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OF THE

Seventeenth Annual Session

OF THE

MIDDLE FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH THE

Perry Baptist Church Taylor County, Florida, November 14-15-16, A. D., 1916

OFFICERS

REV. S. B. COLE, Moderator, Madison, Fla., ARDIS WARREN, Secretary, Madison, Fla., F. B. WILLIAMS, Treasurer, Lee, Fla.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

JAS. A. Kirtley, C. L. Leggett, G. F. Andrews, J. R. Mullis, W. N. Webb

The Eighteenth Annual Session of the Middle Florida Baptist Association will convene with Midway Baptist Church, Madison County, on Tuesday, after the Second Sunday in November, 1917, at 10 O'clock.

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 After a motion is made and seconded it shall be deemed in possession of the Association, but may be withdrawn at any time before being discussed or amended.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 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 propositions 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 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.

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LICENSED MINISTERS

Adams, J. L. Jr.,	Perry
Denmark, Willie	Fenholloway
Driggers, E. C.	Greenville
Godwin, W. H	Carbur
Williams, J. C.	Shady Grove
West, N. W	Day

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The Seventeenth Annual Session of the Middle Florida Association was held with the Perry Baptist church, Taylor County, Florida, Nov. 14th, 15th and 16th, A. D. 1916.

A service of song and prayer was held. The former moderator called the body to order. On motion the reading of the church letters was dispensed with, whereupon Bros. Theo. Leslie and L. W. Weaver were appointed by the Moderator to collect letters from the various churches and enrolled the following messengers:

Aucilla-J. H. Whidden, John L. Bishop.

Antioch-I). M. Dees, Mr. and Mrs. Reatus Dees and Rev. E. T. Johnson.

Athena-By letter. Beulah-B. C. Webb, W. J. Shellhouse, Brewer Lake-Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Buchanan, Bethel-Not represented Central-J. R. Mullis. Cabbage Grove-Not represented. Elizabeth-Not represented. Greenville-Mrs. and Mrs. C. L. Leggette, Mrs. J. B. Byrd. Hopewell-By letter. Harmony-J. W. Andrews. Lamont-Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Andrews. Lee-W. N. Webb, T. H. Morris, Live Oak-J. S. Pinson, Luther Macedonia-Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Williams, Rev. A. N. Woodward. Madison-Rev. S. B. Cole, Theo. Leslie, W. L. Tooke, W. B. Cate. Midway-L. C. Purvis, Riley Wheeler, Greenbury McClammy, Mayo-Mrs. R. G. Ware. Mosley Hall-J. S. Pickles, J. R. O'Quinn, Willie Pickles. Mt. Gilead-J. R. Vann, J. E. Horne. Mt. Moriah-Noah West, J. H. Williams, J. B. Odum. New Hope-J. G. Connell. New Hopeful-Mrs. Will Loper. New Macedonia-By letter. New Prospect-Not represented. Oakland-Wiley Whidden. Oak Grove-G. W. Young, E. M. Johnson.

Perry-W. L. Weaver, Mrs. C. F. Groover, C. P. Diamond.

Pine Grove—F. J. Blair. Pine Bluff—F. H. Cone. Pleasant Hill- Not Represented. Pleasant Grove—A. D. Townsend. Lafayette—H. L. Winderweedle. Pleasant Grove (Taylor County)—J. A. Tedder and wife. Riverside—M. J. Frier. Archie Bailey, C. N. Frier. San Pedro—F. E. Corrin. Salem—By letter. Sirmons—Not represented. Triumph—Not represented.

It was further moved that the names enrolled and those to be errolled to constitute the working body of the Association was carried. On motion the present Moderator was manimously re-elected.

The names of Ardis and S. C. Warren were put before the body for Clerk. A ballot was taken. The vote stood Ardis Warren 25, 8. C. Warren 9.

Rev. Jas. A. Kirtley read the tentative program for this session of the Association, which was adopted.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

State Missions—Ardis Warren, W. N. Webb, A. D. Townsend. Preaching Committee—Pastor and Deacons of Perry Church.

Education-W. C. Johnson, R. F. Hacker, T. H. Morris, J. G. Connell.

Finance-W. L. Weaver, Theo. Leslie, F. B. Williams.

Foreign Missions-W. B. Cate, F. E. Corrin, A. N. Woodward, L. C. Purvis.

Home Missions-C. L. Leggette, W. L. Tooke, W. L. Weaver, Arch Bailey.

Digest of Leiters—Jas. A. Kirtley, R. F. Hacker, Judge W. B. Davis.

Bro. A. B. Cannady, representing the Florida Baptist Witness, was introduced and spoke of the needs of the denominational paper.

At 11 o'clock Rev. A. N. Woodward preached, using third verse, second chapter, II Timothy.

Announcements by pastor, whereupon the meeting stood adjourned till 2 o'clock. R. F. Hacker pronounced the benediction.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Met pursuant to adjournment. Devotional services conducted by the Moderator.

Letters collected and Messengers enrolled, Called for representatives.

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Rev. A. F. Montague, of Beulah Association and A. B. Cannady, of Pasco Association were recognized.

Report of committees called for,

The report of the Executive Committee was read by the chairman. Discussion led by Jas. A. Kirtley, A. N. Norwood, E. C. McMielland, R. F. Hacker; adopted as read.

Report of State Missions was read by the chairman. Discussed by Jas. A. Kirtley, John F. Farnell, C. E. McClelland. The report was adopted.

APPOINTING OF COMMITTEES

Woman's Work-Mrs. W. A. Cate, Mrs. Will Loper, Mrs. Mae Andrews, Mrs. R. G. Ware.

Nominations-W. L. Weaver, W. B. Cate, G. F. Andrews, Greenbury McClammy,

Ministerial Support-N. W. Campbell, C. P. Diamond, J. S. Pickles, Noah West.

Aged Ministers-Will M. Scruggs, J. E. Vann, J. H. Williams, J. R. Odum.

Sunday School-R. R. Ware, J. A. Kirtley, J. S. Pinson, J. R. Mul-118,

Temperance-A. Reams, S. C. Warren, W. A. Buchanan, J. G. Connell,

Periodicals-F. S. Jackson, F. H. Cone, M. J. Frier, A. M. Parker,

Orphanage-J. J. Handley, Frank Andrews, C. P. Diamond, C. F. McClelland, John T. Farnell.

State of Churches-M. W. Marchall, J. F. Burnette, J. R. Mullis, B. C. Webb.

Deceased Ministers and Deacons-D. F. Blanton, W. J. Shellhouse, B. C. Webb, H. L. Winderweedle.

On motion adjournment was taken till 9 o'clock tomorrow. Dr. A. P. Montague pronounced the benediction.

7 p. m. Dr. S. B. Rogers presented the needs of State Missions.

SECOND DAY

At 9 a. m. the body met pursuant to adjournment.

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Devotional services were conducted by J. A. Andrews. The body was then called to order by the Moderator.

The first order of business was the reading of the minutes which was dispensed with.

Renewed the call for letters which was collected and Messengers enrolled.

Called for petitionary letters. Called for representatives from other bodies.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Report on Temperance was read; discussed by S. C. Warren, F. D. Johnson. The time for discussing the Temperance report was up. It was moved and carried the time be extended for ten minutes. It was further discussed by R. T. Hacker and John T. Farnell. The report was adopted as read.

Report on Orphanage was read by Frank Andrews. Discussion led by J. T. Farnell, E. D. Johnson and A. D. Townsend. Report was adopted.

The Home Mission report was read by W. L. Weaver and the report on Foreign Missions by W. B. Cate. Discussion by W. L. Weaver, W. B. Cate, Jas, A. Kirtley and Dr. S. B. Rogers.

The two reports were adopted as read.

CHAIRMEN OF STANDING COMMITTEES

State Missions—J. T. Furnell. Home Missions—J. T. Bennett. Foreign Missions—J. A. Kirtley. Education—A. M. Parker. Sunday School—S. C. Warren. Temperance—W. A. Cate. Periodicals—W. B. Davis. Orphanage—J. O. Culpepper. State of Churches—R. F. Hacher. Deceased Ministers—Thos. Kent. Ministerial Support—Theo. Leslie. Aged Ministers—A. N. Woodward. Woman's Work—Supplied by W. M. S. Nominations—Frank Andrews.

Rev. L. C. Purvis extended an invitation for the next session of the Association to convene with Midway. Therefore, on motion the next session of the Association will meet with Midway Baptist Church, Madison County, Tuesday, after the second Sunday in November, 1917, at 10 o'clock.

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At 11 o'clock Dr. S. B. Rogers preached the Missionary Sermon, using as his text. Hosea 11th chapter, 4th verse.

SECOND DAY-AFTERNOON SESSION

Devotional services were held. Moderator called order. Brethren were invited to seats. Enrolling of Messengers was continued. Called for petitionary letters.

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A letter from Oak Grove Baptist church was presented by E. M. Johnson and G. W. Young.

The Moderator appointed S. C. Warren, Theo. Leslie and A. N. Woodward as a committee to examine the letter and report to the Association. The report of the committee was favorable, whereupon a motion that the Oak Grove church be received in the Association. The right hand of fellowship was extended the Messengers by the Moderator.

On motion the Sunday school report be taken up at this time.

The Sunday School report was read by Jas. A. Kirtley. Discussed by J. A. Kirtley, A. D. Townsend, John T. Farnell, J. G. Connell and R. F. Hacker. The report was duly adopted.

The report on Periodicals was read by F S. Jackson. Discussed by A. P. Montague, A. N. Woodward, J. T. Farnell, R. F. Hacker, A. B. Cannady and J. G. Connell. Report adopted as read

Trensurer's report was read by the Clerk. Adopted as read. Miscellaneous business was taken up.

S. B. Cole was appointed by the body to prepart the Tentative program for the next session of the Association.

A free will offering of \$5.16 was taken for the John's Children.

It was moved and carried that the report on Ministerial Support and the report on State of Churches be taken at the evening session. A recess was taken until 7. p. m.

The body met pursuant to adjornment. Devotional services were held.

The report on Education was read by R. F. Hacker.

Dr. A. P. Montague was introduced and presented the claims of Columbia College. Report was adopted.

There was a motion that program be completed and the Association adjourning at this evening session, which resulted in 9 voting for the motion and 12 opposing it.

The report on Finance was read by W. L. Weaver, the chairman, On motion the report was adopted.

The report on State of Churches was read by Bro. Jus. A. Kirtley, Discussion led by W. L. Weaver, J. G. Connell, R. F. Hacker and S. B. Cole. On motion the report be submitted back to the committee as a part of the committee were not present. W. L. Weaver, J. R. Mullis and R. F. Hacker were appointed as a committee to revise the report.

Ministerial Support was read by Col. C. P. Diamond. Discussions. R. F. Hacker. Adopted as read.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock tomorrow. Benediction by John T. Farnell,

THIRD DAY

9 a. m., Devotional services led by Bro. A. D. Townsend. The body was called to order by the Moderator.

First order of business was the reading of the minutes, which was dispensed with.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats. Called for petitionary letters. Called for Messengers . Called for reports.

The report on State of Churches was read by R. F. Hacker. Discussion led by S. B. Cole. Adopted as read, with the amendment. in the second clause of the report the words be inserted to read: "Pastors who are better supported and who can give more time to study and pastorial work."

The report on Deceased Ministers and Deacons was read by S. B. Cole. Adopted as read.

The report on Aged Ministers was read by S. B. Cole. Discussional led by R. F. Hacker and J. G. Connel. Adopted as read.

On motion. Rev. J. G. Connell was placed on the list of aged ministers by the Executive Committee.

The report on Woman's Work was read by Jas. A. Kirtley. Adopted as read.

Miscellaneous Business. Bro. Frank Andrews, who was appointed at the previous session to locate New Hope church, made his report; whereupon he was discharged from the committee.

Report on Nominations read by Jas. A. Kirtley. On motion Bro. Cole's name be placed on report instead of J. A. Kirtley and J. A. Kirtley in place of S. B. Cole, with this amendment. Report adopted.

On motion the Treasurer was instructed to pay the Clerk \$20.00 for his services.

Resolved, that we, as the Messengers of the Middle Florida Association, extend ous heartfelt thanks to the members of the Perry Baptist church and the city of Perry for its hospitality and warm fellowship during our stay in the city.

On motion the Association stood adjourned to convene with the Midway Baptist Church. Madison County, Florida, Tuesday, after the second Sunday in November, 1917, at 10 o'clock.

Clerk read minutes of the Association, signed by the Moderator, and John T. Famill led the closing prayer.

ARDIS WARREN,

S. B. COLE.

Clerk.

Moderator.

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STATE OF CHURCHES

Your committee on State of Churches report as follows:

1st. It is our conviction that there has been progress made during this year. Many have been added to our churches both by letter and experience. Some gracious revivals have been held and the membership has been greatly edified. The contributions have not been commensurate

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with the prosperity of our people, but they show an increase. The missionary spirit is at a low ebb, but is perhaps better than it has ever been. before.

2nd. There is a serious need of a closer relation between our churches. More fields should be grouped and a greater number of real pastors provided for. Our Fifth Sunday meetings should be better attended, and a more brotherly fellowship cultivated.

3rd. The great lack of our churches is efficient pastors. We have no word of censure for those who are serving churches in this association. They are perhaps doing their best, but with proper support financially and morally, they could and would do much better. We will never have a stronger ministry until our churches support the ministry.

4th. We deplore the fact that some of our churches are served by pastors who do not live in Florida. This is true, not because we would be narrow and selfish, nor because we do not believe these to be good and true men, but because they are not familiar with conditions in this state, and hence cannot lead their people in the work nor impart the information that is necessary for the growth of their churches.

Let us, during the next year, make a more determined effort to advance the Master's work in every way that is acceptable to Him.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. BENNETT,

J. R. MULLIS,

B. C. WEBB,

Committee.

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REPORT ON ORPHANAGE

• We, your committee on Orphanage, beg to submit the following report:

We have ninety children in the Orphanage at this time. During this year a number of children have gone from the home, and are now making their own support.

We need funds for current expenses, clothing, food and other neccessities of life. The home life of the children is made pleasant and happy by those who care for them at the home, and by those who contribute to their support. The school and other departments of training are kept in good active condition, so our children are given the best opportunity to fit themselves for self-support, and future usefulness, when they leave the home.

The amount apportioned by the State Convention to our Orphanage was \$11 000.00. The home has a nice farm of eighty acres or more, a canning department, and a paper, The Orphan Helper, the price of which is only twenty-five cents per year. We recommend that our people sub-

scribe for this paper. We further recommend that each church in the Association take a greater interest in the support of our boys and girls, and that regular contributions be made to this great Orphanage, that the expense may be met and our children properly cared for.

Respectfully submitted, G. F. ANDREWS, Chairman, C. P. DIAMOND, J. T. FARNELL. C. T. MCCLELLAND, •••••

DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS

We, your committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons, beg to report: We find that God in His grace has spared all of our ministers, for which we are very grateful; we find that God has spared all of our deacons, except our brothers A. L. Exell, E. C. Hassell, A. D. Campbel and J. A. W. Grantham. for which we are very grateful, and feel that God has work for all that He has spared. to do, and we pray God's blessings on the brethren remaining and hope that the next report may find us still in the Master's work.

Respectfully submitted,

D. F. BLANTON, B. C. WEBB.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

Temperance or bodily control is a Scriptural injunction and as such is enjoined upon all Christians, but modern usage has placed another meaning upon the word, which is prohibition, or the enactment of laws prohibiting the manufacture and sale of alcoholic liquors for beverage purposes. We beg to report the rapid growth of prohibition sentiment resulting in increasing dry territory.

If our information is correct, our next legislature will pass a bill submitting to the people of Florida what is known as the "Prohibition Amendment" to the State Constitution, and we urge all people to work for the passage of this Amendment.

Virginia, North and South Carolina. Georgia and other States within the bounds of Southern Baptist Convention are now dry and with the proper efforts on the part of our people. Florida will be in the dry column in a year or two, and the worst enemy of our young men and women will be put to rout.

We earnestly urge our people to awaken to their responsibility in

S. C. WARREN, W. A. BUCHANAN, J. G. CONNELL,

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REPORT ON AGED MINISTERS

We, your committee on Aged Ministers, are glad to say that we still have with us a few more of "Christ's Old War Veterans," and we are proud to have them among us. God, as He has promised, has taken some of our aged brethren to their Heavenly home and they are resting from their lalor among us on this earth.

A few more of these faithful servants of our God are still with us awaiting His call to enter in: "Ye have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many." These brethren planted the gospel and laid the Baptist faith for us. They stood the test and are now · looking to God and His followers for the rest.

Brethren, let each one of us be a committee of one to do more for the support and aid of these aged brethren among us. We must not let the cause of Christ fail because these brethren are growing old and some have departed to the Great Beyond, but let us arise and take more of Christ's work and glorify His cause and make our aged brethren proud of their work for Jesus among we people.

We. your committee , suggest that the pastors and leaders of churches make a strong appeal to their congregations for greater gifts for the remaining aged brethren that are with us.

> Respectfully submitted. W. M. SCRUGGS, Chairman, J. H. WILLIAMS, J. B. ODOM.

HOME MISSIONS

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention was organized in 1906 to meet a distinctive need of the people of our great Southern section of country.

The main purpose of the work, as of all other mission work, is the making, baptising and teaching disciples of our Lord and Master Jesus Christ.

There has been credited directly to the work of this great Board 26,680 baptisms during the past year. This has largely been brought about through the efforts of the evangelistists employed by the Board for service throughout the Southern Baptist Convention. This splendid body of men have gone to the places most needing their help, carrying the message of the Gospel.

The work of the Home Board is divided into several departments, viz: Church Extension, Evangelism, Publicity, Mountain Schools, etc.

It is the purpose of the Board to establish a Church Building Loan Fund of \$1,000,000.00 to aid through loans, those churches which have

no houses of worship. There has been up to this time only a small amount of this raised, but they are quietly and steadily going about this great work and ere long there will be a large reservoir provided where houseless churches may go for help.

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In addition to the mission work carried on in the Southern and Southwestern States, this Board also covers Cuba and the Canal zone, where there is a crying need for help.

Our Home Board stands for all that is best and good for Southern Baptists and the territory covered by its work, and should be loyally supported by every Missionary Baptist church within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

O. L. LEGGETT, W. L. TOOKE, W. L. WEAVER, ARCHIE BAILEY.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

The Foreign Mission Board reports a good year; over \$806,000 having been contributed by Southern Baptists, and as a result, 6,471 converts having been baptised and 77 churches established, giving us in the foreign field 459 churches with 42.632 members and 462 Sunday Schools with over 10,000 scholars. The Judson Fund of \$1,250,000 has also been subscribed. We have six Woman's Training Schools, ten Theological Training Schools and nineteen medical missionaries.

Many of these missions are become self-sustaining or partially so. Some churches are erecting houses unaided from outside sources. Many members are tithing, and native workers are becoming more and more efficient and active. This is proof that our work is bearing fruit that will be of lasting good.

- However, as the work grows and the field becomes greater, there is need for more funds and it is for us to stand behind the guns and make the Board able to not only maintain the work already undertaken, but to take up new fields as their wisdom dictates. The Great Commission binds us as much as it did the early church. No church is thoroughly Christian that is not missionary in spirit and we doubt the consecration of the individual member who is not missionary in spirit.

We urge our pastors and leaders to continue active mission work, to conduct as effective educational campaigns as possible, to make use of the tracts published by the Boards, and solicit subscriptions for the Missionary Journal of the Boards.

We urge that the churches adopt some budget system by which every member will become a regular contributor to the various objects of

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church giving. We believe that a church that neglects to train its members in giving is failing to fully perform its entire function and while the generosity of the few members who are now making the principal contribution is to be commended and should not be discontinued, yet better results will come from systematic giving by every member.

God has blessed Southern Baptists wonderfully this year. Let us now not be found wanting in obeying His commands and in going into the uttermost parts of the world to spread the Gospel.

> W. B. CATE, F. E. CORRIN, A. N. WOODWARD, I. C. PURVIS.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT

Your committee on Ministerial Support offers the following report: We find that our churches are remiss in this great matter.

The total amount given by the churches of the Middle Florida Association for this purpose last year was \$4,584.83. This divided among the thirty-four churches made an average salary of \$134.55 each. This amount was not at all equally distributed as will be seen from the minutes. Three churches paid one-half of this amount and the other thirtyone, the other half. One church paid only \$17.00; another only \$25.00. One paid \$33.00, another \$40.00. With such salaries, how can we expect efficient service?

The pastor should be a leader of his church and community. He is expected to set the pace for his church. With the demand on his time, and the service he is expected to render, he is the poorest paid man in the country. The common day laborer is paid far better than the average pastor in our Association.

We demand a trained teacher for our children in school and we expect to pay them and we do pay with no hesitancy; but we want a man to teach these same children the way of life and grumble and complain when they expect their due.

"They that preach the Gospel shall live of the Gospel," is a passage of Scripture we Baptists evidently do not accept. We are great sticklers for the Book until it touches our pocketbooks, then we disregard it entirely. We have the strongest ministry of any denomination in our section and the poorest paid. This ought not to be. It rests upon you delegates to go to your churches and show us next year that it is no longer true. Signed by the committee.

STATE MISSIONS

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Your committee on State Missions reports as follows:

The work of our State is one of tremendous worth. This is the time for seed sowing, that in after years will insure us a great harvest. Florida is in, largely, an undeveloped state. Her resources have hardly been touched. New industries are springing up every day and new towns are being built in a night. The population of Florida is increasing by leaps and bounds. These are pioneer days among us.

If the Baptist make the most of the opportunities offered, and enter the fields white unto harvest now, in the years to come men will rise up and call us blessed.

It is much easier to be the first on the field, take the stragetic points, and hold them, than it is to allow other denominations to come in, obtain these advantages, and then later dispossess them.

As we labour, pray, plan and pray for State Missions now, our influence in this State will be felt ten years from now.

We are laying the foundation for future greatness. Let us lay if broad as the Word of God, deep as the love of God, and sure as the promises of God.

Our State Board of Missions is the only agency we have for development of our home resources. To do this it is maintain 85 missionary pastors and helpers, thus the Gospel is preached in 101 churches and out-stations. We are helping to build 105 church houses and aiding in the support of 14 young men who have been called of God and set apart by the churches to preach the Gospel, as they try to fit and prepare themselves in college for the great work before them.

There are fifteen aged ministers who are helped this year by our State Board. These men have served wisely and well, now in their declining years we are doing what you make it possible for us to do to make their last days comfortable.

By the direction of the last Convention two field mess were added to the State-Board force. Rev. T. F. Hendon was continued as Efficiency man. He has been of great service in developing our churches along safe and sane financial lines. He is a constructive as well as instructive worker. His services are greatly needed and his efforts have been crowned with flattering success.

Rev. W. W. Willan was put on the field as Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Secretary. His work is to develop the young people of our churches. There is not a more promising field, nor a more needy one. He is doing efficient service.

The Lord has blessed us in a material way this year as well as spiritually. From every source comes the cheering message of souls saved and prosperity unprecedented. Out of a heart filled with grati-

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tude, we should rended a service of loyalty and love such as we have never given before.

The work this year was planned on a basis of \$35,000.00 for State Missions. This does not at all meet the needs in our state, but with this, great things can be done. We must not go to the Convention with a debt on our Board. This would mean retrenchment another year. We cannot afford to go back. The call is ever forward. The Kingdom is coming in Florida. Let's hasten its coming and then we can rejoice in the approval of our King.

> Respectfully submitted, ARDIS WARREN, W. N. WEBB, A. D. TOWNSEND, Committee.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS

The recent consolidation of the Home Field and the Foreign Mission Journal into one magazine under the name, The Home and Foreign Field, will give to Southern Baptists, with the magazine now published by the Woman's Missionary Union, two chief publications. The paper published by the W. M. U. is Royal Service. Besides these, there are a number of other publications issued by our Sunday School Board, namely, Kind Words, Baptist Boys and Girls, Childs Gem, The Teacher, and our general Sunday School literature. The thorough reading by our people of the first two named magazines will post them upon all Home and Foerign Baptist work, while proper attention to the latter, especially through the study of the Sunday School lessons, will cultivate the devotional life in the home, as well as give an increased knowledge of the Word of God. Of greatest importance to all our people is it that they shall become regular readers of the publications of these three Boards.

Coming to our State paper, the Florida Baptist Witness, it gives us pleasure to recommend a wide reading of the publication among our churches. It posts its readers upon Florida Baptist work, informs them as to the resources of the Baptist denomination in this State and indicates just what places are in greatest need of Gospel teaching. The regular list of exchanges and the correspondents which the paper has enables it to furnish Baptist State news with a remarkable degree of fullness and accuracy. It is the publicity department of Florida Baptists. Not only does it furnish denominational news from the State and from beyond the State, but it inculcates piety in the home, and will give-to every one who reads it earnestly and prayerfully a desire to live a more consecrated and useful life. The page for the boys and girls will instill

in them correct principles and lessons which will yield profitable fruit in their after lives. The paper treats every phase of Baptist work in Florida, including State Missions, Columbia College and the Orphanage, and is a practical necessity to every Baptist who would do effective service in our ranks in this State. The paper as a means of teaching doctrine among our own people is a great helper. One thing which has made the German armies strong on the field in the present world war has been the preparation which the German nation has made for war. The Baptists of Florida will be effective in their denominational work when they have prepared themselves for it. They cannot become prepared without first posting themselves fully as to what their task is, and as to what their powers and limitations are. It is by means of the denominational State paper that they may become thoroughly conversant with the task immediately before them.

The denominational State paper is a battle ground upon which is fought out questions which concern our denominational welfare. By reading the discussions which appear in the paper pro and con, upon questions of denominational import, our people are prepared to form proper conclusions and determine what source to pursue when such questions present themselves for solution. Then, as a guide for determining denominational action, the State paper is a most valuable aid.

Our recommendation is that the members of this Association, each and all, become regular readers of the Florida Baptist Witness, and all publications of our General Boards.

> Respectfully submitted by the committee: F. S. JACKSON. Chairman.

M. J. FRIER. A. M. PARKER.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The Sunday School, which has been aptly named the Day school of the church, is to our minds one of the greatest, if not the greatest institutions of the church. In it is supposed to be fostered every division and part of our denomination.

The reason of its greatness is not only on account of what it does for the church as a whole but what it does for the individual who goes at this work in the right way. If any church member who is at times having those generally unspoken doubtful thoughts springing up in his mind in regards to the church and religion in general way will give his heart and time to this work he will soon be so busy doing real constructive work for God in training young Christians that he will inculcate in his soul so much service for the Master that his religious life will take on a new meaning to him. And there is no Sunday School in the bounds

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of this Association so well organized and equipped with workers that they cannot make room for one more that really wants to do this work, and who will take the trouble to equip themselves for the proper carrying on of it.

In order to do this all teachers and officers should by all means subscribe to the Convention Sunday School Manual and after receiving it STUDY it. Learn, and then get in real vital touch with the Giver of all knowledge and you cannot help but be of great service to any Sunday School.

We, as your committee, of course strongly recommend that all our schools use only the literature of our own Sunday School Board. First, because it is thoroughly Baptist to the core and second, they are as well and generally better edited than any of the other available. We certainly trust there are none of our schools using Union, Interdenominational, or literature from any other source than our own board.

Again we would recommend that you invite and use our general Sunday School Secretary, at present Bro. W. W. Willian, who is thoroughly efficient to come and visit your school and help you to grade and tell you how to conduct it along modern lines.

And last, but most important, by all means have a Sunday School of some kind in every church in the Association, for it is the one greatest work you as a layman can do in the service of the Greatest of all Teachers.

> Respectfully submitted, R. P. WARE, Chairman, JAMES A. KIRTLEY, J. R. MULLIS, J. S. PINSON.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK

When God created man, He also created woman to be a help-mate. For many years and even centuries, however, she has worked silently and prayerfully, ever the cloud that she must "keep silent" resting over her. However, the mists have rolled away, she has come into her own, and no longer is woman a dollbaby in the service of the Master.

She long ago awoke to the fact that she was included in that great command, "Go ye into all the world," and long ago she put her shoulder to the wheel, and everywhere, in all lines of church work, her power is felt. Education has aided her much in this and has broadened her field of action with her increase of power to think and to act.

Our young people must be educated along these lines. The sin of indifference because of ignorance must not rest at our feet.

Already woman has organized over five hundred Missionary Socie-

ties in our State and they have contributed much to the betterment of our King's work. This past year their contribution in money was over \$12,000.

In the Southern Baptist Convention, there are 14,000 woman's organizations with nearly a quarter of a million members. Their last year's contribution was nearly \$500,000 to the Lord's work. They spent much energy in other directions for the good of the cause of the Master both at home an dabroad.

Interviewing the work of the year just past, we find it a joyous, busy year and we believe there has been kindled much enthusiasm to live for Christ and to do His bidding.

However, we must not rest on our oars. Let us set our aims still higher. The fields are white with harvest. We must redouble our energy, our faith, our money and plunge on. We should let our spiritual life grow nobler, that the Christ life may be seen at all times.

MRS. W. A. CATE,

Committee.

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REPORT ON EDUCATION

We, your committee on education, beg leave to report as follows: The Christian denomination that fosters education, with broader vision, beholds opportunities for service and, with developed mind, makes opportunity realization. The educated Christian naturally better comprehends a situation and more intelligently handles it. Other wise, God's servant of old would not have said, "Get understanding."

We must have in education, first of all, abiding faith in God, hearts obedient to His commands, spirits in tune with His will,

Believing that Columbia College is absolutely loyal to God and to the doctrines and practices of our faith, we recommend to our Association:

1st. That our people place their sons and daughters in Columbia College.

2nd. That each church give regularly according to the buget plan. Columbia College to receive its due proportion.

3rd. That as many as possible purchase that new bonds of the college, \$100 each. payable in periods running from five to twenty years, at 6 per cent interest.

The sale of these bonds will place the school in excellent condition. These bonds furnish a safe business investment.

We are glad to report that the number now at Columbia College is larger than at this time for three years, and that the faculty is the best the school has ever had.

Our young Brother Parker, a student there, is wisely using his op-

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portunity and has the respect and regard of faculty and students.

We recommend to our young preachers the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

> R. F. HACKER, J. G. CONNELL, T. H. MORRIS.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Middle Florida Baptist Association met in the Methodist church at Perry, Florida, on Wednesday afternoon, November 15th, 1916.

In the absence of the president, Mrs. J. O. Culpepper presided over the meeting.

The Secretary not being present, Mrs. A. C. Kerby was elected Secretary protem.

The devotional exercises opened with a song, "Rescue the Perishing," after which Mrs. A. C. Kerby read the Scripture lesson, using a part of the forty-second chapter of Isniah. Mrs. W. C. Loper led in prayer.

Mrs. S. H. Peacock, Sr., made the address of welcome, which was responded to by Mrs. H. M. Sutton, of Madison.

The following delegates were enrolled:

Madison-Mrs. S. B. Cole and Mrs. H. M. Sutton.

Mayo-Mrs. R. G. Ware.

New Hopeful-Mrs W. C. Loper.

Greenville-Mrs. C. L. Leggett.

Three visitors from other societies were present.

Madison and Perry reported Nunbeam Bands. Mrs. J. O. Culpepper made her report as Associational Superintendent.

Mrs. J. A. Kirtley made a report of the Mission Study Class of Perry Society. Mrs. H. M. Sutton stated that Madison has recently organized a class.

The Union then joined in singing, "I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go."

A talk, "How a Country Missionary Society May Keep Up Interest." was made by Mrs. W. C. Loper.

A paper, "The Good Our Societies Get from Our Denominational Magazines", which was prepared by Mrs. C. L. Morrow, was read by Mrs. S. B. Cole.

A very interesting reading, "The Guilty Prisoner," was given by Miss Bama McDonald.

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The reports of societies were called for and the following responde.1: Madison-Mrs. S. B. Cole.

New Hopeful-Mrs. W. C. Loper.

Mayo-Mrs. R. G. Ware.

Greenville-Mrs. C. L. Leggett.

Perry-Mrs. A. C. Kerby.

A very encouraging report on Woman's work, prepared by Mrs. W. A. Cate, was read by the secretary.

Mrs. C. L. Leggett was appointed to prepare the report for next year.

It was announced that the Association next year would be held with Midway

The nominating committee, composed of Mesdames H. M. Sutton. W. L. Weaver and R. G. Ware, brought in the following report:

"We, your committee, wish to submit our report as follows: For President, Mrs, Barney O'Quinn of Perry.

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For Vice President, Mrs. S. Alex Smith of Madison.

For Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. J. J. Johnson of Mayo.

For Associational Superintendent-Mrs. Eddie Bunting of Madison

and Mrs. J. O. Culpepper of Perry." The report was accepted and the officers unanimously elected.

A motion for adjournment was made and carried. The union stood and was dismissed, with a short prayer by Mrs. J. A. Kirtley.

MRS. J. O. CULPEPPER, President, Protem,

MRS. A. C. KERBY, Secretary, Protem.

NOMINATIONS

Executive committee-Jas. A. Kirtley, C. L. Leggett, G. F. Andrews J. R. Mullis, W. N. Webb, Introductory Sermon-J. T. Farnell. Missionary Sermon-A. M. Parker. Vice President Foreign Mission Board-Jas. A. Kirtley. Member State Board of Missions-S. B. Cole. Treasurer-F. B. Williams. Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention-Jas. A. Kirtley, Alternate, S. B. Cole. Delegates to State Convention-S. B. Cole, Jas. A. Kirtley, A. N. Woodard, Ardis Warren, G. F. Andrews, J. R. Mullis, C. E. McCleilan, R. F. Hacker. Respectfully submitted, W. L. WEAVER, W. B. CATE, G. F. ANDREWS,

GREENBURY MCCLAMMY,

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We, your Executive Committee, beg leave to submit the following report of work done under our supervision during this associational year:

A few days after the meeting of the association at Madison, the members of the executive committee met at Greenville and organized by electing James A. Kirkley, Chairman, and S. A. Cross, Secretary. It was the plan of the committee to secure from the state board sufficient help, if possible to engage the services of brother C. E. McClellan, and brother S. S. Proctor for Mission work.

We were not successful in securing brother Proctor but secured the Oakland churches and near by stations. He has labored at these places services of brother McC!ellan by supplementing his salary at Salem and during the year, and renders the following statement of his work:

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Week's Labor
Churches Supplied 2
Other Stations 4
Sermons Delivered 218
Addresses Delivered
Prayer and other Meetings Attended
Total Fellowship of Salem and Oakland Churches
Number of Sabbath Schools
Number of Pupils
Number of Teachers
Number of Pupils Converted
Number of Miles Traveled
Religious Visits
Pages of Tracts Distributed
Salary Received from Churches
Salary Received from Other Churches\$272.25
Received by Baptisms
Received by Letter
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State Missions\$11.90
Associational Missions\$10.70
Building and Furnishings\$128.35
Children Meetings7
Meetings for Colored People
Sabbath Schools Organized7
Number Baptized by Others
C. E. McClellan, Missionary

Application was made by the Pine Bluff Church for help to the amount of \$50, which the committee approved, and supplemented the salary of Bro. A. N. Wooward, who submits the following report of his

work: From Jan. 1, to Nov 1, in Pine Bluff Church, Spray, Fla.
Sermons Delivered
Religious Visits 10
Prayer and Religious Services12
Numbers Received
Sunday Schools Organized1
Collected for State Missions\$6.00
Collected for Salary\$42.50
Miles Traveled in Performing My Services
Membership Last Year14
Membership This Year
Collected for Other Objects\$10.00
During the year the regular Union Meetings have been held, with

one exception, then on account of an epidemic of small pox. The work has been carried on with interest and profit.

Three helpful institutes were held at Central Pine Grove, and Lee churches. We feel that a helpful year's work has been done and trust that God may continue to bless us.

> Respectfully submitted. JAMES A. KIRTLEY, C. L. LEGGETT, J. R. MUILLIS, Executive Committee.

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

F. B. Williams in account with the Middle Florida Baptist Association:

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	Oct. 30, Received of Union at Macedonia	27.86
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	Nov. 14, Paid Ardis Warren, clerk fee\$	21.62
	Nov. 16, Paid S. B. Rogers	32.40
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	Jan. 12, Paid Ardis Warren, postage on Minutes	2.53
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	on Minutes of 1914	5.00
	Jan. 12, Paid A. E. Wrigglesworth for printing Associational	
	Minutes	58.00

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June 2, Paid S. B. Cole, expenses to the State Board Meeting Oct. 30, Paid S. B. Rogers for State Missions	5.00 27.86
Total amount paid out\$	147.41
Balance on hand Nov. 10, 1916 F. B. WILLIAMS, Treasure	



OUR HONORED DEAD

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