon.

A. S. White led in prayer.

Motion prevailed that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with.

Motion prevailed that the Association adjourn to meet at the time and place appointed for next year.

Joined in singing, "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," while the parting hand was given.

I. R. Clements led in the closing prayer.

STEPHEN CROCKETT,
Clerk.

A. M. MANNING,
Moderator.

Letters of dismissal have been granted to the following churches, as per their request: Pleasant Grove, Lafayette county; Macedonia, Madison county; Pine Grove, Madison county.

Report of Woman's Meeting.

This meeting was held in the schoolhouse adjoining the church on the second day of the Association. It was conducted by Mrs. Stephen Crockett, of Madison, one of the vice-presidents.

"Come to the Savior" was sung, followed with prayer by the Leader.

Miss Spalding's letter was read by Mrs. Annie Gatlin, of the Antioch Church.

Hymn, "From Greenland's Icy Mountains," was then sung.

The Leader explained the object of the meeting and appointed Mrs. J. W. Hammerly, of Greenville, as Secretary of the meeting.

Missionary literature was then presented and the Little Band delegates distributed it.

Recommendations of the boards were read by Leader, by Miss Dean, Mrs. Blunt and others of the Providence Church.

After one verse of another hymn Mrs. White, of Quincy, read Miss Armstrong's letter.

The Leader announced the amounts asked for from the Woman's Missionary Union before next May as follows: For home missions, \$1600; for foreign missions, \$800.

A collection was then taken for our new field, Porto Rico, which amounted to fifty cents.

Miss Lawrence, of Quincy, read a letter from Cuba written by one of our missionaries. Mrs. Phillips, of Greenville also read a missionary's letter, and Mrs. J. W. Hammerly, of Greenville, read a paper.

Mrs. Clements, of Aucilla, led in prayer.

Five societies and bands reported. Three ladies promised to try to organize one on their return home.

Mrs. Clements, of Aucilla, offered a resolution that Mrs.

Stephen Crockett represent the Union at the State Convention. Motion amended by Mrs. Hammerly, that any one else who can attend the State Convention be asked to represent us and claim recognition as a delegate. Motion carried.

On motion of Mrs. Hammerly, Mrs. Stephen Crockett was elected Vice-President for one-half of the Association. The motion was seconded by Mrs. White.

Motion to elect Mrs. Dr. Provence, of Tallahassee, second Vice-President. Carried.

Adjourned with prayer by Leader.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

CHURCHES.	Minute Fund.	Associational Fund.	Associational Missions.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Relief of Aged Ministers.	Ministerial Education.	Totals.
Enon	\$.80	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$.80
Antioch	.25		1.00						1.25
Arran	.50								.50
Aucilla	1.25	3.00			1.25		1.00		6.50
Brewer Lake							1.00		1.00
Bristol	.40	1.00							1.40
Cabbage Grove			1.00						1.00
Centerville	.25								.25
Chaires	.50								.50
Concordia	1.00	.80			.25		.25	1.00	2.50
Corinth, Liberty	.50	1.50							2.00
Corinth, Taylor	.25								.25
Ebenezer, Jefferson	.75								.75
Ebenezer, Leon	.25								.25
Elizabeth	1.25	.85							2.10
Flat Creek	.75		1.50	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	6.25
Greenville	.50								.50
Harmony	1.00	.50							1.50
Hopeful	.30								.30
Hopewell	1.00								1.00
Indian Springs	.35								.35
Lake Helen	.25								.25
Lake Mystic	.50								.50
Macedonia	.75								.75
Madison	1.50								1.50
Midway									
Monticello									
Mt. Bezer	.25	1.00							1.25
Mt. Gilead									
Mt. Pleasant		2.15							2.15
Mt. Elm	.50								.50
New Hope	1.25								1.25
New Macedonia	1.00								1.00
New Prospect			1.25						1.25
Oak Grove	1.00	1.00							2.00
Oakland	.50								.50
Olive Branch	.75								.75
Perry	1.00								1.00
Pine Grove	.75								.75
Pleasant Grove, Lafayette	.70								.70
Pleasant Grove, Taylor	1.00								1.00
Pleasant Hill									
Providence	1.00								1.00
Quincy	.75	1.00	2.95	2.00	2.00	2.00	1.00		10.95
Salem	.50								.50
San Pedro	.25								.25
Sunny Dell	.50								.50
Tallahassee	.50								.50
Triumph	.50								.50
S. F. Blount, Alamo, Fla	.80								.80
Bro. R. S. Shackelford		1.00							1.00
From a Brother									
Totals	\$29.15	\$25.40	\$39.07	\$0.55	\$8.15	\$13.00	\$7.85	\$13.20	\$142.40

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LIST OF CHURCHES AND PASTORS.

CHURCH.	COUNTY.	PASTOR.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	STATE.
Enon	Leon	E. Newberry	Faceville	Georgia
Antioch	Gadsden			
Arran	Wakulla			
Aucilla	Jefferson	P. W. Corr	Monticello	Florida
Brewer Lake				
Bristol	Liberty	J. E. G. Campbell	Mt. Pleasant	Florida
Cabbage Grove				
Centerville	Leon	A. M. Manning	Mannington	Florida
Chaires	Leon	J. D. Bohannon	Tallahassee	Florida
Concordia	Gadsden	F. M. Wells	Alamo	Florida
Corinth	Liberty	E. Newberry	Faceville	Georgia
Corinth	Taylor	H. T. Austin	Athena	Florida
Ebenezer	Jefferson	J. T. Montgomery	Aucilla	Florida
Ebenezer	Leon	J. E. Clements	Ashmore	Florida
Elizabeth	Jefferson			
Flat Creek	Gadsden	F. M. Wells	Alamo	Florida
Greenville	Madison	W. J. Sullivan	Greenville	Florida
Harmony	Madison	W. J. Sullivan	Greenville	Florida
Hopeful	Madison	I. R. Clements	Aucilla	Florida
Hopewell	Madison	Wm. Carraway	Madison	Florida
Indian Springs	Leon	A. M. Manning	Mannington	Florida
Lake Helen	Wakulla	R. R. Pigott	Pigott	Florida
Lake Mystic	Liberty	S. J. Revell	Bristol	Florida
Macedonia	Madison	J. T. Farnell	Day	Florida
Madison	Madison	Stephen Crockett	Madison	Florida
Midway				
Monticello	Jefferson			
Mount Bezer	Wakulla	L. A. Roberts	Spring Hill	Florida
Mount Elm				
Mount Gilead				
Mt. Pleasant	Gadsden			
New Hope	Jefferson	J. G. Connell	Waukeenhah	Florida
New Macedonia	Madison			
New Prospect	Madison			
Oak Grove	Madison			
Oakland	Taylor	M. Knight	Ousley	Georgia
Olive Branch	Jefferson	W. B. Walters	Stephensville	Florida
Perry	Taylor	W. J. Sullivan	Greenville	Florida
Pine Grove	Madison	F. M. Wells	Alamo	Florida
Pleasant Grove, Lafayette	Lafayette	I. R. Clements	Aucilla	Florida
Pleasant Grove, Taylor	Taylor	J. T. Farnell	Day	Florida
Pleasant Hill		W. S. Kelly	Madison	Florida
Providence	Gadsden	F. M. Wells	Alamo	Florida
Quincy	Gadsden	Stephen Crockett	Madison	Florida
Salem	Franklin			
San Pedro	Taylor	W. B. Walters	Stephensville	Florida
Sunny Dell	Gadsden	J. E. G. Campbell	Mt. Pleasant	Florida
Tallahassee	Leon	S. M. Provence	Tallahassee	Florida
Triumph	Taylor	R. F. Hacker	Stephensville	Florida

LIST OF CHURCH CLERKS AND MESSENGERS.

CHURCH.	COUNTY.	CLERK	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	CLERGY	NAMES OF MESSENGERS PRESENT.
Enon	Leon	W E Gray	Tallahassee	Fla	W E Gray
Antioch	Gadsden	C S Pittman	Wetumpka	Fla	Dan Pittman
Arran	Wakulla	G M Bunker	Arran	Fla	J E Clements
Aucilla	Jefferson	G T Bishop	Aucilla	Fla	J A Gandy, J R Clements, J W Bishop, J C Scruggs
Brewer Lake	Liberty	B F Owens	Bristol	Fla	Not Represented
Bristol	Leon	Name not given			H F Baker
Cabbage Grove	Gadsden	C J English	Chaires	Fla	Not Represented
Canterville	Liberty	D L Maxwell	Concordia	Fla	A M Manning
Chaires	Liberty	A W Turner	Coe Mills	Fla	I A Hall, Jordan Walsh, E M Saunders
Concordia	Taylor	Bertie Towles	Athens	Fla	J F Chester, J D Turner
Corinth	Jefferson	H W Hawk	Aucilla	Fla	By Letter
Rhenezer	Jefferson	C W Simpson	Benham	Fla	H A Hawk, J E Connell
Elizabeth	Gadsden	J B Hamrick	Aucilla	Fla	L A Roberts
Flat Creek	Madison	J W Hamrick	River Junction	Fla	M J McEllan
Greenville	Madison	J W Hamrick	Greenville	Fla	S M Baines, J B Fletcher
Harmony	Madison	H B Gibson	Madison	Fla	W E Toddler, W W Campbell
Hopeful	Madison	B F Kelly	Madison	Fla	By Letter
Hopewell	Leon	Not given			By Letter
Indian Spring	Wakulla	J D Butler	Pilot	Fla	H C Billingsley
Lake Helen	Liberty	E C Bateman	Bristol	Fla	By Letter
Lake Mystic	Madison	W B Rye	Madison	Fla	J Revell, W J Bateman
Macedonia	Madison	J H Rye	Madison	Fla	H F Rye, Wm Cornett
Madison	Jefferson	A P Roberts	Sopchoppy	Fla	Stephen Crockett
Midway	Wakulla	Not given			Not Represented
Monticello	Gadsden	H R Paramore	Mt Pleasant	Fla	Not Represented
Mt Bezer	Jefferson	J H Connell, pres tem	Wardissa	Fla	By Letter
Mt Elim	Madison				M B Anderson (no letter)
Mt Gilend					Not Represented
Mt Pleasant					J W Smith
New Hope					D F Groom
New Macedonia					J T Taylor, J B Porter (no letter)

New Prospect	Madison	W H K Terry	Leland	Fla	Not Represented
Oak Grove	Madison	T E Whidden Jr	Waytonzo	Fla	By Letter
Oakland	Taylor	S J Capps	Lamont	Fla	T E Whidden, W W Crews
Olive Branch	Jefferson	T J Faulkner	Waytonzo	Fla	C L Leggett, J H Walker
Perry	Taylor	J L Warren	Madison	Fla	By Letter
Pine Grove	Madison	M J Frier	Mayo	Fla	By Letter
Pleasant Grove	Lafayette	G W Dice	Idaho	Fla	By Letter
Pleasant Hill	Taylor				Not Represented
Providence	Gadsden	W W Edwards	Edwards	Fla	By Letter
Quincy	Gadsden	W E Sheffer	Quincy	Fla	Not Represented
Salem	Franklin	J L Robison	Carabelle	Fla	F M McEllan, S F Blount, E G Richards, W H Richards
San Pedro	Taylor	M A Parker	Perry	Fla	A S White, J F Davis
Sunny Dell	Gadsden	W S Timmons	Gretna	Fla	H B Munroe, J T Kemp
Tallahassee	Leon				By Letter
Triumph	Taylor	Paul J Carrin	Stephensville	Fla	J R Smith, W M McKown
					S M Providence, W J Hartsfield (no letter)
					By Letter

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TABLE OF CURRENT EXPENSES.

AMOUNTS FORWARDED DURING THE YEAR, ETC.

CHURCH.	For Current Expenses	Repairs on Building	Home Charities	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions	Ministerial Education.	Relief of Aged Ministers	Totals.	Value of Church Property.
Enon	\$ 40 00								\$ 40 00	300 00
Antioch										
Arran										
Aucilla	150 00								150 00	250 00
Brewer Lake										300 00
Bristol	76 00		2 75						78 75	145 00
Cabbage Grove										
Centerville										
Chaires										500 00
Concordia										
Corinth (L.)										
Corinth (T.)			5 00						5 00	
Ebenezer (J.)							2 00		2 00	50 00
Ebenezer (L.)										
Elizabeth										
Flat Creek	50 00								50 00	200 00
Greenville	60 00								60 00	1 000 00
Harmony										250 00
Hopeful								3 08	3 08	150 00
Hopewell										
Indian Springs										
Lake Helen										
Lake Mystic	30 00								30 00	
Macedonia	40 00				1 40				41 40	525 00
Madison	400 00	2 000 00		27 39	8 69	8 21	13 14	3 15	2 460 58	3 500 00
Midway										
Monticello										
Mt. Bezer	40 00								40 00	200 00
Mt. Elim										
Mt. Gilead										
Mt. Pleasant										
New Hope										
New Macedonia	30 00								30 00	
New Prospect									30 00	202 00
Oak Grove	50 00	200 00							250 00	400 00
Oakland	50 00								50 00	
Olive Branch	30 00								30 00	300 00
Perry			5 00						5 00	400 00
Pleasant Grove L.	27 34								27 34	350 00
Pleasant Hill										
Providence	100 00	200 00							300 00	700 00
Quincy	136 25			10 00			4 00		150 25	2 500 00
Salem										50 00
San Pedro										
Sunny Dell										150 00
Tallahassee										
Triumph	50 00					5 00			55 00	450 00
Totals	\$1 150 59	\$2 400 00	\$12 75	\$37 39	\$19 09	\$13 21	\$19 14	\$6 23	\$1 388 40	\$12 803 00

STATISTICS OF MEMBERSHIP.

CHURCH	COUNTY.	INCREASE.			DECREASE.			Present Membership.	Date of Organization.
		By Baptism.	By Letter.	By Restoration.	By Experience.	By Exclusion.	By Letter.	By Death.	
Enon	Leon	1	3	2				1 2	57
Antioch	Gadsden	1	3						75
Arran	Wakulla								28
Aucilla	Jefferson	9	3	2		2	1	2	111
Brewer Lake									1855
Bristol	Liberty							1	20
Cabbage Grove									
Centerville	Leon								4
Chaires	Gadsden	8	2						12
Concordia	Liberty	4	4	1			1	9 4	128
Corinth	Taylor	4							36
Ebenezer	Jefferson	1	1						1871
Ebenezer	Leon	8					4		1898
Elizabeth	Jefferson	2	3		1		1		33
Flat Creek	Gadsden	1	1						22
Greenville	Madison								1889
Harmony	Madison	20	4	3					137
Hopeful	Madison		7						1834
Hopewell	Madison	13		2				1	44
Indian Springs	Leon								1876
Lake Helen	Wakulla			1			3	2	24
Lake Mystic	Liberty	1							1889
Macedonia	Madison	11	9	2		7	11		98
Madison	Madison	2	4				7	1	53
Midway									54
Monticello	Jefferson								1877
Mt. Bezer	Wakulla								1877
Mt. Elim									
Mt. Gilead									
Mt. Pleasant	Gadsden	1						7	12
New Hope	Jefferson	1	2				2		33
New Prospect	Madison								1893
Oak Grove	Madison		2			14	2	2	30
Oakland	Taylor		4				1	1	87
Olive Branch	Jefferson	4	2						1879
Perry	Taylor	6	4	3			8	3	45
Pine Grove	Madison		1				2	2	28
Pleasant Grove	Lafayette	7	4	1			2	1	106
Pleasant Grove	Taylor	8	15		2			1	48
Pleasant Hill									79
Providence	Gadsden	1					1	2	42
Quincy	Gadsden		4				4	4	203
Salem	Franklin							2	33
San Pedro	Taylor						1	2	82
Sunny Dell	Gadsden	1	2				1		64
Tallahassee	Leon							1	28
Triumph	Taylor	1	2		2			1	1895
Totals		124	92	18	5	50	66	22	2121

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCH.	SUPERINTENDENT.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	Officers and Teachers.	Number of Pupils	Volumes in Library.	Contributed for Expenses.	Contributed for Missions, etc
Enon						\$	\$
Antioch							
Arran							
Aucilla	J. W. Lewis	Aucilla		10 40		3 52	
Brewer Lake	C. M. Peddie			4 23			
Bristol							
Cabbage Grove							
Centerville							
Chaires							
Concordia							
Corinth (L.)	W. J. Ferrell	Coe Mills		3 15		1 80	
Corinth (T.)	Not given			4 20		1 00	
Ebenezer (L.)							
Ebenezer (J.)							
Elizabeth							
Flat Creek							
Greenville							
Harmony	W. W. Campbell	Lamont		6 25			
Hopeful							
Hopewell							
Indian Springs							
Lake Helen							
Lake Mystic	R. A. Strickland	Bristol		6 36		3 50	
Macedonia							
Madison	J. N. Rodgers	Madison		7 37	200	17 80	6 20
Midway							
Monticello							
Mt. Bezer							
Mt. Elm							
Mt. Pleasant							
New Hope							
New Macedonia							
New Prospect							
Oak Grove							
Oakland	C. C. Standion	Waylono		4 20			
Olive Branch	C. L. Leggett	Lamont		5 50		3 50	
Perry	J. O. Culpepper	Perry		6 50	60	5 00	
Pine Grove							
Pleasant Grove L.							
Pleasant Grove T.							
Pleasant Hill							
Providence	M. D. McColeman	Alamo		9 50		5 00	
Quincy	A. S. White	Quincy		7 61		16 76	2 11
Salem	H. B. Mahoney	Carrabelle		8 35		12 00	
San Pedro							
Sunny Dell	J. S. Barrett	Gretna		5 30		4 00	
Tallahassee							
Triumph							

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