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#### **OFFICERS**

W. B. DAVIS, Moderator - - - Perry, Fla. ARDIS WARREN, Secretary - - Hanson, Fla. T. B. WILLIAMS, Treasurer - Lee, Fla.

#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

G. W. TEDDER, REV. S. B. COLE, REV. W. F. MOORE, JOHN W. DAY, C. C. RAWLS

The Twelfth Annual Session of the Middle Florida Baptist Association will convene with Beulah Baptist Church, four miles northeast of Lee, Fla., on Wednesday after the first Sunday in November, 1911.

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#### Order of Business

Introductory Sermon.

Enrolling names of Messengers.

Electing Moderator and Clerk.

Inviting visiting brethren to seats with us.

5. Call for Correspondents.

Call for Petitionary Letters.

Appoint Committees.

Elect delegates to Fla. Baptist State Convention.

Elect delegates to Southern Baptist Convention.

10. Unfinished Business.

11. Reports of Committees.

12. Elect Executive Committee.

13. Elect Treasurer.

14. Address of Agents.

15. Appoint Correspondents.

16. Miscellaneous Business.

17. Adjournment.

#### Ordained Ministers in this Association

Clements, I. R., Day. Cole, S. B., Perry.

Evans, T. A., Aucilla.

Farnell, J. T., Day. Gibson, H. B., Madison.

Hacker, R. F. Ebb.

Hampton, J. M., Aucilla.

Ivey, W. R., Madison

Johnson, J. C., Lake City. Kelly, W. S., Madison.

Montgomery, J. T., Auci la. Moore, W. F., Greenville.

Proctor, S. S., Lake Butler. Parker, J. S., Live Live Oak.

Rutherford, J. L., Lee. Rogers, J. B., Mayo.

Sanders, W. I., Lake City.

Tampling, W. M., Dowling Park. Vann, J. E., Shady Grove.

Warren, S. C., Hanson.

Woodward, A. N., Madison.

Ward, M., Dixie, Ga.

LICENSED PREACHERS

Bennett, J. T., Madison.

Cornett, A. T., Madison.

West, Noah, Day.

#### **Articles of Faith**

ARTICLE 1. We believe in only one 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 that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

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

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

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

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

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

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

ART. 9. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are the only ordinances of Jesus Christ; that nothing is Baptism except immersion, and that believers are the only subjects of this ordinance, and that none but baptised believers are entitled to partake of the Lord's Supper.

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

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

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

# Constitution of the Middle Florida Baptist Association

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be known by the name of the Middle Florida Baptist Association. The object of this Association shall be to conduct the work of missions, colportage. Sunday school enterprises and other work that will tend to the spread of the Gospel.

- ART. 2. This Association shall be composed of white members chosen by the respective churches in its union in the proportion of two members for each church of fifity members or less, and one additional delegate for every twenty-five members over fifty, and all ordained ministers of this Association in good standing. No church, however, shall have over four delegates.
- ART. 3. The letters sent by the churches at each session of the Association shall designate their respective members in full fellowship, those baptised, 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 the 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. 6. 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. 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 over God's heritage nor infringe upon the eternal 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 received by the Association, and the hand of fellowship extended to the delegates by the Moderator.
- ART. 8. The Association shall furnish the minutes of their praceedings in proportion to the funds set up for that purpose by the churches.
- ART. 9. The minutes of the Association shall be publicly read. (and corrected if necessary) and then  $sign \epsilon d$  by the Moderator and Clerk before adjournment.
- ART. 10. Any amendment or alteration to this Constitution may be made by the votes of two-thirds of the members present at any two successive regular meetings of the Association. All other matters of fellowship shall be decided by a majority vote. 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 church failing to be represented at the meeting of the Association.

Fourth. To withdraw all connection with any church or churches in the nnion that 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 the churches, and wnen not specified it shall be appropriated to promote the best interest of the Master's cause.

Sixth. To adjourn to any future time and place they may deem most convenient to the churches in its union-

# Rules of Decorum of the Middle Florida Association

- ART. 1. At every meeting of the Association the Moderator shall call the body to order and cause the Clerk to read the minutes of the previous Association.
- ART. 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 two members.
- ART. 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 has been taken, as many as are of a contrary opinion say "No." If doubtful which voice is in the majority, it shall be decided by a rising vote.
- ART. 4. The Moderator shall appoint the committees except in cases of appointment by ballot.
- ART. 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, if given to the minority, will make division equal. In that case the question shall be lost.
- ART. 6. When any member is about to speak in debate he shall rise and address the Moderator.
- ART. 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.
- ART. 8. Wen two or more members shall rise at the same time, the Moderator shall decide who is first entitled to the floor.
- ART. 9 No member shall indulge in unkind remarks in debate, nor shall any member speak more than twice on the same question without permission from the Association, nor more than once until everyone desiring to speak shall have done so.

- Art. 10. While any member is addressing the Association, it shall be the duty of the Moderator to suppress all private discourse that may be indulged in among the members, and request strict attention on the part of the audience.
- Art. 11. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the Moderator before open for debate.
- Art. 12. Every motion shall be reduced to writing if desired by any member of the Association.
- Art. 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.
- Art. 14. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be entertained unless to amend or refer to a committee, for the previous question, or for an adjournment.
- Art. 15. A motion for adjournment shall always be in order, and decided without debate.
- Art. 16. A member may call for a division of a question, when two or more distinct proposition are set forth, and when substances will admit of a division.
- Art. 17. Motions and amendments may be referred to a committee at the pleasure of the Association.
- Art. 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.
- Art. 19. The rules may be changed or amended at any full meeting of the Association.
- Art. 20. The Association shall be opened and closed each day by the Moderator, or by some other member.
- Art. 21. All questions shall be fairly stated in writing, and approved by two-thirds of the members present, before they shall be acted on.
- Art. 22 All Messengers are requested to remain during the whole session of the Association, and no member shall absent himself without he be excused by the Moderator.

# **Minutes**

Hopewell, Fla., October 6th, 1910.

The eleventh Annual Session of the Middle Florida Baptist Association convened with Hopewell Baptist church, Madison county, Florida, on Thursday, the 6th day of October. A. D. 1910.

The Moderator being present, he conducted devotional exercises at 1:45 p. m.

The Clerk being absent, on motion Bro. W. B. Davis was elected clerk pro tem.

The roll of the churches was then called and the following churches presented their letters, by the following named delegates who were present to represent them, viz:

Antioch, E. H. Morgan.

Bruer Lake, J. W. Day.

Bulah, J. P. Webb.

Bethel, J. T. Farnell.

Greenville, C. L. Leggette, N. W. Marshall, Mrs. Wilkes.

Harmony, N. W. Campbelle, Jesse W. Andrews.

Hopewell, B. F. Kelly, William Smith.

Live Oak, J. S. Pinson.

Luther, R. L. Williams.

Lee, John Barker, Mrs. C. M. Frier.

Madison, W. B. Cate, W. R. Ivey, G. W. Tedder, W. A. Cate.

Moseley Hall, Miss Mamie Sanders.

Midway, J. L. Jones, Dr E. Thomas.

Mt. Moriah, N. W. West, C. W. Barrs.

Mt. Gilead, W. L. Vann.

New Macedonia, Z. C. Dukes.

New Prospect, S. F. Bass.

Pleasant Grove, Lafayette county, J. W. Brown, J. P. Hammock.

Pleasant Grove. Taylor county, G. W. Dice.

Pine Grove, Ardis Warren.

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Perry, W. B. Davis, S. B. Cole.

River Side, Jesse Frier, Jim Carmichael.

San Pedro, C. A. Denmark.

Triumph, W. W. Mills, C. C. Rawles.

And the following churches sent letters but no messengers were present.

Athena, New Hopeful, Oakland, Sirmons.

The moderator then appointed S. B. Cole and N. W. Campbell to read the letters of the churches. From the letter from Bethel church it appeared that Union literature is being used, and that the superintendent is not a Baptist. It was therefore, on motion duly made and carried, ordered that the report of this church as to its Sunday School be stricken from the report. The next order of business was permanent organization. Brother Hacker moved that the present moderator and present clerk Pro Tem be unanimously elected to fill the positions held by them for the incoming associational year. Motion seconded. Bro. W. R. Ivey placed in nomination for moderator the name of W. B. Davis. Bro. Hacker then withdrew his motion, but presented Bro. J. T. Farnell in nomination for moderator. Nominations closed. Vote taken by ballot. Ardis Warren and R. F. Hacker were appointed Vote was canvassed and W. B. Davis was declared elected. The matter of election, of clerk then being taken up, G. W. Tedder placed in nomination the name of R.F.Hacker, who declined the nomination and presented the name of G. W. Tedder for this position. Bro. Tedder declined and C. L. Leggette presented the name of Bro. Ardis Warren. Motion made that nominations close, and that Ardis Warren be unanimously The motion prevailed and Bro. Warren elected clerk. was elected clerk.

Order of business was then taken up, and brethren S. B. Rogers and S. S. Proctor and Sister Peelman were invited to seats with us and welcomed by the moderator.

It was moved and carried that public reading of the letters of the Churches be dispensed with at future Associations, and that a Committee be appointed at these Associations to read and examine the letters and give such information with reference to them as may be desired, and to make such recommendations in regards to them as said committee may deem necessary from time to ttme.

Petitionery letters were then called for.

Mayo Baptist Church presented a letter of dismissal from the Lafayette County Association and applied for membership with us. The same being granted.

Appointment of Committees.

Finance: G. W. Telder, J. T. Farnel and C. A. Denmark.

Temperance: C. C. Rawls, R. L. Williams and N. W. Campbell.

Foreign Missions: W. R. Ivey, J. W. Andrews and J. W. Day.

Home Missions: W. A. Cate, G. W. Dice and J. B. Rodgers.

State Missions: A. N. Woodward, W. W. Mills and W. B. Cate.

Ministerial Education: J. W. Day, J. S. Pinson and J. C. Dukes.

State of Churches: Ardis Warren, N. W. West and J. W. Brown.

Sunday School: W. B. Davis, John Barker and Jim Carmichael.

Min. Relief: T. A. Evans, N. W. Marshall, Jesse Frier and C. W. Bars.

Orphanage: N. C. Leggett, J. P. Webb and D. E. Thomas.

Woman's Work: I. R. Clements, S. S. Proctor, J. L. Jones and Mrs. Wilkes, and Mrs Frior.

Nominations: J. B. Rodgers, J. W. Day and W. L. Vann.

On motion the time of meeting and adjournment was set as follows:

Meeting 9:30 A. M. to adjourn at will.

On motion it was ordered that the Tem. Rept. be heard tomorrow at 10 o'clock and a time limit of one hour fixed for the discussion of the report.

On motion Bros. S. B. Rodgers was invited to conduct the 11 o'clock services to-morrow.

It was moved and carried that the paster and messengers of Hopeville Church be appointed as the preaching Committee.

The preaching Committee reported that Bro. S. B. Cole would preach tonight, and Bro. S. B. Rogers tomorrow at 11 o'clock.

Report of Committees:

Executive Committee reported and Bro. Proctor made some remarks relative to the report.

A motion was then made for adjournment and we were dismissed by S. B. Rodgers.

Divine Services at 7:15 by Rev. S. B. Cole, from Exodus 14-15.

### Report of Committee on Nominations.

We your committee on nominations beg leave to report as follows:

For Treasurer: F. B. Williams.

For Executive Committee: G. W. Tedder, Rev. S. B. Cole, Rev. W. F. Moore, J. W. Day, C. C. Rawls.

For Delegate Southern Baptist Convention: Rev. J. B. Rodgers.

For delegates to Florida Baptist State Convention: W. B. Davis, Rev. S. B. Cole, J. W. Day, Rev. J. B. Rodgers, Dr. R. L. Goodbred, C. C. Rawls, Rev. J. T. Farnel, Rev. W. R. Ivey, J. E. Hardee, Rev. W. F. Moore, C. L. Leggett, J. C. Scruggs, R. F. Hacker, Rev. A. N. Woodward.

For State Board of Missions: C. C. Rawls.

We nominate Beulah Church for the next place of meeting, and that Rev. W. R. Ivey preach the introductory sermon, and Rev. S. B. Cole as alternate. We further recommend that Association meet on Wednesday after the first Sunday in November.

> J. B. RODGERS, JOHN W. DAY, W. L. VANN.

## Report of Committee on State Missions.

We your committee, beg leave to report that there has been cooperation with the State Board through our association. In securing Bro. S. S. Proctor for three-fourths time and Bro. A. V. Pickern as an evangelist for a short time. For further information, see their reports. The Board had employed last conventional year from 29 to 49 men on the field. They have this year employed 61 men in all, which is an increase of about 60 per cent), working in every association in the state, except one. Three men have gone off for reasons, and today there fifty-eight are employed by one Board for the whole time.

They have taken into the churches on the Mission field more than one thousand men and women; finished nine meeting houses; began 7. Organized five new churches. Traveled more than thirty thousand miles, and preached more than three thousand sermons. They have paid out for State Missions since January 1, about \$12,000. Our Board will owe October 1st, about \$2,000, making an increase.

Our board has worked through Bro. S. B. Rogers and the rest of the committee wisely and are carrying out the commands to make disciples of all nations as fast as they can, being limited as to means.

Dear brether, we your committee resolve that we contribute more liberally to the work of the board and more systematically.

Our boards cannot do their work without money. Let's not neglect to impress upon our members the importance of taking regular collections for State missions. The Lord will bless our efforts. We must not fail to support Bro. Rogers and his board in this state work.

May the Lord continue to bless the state work in Florida and help his people to more nobly support this work.

Respectfully submitted,

A. N. WOODARD, W. W. MILLS, W. B. CATE.

# Report of Committee on Woman's Work

It is with thanksgiving we note the progress made all along the line of woman's work. Our Savior gave to a woman the blessed message of the resurrection to convey to the disciples. Paul commended the work of the women who helped him. Our W. M. Societies have been a great educative factor in our church life. Only as we look out upon the fields white unto harvest can we realize the world's great need. This implies study of the mission work. With knowledge comes love and a desire to help. We recommend, first, the organization of a woman's missionary society in every church of our beloved association, and that the pastors give the work their hearty sympathy and support; second, that we foster the development of our young people through the Sunbeam Bands Y. W. A's and Royal Ambassadors, The children of today will be men and women of the future to carry on the church work. God grant that they may be trained and ready for service. Third, that every home subscribe for and read our Mission Fields, Home Fields and Baptist Witness.

May our women be alive to their God given privileges and opportunities, willing to consecrate all to the Master, who elevated womanhood, that it may be said of each of them as of one of old, "She hath done what she could."

Respectfully submitted, MRS. H. T. WILKES, "S. S. PROCTOR.

## Report of Committee on Orphanage

Dear Brethren:

We deem labored arguments unnecessary when we speak of the orphanage, the home of those dear children whom God has placed in our care. We feel that every heart that has in it one spark of God's love will feel that the care of these dear ones is a sacred trust committed to their hands. Our Savior commends the one who gives to one of these little ones a cup of cold water.

Dear brethren, let us not be recreant to our great trust; let us give liberally for keeping up the orphanage.

Respectfully submitted, C. L. LEGETTE.

J. P. WEBB.

D. E. THOMAS.

### Spiritual Condition of Our Churches

Your committee on the Spiritual Condition of Our Churches find it impossible to make a satisfactory report on account of the meager information furnished by the letters. Only a few churches gave any report as to spiritual condition. Since it seems impossible to obtain the information necessary to make an intelligible report, we recommend that the Association request the churches to report on this subject more fully in future.

Respectfully, J. E. HARDEE, N. W. WEST, ARDIS WARREN.

### Woman's Missionary Society

Woman's Missionary Meeting of Middle Florida Association met at Hopewell Friday afternoon, October 7, 1910. Scripture lesson, some verses of 3d chapter of Col., read by Mrs. Ivey. Prayer by Miss Mary E. Tay-

lor. In absence of superintendent, Mrs. W. D. Griffin, Mrs. H. H. Pullman presided. Mrs. Robert Bunting was elected secretary.

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Called for reports from societies as follows	3:
Madison-State Missions \$	11.95
Home Missions	16.20
Foreign Missions	7.80
Columbia College	5.00
Aged Ministers	
Orphanage	10.00
Training school	
Marguerite Home	

Total ...........\$66.45

Delegates Mrs. Ivey, Mrs. T. C. Smith, Mrs. Gregory, Mrs. B. Sanders and Mrs. Bunting.

Greenville-State Missions	\$14.10
Home Missions	9:65
Orphanage	3.25

Total	 \$2	<b>27.0</b> 0

Delegate, Mrs. H. T. Wilkes.

Mayo-State Missions	. \$1.8
Foreign Missions	. 58
Home Missions	. 1.08
Columbia College	. 30
Aged Ministers	. 10
Orphanage	

Total		\$4.20
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No delegate present.

No committee to report.

Mrs. W. R. Ivey, appointed to write the obituaries of all members of societies of Association, died during the year.

President distributed "Standard of Excellence" and

explained same.

Elected superintendents for coming year as follows: Mrs. Raymond Ware, of Mayo, and Mrs. H. R. Wilkes, of Greenville.

Mrs. Pullman spoke of some of the needs of the orphanage.

Collection was then taken for State Missions amounting to \$2.61.

The apportionment for societies of Middle Florida Association was as follows:

Foreign Missions\$	35.00
Home Missions	25.00
Bible Fund	1.50
Training School (current expenses)	2,50
" (enlargement)	2.50
State Missions	60.00
Columbia College	12.00
Orphanage	6.00
Aged Ministers	1.50
Total	<b>46.00</b>

Miss Mary E. Taylor made a very interesting talk on Cuban work in Tampa and prayer for same. Literature was distributed by the president.

Appeal made to help W. C. T. U.. Pledges taken for same amounting to \$7.25. Meeting adjourned.

MRS. H. C. PULLMAN, Pres. MRS. ROBT. BUNTING, Sec'y.

#### Report of Ministerial Education

We your Committee on Ministerial Education beg leave to submit the following report. We regret to find that this important branch of our work is being so much neglected. We find in the year 1909 that the Middle Florida Association, comprising 35 churches with approximately a membership of 2,500, contributed only \$5.00 to the cause of ministerial education.

We further find that for the same year 1909, the entire Baptists of Florida, comprising a membership of 42,000, contributed only \$1,084 to that cause, which we

do not believe to be commensurate to the demands of the cause or with the ability of our people.

We, therefore, recommend that this important part of our work be more closely looked after in all of our churches in the future, and our people urged to take more interest in it than in the past; remembering that we are living in a day of education and that our educated people demand an educated ministry And if we, the Baptists of Florida, expect to cope with other denominations and hold our hold upon the people, we must wake up to the needs and demands of the people as regards our ministry.

Brethren, let us not overlook the fact that the Lord does not always call rich men to the ministry, but often lavs the burden on the poor man who is not equipped and is not able to equip himself for the arduous duties of the high office of minister.

Again, brethren, lift up your eyes and look at the vastness of the field and it white unto harvest; yet, how few the laborers. Brethren, pray that the Lord may send more laborers into the field: and brethren, pray that we may be able to prepare and equip them for their work.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. DAY, Chairman.

J. C. DUKES.

J. S. PINSON.

#### Report of the Committee on Temperance.

In submitting our report, your Committee on Temperance desires, first, to render to Almighty God our expression of devout gratitude for His unfailing blessings that have led us to this good day in our fight against the blighting effects of the licensed liquor traffic in America. Ours is a day in which this traffic is no longer defended on its merits. Ours is a day when no sensible, sane man speaks of it as a good thing. That

traffic is today only tolerated; and the trend of the times is altogether toward its utter extinction.

The relation of the churches of America toward the liquor traffic is, today, one of unceasing and uncompromising hostility. And the churches have reached this position by the fullest realization of the purposes for which the Church was established. The churches have realized, more than ever before, their duty to all mankind. In the performance of that duty they have found the saloon a threatening menace, always in the direct pathway of progress. As it is the church's duty to make men, so it is the business of the saloon to unmake men. The churches of Christ must ever be in irrepressible conflict with the saloon. Rev. G. Campbell Morgan, of London, was right when he said: "If at this crisis the Church does not speak, then she is guiltily silent, and the issue will be her own undoing in the days that lie ahead." And Clinton N. Howard correctly asserted that "A religion that leaves the saloon undisturbed, unattacked, is not worthy to be called after the name of Jesus Christ."

We are most grateful that our own Baptist churches, not only of this Association, but of this State and of the entire Nation, are standing four-square on this great question. We have recognized the traffic in intoxicating liquors, licensed as it is today, as one of the monster evils, if not the greatest evil of the times in which we live. More than any other evil, it stands in the way of the coming in of the Kingdom of our Christ. Of all huge sins of the world, it is the hugest. It not only calls for. but it demands, our best attention and our sternest, most unrelenting warfare.

We are grateful for the tremendous strides that have been made in the warfare for the overthrow of the saloon. In America today, more than half of our population live in saloonless territory and the decrease in crime and all the evils attendant upon the operation of the saloon prove, beyond question, the wisdom of this method finally solving the liquor problem.

We congratulate those of our Sister States that have thrown off the yoke and have dissolved partnership with the iniquitous traffic. Such evils as still cling to them, due to illicit sales of liquor are being reduced and no citizen need blush with shame at the thought of partnership in the traffic.

We thank God that the end of such partnership seems almost at hand in our own State of Florida. Through the never-ending appeals of our churches, joined with those of other denominations, we vote this fall on the question of stopping the license policy for this State. For, though counties may, under our present law, vote out the saloon, still the policy of the State is for license; and as long as a single saloon is licensed by the State, we, its citizens, are partners of the saloon. For years we have striven to rid ourselves of this stigma; but, even when we drove the saloon from our own counties, those left in the wet counties did much to nullify the good effects of our home policy.

But our hour of victory seems at hand. On November 8th, our citizenship has its first opportunity to make an end of the whole saloon business in this fair State. We cannot believe that the manhood of Florida will be found lacking. The issue before us is clear. The present fundamental law of the State provides for the continued license policy; so that if, perchance, in any year all our forty seven counties should vote dry, two years later every one might vote wet. The license policy is fixed in the Constitution and the only way to change it is to amend the Constitution, which is the proposition before the voters this fall. Saloons or no saloons anywhere in Florida—from Key West to Pensacola—that is what the voters must decide.

We, therefore, call upon all our churches to do their utmost to have the issue rightly settled. Our door of

opportunity is open. Let us go in and possess the land--this fairest land of all the fair Southland.

We call upon our ministers to give themselves unreservedly to this fight during the remainder of the campaign. The time is short and the enemy is active. As our leaders, we believe that our pastors can do no better service for the Kingdom than to put themselves and all their energies into this fight.

Let us aid in public and in private in every possible way. At the throne of Grace let us entreat Divine guidance and, arising from our devotions, let us add works to our faith.

We are grateful for the valuable work of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and the Anti-Saloon League. Through the former, our Godly women have stirred the conscience of the nation; and the latter organization, as the Church in action against the saloon, has focalized and utilized sentiment until the victories of our day are possible. We hereby pledge our support as churches and as individuals to the Anti-Saloon League, our recognized leaders in this campaign for a sober State. We have confidence in its officers and thank God for their untiring efforts.

We recommend that every church in this Association take up a special collection for the work of the Anti-Saloon League before November 1, and forward same to them, in addition to what may have been given before this year.

Finally, Brethren, let us go forward earnestly knowing that Jehovah is our God and that victory shall surely be ours. Let us pray and work for it this year. But let us determine never to give up, even though victory may be delayed. Ours is an holy warfare and it deserves our best endeavor.

And, Brethren, when election day comes and you stand alone with God and your conscience, remember that God is there and that His Eye notes your every

act. In His Name, as well as for humanity's sake, cast your ballot against the saloon.

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. Rawls, Chairman.

R. L. WILLIAMS,

G. T. BISHOP,

N. W. CAMPBELL,

Committee.

#### Report on Periodicals.

This is a day when the mind of man is active. It is a day when we are reaching out after information. The activity of the mind is in a healthy condition for when the mind becomes inactive, decay and death sets in. Solomon was right when he said that of the making of books there is no end. Today the mails are flooded with literature good, bad and indifferent. The question is not how are we to supply literature, but how are we to supply that which is best.

The schools have created a desire for information and the inquiring mind of our age will have that information. When the parents learn that the things their children read, will largely determine the thought of that child and from the thought the act which is the expression of the character within, then and not till then will we give the proper emphasis to this great subject.

The Book of all books is the Bible. It is God's revealed will to man. It is the man of our council and the rule of our actions. By it we learn from whence we came, where we are, and whither we are going. It behooves us to carefully and prayerfully study it, that we may learn its secrets and be better prepared for life's duties and privileges. We heartly commend the Florida Baptist Witness. It is sound in its doctrines, sane in its views, and conservative in its statements. It is OUR paper and should be read by every Baptist in Florida. The Foreign Mission Journal and the Home

Field each serve their purpose well, and each represents the claims of the world's work and the progress made, in a commendable way. Every Baptist who would be well informed as to the work of our denomination should take these and all others that he can, that are in harmony with the work of God as laid down in His Word.

Respectfully submitted,

S. B. COLE,

G. F. BISHOP, Committee.

#### Report of the Executive Committee.

We are glad to report to this body that we have made greater progress this year than we did last, though we have not accomplished as much as we had hoped to do.

Acting on the advice of our body, we employed Rev. S. S. Proctor of Lake Butler for one-half of his time to do mission work in Taylor county, at a salary of \$300. Following is a synopsis of his work. Weeks of labor, 19; Churches supplied, 2; Other stations, 3; Miles travelled, 5765; Sermons preached, 84; Addresses delivered; 31; Homes visited, 155; Number baptized, 9; Number received by letter or statement, 13; Moneys collected on the field, \$30.37; Tracts distributed, 1872; Bibles sold, 2, Testaments sold, 5; Testaments given away, 6.

We feel that our missionary has done a good work the past year and we are grateful to God for the success he has had. The churches he has supplied is Athena, where there had been nothing done of any consequence for sometime and our people there were thoroughly discouraged. The church has been greatly revived and strengthened and now they are in shape to do something for themselves. Waylonzo and Cabbage Grove have been visited and the outlook at Waylonzo is good. All through that section it will take years of wise leadership and faithful work before strong churches can be had. The Union meetings in

both sides of our Association have done good work. The churches are becoming more in harmony with the various objects fostered by our Convention through the knowledge gathered in these Unions. The moneys collected at the Union of the eastern division through the vear was \$80.29; The Western Union collected \$83.31. If to this last amount the Sunday collection, which was always credited to the church with which we met, was added we would have a sum far larger than we show. This compared with our former work gives us courage. We attempted to hold Bible Institutes throughout our Association, but because of a lack of co-operation of both churches and pastors we were able to hold only three; one at Sermons, which was well attended; one at New Hopeful, and one at Lee. The meeting at Lee was quite a success and all who attended seemed benefitted.

We recommend that these meetings be continued and that the churches be urged to take the matter up and make it a success.

We recommend further that the Executive committee be authorized to work with the State Board and employ a suitable man to devote his whole time to the mission work in our Association, or as much thereof as may be deemed advisable.

We feel that the Sunday School interest in the Association is at a low ebb and we recommend that Bro. Entzminger, the Sunday School field secretary, be used at every place where he can be of service.

Respectfully submitted,

S. B. COLE,

G. W. TEDDER,

W. R. IVEY,

F. B. WILLIAMS.

#### Sunday School Report.

Dear Brethren: We, your committee on Sunday Schools, beg leave to make the following report:

We regret to find that there are not as many Sunday schools within the bounds of the Association as shown by the letters from the various churches as were reported a year ago. It should cause a blush of shame to come to the cheeks of every Baptist within the bounds of the Association that the teaching service of the churches is so much neglected. We have nothing to lose, but all to gain, by a systematic study of God's word, such as is gotten in the Sunday School. We, as Baptists, take the Bible as our only rule of faith and practice. Where we teach it, we are teaching our prayer book, our catechism, our standard work in discipline, and a statement of our passport and charter to mansions in realms beyond.

We urge that a greater, stronger and more systematic effort be made to buile up our Sunday School work. To this end we recommend that the services of Rev. Louis Entzminger be obtained and that he hold meetings with the various churches, as much as possible, and that he call to his assistance the pastors of the churches and such laymen from any of the churches as may be willing to assist in the work, and that an effort be made to create more interest and better organize for more efficient work in Sunday Schools now established, and to organize Sunday Schools in those churches where none are now running.

Respectfully submitted.

W. B. Davis, J. H. Whiddon, John Barker, Jas. W. Carmichael,

Committee.

#### Ministerial Support

Brethren:

We deplore the fact that many of our pastors in this association are not receiving sufficient support. The Good Book tells us that the "laborer is worthy of his hire." It is our duty to support these gospel servants in such a way that they may devote as much of their time as possible to the advancement of the cause of Christ.

We further recommend that our pastors do what they can to enlighten their people upon the question of giving to the various causes. This will indirectly, if not directly, advance the cause of a proper support to the pastors of our churches.

Respectfully submitted.

M. W. Marshall, Jesse Frier, C. W. Bars, Committe.

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Respectfully submitted,
W. B. Davis,
J. H. Whiddon,
John Barker,
Jas. W. Carmichael,
Committee.

## Report of Treasurer.

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Total	\$608.24
Paid out	516.42
Balance on hand	\$91.82
1909, Amount Paid Out. Oct. 22, Paid H. Gibson, clerk, and stationery.	\$20.75
November 2, paid for printing of programs and postage	1.60
Dec. 24, Paid W. E. Inman Printing Co. for printing Association minutes	40.50
Dec. 24, paid H. B. Gibson postage and freight on Association minutes	3.14
Nov. 24, 1909, to May 1, 1910, paid S. B. Rogers state, home and foreign missions	450.43
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#### Second Day.

Friday, second day, morning session, 9:30 a.m. Met pursuant to adjournment and held prayer service, after which Rev. A. N. Woodward read the 37th Psalm. The congregation then sang "What a Friend we have in Jesus" and Bro. Ardis Warren led the prayer.

Read and approved the minutes of yesterday, Called for and enrolled names of messengers. Called for correspondents. Invited visiting brethren to seats with us. Pinetta Baptist church, of Madison county, Fla., presented her letters by the hands of her messengers and on motion was received and the messengers seated.

Committee on religious literature: Rev. S. B. Cole, Bros. E. H. Morgan and G. T. Bishop.

Called for reports of committees.

Report on Temperance. (See Report on Temperance on page 19.)

The report of the Committee on Temperance was read and after being spoken to by C. C. Rauls, Miss Mary Taylor and W. R. Ivey, was adopted.

Report on nominations was read and after some discussion was referred back the committee to confer with Bro. S. B. Rogers and report back to the body immediately, and on motion was adopted. (See report.)

Report on foreign, state and home missions was read and discussed by Revs. W. R. Ivey, A. N. Woodward and Bro. W. A. Cate. A motion that they vote on the three reports at once and the same was adopted, with the amendment of Rev. S. S. Proctor being employed at half time.

#### Report on Foreign Missions.

Your Committee submit the following:

Never in the history of modern missions has the outlook been so promising, the field so wide, the laborers so numerous, the needs so many, or the obligations so great. From this vantage ground, we look back at the heroic achievements of our pioneers in the work, we survey the martial hosts of the Missionaries of today, and we confront the crises of the future.

#### THE WORK ACCOMPLISHED IN THE PAST.

We are really just beginning to properly estimate the work done by our first missionaries. These men were the seers of their day and generation. With scant sympathy at home and stout opposition abroad, they obeyed the great commission, looking not to the discouragements, but to the results. Through their instrumentality, they have translated the Bible into about 425 languages and dialects, thus revealing the Word of God to millions of the human race. These missionaries have in singleness of heart preached the glorious gospel as their one aim, yet through their labors human knowledge has advanced in almost every department. Through the labors of these men of God the whole

world is now open to the preaching of the gospel. We have but to enter and proclaim it.

We copy "Facts in a Nutshell", gotten out by the Foreign Mission Board, as follows:

#### FIELD FORCES.

Twenty-one new missionaries were sent out during the year and 8 missionaries of the Bible Mission Society in South China united with the work of the Board. We have now 246 missionaries, and 467 native helpers, making a total of 713 workers.

The report shows 289 churches with 539 out-stations with a membership of 19,239. We have 207 houses of worship and 318 Sunday schools with 11,156 scholars. There are 142 day schools with 3,771 pupils; 11 Boys' Boarding Schools with 721 students; 12 Girls' Boarding Schools with 610 students, and 2 Colleges with 134 students. Note especially that there are 8 Woman's Training Schools with 179 students, 8 Theological Training Schools with about 200 students. What a power these trained men and women will be in the work!

#### FINANCES.

The total receipts for the year were \$501,058. With joy we pass the half million mark. The amount asked by the Convention this year is \$600,000, an increase of \$100,000. We ought by all means to make such an annual increase for the next four years that we will reach the high mark of one million dollars a year for foreign missions within that time. This would make a glorious climax at the close of the first century of organized foreign mission work by American Baptists in 1914.

The Board's disbursements for the year are: Sent to the foreign fields, \$447,335, 88 per cent of receipts. Expenses in Richmond, \$31,294, 6 per cent of receipts. Expenses in the states, \$17,863, 3 1-2 per cent of receipts. For interest, \$10,281, 2 1-2 per cent of receipts. The amount expended in Richmond includes our share of the expenses of the woman's work. Our expenses

in the various states are due to the fact that nearly all of the State Boards require us to pay a part of their expenses for representing us in their States. The large interest account can be eliminated if all the churches will adopt immediately a systematic plan of collecting funds all through the year and if all treasurers will send forward the funds promptly. With the interest account taken away, all of our expenses would amount to less than ten cents on the dollar.

#### NEW MISSIONARIES.

One generous layman has offered to pay all expenses for sending out and maintaining ten new missionaries if the Board will send out thirty this year. At the Convention, fifteen other individuals and churches agreed to pay the expenses of one new missionary each, at a cost of \$1,000, thus providing for 25 of the thirty. Others will join in this noble undertaking. In the case of churches, this must be given as an advance over their last year's contribution. The Board began making these appointments in May and will send out the thirty.

Florida contributed last year to foreign missions, We are asked to raise this year \$8,000. \$6,839.38. Middle Florida Association gave last year, \$126.43. What will we do this year?

Let us go forth with redoubled effort and increased zeal, taking God's Word as our weapon and God's Spirit as our guide, and never think of giving up the contest

"Till every foe is vanquished, And Christ is Lord indeed." Respectfully submitted.

W. R. IVEY, Chairman. J. W. ANDREWS,

J. W. DAY.

# Report on Home Missions.

To the Middle Florida Baptist Association in Session with the Hopewell Baptist Church.

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Brethren: Your Committee on Home Missions begs to submit the following report for your consideration and discussion:

While we realize the great importance of both the Foreign and State work, and the need of spending much time and money in the carrying out of the plans of the Boards for the promotion of these great causes, we do not feel that the Home Mission work must be either neglected or pushed into the background. While we pay little attention to the criticism of the Foreign work, made by some of its enemies, that we are neglecting home work, yet we do feel that there is room for some of their criticism and we desire to impress upon all the vast importance of devoting full attention to the work of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Following the command of Him who said: "Go ye into all the world preaching the Gospel to every creature," the workers of the Home field have gone into many fields of need at home. They have worked among the poor of the cities, among the Indians of the West, in fields where they had to combat the Romar influence and the baneful influence of the large per cent of foreign population. The Lord has blessed their work too well for us to feel for one moment that this work was not included in the Great Commission. It is our duty as members of the Churches to "stand behind the guns" faithfully and send the needed and necessary funds for the carrying out of this work and for increasing the scope of the influence of the Home Board. This Board and Dr. Gray cannot do what they want to do and what we want them to do unless they have the hearty co-operation of all the members of the churches. This cooperation consists of more than just saying "Amen" to the reading of a report or the preaching of a special sermon on the subject. It demands that we go into our pockets and avail ourselves of the opportunity that the Lord had given us of being able to help Him in His

work. Let us remember that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

> Wm. A. CATE. J. B. RODGERS. G. W. DICE.

> > Committee.

Reports on Woman's Work was read and adopted. (See report.)

Divine service at 11 a. m. by Rev. S. B. Rogers.

On motion, adjourned till 1:30 p. m.

Afternoon session 1:30 p. m.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Renewed the call for enrolled names of messengers. Called for correspondents. Invited visiting brethren to seats with us. Called for petitionary letters.

Called for reports of Committees.

Report on ministerial education, (see report), was was read and spoken to by Bro. John W. Day and Rev. J. B. Rogers, was adopted.

Finance, (see report), was read and adopted.

New Prospect church letter was read and S. F. Bass, messenger, was seated.

Report on Sunday School (see report) was read and spoken to by Bro. W. B. Davis and S. S. Proctor and was adopted.

Committee on Orphanage (see report) was read and adopted.

Committee on spiritual condition of churches (see report) was read and spoken to by Rev. S. S. Proctor and adopted.

A motion that a collection be taken tonight for state missions.

The appointment of a Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons being overlooked, it was ordered that the clerk be empowered to draft suitable resolutions of respect and print them in the minutes if any of our ministers and deacons have died during the past year.

A motion that this association show its appreciation to Hopewell church and community for its hospitality by taking a collection to be used for the painting of their church inside. The collection amounted to \$8.20.

Report on Periodicals was read (see report) and spoken to by Rev. J. R. Johnson, who pressed the claims for the "Witness," and by S. S. Proctor, was adopted.

Ministerial support read and adopted. (See report.) Report of Treasurer was submitted to the body and was read and adopted. (See report.)

A motion that the clerk be paid \$20.00 for his ser-

vices was carried.

The Middle Florida Baptist Association adjourned to convene with the Beulah Baptist church four miles northeast of Lee, Fla., Wednesday after the first Monday in Nov. 1911.

J. W. DAVIS, ARDIS WARREN, Moderator. Secretary.

On motion the chairman of the following committees were appointed: Temperance ..... W. R. Ivey Home Missions......W. B. Cate State Missions......R. F. Hacker Foreign Missions..... J. B. Rodgers Sunday-Schools...... C. C. Rawls Orphanage.....John W. Day Deceased Ministers and Deacons.....R. L. Williams

#### OUR HONORED DEAD.

Rev. L. J. Townsend. Deacon A. C. Townsend. Deacon John Tampling. Mrs. N. L. Pitts. Ferry Lanier. Nancy Snipes. John Davis. Mrs. Annie Perry. Miss Annie Godwin. J. L. Rowell. Ruby Dukes. S. B. Sparks. Pink Lyons. Viola Folsom. Birth Stephenson. Mrs. Nancy Goza. Mrs. Lottie Alvis. Mattie Turnage. Sarah Williams. Sarah Holland. Maggie Devane. Jane E. Campbell. Mrs. J. B. Hardee. W. W. Whitlock. Miss Eula Hassell.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

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Perry	W. L. Weaver, Perry	1	65	12		50 28	3 20	53 48
San Pedro	M. A. Parker, Perry	1	45	4		 		
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Respectfully submitted,

G. W. TEDDER.

C. A. DENMARK,

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