

MINUTES
OF THE
Thirty-Second Annual Session
OF THE
Middle Florida Missionary
Baptist Association
HELD WITH
MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH
NEAR MADISON, FLA.

OCTOBER 27-28, 1931

The next Session will be held Tuesday and Wednesday after the Fourth Sunday in October 1932 with Midway Baptist Church near Lee, Florida

OFFICERS

Jno. F. McCall.....	Moderator
E. B. Evans.....	Vice-Moderator
Carl W. Burnett.....	Clerk
O. A. Henderson.....	Treasurer

PROGRAM 1932 SESSION

TUESDAY

Devotional led by Rev. A. M. Parker.

Organization:

(a) Enrollment of Messengers.

(b) Election of Officers.

Recognition of Visitors.

Introductory Sermon.

Appointment of Committees.

Dinner.

Devotional led by Rev. M. J. Fowler.

Mission Reports: Home, State and Foreign.

Orphanage, Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Reports.

WEDNESDAY

Devotional led by Rev. A. N. Woodward.

Miscellaneous business:

Reports on Periodicals, Ministerial Support, W. M. U., Evangelism and Men's Brotherhood.

Dinner.

Devotional led by Rev. I. N. Aldrich.

Reports on: Temperance, Deceased Ministers and any other reports.

Miscellaneous business.

DIRECTORY OF ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. E. B. Evans, Chr. ----- Madison, Fla.
Rev. M. J. Fowler ----- Day, Fla.
Ardis Warren ----- Madison, Fla.
Rev. A. M. Parker ----- Mayo, Fla.
B. Bragdon ----- Greenville, Fla.
Senator F. P. Parker ----- Mayo, Fla.
W. L. Tooke ----- Madison, Fla.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES 1932

State Missions ----- J. L. Bishop, Aucilla, Fla.
Home Missions ----- J. F. Stokes, Lee, Fla.
Foreign Missions ----- Thos. A. Bell, Day, Fla.
Orphanages ----- J. T. Funderburk, Mayo, Fla.
Education ----- Ardis Warren, Mayo, Fla.
Nominations ----- Mr. O. A. Henderson, Lee, Fla.
Periodicals ----- G. F. Andrews, Greenville, Fla.
Temperance ----- Mrs. R. B. Bryan, Madison, Fla.
Sunday Schools ----- J. D. Beatty, Lamont, Fla.
Ministerial Support ----- G. W. Young, Madison, Fla.
Men's Brotherhood ----- R. B. Warren, Greenville, Fla.
Deceased Ministers ----- A. B. Franklin, Madison, Fla.
Relief & Annuity ----- Rev. Ray Smith, Greenville, Fla.
W. M. U. ----- Mrs. B. Bragdon, Greenville, Fla.
Co-operative Program ----- W. C. Wells, Madison, Fla.
B. Y. P. U. ----- Mrs. Wm. Turlington, Perry, Fla.
Evangelism ----- Rev. E. B. Evans, Madison, Fla.

MEMBER STATE MISSION BOARD

Rev. E. B. Evans ----- Madison, Fla.

TO PREACH INTRODUCTORY SERMON

Rev. A. H. Townsend ----- Day, Fla.

Alternate Rev. M. J. Fowler ----- Day, Fla.

DELEGATES TO STATE CONVENTION

Rev. A. H. Townsend, Rev. A. M. Parker, Rev. E. B. Evans,
Mr. and Mrs. B. Bragdon, Ardis Warren, D. E. McCall, Carl W.
Burnett, W. B. Davis, Jno. F. McCall, Rev. I. N. Aldrich, J. D. Beatty.

W. M. U. OFFICERS 1932

President ----- Mrs. B. Bragdon, Greenville, Fla.
Vice Pres. ----- Mrs. J. O. Culpepper, Perry, Fla.
Sec. & Treas. ----- Mrs. R. F. Bunting, Madison, Fla.
Young Peoples Leader ----- Mrs. Lamar Maxwell, Madison, Fla.
Stewardship Chr. ----- Mrs. D. F. Blanton, Perry, Fla.
Mission Study ----- Mrs. J. Vickers, Madison, Fla.
Margarett Fund ----- Mrs. J. B. Wooten, Madison, Fla.
Personal Service ----- Mrs. Belle Stanley, Greenville, Fla.
Training School ----- Mrs. G. F. Andrews, Greenville, Fla.
Publicity ----- Mrs. A. D. Reams, Greenville, Fla.

W. M. U. PRESIDENTS

Aucilla ----- Mrs. J. L. Bishop, Aucilla, Fla.
Bethel ----- Mrs. E. F. Mullen, Dowling Park, Fla.
Brewer Lake ----- Mrs. Joseph Farnell, Day, Fla.
Elizabeth ----- Mrs. I. N. Aldrich, Aucilla, Fla.
Foley ----- Mrs. T. M. James, Foley, Fla.
Greenville ----- Mrs. W. C. Prince, Greenville, Fla.
Lee ----- Mrs. L. A. Lamb, Lee, Fla.
Mayo ----- Mrs. L. T. Mosely, Mayo, Fla.
Madison ----- Mrs. R. B. Bryan, Madison, Fla.
Perry ----- Mrs. J. O. Culpepper, Perry, Fla.
Pinetta ----- Mrs. E. W. Kinsey, Pinetta, Fla.
Stephensville ----- Mrs. W. H. Liphthrott, Jena, Fla.

B. Y. P. U. DIRECTORS

Bethel ----- Miss Edith Page, Dowling Park, Fla.
Brewer Lake ----- Howard Barrs, Day, Fla.
Burton ----- J. T. Sealy, Perry, Fla.
Elizabeth ----- Norman Hartsfield, Aucilla, Fla.
Foley ----- Mrs. M. H. Bagley, Foley, Fla.
Greenville ----- G. L. Hutto, Greenville, Fla.
Lamont ----- J. H. Smith, Lamont, Fla.
Midway ----- J. H. Phillips, Lee, Fla.
Madison ----- Mrs. W. B. Davis, Jr., Madison, Fla.
New Macedonia ----- R. B. Warren, Greenville, Fla.
Perry ----- Mrs. William Turlington, Perry, Fla.
Pinetta ----- Miss Abbie Wigglesworth, Pinetta, Fla.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENTS

Athena	Mr. Nash, Carbur, Fla.
Aucilla	J. L. Bishop, Aucilla, Fla.
Beulah	S. K. Driggers, Lee, Fla.
Brewer Lake	M. L. Smith, Day, Fla.
Burton	W. A. McLeod, Perry, Fla.
Central	J. A. Sparks, Aucilla, Fla.
Elizabeth	I. W. Shepherd, Aucilla, Fla.
Foley	C. J. Brinson, Foley, Fla.
Greenville	J. R. Laney, Greenville, Fla.
Lee	W. N. Webb, Lee, Fla.
Lamont	J. T. Cooksey, Lamont, Fla.
Macedonia	G. I. Tindall, Madison, Fla.
Midway	D. E. Thomas, Madison, Fla.
Mayo	T. J. Funderburk, Mayo, Fla.
Madison	Van H. Priest, Madison, Fla.
Mt. Gilead	H. G. Watts, Shady Grove, Fla.
Mt. Olive	D. C. McLeod, Madison, Fla.
New Home	J. C. Bass, Madison, Fla.
New Macedonia	Lloyd McLeod, Greenville, Fla.
New Hopeful	A. B. Franklin, Madison, Fla.
Perry	W. L. Weaver, Perry, Fla.
Pinetta	E. W. Kinsey, Pinetta, Fla.
Pisgah	Acy McLeod, Perry, Fla.
Riverside	Barney McCall, Mayo, Fla.
San Pedro	H. J. Westberry, Perry, Fla.
Stephensville	Mrs. W. H. Lipthrott, Jena, Fla.
Sundown	Wright Shakleford, Greenville, Fla.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Brewer Lake	Rev. M. J. Fowler, Day, Fla.
Central	Rev. S. G. Ward, Day, Fla.
Elizabeth	Rev. J. T. Montgomery, Aucilla, Fla.
Lee	Rev. I. N. Aldrich, Aucilla, Fla.
Macedonia	Rev. J. L. Rutherford, Lee, Fla.
Mayo	Rev. A. N. Woodard, Lee, Fla.
Mt. Gilead	Rev. B. F. Russell, Mayo, Fla.
Pleasant Grove, Tay.	Rev. J. E. Vann, Shady Grove, Fla.
Pinetta	Rev. T. A. Goodman, Shady Grove, Fla.
Pine Grove	Rev. A. H. Townsend, Day, Fla.
Riverside	Rev. S. C. Warren, Madison, Fla.
Stephensville	Rev. E. D. Johnson, Mayo, Fla.
	Rev. J. A. Watts, Jena, Fla.
	Rev. G. W. Sparks, Jena, Fla.

CHURCH CLERKS

Athena	W. J. Howard, Carbur, Fla.
Antioch	E. H. Morgan, Jasper, Fla.
Aucilla	Mrs. J. L. Bishop, Aucilla, Fla.
Bethel	Miss Edith Page, Dowling Park, Fla.
Beulah	H. L. Stokes, Lee, Fla.

Brewer Lake	Thos. A. Bell, Day, Fla.
Burton	T. W. Lundy, Perry, Fla.
Central	Miss Nellie Thomas, Aucilla, Fla.
Elizabeth	A. P. Hartsfield, Aucilla, Fla.
Foley	W. R. Rice, Foley, Fla.
Greenville	T. P. McLeod, Greenville, Fla.
Harmony	W. J. Spradley, Lamont, Fla.
Hopewell	Clarence Kelly, Madison, Fla.
Lee	D. E. McCall, Lee, Fla.
Lamont	David R. Walker, Lamont, Fla.
Macedonia	M. C. Woodard, Lee, Fla.
Mosley Hall	S. R. Sapp, Greenville, Fla.
Midway	J. H. Phillips, Lee, Fla.
Mayo	Mrs. U. P. Davis, Mayo, Fla.
Madison	W. L. Maxwell, Madison, Fla.
Mt. Gilead	W. G. Vann, Shady Grove, Fla.
Mt. Olive	Miss Rosalie Smith, Madison, Fla.
New Home	J. E. Bass, Madison, Fla.
New Macedonia	R. B. Warren, Greenville, Fla.
New Hopeful	Mrs. W. L. Humphrey, Madison, Fla.
Oakland	W. D. Wilson, Scanlon, Fla.
Pleasant Grove, Tay.	J. A. Tedder, Shady Grove, Fla.
Perry	E. R. Linton, Perry, Fla.
Pinetta	G. W. Young, Madison, Fla.
Pleasant Grove, Lay.	J. H. Ezell, Mayo, Fla.
Pisgah	Miss Mary Andrews, Perry, Fla.
Pine Grove	S. C. Warren, Madison, Fla.
Riverside	Barney McCall, Mayo, Fla.
San Pedro	Miss Evie Lynn, Perry, Fla.
Stephensville	E. I. Hacker, Jena, Fla.
Sirmans	Mrs. J. R. Vann, Ebb, Fla.
Sundown	Mrs. Kate Dauson, Greenville, Fla.

MESSENGERS ENROLLED

Athena—F. M. Whitfield, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Whitfield.
 Antioch—By Letter.
 Aucilla—J. T. Bishop, Hunter Dice.
 Bethel—J. G. Page and wife, Miss Emma Page.
 Beulah—J. F. Stokes, E. S. Robinson, Homer Rowell.
 Brewer Lake—Thos. A. Bell and wife, W. A. Buchanan and wife.
 Burton—Mrs. T. W. Lundy and W. A. McLeod and wife.
 Central—Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Dutton, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Finklea, Miss Ethel Bishop.
 Elizabeth—J. E. Lewis, Mrs. G. B. Walker, Misses Myrtice and Gladys Standley.
 Foley—Mrs. M. H. Bagley, Mrs. C. J. Brinson, Mrs. Elizabeth Whitfield and Mrs. G. C. Jackson.
 Greenville—G. F. Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. Bragdon, G. W. Laney, Mrs. L. Warren, Mrs. Ray Smith.
 Harmony—G. P. Andrews, V. J. Davis, Linton Davis.
 Hopewell—S. Newbern and wife, L. F. Rutherford and wife, S. A. Lamb.
 Lee—Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Webb, W. T. Kent, Dr. B. W. Hamrick.
 Lamont—J. D. Beatty and wife, W. H. Walker.
 Macedonia—J. C. Black, E. C. Warren, O. A. Henderson, Carl W. Burnett.
 Mosley Hall—Mrs. A. E. Sanders, Joe Hudson, S. H. Andrews.
 Midway—M. J. Hicks, D. E. Thomas, O. D. McMullen, J. H. Phillips.
 Mayo—J. T. Funderburk, Claude Mathis, Mrs. B. F. Russell, Mrs. R. G. Ware, Mrs. J. T. Mosley.
 Madison—Jno. F. McCall, Mrs. C. L. Morrow, Mrs. R. B. Bryan, W. L. Tooke.
 Mt. Gilead—J. E. Lampp, H. G. Watts.
 Mt. Olive—D. C. McLeod, I. Faircloth.
 New Home—Miss Mattie Lou Leslie, Mrs. Lulu Bass, Mrs. Jessie Bass.
 New Macedonia—R. B. Warren, J. C. Dukes, J. T. Andrews.
 New Hopeful—Mrs. W. L. Humphrey, A. B. Franklin.
 Oakland—By Letter.
 Pleasant Grove, Tay.—T. A. Goodman, S. W. Tedder, W. S. Blue.
 Perry—W. B. Davis, A. A. McLeod, Mrs. Frank Ward, Mrs. J. O. Culpepper.
 Pinetta—E. W. Kinsey, W. L. Ranew, G. W. Young, Charlie Wigglesworth.
 Pleasant Grove, Lay.—Mrs. E. F. Folsom, J. H. Ezell and wife, C. P. Wilder.
 Pisgah—R. W. Andrews and wife, S. T. Smith.
 Pine Grove—G. R. Russell, Ardis Warren.
 San Pedro—F. E. Carrin, C. H. Hunter, H. J. Westberry, Nola Padgett.
 Stephensville—Mrs. W. H. Lipthrott, Will Parker.
 Sirmans—D. L. Bailey and wife.
 Sundown—By Letter.
 Riverside—W. C. Winderweedle, Mrs. Kate Bellflower, A. U. Mills, Roy Snipes.

PROCEEDINGS THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION MIDDLE FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

TUESDAY MORNING SESSION

The Thirty-Second Session of the Middle Florida Baptist Association convened with Macedonia Baptist Church at 10 o'clock October 27, 1931, and was called to order by the Moderator.

Devotional led by Rev. S. G. Ward.

The following officers were elected: Moderator, Jno. F. McCall; Assistant Moderator, Rev. E. B. Evans; Clerk, Carl W. Burnett; Treasurer, O. A. Henderson.

Visitors were recognized as follows: Dr. C. M. Brittain and wife, Charles Brittain and wife, Rev. J. A. Davis, all of the Jacksonville Association; Mrs. Hamrick of the Florida Association; J. G. Wood, G. L. Dorman, clerk, W. T. Newsome and H. J. Horne, of the Suwannee Association; E. H. Sauls of the Lafayette Association; Mrs. T. H. Meeks of Beulah Association. Rev. J. W. Sparks, a newly ordained pastor, was introduced and accepted as a member of the Association as were all other pastors in the Association.

The Introductory Sermon was preached at this time by Rev. A. M. Rowe using as his text Jno. 10-10 and 7-38.

The Moderator appointed Ardis Warren and Rev. A. M. Parker to collect the Church Letters and to make a digest of them.

The moderator appointed the following committees:

State Missions

W. B. Davis, Chr.,
J. F. Stokes,
G. W. Laney,
L. F. Rutherford.

Foreign Missions

W. P. Knight, Chr.,
Mrs. J. O. Culpepper,
Rev. Ray Smith,
D. E. Thomas.

Education

R. J. Carroll, Chr.,
Mrs. C. L. Morrow,
W. A. Buchanan,
Mrs. M. H. Bagley.

Periodicals

Ardis Warren, Chr.,
Mrs. A. C. McLeod,
Mrs. Lula Bass,
D. F. Blanton.

Sunday Schools

F. P. Parker, Chr.,
Mrs. W. H. Liphthrott,
J. H. Ezell,
F. E. Carrin.

Mens Brotherhood

J. R. Laney, Chr.,
Homer Rowell,
Mrs. T. W. Lundy,
Mrs. W. J. Brinson.

Relief & Annuity

Rev. W. J. Jones, Chr.,
A. H. Townsend,
A. N. Woodard,
B. Bragdon.

Home Missions

J. F. Andrews, Chr.,
W. T. Kent,
G. R. Russell,
J. D. Beatty.

Orphanage

W. C. Wells, Chr.,
H. G. Watts,
W. A. McLeod,
J. G. Page.

Nominations

J. T. Woodard, Chr.,
Carl W. Burnett,
I. G. McLeod,
Miss Mattie Lee Leslie.

Temperance

F. S. Jackson, Chr.,
E. W. Kinsey,
W. C. Winderweedle,
C. H. Hunter.

Ministerial Support

E. W. Kinsey, Chr.,
G. F. Andrews,
C. P. Wilder,
Mrs. Ray Smith.

Deceased Ministers

S. S. DeLoach, Chr.,
E. B. Evans,
E. S. Robinson,
Mrs. T. A. Bell.

W. M. U.

Mrs. G. C. Jackson, Chr.,
Mrs. B. Bragdon,
Mrs. R. B. Bryan,
Mrs. W. N. Webb.

Co-operative Program

Rev. I. N. Aldrich, Chr.,
W. T. Kent,
W. B. Davis,
J. H. Phillips.

Evangelism

Rev. T. O. Reese, Chr.,
Rev. A. M. Parker,
A. B. Franklin,
Joe Hudson.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Devotional led by Rev. A. H. Townsend. Text Jno. 10-17.

The Moderator appointed a committee on time and place as follows: A. N. Woodard, D. L. Bailey and A. M. Parker.

Report on State Missions read by W. B. Davis.

Report on Home Missions read by G. F. Andrews.

Report on Foreign Missions read by Rev. Ray Smith.

Motion made and carried that the mission reports be discussed together and these reports were spoken to by Dr. C. M. Brittain and upon motion all mission reports were adopted.

Report on Temperance read by W. B. Davis and on motion to adopt, the report was spoken to by Bro. Davis. The Moderator, G. F. Andrews, Rev. G. C. Jackson, Rev. I. N. Aldrich, A. B. Franklin and adopted.

Motion made and carried to adjourn until 9 o'clock tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

Devotional led by Rev. E. B. Evans.

A committee on Resolutions was named by the Chair as follows: Rev. A. H. Townsend, I. C. McLeod and E. W. Kinsey.

Report on Periodicals read by Ardis Warren and on motion to adopt was spoken to by Rev. Ray Smith, Rev. E. D. Johnson, Rev. E. B. Evans and adopted.

Report on Sunday Schools read by Rev. Ray Smith and on motion to adopt was spoken to by him, J. R. Laney, Rev. E. B. Evans, Senator F. P. Parker, T. J. Thunderberg, Jno. F. McCall, Senator G. F. Andrews, Rev. J. W. Sparks and adopted.

The report on Deceased Ministers read by Rev. E. B. Evans and adopted.

The W. M. U. Report was read by Mrs. B. Bragdon and adopted.

Report on Co-operative Program read by Rev. I. N. Aldrich and on motion to adopt was spoken to by him, Carl W. Burnett, Rev. A. M. Parker, Rev. A. N. Woodard, Rev. E. D. Johnson and adopted.

Report on Nominations read by the Clerk and adopted.

The committee on Time and Place recommended the next meeting of the Association be held with Midway Baptist Church 6 miles South of Lee, on Tuesday and Wednesday after the Fourth Sunday in October, 1932. On motion made and carried their recommendation was adopted.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Devotional led by Rev. Ray Smith.

Rev. C. F. Holmes of the Lafayette Association was recognized.

The committee on Resolutions made their report and on motion made and carried same was adopted.

The Orphanage report was read by Bro. W. C. Wells and on motion to adopt, was spoken to by Bro. Wells, Rev. I. N. Aldrich, and adopted.

Motion made and carried that the Moderator appoint a committee of 5 to confer with the different churches in regard to procuring a car load of provisions for the Orphanage at Arcadia. Committee named as follows: E. B. Evans, B. Bragdon, T. J. Funderbergh, Geo. Bishop and Carl W. Burnett.

Report on Ministerial Support read by E. W. Kinsey and adopted.

Report on Mens Brotherhood read by J. R. Laney and adopted.

The moderator appointed a Program Committee for the 1932 session.

Executive Committee report read by B. Bragdon and adopted. Report on Relief and Annuity read by Rev. A. H. Townsend and adopted.

Motion made and carried that the Moderator and Rev. E. B. Evans compose a Program Committee for the 5th Sunday meetings.

Motion made and carried that the Clerk be paid the usual amount.

Motion made and carried that Clerk have the minutes printed where he could get the best price.

Macedonia Baptist was given a vote of thanks for the splendid manner in which they entertained the Association.

Motion made and carried that a collection be taken for the orphanage. Collection amounted to ———

Motion made and carried that a collection be taken for the payment of the 1930 minutes as the money sent up by the churches last year was not available at this time. The collection amounted to \$15.30 and the messengers present pledged the balance, same to be paid by the churches in 30 days.

Motion made and carried that the Association adjourn to meet with Midway Baptist Church near Lee on Tuesday and Wednesday after the Fourth Sunday in October, 1932.

Carl W. Burnett, Clerk. Jno. F. McCall, Moderator.

THE STATE MISSION REPORT

Our State Mission Board has been in existence fifty years. During that time it has made possible the organization and maintenance of hundreds of our churches, through the support of their pastors, and assisted in the erection of many houses of worship. Through the labors of our missionary pastors, thousands of souls have been won to Christ, and other blessed results achieved too numerous to mention here.

As the Mission Secretary shows in his annual report, the people of Florida gave last year to all missions \$188,232.66. The total amount used for administering the work in our State, including salaries of bookkeeper and stenographer, rents, travelling expenses, printing and postage, was \$10,723.55. This covers a period of thirteen months.

To maintain the W. M. U. Department, including salaries of office and field workers, rents, travelling expenses, printing and stationery, was \$6,682.99.

The Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Departments combined, including all expenses as per the W. M. U. Department, received a total of \$14,379.13. The Sunday School Board gave the State \$5,000.00 during the year, which applied on these Departments, leaving a net expense to the State for carrying on this work of \$9,379.13.

The Brotherhood Department, including salaries and expenses, was given \$3,801.55.

In the maintenance of Student Secretaries at Gainesville and Tallahassee, the denomination spent \$4,980.68.

During the year our Board assisted in the support of 52 missionary pastors and evangelists, who preached at 76 different churches and mission stations. They received for this work a total of \$9,974.40. They reported, amongst other results accomplished, 914 members added to their churches by baptism, letter and statement, and \$2,494.60 collected for missions, while they raised on their fields of labor \$7,181.01 for church buildings and repairs.

The entire State gave to the Cooperative Program last year \$116,382.59. Special objects, where money was designated, received \$71,850.08.

Through our Student Loan Fund, we assisted 19 students; four of whom were young women. They are all studying for ministerial or mission work. This amounted to \$1,725.00.

The Baptist Building received out of the total amount raised for the year, \$3,935.91, which was the amount allocated by the Convention.

Florida Baptists gave to the support of the Arcadia Children's Home through the year, not including gifts from individuals or supplies sent direct, \$20,883.94.

To help maintain the Bible Department at Stetson University, \$3,935.93 was given by the denomination.

Our gifts to Foreign Missions, in giving the gospel unto the uttermost parts of the earth, reached a total of \$34,558.11.

The Home Mission Board in Atlanta was given \$14,196.61.

To our Southwide Seminaries and Training Schools, Florida Baptists gave a total of \$1,836.77.

To relieve our aged preachers, which was distributed to thirty-one, and nineteen widows of preachers, we gave \$3,255.66.

To aid in its ministry to the sick, we gave the New Orleans Hospital \$1,106.55.

It is earnestly hoped through the efforts which shall be put forth in the SIMULTANEOUS EVERY MEMBER CANVASS November 29-December 6th, that Florida Baptists during 1932 will be able to increase their gifts to the work. The great problem ahead of us at this time is the enlistment of a larger number of our people in the regular support of our churches and the denomination. We call upon our people everywhere to cooperate with our Board more heartily and enthusiastically in its efforts to help our churches into a larger support of our Kingdom enterprises.

W. B. DAVIS, Chairman,
L. F. RUTHERFORD,
J. F. STOKES.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

According to the statistics from the Southern Baptist Handbook, as given by Dr. E. P. Aldridge for 1931. Southern Baptists have passed through the most unusual and difficult year from a financial standpoint since 1893. Notwithstanding this serious depression there has been large gains in baptisms and members. Statistics show that for 1930 there was a net gain in baptisms over 1929 of some 23,000, with a net gain of church members of 79,633. The records show that for the past ten years Southern Baptists have gained in number of baptisms and church membership, double any other evangelistic denominations throughout the United States. Although this bright showing in net gains is very encouraging, still our losses have been deplorable. In 1929 Southern Baptists suffered a loss of 264 churches and in 1930, a loss of 279. For 1929, the loss was attributed to the great floods, and in 1930 to the nationwide economic depression. During this period there was a more serious loss in the number of Sunday schools. In 1929 the loss was 472, in 1930, 293, a total in two years of 765. Attributed to same causes of loss of churches. Following this negnetable slump, the Sunday school enrollments came back in 1930 with a net gain of 62,518, the greatest gains made by any other denomination in America. It is a most remarkable record made, since Dr. I. J. Van Ness became Corresponding Secretary of the Sunday School Board in 1917, the Sunday School enrollment has gained since then from 1,784,992 to 2,839,183, a net gain of 1,054,191, or an annual average net gain of 57,300. This is more than any or two denominations in America. During this period Southern Baptists dropped an enrollment of Sunday schools of Landmark and others of 31,000. There has been excellent gains in B. Y. P. U. work. The number of

organizations increased from 24,273 to 26,079, a net gain of 1,806. The enrollment increased from 501,405 to 544,976, a net gain of 32,571. The W. M. U. work has also a good numerical increase. The increase in organizations is from 27,690 to 29,275, a net gain of 1585. Although this large increase in W. M. U. organizations, still there was a large fall off in contributions, aggregating \$545,094.01. The increase in church property has been very remarkable, notwithstanding the great financial depression. For 1930 there was a net increase in value of church property of \$4,652,108. This includes 117 new church-houses, built, and 36 new pastors homes. Aggregating a total of all Southern property the sum of \$217,979,116, which is a net gain during the year of \$4,652,108. Now while all this remarkable increase in the Southern Baptist churches and physical property is much to rejoice over, yet on the other hand when we stop to consider the vast sum lost in contributions, we will see we have nothing to glory over, but it should put us to open shame. For 1930 there was a falling off of \$790,635 for local church work, and 877,492.70 for missions, said to be the lowest level in the history of Southern Baptists were giving for missions and benevolences 25% of their total gifts, in 1930 it dropped to 18%. Although the Methodists suffered such severe losses in membership and contributions, compared with the Baptists, still the records shown by the Baptists, as to contributions, is not so good as that of the Methodists. This shows clearly that it is not always numbers that count for most fruit.

The 1930 statistics show a total membership of 3,850,278, a gain over previous years of 76,633, for Southern Baptists. The total contributions, by this vast membership for 1930 amounted to but \$1.75 per capita. Oh, when will Southern Baptists learn to obey the Lord to "bring their tithes into the store house," to carry on missions, the greatest work on earth in which the church of God can be engaged.

G. F. ANDREWS,
J. D. BEATY,
G. R. RUSSELL.

Training school chairman—Mrs. G. F. Andrews, Greenville, has corresponded with "Home Beautiful" and a barrel of oranges was sent to the girls last Christmas from the association and other gifts have been sent during the year. Miss Marguerite Lumpkin, one of the Florida students spent a month in the Association during her vacation working with the young folks and the W. M. S.

Mission Study chairman—Mrs. A. N. Parker, Mayo, has the circulating library in charge. Quite a number of mission study classes have been conducted during the year.

Young People's Leader, Mrs. S. C. Rhoden of Perry. The annual camp was held again at Pettis, a very large crowd was in attendance, many more than last year. Miss Marguerite Lumpkin attended and conducted some of the classes as did Rev. Evans of Madison and Rev. and Mrs. Smith of Greenville. There are five churches with all the junior organizations this year, Perry, Madison, Greenville, Mayo and Foley. Other churches have some of the junior organizations but reports have been incomplete and some societies have failed to send in any report.

Stewardship Chairman, Mrs. C. T. Culpepper of Perry. Quite a number of tithers have been reported. Ben Charles Allen of Greenville won the tithing story contest, a trip to the West Florida Assembly (13.00).

Publicity chairman, Mrs. A. D. Reams of Greenville attended to the duties of this office reporting meetings, announcements and reporting to headquarters.

Personal Service Chairman, Mrs. Van Priest of Madison. Organized definite personal service has been carried out in the well organized societies and the regular service has been rendered in a worth while way.

Total amount of Apportionment	---	\$595.50	Reported by the W.M.S.
Total amount Week of Prayer	-----	162.91	" " " "
Total amount Local	-----	2,148.60	" " " "
Total amount Other Objects	-----	251.87	" " " "

Grand Total ----- 3,168.88 " " " "

MRS. G. C. JACKSON, Chairman,
MRS. B. BRAGDON,
Mrs. R. B. BRYAN,
MRS. W. N. WEBB.

CHRISTIAN LITERATURE

Every age has been marked by its literature. The thoughts, aspirations, and purposes of the age have been preserved for the age that should follow. Before our system of writing had been adopted this record was made on stone or other material that could be used for this purpose.

Greece and Rome made their contribution to the thought of the world in the literature they produced. The wisdom of the ages has been preserved for us and of the "making of books there is no end." There is little excuse today for not tapping this fountain of living waters and satisfying our thirsty spirits from the stream of knowledge that is open to all.

We are considering Christian literature. That excludes all other. Christian literature must either have been written by a christian or must contain the teaching of Christ. Preferably both for only a Christian can properly interpret the mind of Christ. The world has been enriched through the ages by the writings of Christian men and women.

The Bible, a collection of books, will always be the outstanding example of Christian literature. In it are found the treasures of wisdom, the thought of God, and the perfect rule for life and practice. It is the best selling book today and wields greater influence on the life of the world today than at any other time in its history. We commend its careful study that one may be "wise unto salvation."

The Baptists have contributed much to Christian literature. John Bunyan, a Baptist, wrote the most popular book outside of the Bible that has ever been produced—Pilgrim's Progress. John Milton, a Baptist, wrote Paradise Lost which is the greatest poem ever written if we except the book of Job. Mullins, Frost, Sampy and other Baptist leaders of our day have contributed their part to Christian literature. These good books, teaching the way of God more perfectly should have an honored place in our homes and should be made a part of our life and experience.

The literature sent out by our S. S. Board and our denominational papers are rich in good thoughts and deserve our support and prayerful perusal.

Respectfully submitted,
ARDIS WARREN,
MRS. LULA BASS,
MRS. W. A. McLEOD.

REPORT ON CO-OPERATIVE PROGRAM

Our so called Co-operative Program is yet a comparatively new system of administrating the great cause of Southern Baptists. This new system is simply co-ordinating all of our various projects, the

disseminating of the gospel thru missionaries, establishing and maintaining institutions of education, orphanages, hospitals, etc. by concentrating all monies raised by the different churches into a common fund, like the Rockefeller Foundation. Under their system they have a list of benevolences they contribute to. This is what our Co-operative Program does. The funds raised for our South wide work are apportioned as follows:

For Foreign Missions -----	22.5 %
Home Missions -----	10.5 %
Relief Annuity Board -----	3.15 %
Education Board debts -----	1.5 %
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary -----	1.5 %
Southwestern Theological Seminary -----	2.28 %
Baptist Bible Institute -----	1.75 %
W. M. U. Training School -----	.24 %
American Baptist Theological Seminary -----	.45 %
New Orleans Hospital -----	1.125 %

This constitutes the Budget for the various projects carried out by Southern Baptists. When this new system, the Co-operative Program was first presented by the Board at the State Convention at Tampa in 1924 a very sharp discussion arose over the adoption of it. Some of our leading pastors at first strongly opposed it, not grasping its true import but when it was fully understood, this system was adopted and has since been universally followed by our several churches. Under this Co-operative Program, according to Dr. C. M. Brittain's report, Florida Baptists gave last year to all missions the sum of \$188,232.66 which was distributed to the various causes by the Board at a maximum cost of but \$10,723.55. The Co-operative Program does not preclude the rights of the donor to contribute to special causes. From the total amount contributed last year, the sum of \$71,850.08 was given to special objects. Florida's goal for the ensuing year is \$125,000.00. This sum should be easily raised in proportion to the number of Baptists in Florida. Being the largest evangelical church organization, Baptists should show their faith by their works. During the past year the State Board has had 252 missionaries and helpers, who have given 3,162 weeks to labor, have conducted 3,563 religious services, preached 9,373 sermons, held 5,857 prayer meetings, made 51,356 visits, receive into church fellowship by baptism, 3,015 and distributed 634,514 tracts. Will the Board be able to do as well for the ensuing year? It surely will if all Baptists in Florida will become as optimistic as our State Superintendent of Missions who recently declared "Our future prospects for missions are as bright as the promises of God and the faith of His people."

ISAAC N. ALDRICH,
W. T. KENT,
W. B. DAVIS,
J. H. PHILLIPS.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The Sunday School is an organization maintained for the purpose of giving instruction in religion and for the study of God's word. It deserves the loyal support of every member of the church.

Our Sunday Schools need trained and consecrated teachers and leaders who teach by word and by example. We must not overlook the possibilities in the Sunday School for the training of the youth of the land to practice stewardship and Church attendance. Out of the Sunday school every year come a large percent of the conversions in the Southern Baptist Convention. We believe that every member of the church should be active in Sunday School activities.

The Sunday Schools of the Association have made quite a bit of progress during the past few years. We recommend that wherever possible, the Sunday School have graded classes and a weekly meeting of all officers and teachers. We recommend the six point system to be used in all Sunday Schools. There is a total of twenty-four Sunday Schools in the Association.

We find that most of the Sunday Schools in our Association are reaching less than half of their possibilities. We recommend an enlargement campaign in all the Sunday Schools where possibilities are being overlooked.

F. P. PARKER, Chairman,
MRS. W. H. LIPPINCOTT,
J. H. EZELL,
F. E. CARRIN.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

We are grateful to God for His manifest blessings upon the work Southern Baptists are carrying on in the Regions Beyond.

Secretary T. B. Ray, Miss Kathleen Mallory, Dr. George W. Truett and others made a very successful trip last summer through South America. One of the most outstanding evangelistic tours ever known was made by Dr. Truett through Brazil, Argentina and Chile. As a result of his ministry, multitudes confessed Christ as Saviour.

The Foreign Mission Board reports the largest number of Baptisms it has ever been able to report in any one year, 14,415. Rumania again leads in the number of Baptisms, 5,500. Italy reports a larger number of baptisms than any previous year, 396. Gracious revivals were reported in the Shantung Province in North China, in Canton, Shanghai, Soochow, Lagos in West Africa, and numerous other places.

The mission schools have been crowded with students and large numbers were turned away. In spite of the closing of two hospitals, the others had a record year in treating the ill and stricken people. The nine hospitals treated 73,784 patients compared to the 85,431 patients treated in our 24 hospitals here in the Southland, most of the treatments being on the charity basis. The five publishing houses on foreign fields could not meet the demands for literature.

The present personnel of our mission workers consists of 425 foreign missionaries, of which 79 are at home on furlough, and 2,052 native missionaries who are operating in fourteen different countries. Fifty-eight missionaries have returned to the field during the year. Sixteen have retired and six died.

The debt of the Foreign Mission Board January 1, 1928, was \$1,145,000. On January 1, 1931, it was \$945,366, a net reduction of \$200,000. The reduction would have been far greater but for the slump in receipts of \$265,000 in 1929. When it became apparent that there would be a serious loss in the receipts for 1930, the Board curtailed its expenditures \$51,000 from the amount appropriated for the year. In making the appropriations for 1931 the Board reduced the appropriations \$280,000 below the amount appropriated in 1930, a reduction of 20 per cent. The Board suspended temporarily the payment of 10 per cent of Program receipts upon the debt.

We feel constrained to call attention to another debt. We spend so much time worrying over the bank indebtedness of the Board that we overlook this other debt which presses persistently for payment every day. This is the debt to be paid before all others. Perhaps the reason why we are having so much trouble paying the debt in the banks is because we have defaulted so sadly in paying this preferred debt. The surest guarantee of payment of our bank indebtedness would be the payment of this primary debt.

This is the debt to the nations which Paul confesses in the First Chapter of Romans when we says:

"I am debtor both to Greeks and to Barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish. So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you also that are in Rome. For I am not ashamed of the gospel; for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first and also to the Greek."

If Southern Baptists will pay fully this debt to the nations, the banks will be paid overnight, and the cause of Christ in all the world will be set forward without delay.

The Lottie Moon Offering, taken during December by our women enabled the Foreign Mission Board to pay the salaries of one hundred missionaries and to provide for other desperately needed things. This timely help from the women kept the work of the Foreign Mission Board from crushing disaster in a number of its fields.

It has been four years since any serious attempt at reinforcement of missionaries has been made. In the meantime there has been a total net loss of 121 foreign missionaries and 704 native missionaries, placing a double strain on the missionaries that remain. After subtracting 104 volunteers who have passed the age limit, there are still 125 on the waiting list of volunteers who are eager to go to the foreign field as soon as Southern Baptists are willing to send them.

In the closing paragraphs of the Foreign Mission Board's report, the Board asked the Convention for specific action as to the policy to be pursued by the Board. We quote the Board's statement:

"If \$1,250,000,000 could be given us during the next twelve months, we think we can hold the work as it is now organized, meet our budget and make a substantial payment on our debt.

In its meeting next October, the meeting in which the Board will make appropriations for 1932, unless its income is materially increased, the Board will have to consider the possibility of either abandoning some of its fields, recalling some of its missionaries or reducing the salaries of the missionaries, or otherwise severely contracting the work. If Southern Baptists have permanently lowered their gifts to this cause, the foreign mission program, of course, must be contracted.

The Board wishes to say with all earnestness that the Southern Baptist Convention has launched a foreign mission program which cannot be supported on the present scale of contributions from Southern Baptists. Unless the receipts of the Board are materially increased for next year, an increase in the debt is inescapable."

The Convention passed a series of resolutions dealing with the control of the budgets of the Convention Boards and Institutions, in which it made the following special proviso in reference to the Foreign Mission Board:

"Provided, however, that the Convention grants to the Foreign Mission Board, on account of the peculiar needs and nature of its work, a maximum line of credit for the year 1932, of \$1,150,000, beyond which it may not go."

This sets the maximum limit to which the Foreign Mission Board may go, but the Board cannot approach that limit unless the friends of Foreign Missions rally heroically to its support.

It now rests with the local churches and every friend of Foreign Missions to save this work which is in peril. The Convention can only pass resolutions, but with the churches and individuals

rests the present and future of this work of Christ. We pray you will not let the Lord's work fail.

W. P. KNIGHT, Chairman,
RAY SMITH,
D. E. THOMAS,
MRS. J. O. CULPEPPER.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT

We, your committee, beg leave to report as follows:

We find in looking over the Minutes of this Association for the past four years that there has been a small but gradual increase in Pastors' salaries. This is indeed encouraging because it shows progress and enlightenment. It shown that the laity is trying to live up to the light that they have, and that they are closer to their Master because they can hear Him say "The Laborer is worthy of his hire." Also that they that preach the Gospel must also live of the Gospel.

But we the Baptist whom Christ has given this Great and Glorious task, that of winning the lost to Him are fallen far short in this particular phase of our great task. That while we are making some progress along this line of the work, we are still far behind in what our possibilities are. Let us all pray that in the near future that each of us will see to it that our God given leaders are better taken care of than what they have been.

E. W. KING, Chairman,
G. F. ANDREWS,
MRS. RAY SMITH.

REPORT OF W. M. U.

The W. M. U. of the Middle Florida Association held the annual at Pinetta October 22, 1931 and the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. B. Bragdon of Greenville; vice-president, Mrs. J. O. Culpepper of Perry; Secretary, Mrs. Belle H. Stanley of Greenville; Treasurer, Mrs. E. W. Kinsey of Pinetta; Corresponding secretary, Mrs. A. C. Kirby of Perry; Superintendents: district one, Mrs. C. C. Lovett, Greenville; district two, Mrs. Bagely, Foley; district three, Mrs. Townsend, Pinetta; Young People's Directors: district one, Mrs. Louis G. Mays, Greenville; district two, Mrs. B. O'Quinn, Perry; District three, Mrs. Sherrod, Madison. Chairmen, Stewardship, Mrs. C. T. Culpepper, Perry; Publicity, Mrs. A. D. Reams, Greenville; Mission study, Mrs. A. M. Parker, Mayo; Personal Service, Mrs. Van Priest, Madison; Margaret Fund, Mrs. H. S. Griffin, Greenville; Training school, Mrs. G. F. Andrews, Greenville; Young People's Leader, Mrs. S. C. Rhoden, Perry.

Three quarterly meetings have been held, January 21, 1931 at the Madison church, April 22, 1931 at the Brewer Lake church, July 29, 1931 at Foley. All executive committee meetings were held at Madison during the year. The executive committee meetings will be held at the Greenville Baptist church during the new year.

The association was divided in seven districts for the convenience of the district superintendents. The following churches have societies, Madison, Greenville, Perry, Pinetta, Mayo, Brewer Lake, Elizabeth, Foley, Lee, Aucilla church, and Lamont. Some societies have felt the depression financially but are continuing on with the missionary work.

Margaret Fund Chairman—Mrs. H. S. Griffin of Greenville has written letters to the Margaret Fund student, Miss Virginia Stewart. Funds have been sent to her as gifts from the Association and Division. Two dollars was sent from the Greenville society for the memory book of the Margaret Fund.

ORPHANAGE REPORT

As Chairman of the Orphanage Committee, I made a personal visit to the Florida Baptist Children's Home at Arcadia; this being the State Home, under the direction of State Convention, should claim our first consideration and help, so I made this visit that we might give you first hand information.

I found we have a splendid plant at the Home, eighty acres in the center of the city, with nine good buildings; the buildings need some repairs and badly need painting, but for the lack of funds they cannot have the repairing and painting done, which if neglected will mean a heavy deterioration and eventual ruin. One hundred and sixty acres of farm land has been placed at the use of the Board but other than cutting the wood supply for the Home and clearing up some land, there has not been money available to do the necessary fencing and other things required to open up the farm, hence they are forced to keep the dairy cows and do their trucking on the city land and will have to continue this limited farm operation and dairying until we Baptists put the money into their hands for larger operations, which is most seriously needed.

I found the Superintendent's report to the Convention showed there were 188 children being supported. Since the Convention, the Board of Trustees has adopted a policy of necessary retrenchment, reducing every expense possible to meet the conditions prevailing. They doubled the work of the helpers and retained only those necessary to conduct the work in an efficient way; have also reduced salaries where possible. The children do all they can to support themselves; they do practically all the work: printing office, house cleaning, laundry, kitchen, dining room, dairy and garden work; in fact, everything they can to try to make both ends meet. Now, listen, here is a reduction they have been forced to make which makes our hearts bleed: Since the Convention they have been forced to reduce the number of children from 188 to 151. One dormitory completely furnished, empty as a last year's bird nest, simply because they could not feed and clothe them. As I understand, several of the larger boys have gone out to support themselves and several are planning to leave as soon as places can be found offering a support. The work of reduction in numbers has been carefully guarded so that the least possible sacrifice to the child could be made. No children are being received where any other arrangements can be made to find them a home and support. Though the Board has been forced to reduce the activities of the work, the same efficiency of the post is being maintained. The daily life is happy. The religious life among the children is gratifying. They have their own Sunday School, and preaching service Sunday evening. They attend the First Baptist Church at eleven o'clock service. They have their B. Y. P. U. meetings on Friday night, and they have a religious service in the dining room each morning at the breakfast hour, conducted by the children.

I found the management has leased our school building to the County and our children are in school at home, the County paying the teachers and furnishing books through the sixth grade. This arrangement has saved the Home a considerable amount and gives them the County school efficiency. The Arcadia Business College has very kindly opened its doors to the older girls and is at present time giving seven girls business training. Reports coming in to the Home from children out in the world indicate that our children are up to the average in making good in the Christian business world.

I found after cutting all the expenses possible, they are having a hard struggle to meet the absolute necessary expense, (I mean to get something to eat and wear); it made me sad to see the food storage room, so little food on hand; they are preparing meals at a cash cost of 10c each. This can only be done because they are

raising vegetables in their garden and getting donations of food supplies. The children are needing clothing, shoes and other things: What are we going to do? I can't help but believe that the Baptists of Florida are going to take care of those children and give them something to eat and wear, and I mean give it now. The Convention gives the home 10% of the Program Receipts, which was supposed to be about \$15,000.00, in reality is only about half. The Convention allowed a budget of \$40,000.00 a year for all support of the Home and in order to meet this budget, the Convention asked the Sunday Schools to give one Sunday's collection each month to the Home. The Superintendent tells me that if it had not been for the contributions coming from the Sunday Schools that he could not have bought the food supplies needed for the children. Every Sunday School in the State should contribute this one Sunday's collection, and every community should raise a donation of food supplies as often as possible and send to the Home.

As a Committee, we recommend to the Association and urge this Association to follow this plan in their support to the Home. In order to render immediate aid, your Committee recommends that we take a voluntary contribution now in our Association for the relief of the Home.

The Home is worthy of every interest and help and we, your Committee, urge a fuller co-operation and support on the part of our Association, God expects it, and will hold us responsible for our neglect of this important work.

W. C. WELLS, Chairman,
H. G. WATTS,
W. A. McLEOD,
J. G. PAGE.

COMMITTEE ON DECEASED MINISTERS

A digest of the associational letters reveals the fact that one minister of the gospel, Rev. J. A. Singletary of the Bethel Baptist Church, has been gathered to his heavenly reward.

As a prophet of the Lord Jesus Christ, he carried on, preaching the blessed gospel, lifting up the sinner with a message of God's free grace, and blessing mankind. God has taken him unto his heavenly home and his loved ones are comforted in the knowledge.

With profound thanksgiving we thank our God for having spared our other ministers until this hour.

REV. E. B. EVANS,
MRS. T. A. BELL,
E. S. ROBINSON.

TEMPERANCE

In most Western countries the sale of alcoholic liquor is regulated by law. The original and principal object is to check the evils arising from the immoderate use of such liquor, in the interest of public order, morality and health; a secondary object is to raise revenue from the traffic. The form and stringence of the laws passed for these purposes vary very widely in different countries according to the habits of the people and the state of public opinion. The evils which it is desired to check are much greater in some countries than in others. Generally speaking they are greater in northern countries and cold damp climates than in the southern and more sunny ones. Climate has a marked influence on diet for physiological reasons over which we have no control. The fact is attested by universal experience and is perfectly natural and inevitable, though usually ignored in those international comparisons of economic conditions and popular customs which have become so common. It holds good both of food and drink. The inhabitants of south

Europe are much less given to alcoholic excess than those of central Europe, who again are more temperate than those of the north. There is even a difference between localities so near together as the east and west of Scotland. The chairman of the Prison Commissioners pointed out before a British royal commission in the year 1897 the greater prevalence of drunkenness in the western half, and attributed it in part to the dampness of the climate on the western coast. But race also has an influence. The British carry the habit of drinking wherever they go, and their colonial descendants retain it even in hot dry climates. The Slav peoples and the Magyrs in central Europe are much more intemperate than the Teutonic and Latin peoples living under similar climatic conditions. These natural differences lead, in accordance with the principle discerned and enunciated by Montesquieu, to the adoption of different laws, which vary with the local conditions. But social laws of this character also vary with the state of public opinion, not only in different countries but in the same country at different times. The result is that the subject is in a state of incessant flux. There are not only many varieties of liquor laws, but also frequent changes in them, and new experiments are constantly being tried. The general tendency is toward increased stringency, not so much because the evils increase, though that happens in particular places at particular times, as because public opinion moves broadly towards increasing condemnation of excess and increasing reliance on legislative interference. The first is due partly to a general process of refining manners, partly to medical influence and the growing attention paid to health; the second to a universal tendency which seems inherent in democracy.

Liquor laws may be classified in several ways, but the most useful way for the present purpose will be to take the principal methods of conducting the traffic as they exist, under four main headings. The four methods are: (1) Licensing or commercial sale for private profit under a legal permit; (2) sale by authorized bodies not for private profit, commonly known as the Scandinavian or company system; (3) state monopoly; (4) prohibition. It is not a scientific classification, because the company system is a form of licensing and prohibition is no sale at all; but it follows the lines of popular discussion and is more intelligible than one of a more technical character would be. All forms of liquor legislation deal mainly with retail sale, and particularly with the sale for immediate consumption on the spot.

The act of 1551-1552, which introduced licensing, was on the same lines but went further. It confirmed the power of suppressing common ale-selling, and enacted that no one should be allowed to keep a common ale-house or "tippling" house without obtaining the permission of the justices in open session or of two of their number. It further "directed that the justices should take from the persons whom they licensed such bond and surety by recognisance as they should think convenient, and empowered them in quarter session to enquire into and try breaches by licensed persons of the conditions of their recognisances and cases of persons keeping ale-houses without licenses and to punish the offenders." This act embodied the whole principle of licensing, and the object was clearly stated in the preamble: "For as much as intolerable hurts and troubles to the commonwealth of this realm doth daily grow and increase through such abuses and disorders as are had and used in common ale-houses and other places called tippling houses." The evil was not due merely to the use of alcoholic liquor but to the fact that these houses, being public-houses, were the resort of idle and disorderly characters. The distinction should be borne in mind.

But the evil was so glaring that an attempt in the same direction was made in 1736, when the famous Gin Act was passed in

response to a petition presented to parliament by the Middlesex magistrates, declaring "that the drinking of geneva and other distilled waters had for some years past greatly increased; that the constant and excessive use thereof had destroyed thousands of His Majesty's subjects; that great numbers of others were by its use rendered unfit for useful labor, debauched in morals and drawn into all manner of vice and wickedness . . ." The retailing of spirits in quantities of less than two gallons was made subject to a license costing 50 pounds and the retailer had also to pay a duty of 20s. on every gallon sold. This experiment in "high licensing" was a disastrous failure, though energetic attempts were made to enforce it by wholesale prosecutions and by strengthening the regulations against evasion. Public opinion was inflamed against it, and the only results were corruptions of the executive and an enormous increase of consumption through illicit channels.

This period witnessed the high-water mark of intemperance in England. From various contemporary descriptions it is abundantly clear that the state of things was incomparably worse than anything in modern times, and that women, whose participation in the practice of drinking and frequenting public-houses is recorded by writers in the previous century, were affected as well as men. The experience is particularly instructive because it includes examples of excess and deficiency of opportunities and the ill effects of both on a people naturally inclined to indulgence in drink. It was followed by more judicious action, which showed the adaptability of the licensing system and the advantages of a mean between laxity and severity. Between 1743 and 1753 acts were passed which increased control in a moderate way and proved much more successful than the previous measures. The retail license duty was moderately raised and the regulations were amended and made stricter. The class of houses eligible for licensing was for the first time taken into account, and the retailing of spirits was only permitted on premises assessed for rates and, in London, of the annual value of 10 pounds; justices having an interest in the trade were excluded from licensing functions. Another measure which had an excellent effect made "tippling" debts—that is, small public-houses debts incurred for spirits—irrecoverable at law.

The spread of state prohibition by both constitutional amendment of state constitutions and by enactments of state Legislatures was continuous during the five-year period prior to the adoption of national prohibition. On Jan. 17, 1920, when national prohibition went into effect, only 15 of the 48 states had any "wet" area and of the total population of all the states 68.3% resided in "dry" areas. The land area under prohibition was 95.4% as compared with 4.6% under license by state law, although this fact is perhaps less significant than the percentage of population. National prohibition provided for "concurrent" power in the Federal Congress and in state Legislatures for its enforcement so that many of the state Legislatures, since national prohibition went into effect have taken their own measures for the definition and enforcement of state-wide prohibition, which may be more, but not less, than strict national constitutional prohibition or the enforcement legislation enacted by Congress.

Lastly, and of as much weight, it would seem, as all the other reasons combined, there was among all classes a growing hostility to the liquor saloon, as a mischievous agency, largely controlled and dominated by anti-social influences, and by persons and corporations actuated by a strong motive of private profit. Furthermore the liquor saloon was gaining a power in politics, and a control of matters affecting the social life and general welfare of the people, which made its growth disproportionate to that of any other social institution in the country. The public perceived the increasing

political influence of the saloon, and the failure everywhere of the various experiments to develop a substitute for it, or, indeed, to organize any other successful centre of recreation, social intercourse and community life, in competition with saloons supported and controlled by the profits of the liquor industry. A formidable body of public opinion united many persons who were neither total abstainers nor wholly convinced by the economic efficiency and health arguments against alcohol. Nevertheless they were sure that drastic measures were necessary, even if they involved heavy personal sacrifice on the part of many persons to rid the communities in which they resided, as well as those in which they did business, of the baneful results and by products of the saloon. Thus many who never would have voted for state prohibition, and who were even disappointed with the general outcome of local option, were prepared when the issue was presented, to support and defend national prohibition.

A study under the direction of the Federal Council of Churches was made by the head of a social settlement in Buffalo, who visited eight cities, including three of the largest—New York, Philadelphia and Chicago—and the smaller cities of Washington, Harrisburg, Columbus, Detroit and Buffalo, examining the police returns, hospital returns, reports of lodging houses, charitable and community organizations, during the month of April 1920. Most of this material is from official sources and shows a decrease in the number of arrests in cities far apart, which cannot be explained by the operation of the usual causes of fluctuation. Apparently prohibition was the only factor common to all of these returns and operating upon them alike. Other reports, from many sources, of similar character show that throughout 1920 arrests for drunkenness and for all crimes in the principal cities diminished. In Philadelphia the total for the dry six months of 1919 compared with the wet six months of that year showed a decrease of 40% (47,000 to 28,530), and the chief resident physician of the Philadelphia General Hospital stated that there had been no increase in the use of drugs since prohibition.

The only way by which we can judge the future is by the past and judging the future by the past we wish to realize and we want someone to tell us what would be the condition of our country if we were to again have the saloons in Florida and in the United States. What I have given you above has been taken not from any work on prohibition, not from any work on temperance, but from the Encyclopedia Britannica. If that has been the history of whiskey in the past, can we who undertake to uphold the dignity of our country and who undertake to maintain the prestige and position of ourselves, undertake to vindicate the sale of whiskey. We submit that we can not and we submit that it is a useless effort for us to undertake to vindicate it. It will run amuck with us. It will cause us to run amuck, and it is a dangerous proposition. The condition of the world today is the same as it has been in the past, but it is perhaps getting worse. Not getting worse in the sense that we are each one of us getting morally worse, but getting worse in the sense that conditions as they existed fifty or 100 years ago, can not be maintained today on the same principles and with the same ideas. Take for instance the rate of speed at which people go and how in the world can anyone say that we want these laws back as they were years ago? I, myself, will have to say to you good people that I am sure that I do not know.

W. D. DAVIS, Chairman,
W. L. WINDERWEEDLE,
E. W. KINSEY,

Committee.

The Executive Committee wish to submit the following report: We have had four meetings with our Union meetings and two call meetings during the past year. At the first meeting the Rev.

W. J. Ray resigned as a member of the State Mission Board, and Rev. A. M. Parker was elected to fill that place. At call meeting in January, 1931, the Rev. C. F. Wells was employed to do mission work in our Association. At the regular meeting in March we found financial conditions with the mission board would not permit Bro. Wells to continue his work.

As our beloved treasurer, Bro. F. B. Williams, had been removed from our midst, Bro. George Bishop, was elected treasurer of the Association.

We have approved one application for help for one aged Minister near Lamont.

A meeting of the Board was called August 8th, by Bro. Upchurch at Madison for the purpose of organizing an every member canvass at which time the following committees were elected: Rev. A. M. Parker, Rev. E. B. Evans, T. N. Jones, B. Bragdon, Mrs. R. F. Bunting, Mrs. M. H. Bagley, R. B. Bryant, Mrs. Ray Smith.

We recommend that every Church in the Association put on a vigorous campaign for the every member canvass at once, that every Baptist may be enlisted in the regular support of the Church and denomination program. We believe this to be in thorough harmony with the Scriptural teachings that every one should give to the support of the Lord's cause regularly, and systematically.

We further recommend to the Churches without Pastors, any weaker church, if they desire assistance in putting on this campaign, make it known to the every member canvass committee.

Respectfully submitted,

T. N. JONES,
REV. M. J. FOWLER,
ARDIS WARREN,
REV. A. M. PARKER,
F. P. PARKER,
B. BRAGDON.

REPORT ON RELIEF AND ANNUITY

The old annuity department ceased the reception of new members September 30, 1930, on this date this department had 1400 active (or paying) members. The total number of active and receiving annuitant members on April 30, 1931, was 1525. The total amount paid in annuities to 174 members during the year closing April 30, 1931, was \$69,266.55. While no new members can be taken into this department it must function till all contracts in said department are filled which will require the expenditure of approximately \$10,000.00 and cover a period of approximately 50 years.

The new plan or the Service Annuity Department or plan adopted by S. B. Convention May 1930.

1. Plan of financing the Service Annuity Department. The income of the Service Annuity Department aside from interest earnings on accumulated funds shall come from three sources:

- (a) Members payments
- (b) Church payments
- (c) Contingent receipts.

(a) Members payments—the members shall pay into the fund in monthly installments amounts equal to 2½% of their individual salaries counting as the equivalent of free use of parsonages a 15% addition to the cash salary, which would equal 17½% of your salary as a premium.

(b) The church payment—would be a monthly installment on account of pastor or member service equal to 8% of his salary. Of the church payments 3½% would be placed to the credit of the individual member (pastor) on account of whose service the 8% pay-

ments were made, the 3½ % payments shall be called Service Credits, the remaining 4½ % shall be credited to a benefit fund.

(c) Contingent Receipts—this department is financed by gifts, contributions, legacies, excess interest, earnings and other sources not specially designated. From this department the boards administrative expenses are paid. The relief and Annuity board presents to Southern Baptist a plan by which the suffering and privation of future old age ministers can be swept from the sky of their experience, the endurance of which old veterans have and are having to suffer. We especially recommend that the relief as sponsored by our relief and annuity board be seriously studied by the laity of our churches.

REV. A. N. WOODARD,
MR. B. BRAGDON,
REV. A. H. TOWNSEND,
Committee.

EVANGELISM

We, your Committee on Evangelism, submit the following report:

The Evangelistic department of our work should be seriously and prayerfully considered by each individual and each local Church.

Our Lord commanded us to go into the world and make disciples of all the nations, Mt. 28:19. Again Jesus said: Lift up your eyes and look on the fields, they are white unto harvest but the laborers are few. Pray for laborers to be sent into the field. Mt. 9:27-28.

In 1919 we had 28 Evangelists employed by our Home Board, since then we have had to cut off these men because of the lack of vision, prayer and giving.

At our State Board meeting in January a Committee of three was appointed, Dr. R. W. Thiot, deceased, was Chairman, this Committee was to assist each Church throughout the State in putting on Evangelistic campaigns during the summer, and to see if something could be done in the future to establish this department.

We believe that Jesus gives unto us as Baptists the great commission, therefore, we are in debt to the whole world, then let us be about our Father's business.

We recommend that each pastor and Church in the Middle Florida Association to go back to their respective fields in prayer and love for the lost and win them to Jesus.

Respectfully submitted,

A. M. PARKER, Chairman,
A. B. FRANKLIN,
JOE HUDSON.

We, your committee, submit our report:

Whereas, certain grievances have been reported to us that the auxiliaries of our Church, or certain auxiliaries, are practicing questionable amusements, or entertainments, which we sympathetically admonish any Church suffering thereby to look into prayerfully and scripturally, and discourage any practice which might be questioned.

Respectfully submitted,

E. W. KINSEY, Chairman,
I. C. McLEOD,
A. H. TOWNSEND.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

We, your Committee on nominations, beg to report as follows:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: M. J. Fowler, Ardis Warren,
A. M. Parker, B. Bradgon, W. L. Tooke and Fred Parker.

MEMBER STATE MISSION BOARD: Rev. E. B. Evans.

DELEGATES TO STATE CONVENTION: Rev. A. H. Townsend, Rev. A. M. Parker, Rev. E. B. Evans, Mr. and Mrs. B. Bragdon, Ardis Warren, D. E. McCall, Carl W. Burnett, W. B. Davis, Jno. F. McCall, Rev. I. N. Aldrich, and J. D. Beatty.

Introductory Sermon—Rev. A. H. Townsend.
Alternate—Rev. M. J. Fowler.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. WOODARD, Chairman,
CARL W. BURNETT,
I. C. McLEOD.

BAPTIST MEN'S BROTHERHOOD

Twenty-three years ago a Christian layman, Dr. J. T. Henderson of Knoxville, Tenn., saw the need of a layman's organization in the Baptist Churches of the South.

He has put thousands of dollars of his own money into this movement, and is himself the South wide Secretary. He has four district secretaries associated with him; also several States have placed secretaries on the field, at this time Mr. W. G. Upchurch is serving in this capacity for Florida. The brotherhood is striving to deepen the spiritual life of our Christian layman by giving information to them, enlarging their spirit of Christian fellowship, and to increase their usefulness as well as gifts to the Master's cause.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. LANEY, Chairman,
MRS. T. W. LUNDY,
MRS. W. J. BRINSON,
HOMER ROWELL.

BETHEL:

CENTRAL:

ELIZABETH:

FOLEY:

Mrs. W. R. Rice

LEE:

Mr. Tommie Newsome

MACEDONIA:

Mr. C. L. Tate

MOSLEY HALL:

Mrs. Almera Cruce

MIDWAY:

Mrs. Sallie Webb

Mrs. Sarah McClamma

MADISON:

Mr. Frank Paramore

Mrs. Lizzie Clyatt

Mrs. A. C. Sasser

MT, OLIVE:

Mrs. Mattie Pinson

OAKLAND:

Mr. Woodrow Whiddon

PERRY:

Dr. C. T. Culpepper

Mr. M. L. Adams

Mr. S. C. Rhoden

Miss Jewell Williams

PLEASANT GROVE, La.:

Mr. Benny Webb

Mr. J. T. Lyons

PISGĀH:

Mr. Altman Mixon

Mrs. Hazel Sistrunk

SAN PEDRO:

Mr. Sidney Morgan

Mrs. Victoria Parker

SUMMARY
STATISTICS OF MIDDLE FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
STATE OF FLA
FOR YEAR ENDING SEP 26, 1931

CHURCH DIRECTORIES			BAPTISMS AND MEMBERS, ETC.					S. Sch. Y. P. U.'s	W. M. U.	Church Finances		Missions, Etc.		Tithe and Budget		CHURCH PROPERTY						
CHURCHES	When Constituted	PASTORS AND POSTOFFICES	Regular Days of Meetings	Baptisms	Total Membership	Re-vival Meetings Held During Year	Observances of Lord's Supper During Year	Families Receiving State Baptist Paper	Number of Schools	Total Enrolled	Total Enrolled In B.Y.P.U.'s	Total Women's and Children's Organizations	Total Women's Contributions All Purposes	Pastors' Salary	Total Local Church Expenses Including Pastor's Salary and All Other Expenses	Gifts to Cooperative Program	Total for all Missions Including Cooperative Program and "Specials" or Designated Gifts to Missions, Orphans' Home, etc.	How many Members are Tithers?	Is Church on Budget for Local Expenses and All Missions?	Value of Church Houses and Grounds	Value of Pastor's Homes	Total Value all Church Property
1 Athena	1897	V Rev. Chas. Holmes	1st Sun.	9	44	1	1		1					\$ 50.00	\$ 53.00				No	\$ 600.00		\$ 600.00
2 Antioch	1901	O Rev. A. H. Townsend, Day, Fla.	3rd Sun.	2	51	1	1		1			1		125.00	140.24				No	500.00		500.00
3 Aucilla	1855	O Rev. J. T. Mashburn, Norman Park, Ga	2nd Sun.	4	58	1	1		1		30	1	1.50	119.80	220.47	12.80	12.80	8	Yes	875.00		375.00
4 Bethel	1916	V Rev. T. W. Allen, Lake City, Fla.	2nd Sun.	2	70	1	0		1				1.00	68.28	107.28		3.00		No	50.00		50.00
5 Beulah	1902	O Rev. E. D. Johnson, Mayo, Fla., Rt. 1	3rd Sun.	19	34	1	1		1					110.00	126.78	5.00	5.00	2	Yes	900.00		900.00
6 Brewer Lake	1888	V Pastor not called	1st Sun.	9	184	1	1	24	1		18	1	11.00	411.68	461.73	9.00	9.00	2	Yes	500.00		500.00
7 Burton	1930	V Rev. M. J. Howell, Carbur, Fla.		27	96	1	1		1					120.00	167.00				No			
8 Central	1907	V Rev. C. L. Clark, Chairs, Fla.	4th Sun.			1	4		1					200.00	236.32				No	1,500.00		1,500.00
9 Elizabeth	1831	O Rev. I. N. Aldrich, Aucilla, Fla.	1st & 3rd Sun.	9	144	1	1		1		42	1	25.89	300.00	1,025.73	44.76	44.76		No	1,500.00		1,500.00
10 Foley	1930	T Rev. G. C. Jackson, Perry, Fla.	Every Sun.	11	99	1	2		1		60	6	33.05	139.00	648.78	38.00	48.16		No	2,500.00		2,500.00
11 Greenville		T Rev. Ray E. Smith, Greenville, Fla.	Every Sun.	2	140	1	4		1		55	5	862.98	806.87	1,290.38	208.82	266.04	8	No	15,097.00	2,500.00	17,597.00
12 Harmony	1848	O Rev. S. K. Wilson, Scanlon, Fla.	3rd Sun.	3	20	1	1		1					50.00	57.10		3.75		No	1,200.00		1,200.00
13 Hopewell	1874	O Rev. A. M. Rowe, Madison, Fla.	3rd Sun.		83	1	4		1					150.00	175.62				No	1,000.00		1,000.00
14 Lee	1905	T Rev. T. W. Branch, Sparks, Ga.	2nd Sun.	9	90	2	1		1			1		250.00	455.00		2.56		No	1,000.00		1,000.00
15 Lamont	1893	T Rev. T. W. Branch, Sparks, Ga.	4th Sun.	1	70	1	5		1		45	1		235.86	274.01	120.00	133.20		No	1,200.00		1,200.00
16 Macedonia	1860	O Rev. A. H. Townsend, Day, Fla.	1st Sun.	16	215	1	1	25	1					250.00	361.66	228.06	267.98		No	10,000.00		10,000.00
17 Mosley Hall	1903	O Rev. C. F. Wells, Tallahassee, Fla.	1st Sun.	4	70	1	1		2					67.30					No	1,000.00		1,000.00
18 Midway		O Rev. T. W. Branch, Sparks, Ga.	2nd Sun.	9	185	1	2		1					161.03	194.01	3.32	3.32		No	850.00		850.00
19 Mayo		O Rev. A. M. Parker, Mayo, Fla.	2nd & 4th Sun.	69		1	0	6	1	1	28	4	61.35	600.00	1,424.33	50.00	71.23	14	Yes	2,000.00		2,000.00
20 Madison		O Rev. E. B. Evans, Madison, Fla.	Every Sun.	31	384	1	4	20	1	2	80	1	221.10	1,800.00	5,059.15	846.92	1,123.59	18	Yes	20,000.00	5,000.00	25,000.00
21 Mt. Gilead	1850	O Rev. J. E. Vann, Shady Grove, Fla.	2nd Sun.	1	34	1	1	1	1					58.00	113.00				No	700.00		700.00
22 Mt. Olive	1890	O Rev. S. G. Ward, Day, Fla.	3rd Sun.	6	50	1	1		1					90.00	90.00		6.43		No	900.00		900.00
23 New Home	1923	O Rev. S. G. Ward, Day, Fla.	2nd Sun.	3	38	1	1		1					84.80	106.00	6.12	6.12		No	320.00		320.00
24 New Macedonia	1873	O Rev. I. N. Aldrich, Aucilla, Fla.	2nd Sun.		49	1	1		1					37.75	37.75				No	665.00		665.00
25 New Hopeful	1900	O Rev. A. M. Rowe, Madison, Fla.	4th Sun.	18	78	1	1		1		50			124.74	209.92	18.92	18.84		No	1,800.00		1,800.00
26 Oakland	1880	O Rev. S. K. Wilson, Perry, Fla.	3rd Sun.		50	1	1		1					30.00	45.00				No	1,000.00		1,000.00
27 Pleasant Grove, Tay.	1879	O Rev. J. E. Vann, Lamont, Fla.	1st Sun.		29	1	4		1						1.75				No	620.00		620.00
28 Perry		C Rev. T. O. Reese, Perry, Fla.	Every Sun.	19	520	1	4	100	1	3	126	5	986.08	2,350.00	7,437.64	46.69	123.34	8	Yes	60,000.00	5,000.00	65,000.00
29 Pinetta	1918	T Rev. A. H. Townsend, Day, Fla.	3rd Sun.	2	106	1	1		5	1	16	1	19.95	300.00	499.01	40.30	40.30		Yes	800.00	850.00	1,150.00
30 Pleasant Grove, Lay.	1870	O Rev. S. K. Wilson, Perry, Fla.	4th Sun.	7	56	1	1		1					60.00	72.70				No	600.00		600.00
31 Pisgah		O Rev. S. K. Wilson, Perry, Fla.	1st Sun.	1	44	1	1		1					27.59	27.59				No	500.00		500.00
32 Pine Grove		O Rev. A. M. Rowe, Madison, Fla.	1st Sun.	1	44	1	1		1					64.61	72.41	4.00	10.46		No	500.00		500.00
33 Riverside	1903	O Rev. A. M. Parker, Mayo, Fla.	2nd Sun.	14	98	1	1		1					100.00	128.00	22.62	22.62		Yes	1,000.00		1,000.00
34 San Pedro	1888	O Rev. S. G. Ward, Day, Fla.	1st Sun.	3	113	1	1		1					150.00	187.00	2.00	2.00		No	800.00		800.00
35 Stephenville	1930	V Rev. J. A. Watts, Jena, Fla.	1st & 3rd Sun.	12	48	1	1	1	1			1		100.00	116.00		15.00		No	150.00		150.00
36 Sirmans	1909	V Rev. C. F. Wells, Tallahassee, Fla.	4th Sun.	2	61	1	1		1					75.00	76.25				No	1,000.00		1,000.00
37 Sundown	1890	O Rev. C. F. Wells, Tallahassee, Fla.	1st Sun.	1	25	1	1		1					30.00	30.75		1.25		No	500.00		500.00
TOTALS				325	3,483	38	50	190	29	29	599	29	1,723.40	9,687.38	21,729.26	1,697.33	2,240.75	57		133,627.00	12,850.00	146,477.00

Moderator, Col. Jno. F. Madison, Florida.
Clerk, Carl W. Burnett, M. Florida.