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R. B. WEEKS

Hawthorne, Fla

Clerk.

GEO. I. LEIINER

Leesburg, Fla

Treasurer

L. H. BENNETT

Fairbanks, Fla

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

R. B. WEEKS, Hawthorne, Fla.

H. C. PARKER, LaCrosse, Fla.

C. A. WILLIAMS, Alachua, Fla

L. H. BENNETT, Fairbanks, Fla.

L. PRICE, Melrose, Fla

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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

- 1. Introductory Sermon.
- 2. Association called to order.
- 3. Reading letters and enrolling messengers.
- 4. Call for petitionary letters.
- 5. Election of officers.
- 6. Invite visiting brethren to seats.
- 7. Call for correspondents
- 8. Appointment of committees.
- 9. Reports of committees.
- Election of messengers to Southern Baptist and State Conventions.
- 11. Ministers' Assurance Association.
- 12. Miscellaneous business.
- 13. Adjournment.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

R. W. Jones	LaCrosse, Fla.
G. W. Riles	McMeekin, Fla.
Geo. T. Leitner	Leesburg. Fla.
W. T. Hundley	Gainesville, Fla.
H. M. King	Gainesville, Fla.
N. T. King	Hampton, Fla.
A. J. York	LaCrosse, Fla.
F. J. Fowler	Waldo, Fla.

LICENTIATES

MINUTES.

The Santa Fe River Baptist Association met today. October 18, 1899, with the Eliam Church at Melrose, Fla.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by the appointee, Rev. Geo. T. Leitner, from Ezra 9:3, after which the Association adjourned until 2 p. m

Afternoon Session.

The Association was called to order. Prayer by B. R. Moseley.

Letters from the churches called for and the Moderator appointed F. J. Fowler and G. W. Riles to read them. Names of the following messengers enrolled:

LaCrosse—A. J. York, Mrs. A. J. York, C. A. Butler, Mrs. Ianthe O. Parker, Miss Nellie Parker.

Eliam—H. M. King, E. B. Lane, B. H. Joyner, Laban Price, F. J. Fowler, W. H. Lee.

Campville By letter.

New Hope-J. Link.

Alachua-E. J. Spencer, Mrs. C. Williams.

Hampton-N. T. King, E. Hicks.

Hawthorne – Geo. T. Leitner, G. W. Riles, R. B. Weeks, R. E. Johnson, F. F. Paulling, Adney Johnson, Mrs. R. E. Johnson.

Gainesville--W. M. Holloway, C. V. Waugh.

Perseverance—By letter.

Waldo-C. L. Williams, George Desha, J. T. Weeks.

Ochwilla F. F. Jerkins, J. A. Knight.

Rochelle-John F. Perry.

Mounteocha-W. H. Gurney, C. W. Stalls,

Orange Creek-Not represented.

The Association instructed F. J. Fowler to cast the ballot of the members for the following officers: Modera-

tor, R. B. Weeks; Clerk, Geo. T. Leitner; Treasurer, L. H. Bennett.

The Association was welcomed by T. B. Lovelace in behalf of Eliam Church. Response by J. M. Deveneau and Geo. T. Leitner.

Correspondents called for by the Moderator, which was responded to by B. R. Moseley, from the Beulah Association, J. M. Deveneau, from the Marion Association, S. E. Timmons, from the St. John's River Association, and J. C. Porter, representing Stetson University, State Board of Missions and Florida Baptist Witness.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

Religious Exercises—Pastor and deacons of Eliam Church with J. Link.

Nominations—J. T. Weeks, C. W. Williams, J. Link, C. W. Stalls.

Publications—N. T. King, F. F. Jerkins, R. E. Johnson. Missions—H. M. King, Adney Johnson, C. L. Williams. Woman's Work—A. J. York, Mrs. Ianthe Parker, George Desha, Miss Nellie Parker.

Spiritual Condition of the Churches—E. B. Lane, E. G. Spencer, C. H. Butler.

Education-F. J. Fowler, W. M. Holloway, E. Hicks, W. H. Lee.

Temperance—G. W. Riles, Laban Price, W. H. Gurney. Sunday Schools—B. R. Moseley, C. V. Waugh, B. H. Joyner, H. J. Fowler.

Finance—F. F. Paulling, J. A. Knight. J. T. Weeks.
Deceased Ministers and Deacons—F. F. Jerkins, J. F.
Perry, R. E. Johnson.

Letters and Queries--Adney Johnson, E. Hicks, C. W Stalls.

Ministers' Assurance Association—H. M. King, E. G. Spencer, A. J. York,

The Committee on Religious Exercises reported Rev. Geo. T. Leitner to preach at the Oak Grove school house 7 p. m.; Rev. J. M. Deveneau at the church same hour.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee composed of G. W. Riles, F. J. Fowler and R. B. Weeks be appointed to confer with the Orange Creek Church in regard to E. A. Holt and report at the next Association.

Association adjourned to 9 p. m.

Prayer by Rev. J. M. Deveneau.

At the evening service Rev. J. M. Deveneau preached from Mark 12:16 and Rev. Geo. T. Leitner from Luke 10:31.

Thursday-Morning Session.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by W. H. Lee.

REPORT ON SPIRITUAL CONDITION OF CHURCHES.

We, your Committee on the Spiritual Condition of the Churches, are sorry to report that we find the spiritual condition of the churches below the average. The gain in members is fifty and the loss is sixty-four, making a total loss of fourteen members during the past year in the Association. There were only twenty baptisms reported. All the churches report pastors and Sunday Schools.

Respectfully submitted.

E. B. LANE, C. H. BUTLER, E. G. SPENCER, Committee.

Discussed by B. R. Moseley and C. L. Williams. The report was adopted.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

The time has come that our women have been called to the great Christian work, which they are ever ready and so cheerful in responding to. In all the departments of the Christian work as a missionary she is second to none, and as a teacher and leader man cannot excel her, with her tender, loving and sympathetic heart, so Christ-like. When we consider the great good that is being done through and by our woman's missionary societies, should we not do all we can to encourage them in this much-needed work

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which men cannot do? Let us, brethren, ever hold them up and encourage them in the discharge of their duty to Christ.

A. J. YORK,

MRS. I. O. PARKER,
G. M DESHA,
MISS NELLIE PARKER,
Committee.

Report discussed by A. J. York, J. C. Porter, S. E. Timmons, J. M. Deveneau and B. R. Moseley. Report adopted.

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

Your committee submits the following: There are a great many publications which are poisonous to the mind and hurtful to the cause of Christ. We, as Baptists, should be very careful as to what our children read and study and, as Baptists, we should use Baptist literature. We recommend the American Baptist Publication Society and Southern Baptist Convention periodicals for our Sunday Schools. We believe them sound in doctrine. We urge that they have a liberal patronage; also our home paper published at Ocala, The Florida Baptist Witness; and Our Home Field and the Foreign Mission Journal, to educate our people in the great work of home and foreign missions; last, but not least, the Holy Bible, the book of books, should be our daily study and companion Respectfully submitted.

N. T. KING, F. F. JERKINS, R. E. JOHNSON, Committee.

Discussed by J. C. Porter, B. R. Moseley and S. E. Timmons. Report adopted.

The report on missions was made the special order for 2:15 p.m. Preaching at 11 a.m. by Rev. J. C. Porter from Acts 2:41-42. Collection for Associational Missions amounting to \$32.00. Association adjourned until 2 p.m. Prayer by Rev. Geo. T. Leitner.

Afternoon Session.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by H. M. King.

The Committee on the Baptist Ministers' Assurance Association made its report.

REPORT ON B. M. A. A.

This organized body of faithful brethren has so often carried joy and gladness in so many heart-stricken homes of our poor and much loved and faithful ministers who have fallen at their post of duty with nothing of this world's goods to leave for their children and loved ones, therefore we should do all in our power to encourage every one of our ministers to become members of our B. M. A. A. to assist us who are working for the Waster. Come, brethren, and unite with us in this much-loved work. We, as a body of brethren, should feel so grateful to our Heavenly Father for sparing as many of us as He has through another year. Let us join in thanks to our God for His blessings.

E. G. SPENCER, A J. YORK, H. M. KING, Committee.

Report discussed by J. C. Porter, G. T. Leitner and H. M. King. Report adopted.

The special order for 2:15 p. m. having arrived, the report on Missions was taken up.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

"That men may know that Thou whose name above is Jehovah art the most high over all the earth."—Psalms 83:18.

Thus the prayer of David is the Scriptural purpose and spirit of missions. With us, under the present conditions of the cause of Christ and the Providence of God, in opportunity is the measure of duty and the motive to its performance. The home work in the individual churches, in their spirituality and prosperity, will furnish the means and the workers to meet the full measure of our obligations, but our duty is not complete until we have carried the name of God and Jehovah to the regions beyond.

H. M. KING, C. L. WILLIAMS, Committee.

Discussed by H. M. King and report adopted.

Committee on Preaching reported Rev. A. J. York to

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preach 7 p. m. at church; Rev. G. W. Riles to preach same hour at Oak Grove school house.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Education means development of power, intellectual, moral and spiritual. We are glad of the system our beloved State has given us in our public schools and of the interest the people take in availing themselves of the advantages given. We are glad we have a school of religious training to which we can send our boys and girls. We urge that the Association look well to the education of its young ministers and that the young ministers be urged to attend the Stetson University and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Then may the day soon come when all shall have a fuller knowledge of righteousness and religion as well as a more complete earthly knowledge.

We recommend the Young People's Union to the churches as a means of developing the talents of the

young for more perfect work in the church.

F. J. FOWLER, E. HICKS, W. H. LEE, Committee.

Report discussed by F. J. Fowler and J. C. Porter and adopted.

REPORT ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

We have learned of no deaths among our ministers and deacons during the Associational year, for which we recommend prayerful thanks to the God of all mercies.

F. F. Jerkins, R. E. Johnson, J. F. Perry, Committee.

Report adopted.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

Your committee recommends that Rev. N. T. King preach the Introductory Sermon at the next Association, and that the next Association meet with the Mounteocha Church Wednesday after the third Sunday in October, 1900.

Respectfully submitted,

Report adopted.

J. F. WEEKS, Chairman. The Association adjourned to meet tomorrow at 9 a. m. Prayer by Rev. J. C. Porter.

Preaching at 7 p. m. at the church by Rev. A. J. York from Acts 1:8, same hour at the Oak Grove school house by Rev. G. W. Riles from Luke 16:23.

Friday Morning Session.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by J. E. Waugh.

Rev. W. T. Hundley was elected messenger to Southern Baptist Convention; alternate, Rev. G. W. Riles.

The following brethren were elected messengers to State Convention: G. W. Riles, A. J. York, F. J. Fowler, G. T. Leitner, W. T. Hundley, W. H. Lee, H. M. King.

The following brethren were elected as the Executive Committee for the Associational year: R. B. Weeks, H. C. Parker, C. A. Williams, L. H. Bennett, L. Price.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

For minutes: New Hope, \$1.30; Eliam, \$3.75; Hawthorne, \$5.00; Alachua, \$2.00; Campville, \$1.00; LaCrosse, \$7.35; Hampton, \$2.45; Waldo, 35 cents; Ochwilla, \$2.86; Rochelle, \$1.25; Perseverance, \$1.35; Gainesville. \$2.50; Mounteocha, \$4.05. Total, \$35.21. Collection, \$32.00. Grand total, \$67.21.

Respectfully submitted,

F. F. PAULLING, J. A. KNIGHT, J. T. WEEKS, Committee.

Report adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT

L. H. Bennett, in account with the Santa Fe River Association

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Total disbursed. Balance in treasury.	\$050	80 48

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance begs leave to submit the following report:

In considering the vastness of the subject assigned us and casting a glance around over the land, we find that intemperance is on the increase. Our churches are becoming slack in their discipline against the use of intoxicating drink among their members. We would urge greater watchfulness among the churches over its members and that a more earnest effort be put forth for the suppression of all alcoholic drinks. The injunction in the Bible is, "Be ye temperate in all things." We recognize the great amount of suffering caused among the women and children of our land and the destruction of happiness and peace in the homes, to say nothing of the vast sums of money dumped into the coffers of the saloon keepers.

Respectfully submitted.

G. W. RILES, L. PRICE, W. H. GURNEY, Committee.

The report was discussed by G. W. Riles, B. R. Moseley, Geo. T. Leitner and H. T. Mizell, and adopted.

Bro. J. E. Waugh, District Secretary of the Baptist Young People's Union, was given an opportunity to address the Association in the interest of the young people's work.

REPORT ON LETTERS AND QUERIES.

We find no queries in the letters to the Association. We suggest to the clerks of the churches not to report in the letters what has already been stated in their statistics.

Adney Johnson,
E. Hicks,
C. W. Stalls,
Committee.

Report adopted.

MISSIONARY REPORT.

From June 1, 1899: Miles traveled, 600; families visited, 40; sermons preached, 45; prayer services, 20; baptized, 0; restored, 1; amount collected on field, \$21.50.

F. J. Fowler, Missionary.

· REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sunday Schools would respectfully report as follows:

The morning light is breaking, The darkness disappears!

The shadows linger, it is true, and all is not bright, but many imaginary difficulties have vanished and the church without a Sunday School is an exception and not the rule. Less than twenty years ago this Association reported but one Sunday School. This discouraging report was partly from neglect of church clerks, but a full report would not have been so cheering as one of the present day. Let us not, however, be too easily satisfied. Surely we can accept this as our banner: "All the children in school, all for the best instruction, all for Christ."

B. R. Moseley, B. H. Joyner, H. J. Fowler, Committee.

Report discussed by B. R. Moseley and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.

1. That any brother of this Association attending any other association be requested to act as correspondent.

2. That the Clerk have the usual number of minutes published and that he be allowed fifteen dollars for his services and that the Treasurer pay for the same.

3. That it is our advice to our brethren to refuse to allow the Mormons admission to their homes or the use of their church houses, and that they decline to attend their meetings, because to do this would be to encourage them in spreading their nefarious doctrine.

4. That the thanks of this Association be extended to

the pastor and members of Eliam Church and community for the r kindness and hospitality to the body during our stay among them.

5. That the Executive Committee employ a missionary during the next Associational year. We most heartily endorse the action of the Executive Committee as to men and means employed during the past year.

6. That the Treasurer be instructed to turn over to the State Board of Missions \$10 which he has on hand.

The bour for p eaching having arrived, Bro. B. R. Moseley preached from John 17:24, after which the song, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," was sung. The parting hand was given. Prayer by Rev. G. T. Leitner, and the Association adjourned to meet with the Mounteocha Church Wednesday after the third Sunday in October, 1900.

GEO. T. LEITNER. Clerk.

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R. B. WEEKS. Moderator.

CONSTITUTION.

1. This Association shall be called the Santa Fe River Baptist Association.

2. This Association shall be composed of messengers from Baptist churches, of which they must be members, maintaining the Gospel discipline, and they must present letters from their respective churches certifying to their election as messengers.

3. The object of this Association shall be the reunion of the churches, the promotion of the true Gospel, and the dissemination of Bible truth.

4. This Association shall meet annually, on the first day of which meeting it shall elect, by ballot, a Moderator, a Clerk and a Treasurer.

5. Any Baptist church newly organized may become a member of this Association by a letter petitioning for membership and giving information concerning organization and presbytery and by whom organized. Any church coming from another Association may become a member of this Association by presenting petitionary letter, accompanied by a letter of dismission from the Association from which it comes.

6. This Association admits the right of any one of the

churches comprising it to withdraw by application for a letter without assigning any reason for so doing. At the same time, this Association claims the right to withdraw from any church which departs from the principles of this compact by becoming heterodox in faith or disorderly in practice.

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7. This Association shall be deemed an advisory council and shall treat the churches composing it as independent bodies in all matters of self-government, and shall at

no time interfere with their rights.

8. This Association shall have an Executive Committee of five, of which the Treasurer shall be a member ex-officio. The other four members shall be elected annually by the Association, no two members being from the same church. Three shall constitute a quorum for business. The Executive Committee shall elect its own chairman and secretary and shall have power to fill vacancies.

9 The Associational mission work shall be under the control and supervision of the Executive Committee, and all missionaries shall make quarterly reports to them

when called upon to do so.

10. All churches shall be entitled to two messengers for the first fifty members and one additional messenger for each twenty-five members after the first fifty and for the major fraction thereof.

11. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and disburse all funds of the Association, but only by order of

the Association or Executive Committee.

12. This Constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the Association by a two-thirds vote of the messengers present.

STATISTICAL TABLE

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