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PROVIDENCE CHURCH,
GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA,



MODERATOR,
Rev. F. M. Wells,
Alamo, Florida.

SECRETARY,
Rev. Stephen Crockett,
Madison, Florida.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Florida Baptist Association,

IN THE

Fifty=Ninth Session

HELD WITH THE

PROVIDENCE BAPTIST CHURCH,

Gadsden County, Fla.,

OCTOBER 1, 2, 3, 1901.

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OFFICERS.

Moderator,.....REV. F. M. WELLS.....Alamo, Fla.
Clerk.....REV. STEPHEN CROCKETT.....Madison, Fla.
Treasurer.....W. W. CAMPBELL.....Harmony, Fla.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

F. M. Wells, A. M. Manning, A. S. White, G. W. Young,
T. A. Willims, A. A. Murphree, W. W. Campbell,
W. E. Sheffer, H. C. Billingsley.

Next Session to be held with the Oak Grove.

OCALA, FLORIDA:
BAPTIST WITNESS BOOK AND JOB PRINT.
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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Names of the 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 MINISTERS.

Compiled from the Church Letters.

H. T. AUSTIN.....	Athen, Fla.
J. E. G. CAMPBELL.....	Mount Pleasant, Fla.
A. M. MANNING.....	Mannington, Fla.
J. A. GANDY, (retired from active work).....	Aucilla, Fla.
J. M. HAMPTON.....	Aucilla, Fla.
I. R. CLEMENTS.....	Hamburg, Fla.
J. T. MONTGOMERY.....	Aucilla, Fla.
S. M. PROVENCE.....	Tallahassee, Fla.
W. J. SULLIVAN.....	Aucilla, Fla.
S. J. REVELL.....	Bristol, Fla.
S. F. BLOUNT.....	Alamo, Fla.
F. M. WELLS.....	Alamo, Fla.
STEPHEN CROCKETT.....	Madison, Fla.
T. J. CULVERSON.....	Fowlstown, Fla.
E. NEWBERRY.....	Faceville, Ga.
L. A. ROBERTS.....	Spring Hill, Fla.
E. TRICE.....	Tallahassee, Fla.
J. P. MCCANN.....	Ozell, Fla.
JAS. A. DAVIS.....	Madison, Fla.
W. B. HIGH.....	Lake Park, Ga.
J. E. CLEMONS.....	Ashmore, Fla.
C. M. PEDDIE.....	Bristol, Fla.
FRANK W. CRAMER.....	Apalachicola, Fla.

MINUTES.

Providence Church, Oct. 1, 1901.

The Florida Baptist Association met in its fifty-ninth session with the Providence Baptist church, Gadsden county, Fla., this day at 11 a. m. Devotional services were conducted and S. M. Provence preached the Introductory sermon. Text Romans 12: 6. "Let him prophesy according to the proportion of faith."

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

The Association was called to order by F. M. Wells who read the 8th Psalm. E. Trice led in prayer.

The list of messengers enrolled, as follows:

Acnow—By letter.
 Antioch—W. C. Blount, M. A. Gatling.
 Aucilla—By letter.
 Bristol—H. F. Baker.
 Centerville—A. M. Manning.
 Concord—By letter.
 Concordia—L. A. Hall, Roy Walsh.
 Corinth. (Liberty county)—J. D. Turner, A. W. Turner.
 Ebenezer (Leon)—L. A. Roberts.
 Ebenezer (Jefferson)—By letter.
 Elizabeth—By letter.
 Flat Creek—W. F. Cowan, Lem Miller.
 Harmony—Francis Reams.
 Indian Springs—H. C. Billingsley.
 Lake Helen—By letter.
 Lake Mystic—W. J. Bateman, J. Pratter.
 Madison—Stephen Crockett.
 Mosely Hall—By letter.
 Mount Beezer—By letter.
 Mount Elon—M. E. Strickland.
 Mount Pleasant—J. W. Smith.
 Oak Grove—G. W. Young, Joab Burnett.
 Olive Branch—J. H. Armstrong.

FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Providence—F. M. Wells, O. F. Blount, Henry H. Dean, Wm. D. Richards.

Quincy—A. S. White, F. H. Shepherd, W. E. Shelfer.

Salem—J. L. Robison, J. T. Kemp, Frank W. Cramer.

Sunny Dell—J. O. Bassett, Jesse Lott.

Tallahassee—T. A. Williams, E. Trice, S. M. Provence.

The regular order of business was by motion suspended and the present Moderator and Clerk re-elected.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats with us and E. H. Reynolds, Sr., responded.

On petition the Mosely Hall church was reinstated as a member of this body.

The Concord church Madison county was received as a member of the Association by letter from the Mercer Association.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

On Preaching: The pastor and deacons of Providence church and E. Trice.

On Nominations: L. A. Roberts, J. D. Turner, A. W. Turner.

On Deceased Ministers and Deacons: H. F. Baker, W. F. Cowan, Lem Miller.

On Woman's Work: S. M. Provence, Stephen Crockett, A. S. White, H. C. Billingsley.

On Sunday Schools: A. M. Manning, E. Trice, Joab Burnett.

On Periodicals: Frank W. Cramer, S. M. Provence, G. W. Young.

On Foreign Missions: E. Trice, Francis Reams, J. W. Smith.

On Temperance: L. A. Roberts, J. L. Robison, Jesse Lott.

On Ministerial Education: A. S. White, J. Bassett, T. A. Williams.

On the Condition of the Churches: S. M. Provence, J. H. Armstrong, M. O. Strickland, Henry H. Dean.

On Finance: H. C. Billingsley, G. W. Young, Wm. D. Richards, F. H. Shepperd.

The following brethren were chosen to represent this Association at the State Convention: T. A. Williams, S. J. Revells, H. C. Billingsley, Frank W. Cramer, H. F. Baker, F. M. Wells, Stephen Crockett, A. M. Manning, J. D. Turner, E. Trice.

Frank W. Cramer was elected as messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention with Stephen Crockett as alternate.

A motion which prevailed that the hour of 9:30 Wednesday be set apart to receive the report of the Executive Committee.

The Preaching committee announced that Frank W. Cramer would preach tonight.

FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

The Association adjourned with the singing of hymn "Praise God from whom all Blessings Flow." A. M. Manning pronounced the benediction.

Frank W. Cramer preached at eight. Text, John 4:17. "For he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you."

WEDNESDAY.

At 9 a. m. the Association re-assembled and devotional services were conducted by F. M. Wells who read the 19th Psalm, and Geo. W. McRae led in prayer.

The minutes of the preceding day were read and approved.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats with us and Geo. W. McRae, from the West Florida Association, responded. Also J. C. Porter, representing the Florida Baptist Witness.

The report of the Executive committee was submitted and adopted after addresses by Frank W. Cramer, Stephen Crockett, A. S. White, A. M. Manning and S. M. Provence. A motion prevailed that speeches on the above subject be limited to ten minutes.

On motion of S. M. Provence the following resolutions were introduced: That the Executive committee be instructed to appoint an evangelist and employ his time and that pledges be taken at this time for his support. Frank W. Cramer seconded the motion.

Pledges were made as follows, for the support of a missionary within our bounds:

A. M. Manning.....	\$25.00
Quincy church.....	50.00
Quincy Sunday School.....	10.00
F. H. Shepherd.....	5.00
W. E. Shelfer.....	5.00
W. B. Gossett.....	5.00
Tallahassee church.....	50.00
W. F. Cowan.....	5.00
Henry H. Dean.....	5.00
Lake Mystic.....	15.00
Mount Elón.....	10.00
Carrabelle church.....	25.00
Bristol church.....	5.00
Indian Springs.....	10.00
E. Trice.....	5.00

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Sunny Dell.....	10.00
Harmony.....	10.00
Olive Branch.....	5.00
Mount Pleasant.....	5.00
Corinth church, A. W. Turner, paid.....	1.00
Matthew Clark.....	2.50
Lizzie Shepherd.....	1.00
Brother and Sister C. T. Hancock.....	25.00
Quincy W. M. Society.....	5.00
Stephen Crockett.....	2.50
Collection in Cash.....	7.81

The motion was carried.

A motion prevailed that the word evangelist be stricken out of the report made by S. M. Provence and the word missionary be inserted.

On motion the regular order of business was suspended to hear E. H. Rennolds, Sr., on the Baptist Historical work.

The report of the committee on Sunday Schools was read and adopted after having been discussed by A. M. Manning as follows: Reports come from eight churches in our territory, which gives about one school to every six churches. Brethren this important work should receive better attention. We cannot over estimate its importance. The young men and ladies and the little boys and girls of today will soon fill our places. Let us help them by all the best efforts we can put forth in their interest. 'Tis one of the surest ways of advancing the Redeemer's Kingdom.

A. M. Manning,
E. Trice,
Joab Burnett,
Committee.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

On report of missionaries employed last year it was decided best not to continue the work at those points. We employed Rev. S. F. Blount who has preached at Fort Braiden, Leon county, each month. The Lord has blessed his efforts in ministering to the spiritual needs of the people, adding sixteen persons to the church; eight by baptism, three restored, and five by experience. There being only a small amount of money (\$109.23) in the treasury. The committee was compelled to postpone the appointment of another missionary.

Stephen Crockett, secretary.
F. M. Wells.

FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

The committee on Nominations presented their report which was adopted. The report of committees on Woman's Work was presented.

We are now in the thirteenth year of the separately organized work of the women of our churches. The work was called into existence by the condition of the women in heathen lands. It was named Woman's Mission to Woman. Since then it has been changed in its scope so as to embrace our whole mission work. It is now the Woman's Missionary Union, Auxilliary to the Southern Baptist Convention. The secretary is Miss Annie Armstrong, of Baltimore, who for several years has given her time to the work of enlisting the women of the churches in mission work. Many thousands of dollars, have been raised for this work by the women, and many thousands of children have been brought into sympathy with the needs of the perishing heathen.

The Baptist women of Florida are represented in the work of the Home Mission Board by Misses Taylor and Barnham who were sent last winter to Cuba. These consecrated young missionaries are a joy to our Woman's Work. Miss Jennie Spalding, of DeLand, Fla., will gladly send free any instructions necessary for the organization of women's societies in our churches.

S. M. Provence,
Stephen Crockett
A. S. White,
H. C. Billingsley.

S. M. Provence and J. C. Porter spoke to the report which was adopted. On motion which was adopted, that the Association reconsider the report of committee on Nominations, and that the Executive committee be increased to nine members. This was discussed by A. M. Manning, J. E. G. Campbell, S. M. Provence, E. Trice, J. C. Porter, F. M. Wells and T. A. Williams. The report of committee on Foreign Missions was read and adopted after having been addressed by Geo. W. McRae, Stephen Crockett, J. C. Porter, S. M. Provence and E. Trice.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your committee are glad to be able to report that since our last meeting our missionaries in the far east have returned to their work. The field has opened again in China with fresh encouragement. The "new China" is promising to become a more hopeful field than ever for the preaching of the gospel. The twenty-five per cent increase in the appropriations ordered last year by the

Southern Baptist Convention was met, and a still greater increase is expected for this year. A better public opinion is prevailing all over the world in regard to the dignity and importance of the work of missionaries. It is now seen that Protestant missionaries were in no way responsible for the upheaval in China. The shameless corruption which our armies have uncovered in the Phillipine Islands have shown the utter hoplessness of Romanism as a moral power. A mighty responsibility is laid upon us by the fresh conquests of the United States. Where the flag goes the preacher of a pure gospel is under its protection. There is much to inspire renewed zeal and to quicken our energies, in the splendid opportunities opening everywhere.

What are our churches in this Association doing to meet their own responsibility in this great matter? Mostly nothing.

Your committee suggests that the following plan be tried: Let each church at its next conference appoint the most suitable person (man or woman) to solicit contributions monthly from each and every member. Let the person so appointed secure and distribute missionary tracts, copies of the Foreign Mission Journal and the Home Field.

Let quarterly reports be made to the church, and the money sent to the secretary of our state board of missions. Your committee for that suggest that the messengers of the churches report this plan immediately upon their return to the churches.

Respectfully submitted,

E. Trice,
F. W. Reames,
J. W. Smith.
Committee.

The Association adjourned with prayer by J. C. Porter.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

The Association began by singing hymn "Pass me not O Gentle Savior." A. M. Manning led in prayer. The report of committee on Periodicals was read and a motion prevailed that the words "The Florida Baptist Witness" be inserted in the report. On motion discussion of the report was postponed till J. C. Porter could be present.

Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons was received and adopted.

Your committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons find by

looking over the letters from the churches that there has been no death in their ranks, for which we return profound thanks to our Father in Heaven.

Respectfully submitted,

Lem Miller,
W. F. Cowan,
H. F. Baker.
Committee.

The following report from the committee on Nominations was received and adopted:

Dear brethren, we, your committee on Nominations beg leave to submit the following report:

We would recommend the following brethren to compose the executive committee. F. M. Wells, A. M. Manning, A. S. White, T. A. Williams, A. A. Murphree, H. C. Billingsley, W. W. Campbell, G. W. Young, W. E. Shelfer. Brother W. W. Campbell as treasurer. F. M. Wells to preach the Introductory sermon at the next Association, with Brother E. Trice as alternate.

J. D. Turner,
L. A. Roberts,
A. W. Turner.

J. C. Porter spoke to the report of committee on Periodicals which was then adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PERIODICALS.

Your committee beg leave to recommend the Foreign Mission Journal, published in Richmond, Va., by the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, the Home Field, published in Atlanta, Ga., by the Home Mission Board, the publications of the Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., and the Florida Baptist Witness.

These all represent our organized work, are thoroughly loyal to it, and are worthy representatives of what the Southern Baptists are trying to do in publishing the gospel at home and abroad.

Frank W. Cramer.

The report on Temperance was submitted and adopted. S. M. Provence moved as a substitute: Resolved: That this Association deem it expedient for any church to retain in its fellowship a member who habitually drinks intoxicating liquors or signs a whisky petition.

Which was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Dear brethren, we your committee on Temperance submit the following report:

Our conviction is that the yearly reports made on this subject to this body, like many good reports, is not duly meditated, and so falls without effecting any visible good.

We know nothing better to offer this body than the report made by your committee one year ago on this subject of Temperance. We heartily endorse the last report on this subject, and say to the brethren to heartily endorse the principals of temperance voiced in its broad sense by them.

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. Roberts,
J. L. Robison,
Jesse Lott.

Committee.

The pernicious effects of alcoholic liquors are too self-evident and familiar to require discussion here. Your committee is unable to ascertain whether or not their use is perceptibly decreasing. We should wield every possible influence looking toward their abolition, going at it with the faith, enthusiasm and determination evinced by Nehemiah in rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem. But temperance, in its broadest sense, would exclude opium, tobacco and other narcotics and also prohibit over-exertion, both physical and mental. While we would not distract attention from the stress generally placed upon abstinence from intoxicants, still we think it is time we were considering the importance of refraining from all excesses, thereby making our bodies fit dwelling places for the Holy Spirit and fulfilling the Biblical injunction which calls upon us to "Be temperate in all things."

The report of committee on Ministerial Education was presented and adopted having been spoken to by Stephen Crockett, E. H. Rennolds, Sr., A. S. White, A. M. Manning, S. M. Provence and J. C. Porter.

Dear brethren, ministerial education is a something that every true follower of the Lord Jesus Christ should be interested about. For our ministers to be fully qualified it is very necessary for them to have a good education that they may be able to declare the whole counsel of God, and prepared to meet the enemy. And it seems that we are the favored Zion with the John B. Stetson University at our door and such a noble consecrated Christian gentleman as Dr. J. F. Forbes at its head and ever ready to

impart the truth and more perfectly instruct those that are seeking wisdom's way.

Also there is the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, at Louisville, Ky. Now brethren, are we, as God's children doing our duty in this direction, as elder brothers to care for the younger ones. We ask in His name, how does it stand with us? When we look at the report of 1898 and then turn to the report of 1900, how sad it makes our hearts to think that we have permitted this banner to drop so low. Brethren, in the name of our Heavenly Father, and for the good of our fellow travelers let us lift the banners of ministerial education out of the dust!

A. S. White, chairman,
T. A. Williams,
J. S. Bassett.

Committee.

Pledges were taken to aid Brother Jos. Connell at Stetson University:

Madison church (Dr. C. H. Smith) paid.....	\$5.00
Madison Sunbeams, paid.....	.50
A. M. Manning.....	5.00
Quincy church.....	5.00

A collection of \$2.77 was taken up to assist E. H. Rennolds, Sr., in his work.

The Finance committee made their report which was adopted. (The same is found in table at back of minutes.)

The treasurer's report was received and accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

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

Debit.

1900.	
Oct. 4. to balance from last year.....	\$104.13
Oct. 4. received from Finance committee.....	100.02
Nov. 16, received from Harmony church to aid First Baptist church of Galveston to rebuild.....	2.50
Nov. 28, received from Ebenezer church through S. Crockett for Joseph Connell.....	1.50
Dec. 30, received from C. W. Hamerick, treas. of Central Union.....	2.60
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Jan. 26, received from S. F. Blount, collected on the field..	1.60

Feb. 9, received from Indian Springs church through A. M. Manning, educational.....	5.00
Feb. 12 received from A. Reams for Joseph Connell, ministerial student.....	5.00
April 1, received from S. F. Blount, collected on the field.....	.85
May 19, received from Harmony church to aid the Baptist of Jacksonville to rebuild.....	6.35
May 22, received from C. W. Hamrick, treasurer of Central Union.....	12.32
July 8, received from S. F. Blount collected on the field..	.91
July 26, received from C. W. Hamrick treasurer of Central Union.....	13.70
Total received.....	\$256.48

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Credit.

By Amounts paid.	
Oct. 4, to Stephen Crockett, clerk of the Association.....	15.00
Oct 4, to S. M. Provence for memorial window to W. W. Childers, Tallahassee church.....	17.00
Oct. 15, to S. M. Provence for State, Home and Foreign Missions.....	23.57
Oct. 15, to S. M. Provence for the relief of aged ministers..	1.75
Nov. 26, to Stephen Crockett freight on minutes, stationary and postage.....	4.14
Nov. 26, to J. C. Porter for printing minutes of Association	28.00
Nov. 26, to Rev. W. M. Harris to aid First Baptist church of Galveston to rebuild.....	2.50
Nov. 28, to Joseph Connell, ministerial student, through Stephen Crockett.....	1.50

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Jan. 5, to Joseph Connell, ministerial student.....	10.00
Jan. 26, to S. F. Blount, missionary first quarter.....	9.00
Feb. 9, to Joseph Connell, ministerial student through A. M. Manning.....	5.00
Mar. 1, to Joseph Connell, ministerial student.....	5.00
April 1, to S. F. Blount, missionary second quarter.....	9.00
June 20, to W. N. Chaudoin to aid Baptist of Jacksonville to rebuild.....	6.35
July 8, to S. F. Blount, missionary third quarter.....	9.00
Postage during the year.....	.44

\$147.25

Sept. 30, amount to balance on hand.....	\$109.23
	\$256.48

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. Campbell, treasurer.

The Association adjourned with prayer by Stephen Crockett. Geo. W. McRae preached at eight. Text Eph. 2: 8, "For by grace are ye saved through faith."

THURSDAY MORNING.

F. M. Wells read Psalm 27. S. J. Revells led in prayer. Preaching committee announced E. Trice to preach at 11 a. m. and Stephen Crockett to preach at night.

The committee on The Condition of the Churches reported:

Your committee on the State of the Churches beg leave to report that thirteen of the churches have received accessions by baptism. The total baptisms are seventy-three. Additions by letter thirty-nine. A large number of these churches are not represented in this Association, and this report is necessarily incomplete.

The contributions for missions and pastoral support show no marked improvement. Your committee hope that the plan suggested by the committee on Foreign Missions will result in enlarging the gifts of the churches in all directions.

Geo. W. McCrae, Stephen Crockett, S. M. Provence, E. Trice, E. H. Rennolds, Sr., having participated in the discussion the report was adopted.

A motion prevailed that the next session of this Association be held with the Oak Grove church, Madison county on Tuesday before the fifth Sunday in October, 1902.

A motion prevailed that the constitution, articles of faith and by-laws be printed in the minutes. It was moved that the thanks of this body be extended to the Providence church and community for their bountiful hospitality. A motion was made that the clerk be paid the annual remuneration of \$15.00 for his services. Motion to adjourn prevailed and the parting hand was given while the congregation sang "Blest be the Tie that Binds."

The Woman's Missionary Union of The Florida Baptist Association met with the Providence church October, 2, 1901, for the purpose of holding an Associational Woman's Missionary meeting, with Mrs. A. S. White as leader, assisted by Brother A. S. White, of Quincy. Mrs J. W. Green was appointed secretary. After devotional services, reports and greetings from the different soci-

eties were called. Reports were read from Madison Woman's Society and Sunbeams. The Chaundoin Band, of Greenville, Tallahassee Society and Quincy reported. The next order of business was electing delegates to the State convention which resulted in electing Mrs. Mary Crockett, Mrs. C. H. Dickinson, as alternate. Next we re-organized the W. M. S., of Providence church, with twelve members.

Collected from the Madison Sunbeams.....\$1.00
Collected from Greenville Chaundoin Band for Aged Ministers .50

Mrs. J. W. Green, secretary.

The names of churches in the Association having Sunday schools is here appended with the names and address of superintendent:

Tallahassee: A. A. Murphree, Tallahassee, Fla.
Monticello: S. Pasco, Monticello, Fla.
Madison: J. E. Hardee, Madison, Fla.
Salem: H. B. Mahoney, Carrabelle, Fla.
Concordia: C. B. Hall, Concord, Fla.
Sunny Dell: W. M. McKeown, Quincy, Fla.
Lake Mystic: R. A. Strickland, Bristol, Fla.
Mount Elon: J. S. Langston, Smith Creek, Fla.
Corinth (Liberty county): W. J. Ferrell, Coe Mill, Fla.
Sundown: Brother Jeffcote, Greenville, Fla.
Quincy: A. S. White, Quincy, Fla.
Aucilla: G. T. Bishop, Aucilla, Fla.
Harmony: T. L. Goodman, Harmony, Fla.
Elizabeth (Jefferson county): A. P. Hartsfield, Aucilla, Fla.
Providence: M. D. McColeman, Alamo, Fla.
Olive Branch: W. H. Walker, Lamont, Fla.

RULES OF DECORUM OF THE 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 the 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 everyone 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.

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 en-

tertained 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 decided 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 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 business of the missions, colportage, Sabbath-School enterprises and other work that will tend to the spread of the Gospel.

Article 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.

Article 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.

Article 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 un-

derstanding thereof, we therefore append our belief in twelve Articles and present them with our minutes to the Baptist denomination.

Article 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.

Article 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.

Article 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.

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

Article 9. The minutes of the Association shall be publicly read (and corrected, if necessary) and then signed by the Moderator and Clerk before adjournment.

Article 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.

Article 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 failure 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.

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

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

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

Article 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.

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

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

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

Article 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.

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

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

Article 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.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

CHURCHES	For Minutes	Associational Purposes	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Aged Ministers	Ministerial Education	Pledge	TOTALS
Aeon...	\$ 1.00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	\$ 1.00
Antioch...	.50	...	...	...	.50	...	...	...	1.00
Arran...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Aucilla...	1.50	.78	1.00	...	3.77	...	...	...	6.05
Bristol...	.25	.75	...	...	...	...	...	...	1.25
Cabbage Grove...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Centerville...	.25	1.50	...	...	...	...	...	...	1.75
Concord...	.50	3.00	1.00	2.00	1.00	...	...	...	7.50
Concordia...	1.00	8.10	...	...	...	...	...	...	9.10
Chaires...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Corinth, Liberty...	.40	.50	...	...	4.68	...	...	...	5.58
Corinth, Taylor...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ebenezer, Jefferson...	.50	2.00	...	...	.10	...	...	...	2.60
Ebenezer, Leon...	.50	.75	...	...	...	...	...	...	1.25
Elizabeth...	1.00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1.00
Flat Creek...	.50	3.50	...	1.00	1.00	...	...	...	6.00
Fort Braiden...	.50	2.00	...	...	...	...	...	...	2.50
Greenville...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Harmony...	.80	3.30	...	...	...	...	...	...	4.10
Hopeful...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Indian Springs...	.30	5.20	...	...	...	...	...	...	5.50
Lake Helen...	.50	.50	...	...	...	...	...	...	1.00
Lake Mystic...	.50	2.75	...	...	...	...	...	...	3.25
Madison...	1.50	.95	...	...	...	...	...	...	2.45
Monticello...	...	10.00	...	...	...	...	...	...	10.00
Moseley Hall...	.50	.50	...	...	...	...	...	...	1.00
Mount Bezer...	.35	.65	...	...	...	...	...	...	1.00
Mount Elon...	.35	...	1.00	...	...	...	...	...	1.35
Mount Gilead...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mount Pleasant...	.45	1.60	...	...	...	...	...	...	2.05
New Hope...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
New Prospect...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Oak Grove...	1.00	1.00	...	...	...	1.00	...	...	3.00
Olive Branch...	.50	2.15	...	...	...	...	...	...	2.65
Perry...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pleasant Hill...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Providence...	2.00	4.02	2.00	2.00	3.00	...	...	...	13.02
Quincy...	.50	4.50	1.00	...	1.00	...	...	...	7.00
Salem...	1.75	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1.75
San Pedro...	.50	.50	...	.50	.50	...	...	...	2.00
Sunny Dell...	.50	1.75	...	...	...	.60	...	...	2.85
Sundown...	1.00	3.35	...	...	...	...	...	...	4.35
Tallahassee...	2.55	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2.55
J. Connel, Mrs. Hancock	...	...	...	...	...	...	1.00	...	...
Cash in hat...	...	7.81	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chidoin Band...	...	...	...	...	...	.50	...	...	.50
Madison Sunbeams...	...	...	...	...	...	1.00	...	...	1.00
Corinth Church...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1.00
Union at Springhill...	...	1.20	...	...	...	...	...	...	1.20
Total	\$23.95	\$76.71	\$ 6.00	\$ 5.50	\$15.55	\$ 3.10	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$132.35

Committee on Finances.

H. C. BILLINGSLEY,
G. W. YOUNG,
W. D. RICHARDS,
F. H. SHEPARD.

CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	Increase				Decrease				Present Membership	Date of Organization
	By Baptism	By Letter	By Experience	By Restoration	By Exclusion	By Erasure	By Death	By Letter		
Aenon.....	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	53	1843
Antioch.....	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	53	1868
Arran.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1897
Aucilla.....	12	..	4	1	..	..	7	1	120	1855
Bristol.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17	1888
Cabbage Grove..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Centerville.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	1879
Chaires.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Concord.....	2	3	..	..	..	..	1	..	75	..
Concordia.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Corinth (L).....	5	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	119	1885
Corinth (T).....	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	38	1871
Ebenezer (J).....	5	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1854
Ebenezer (L).....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	37	1845
Elizabeth.....	7	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	20	1889
Flat Creek.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	135	1834
Fort Braiden.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	40	1876
Greenville.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	22	1900
Harmony.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Indian Springs..	..	..	..	2	..	..	3	6	101	1848
Lake Helen.....	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	10	1845
Lake Mystic.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	34	1860
Madison.....	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	55	1880
Monticello.....	2	7	..	..	..	..	2	2	97	1839
Mosley Hall.....	..	6	1	..	..	..	..	19	28	1841
Mount Bezer.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	..
Mount Elon.....	4	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	22	1853
Mount Gilead.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	37	1854
Mount Pleasant..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	25	1850
New Hope.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15	..	1862
New Prospect.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1876
Oak Grove.....	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Olive Branch.....	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	8	70	1879
Perry.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	29	1877
Pleasant Hill.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1856
Providence.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1873
Quincy.....	5	1	..	..	11	2	2	187	..	1843
Salem.....	..	3	1	..	..	1	..	..	32	1893
San Pedro.....	7	..	4	2	..	..	6	94	..	1887
Sundown.....	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	70	..	1887
Sunny Dell.....	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	19	..	1899
Tallahassee.....	1	3	..	1	..	..	..	30	..	1895
Tallahassee.....	2	9	..	3	..	..	3	51	..	1848
Totals.....	73	37	9	6	15	12	24	62	1742	

CURRENT EXPENSES

And amounts forwarded during the year. Sunday School and W. M. S. funds included.

CHURCHES						
	For Current Expenses, Pastors' Salary, Etc.	For Repairs on Build- ings	For State Missions	For Home Missions	For Foreign Missions	For Ministerial Edu- cation
						For Relief of Aged Ministers
Totals						
%						Value of Church Property
Aeon.....						300.00
Antioch.....						300.00
Arran.....						320.00
Aucilla.....	\$3.03					63.00
Bristol.....	63.00					150.00
Cabbage Grove						500.00
Centerville..						1000.00
Chaires.....						500.00
Concord.....	125.00					4.50
Concordia ..	110.55					2.84
Corinth (L) .	2.00					112.00
Corinth (T) .						75.00
Ebenezer (J) .			2.84			200.00
Ebenezer (L)						200.00
Elizabeth...	112.00		5.00			200.00
Flat Creek..	70.00					200.00
Fort Braille						250.00
Greenville..						300.00
Harmony....						200.00
Indian Springs						250.00
Lake Helen..						300.00
Lake Mystic.						200.00
Madison....	40.00		3.10			6000.00
Monticello..	573.50	1000.00	4.23	25.88	3.00	3000.00
Mosley Hall				23.78	6.75	1036.26

CHURCHES									
		For Current Expenses, Parsons' Salary, Etc	For Repairs on Build- ings	For State Missions	For Home Missions	For Foreign Misions	For Ministerial Edu- cation	For Relief of Aged Ministers	Totals
Mount Bezer	25.00								25.00
Mount Elon									
Mount Gilad									
Mount Pleasant	25.00								
New Hope				2.00					
New Prospect									
Oak Grove									
Olive Branch									
Perry									
Pleasant Hill									
Providence	140.20								
Quincy	238.66			2.75	4.00	3.80			210.55
Salem	472.73			5.00					418.69
San Pedro	25.00			8.75	9.00				594.38
Sundown	5000.00								25.00
Sunny Dell	100.00								
Tallahassee	5.00			1.50					159.00
Totals	157.98			5.00	5.00	10.00			198.98
									5000.00

CURRENT EXPENSES (Continued.)

LIST OF CHURCH CLERKS AND PASTORS.

CHURCH	COUNTY	PASTOR	CLERK	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS
1 Aenon	Leon	T. J. Culverson	W. E. Gray	Tallahassee, Fla.
2 Antioch	Gadsden	T. J. Culverson	C. S. Pittman	Wetumpka, Fla.
3 Arran	Wakulla			
4 Aucilla	Jefferson	W. J. Sullivan	G. T. Bishop	Aucilla, Fla.
5 Bristol	Liberty	F. M. Wells	B. F. Owens	Bristol, Fla.
6 Cabbage Grove	Leon	A. M. Manning		
7 Centerville	Leon			
8 Chaires	Madison	Stephen Crockett		
9 Concord	Gadsden	F. M. Wells		
10 Concordia	Liberty	E. Newberry		
11 Corinth	Taylor			
12 Ebenezer	Jefferson	J. T. Montgomery		
13 Ebenezer	Leon	L. A. Roberts		
14 Elizabeth	Jefferson	J. P. McCann		
15 Flat Creek	Gadsden	F. M. Wells		
16 Fort Braiden	Leon	S. F. Blount		
17 Greenville	Madison	W. J. Sullivan		
18 Harmony	Madison	A. M. Manning		
19 Indian Springs	Leon	I. E. Clemmons		
20 Lake Helen	Wakulla	E. Newberry		
21 Lake Mystic	Liberty	Stephen Crockett		
22 Madison	Madison	J. A. Davis		
23 Monticello	Jefferson	L. A. Roberts		
24 Mosley Hall	Wakulla	S. J. Revell		
25 Mount Bezer	Wakulla	J. E. G. Campbell		
26 Mount Elon	Madison			
27 Mount Gilad	Madison			
28 Mount Pleasant	Gadsden			
29 New Hope	Jefferson			
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LIST OF CHURCH CLERKS AND PASTORS (Continued.)

COUNTY.

PASTOR.

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POSTOFFICE
ADDRESS.

CHURCH.	COUNTY.	PASTOR.	CLERK.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.
31 New Prospect.....	Madison..			
32 Oak Grove.....	Madison..	W. B. High.....	N. S. Frier.....	Leland Fla.
33 Olive Branch.....	Jefferson..	R. F. Hacker.....	S. J. Capps.....	Lamont, Fla.
34 Perry.....	Taylor.....			
35 Pleasant Hill.....				
36 Providence.....	Gadsden..			
37 Quincy.....	Gadsden..	F. M. Wells.....	Wm. H. Dean.....	Alamo Fla.
38 Salem.....	Gadsden..	Stephen Crockett.....	W. E. Shelfer.....	Quincy, Fla.
39 San Pedro.....	Franklin..	Frank W. Cramer.....	J. L. Robison.....	Carrabelle Fla.
40 Sundown.....	Madison..	Henry T. Austin.....	F. S. Jackson.....	Perry, Fla.
41 Sunny Dell.....	Gadsden..	Stephen Crockett.....	Wright Shackelford.....	Greenville, Fla.
42 Tallahassee.....	Leon.....	J. E. G. Campbell.....	W. S. Timmons.....	Gretna, Fla.
		S. M. Provence.....	J. T. Perkins.....	Tallahassee, Fla.

