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OFFICERS:

REV. S. B. COLE, MODERATOR.	-	-	Madison, Fla.
ARDIS WARREN, SECRETARY	-	-	Madison, Fla.
F. B. WILLIAMS, TREASURER	-	-	Lee, Fla.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

W. B. Davis	C. L. Leggett	N. W. Campbell
Ardis Warren	J. J. Handley	

The Sixteenth Annual Session of the Middle Florida Baptist Association will convene with Madison Baptist Church, Madison County, Florida, on Tuesday after the first Sunday in November, 1915 at 10 A. M.

Articles of Faith.

ARTICLE 1. We believe in only one true and living God, and there are three in the God-head, the Father the Son and the Holy Ghost.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Constitution of the Middle Florida Baptist Association.

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

ART. 2. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the respective churches in its union in the proportion of two members for each church of fifty members or less, and one additional delegate for every twenty-five members over fifty, and all ordained ministers of this Association in good standing. No church, however, shall have over four delegates.

ART. 3. The letters sent by the churches at each session of the Association shall designate their respective members in full fellowship, those baptised, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and dead since last session.

ART. 4. Believing it to be proper, on account of the diversity of opinion among men as to the import of the Scripture contained in the Old and New Testaments, to declare our belief and understanding thereof, we therefore append our belief in twelve articles, and present them with our minutes to the Baptist denomination.

ART. 5. The Association, when convened, shall be governed by a regular and proper decorum. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the votes of the members present, who shall hold their office until the next session of the body, and until their successors are elected. The Moderator shall preside at the meetings of the Association. The Clerk shall record the proceedings thereof and prepare them for the press.

ART. 6. The Association thus organized shall be no power to the lord over God's heritage nor infringe upon the eternal rights of any church.

ART. 7. Newly constituted churches may be admitted to this union on application by letter and delegates, and if, upon examination, found to be orthodox shall be received by the Association and the hand of fellowship extended to the delegates by the Moderator.

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

ART. 9. Any amendment or alteration of this constitution may be made by the votes of two-thirds of the members present at any two successive regular meetings of the Association. All questions coming before the Association shall be decided by a majority vote of the delegates present.

ART. 10. The Association shall have power:

First. To provide for the general union of the churches.

Second. To give the churches advice in matters of difficulty.

Third. To enquire into the cause of any church failing to be represented at the meeting of the Association.

Fourth. To withdraw all connection with any church or churches in the union that shall violate the rules of this Association, or shall deviate from the orthodox principles of the revealed word of God.

Fifth. To appropriate the money contributed and sent up to the Association, as specified by the churches, and when not specified it shall be appropriated to promote the best interest of the Master's cause.

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

Rules of Decorum of the Middle Florida Baptist Association.

ARTICLE 1. At every meeting of the Association the Moderator shall call the body to order and cause the Clerk to read the minutes of the previous Association.

ART. 2. The Moderator shall preserve order and shall speak on any point of order, with reference to the other members; and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Association when requested by two members.

ART. 3. The Moderator shall put all questions distinctly in this form: As many as are in favor (as the question may be) say "Aye." And after affirmative vote has been taken, as many as are of a contrary opinion say "No." If doubtful which voice is in the majority, it shall be decided by a rising vote.

ART. 4. The Moderator shall appoint the committees except in cases of appointment by ballot.

ART. 5. In all cases of ballot the Moderator may vote. In all other cases he shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided, or unless his vote, if given to the minority, will make division equal. In that case the question shall be lost.

ART. 6. When any member is about to speak in debate he shall rise and address the Moderator.

ART. 7. If any member, while speaking, or otherwise employed, transgress the rules of decorum, the Moderator shall, or any member may, call him to order.

ART. 8. When two or more members shall rise at the same time, the Moderator shall decide who is first entitled to the floor.

ART. 9. No member shall indulge in unkind remarks in debate, nor shall any member speak more than twice on the same question without permission from the Association

nor more than once until everyone desiring to speak shall have done so.

ART. 10. While any member is addressing the Association, it shall be the duty of the Moderator to suppress all private discourse that may be indulged in among the members, and request strict attention on the part of the audience.

ART. 11. When a motion is made and seconded it shall be stated by the Moderator before open for debate.

ART. 12. Every motion shall be reduced to writing if desired by any member of the Association.

ART. 13. After a motion is made and seconded it shall be deemed in possession of the Association, but may be withdrawn at any time before being discussed or amended.

ART. 14. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be entertained unless to amend or refer to a committee, for the previous question or for 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.

MINUTES.

The Fifteenth Annual Session of the Middle Florida Association was held with the Mayo Baptist Church, Lafayette County, Florida, November 3rd, 4th and 5th, A. D. 1914.

Prayers were offered by the Brethren. The former Moderator called the body to order.

It was ordered that the letters from the various churches be read. W. B. Cate and W. B. Davis were appointed by the Moderator as readers.

Roll of churches was called and the following were listed as messengers:

Aucilla -Not represented.
 Antioch -S. M. Morgan, A. O. Bridges, E. H. Morgan.
 Athena-Not represented.
 Beula-B. C. Webb, J. A. Johnson.
 Brewer Lake-W. J. Johnson, Mallie Fowler, I. N. Barrs. L. S. Dees.
 Bethel-J. R. Herring, Ben Williams, G. M. Brim.
 Central-C. E. Hampton.
 Cabbage Grove -Not represented.
 Elizabeth S. P. Howell.
 Greenville-I. M. Day, S. A. Cross.
 Hopewell-S. Newbern, S. B. Sapp, W. D. Parker.
 Harmony -Z. T. Andrews, N. W. Campbell.
 Lamont-Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Andrews, J. A. Walker.
 Lee-Mrs. C. M. Frier.
 Live Oak-Not represented.

Luther-Not represented.
 Macedonia-F. B. Williams, R. L. Newsome.
 Madison-W. B. Cate, S. B. Cole, Mrs. Eddie Bunting, Mrs. Floyd Adams.
 Midway-John Thomas, W. R. Hale, J. T. Jones, G. L. Thomas.
 Mayo-J. J. Handley, J. J. Dees, R. R. Ware, Mrs. J. D. Johnson, Mrs. J. A. Polk.
 Moseley Hall-Mrs. A. E. Sanders, Mrs. W. M. Beattie.
 Mt. Gilead-W. E. Vann.
 Mt. Moriah-J. H. Williams.
 New Hope- Not represented.
 New Hopeful-J. E. Jessup, Burt Loper, Miss Susie Humphrey.
 New Macedonia-S. H. Andrews.
 New Prospect-P. M. Tuten.
 Oakland-Not represented.
 Perry-Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Davis, Mrs. J. O. Culpepper, W. L. Weaver, James A. Kirtley.
 Pine Grove-F. J. Blair, Ardis Warren, Miss Rana Maie Blair.
 Pine Bluff-J. E. McClelland.
 Pleasant Hill-Not represented.
 Pleasant Grove -W. O. Lyons.
 Pleasant Grove, Lafayette, Co.-T. L. Goodman.
 River Side, Taylor, Co.-J. S. Brown, Milledge Frier, Arch Bailey, Mrs. Moses.
 San Pedro-A. M. Parker, F. E. Carrin, Miss Dovie Carrin, W. B. Denmark.
 Salem-W. V. Howard.
 Sirmons-Mrs. Hattie Reams.
 Triumph-By letter.

On motion, the names enrolled and to be enrolled, shall constitute the messengers of this association.

The Organization was perfected by electing former Moderator, S. B. Cole and Ardis Warren clerk.

The following Committees were appointed:

PREACHING COMMITTEE.

Pastor and Deacons of Mayo Baptist Church.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

W. B. Cate, F. B. Williams, I. N. Barrs.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

James A. Kirtley, Sam Sapp, R. F. Hacker, G. L. Thomas.

Letters were now read until the preaching hour.

The body then took recess until 2 p. m.

I. R. Clements pronounced the benediction.

At 11 o'clock J. T. Farnell preached from the 3rd chapter and 9th verse of Corinthians.

After preaching the Chairman of the Preaching Committee reported that Dr. A. P. Montague would preach at 7 p. m.

FIRST DAY.

At 2, p. m. the Association met pursuant to adjournment.

W. B. Cate offered prayer.

Reading of letters from churches was continued.

Called for visiting brethren to seats with us.

Dr. A. P. Montague, of Lake City, Sister H. C. Peelman, of Jacksonville. were recognized.

Called for Petitionary letters.

Letters from Salem and Elizabeth churches were presented and the following committee on investigation, viz. W. L. Weaver, A. N. Woodard, J. T. Farnell was appointed, upon report of which and on motion to adopt report, they were received as members of the Association.

The right hand of fellowship was extended the delegates by the Moderator.

Called for Correspondents.

Called for report of Ministerial Education.

Read by Chairman.

On motion, adopted.

Discussion was led by Jas. A. Kirtley,

Dr. A. P. Montague presented the claims of the Ministerial Students of Columbia college and asked for pledges from the church. \$125 were pledged.

On motion that \$25.00 of these pledges be sent direct to S. B. Rogers.

On motion the adjournment was ordered until tomorrow morning at 9 a. m.

W. L. Weaver pronounced the benediction.

7 p. m. Dr. A. P. Montague preached, using as his subject Christian Education.

SECOND DAY.

Wednesday 9. a. m. Devotional services led by Jas. A. Kirtley.

On motion the reading of the minutes of yesterday was dispensed with.

Called for correspondence.

Invited visiting brethren to seats with us.

The Moderator reported the following Committees.

Committee on State Missions.

A. N. Woodard, C. G. Hampton, N. W. Campbell, W. L. Weaver.

Committee on Home Missions.

W. B. Davis, C. E. McClelland, P. M. Tooten, J. S. Brown.

Foreign Missions.

S. A. Cross, A. M. Parker, R. F. Hacker, S. H. Andrews.

Temperance.

R. F. Hacker, S. R. Clements, W. B. Cate, J. J. Hanley.

Periodicals.

J. J. Hanley, Mrs. J. O. Culpepper, Mrs. J. D. Johnson, J. L. Thomas.

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Sunday School.

W. B. Cate, F. J. Blair, J. A. Johnson, A. O. Bridges.

State of Churches.

R. F. Hacker, I. M. Day, W. R. Hale, Mrs. Floyd Adams.

Ministerial Support.

J. E. Jessup, E. H. Morgan, Mrs. A. E. Sanders, Mrs. Eddie Bunting.

Orphanage.

R. R. Ware, B. C. Webb, I. N. Barrs, F. B. Williams.

Aged Ministers.

J. T. Farnell, W. O. Lyons, T. L. Goodman, Millège Frier.

Woman's Work.

Mr. J. O. Culpepper, Mrs. C. M. Frier, Miss Rana Mae Blair, J. A. Kirtley.

Deceased Ministers.

I. R. Clements, L. S. Dees, S. M. Morgan, G. L. Thomas

Nominations.

S. A. Cross, W. B. Davis, W. B. Cate, J. T. Farnell.

Called for reports of Committees.

The report of Periodicals was read,

Discussed by J. J. Hanley, A. N. Woodward, W. B. Cate,

S. B. Cole.

Adopted as read.

Report of State Missions was read.

Spoken to by A. N. Woodward, R. F. Hacker, S. B. Cole

Report was adopted.

The body adjourned until 2. p. m.

Rev. S. A. Cross preached at 11 o'clock from Isaiah 32:20.

SECOND DAY, WEDNESDAY 2. P. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer offered by S. S. Proctor.

On motion the order of business set for the hour be deferred and that the finance and treasurer's reports be heard.

W. B. Cate read report of Finance.

Adopted as read.

Treasurer's report read by the clerk.

Adopted as read.

Renewed the call for reports.

Report of Sunday Schools was read and discussed by W. B. Cate.

Report of committee on nominations was read and adopted.

Report of Executive Committee read by chairman.

Discussed by S. A. Cross, R. F. Hacker, I. R. Clements,

J. J. Hanley, S. B. Cole, W. L. Weaver.

Report of Home Missions read and adopted

Discussed by W. B. Davis, J. E. McClelland, S. S. Proctor

Report of State of Churches read and adopted.

Report of aged Ministers was read and adopted.

Discussed by J. J. Hanley, S. S. Proctor, W. B. Davis.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

The Moderator called the attention of the body to a quilt that Sister A. E. Sanders presented to the body for sale.

On motion this matter was deferred until tomorrow.

On motion the body adjourned.

7. p. m. Rev. Jas. S. Kirtly preached using 3rd verse 2nd chapter of Hebrews. At the conclusion of the service the association was called to order and S. A. Cross read report on "Foreign Missions."

The report was adopted.

Spoken to by S. A. Cross and S. S. Proctor.

Further discussions were deferred until tomorrow 9.a. m. on motion.

3RD DAY MORNING SESSION.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

The Moderator led devotional services.

Renewed call for visiting brethren to seats with us.

Rev. S. S. Proctor was recognized from Central Association.

Called for Correspondence.

Letters from Mt. Moriah was handed in and messengers enrolled.

On motion the reading of the minutes of yesterday were dispensed with.

The regular routine of business was resumed and the discussion of the report on "Foreign Missions" was continued.

Discussed by Rev. Jas. A. Kirtley and J. E. McClelland.

Called for reports of Committees.

Report on "Ministerial Support" was read and adopted.

Discussed by J. E. Jessup.

Report on Orphanage was read by R. R. Ware.

Discussed by S. B. Cole.

The report was duly adopted.

The report on Temperance was read by the Chairman.

Discussed by Rev. R. F. Hacker and A. N. Woodward.

On motion the report was adopted.

On motion the action taken in regard to the the quilt be resumed, and a motion prevailed that the plate be placed on the table and all contribute who would.

On motion the association take a recess untill 2 p. m. for preaching and dinner.

Collection for Mrs. A. E. Sanders \$5.00.

At 11 o'clock Rev. S. B. Cole preached, using the 12th chapter and sixth verse of Judges.

THIRD DAY 2 P. M.

Devotional services by the Moderator.

Prayer offered by W. L. Overstreet.

Renewed call for reports of Committees.

S. B. Cole read reports on "Woman's Work."

Discussed by S. B. Cole and S. S. Proctor.

On motion the report was adopted.

Clerk read report on "Deceased Ministers and Deacons."

Adopted as read.

Motion made and carried that Treasurer of the Association be authorized to pay to S. B. Cole the amount of his expenses when he goes to Jacksonville to attend the meetings of the State Board of Missions.

Motion made and carried that Moderator arrange program for next association.

Motion made and carried to leave out order of business as printed in minutes.

Motion made and carried that Treasurer be instructed to pay clerk \$20.00 for his services.

Resolved, that we as the Messengers of the churches of the Middle Florida Association extend to the people of Mayo and the members of Mayo Baptist Church a unanimous vote of thanks for their warm hearted hospitality in entertaining the Messengers and visitors so royally.

S. A. Cross reported to the body that he had in his possession money from the last two union meetings. On motion that the amount be divided with Rev. Clements and Hacker in accordance with time invested in the Missionary work.

On motion Rev. J. E. McClelland was cordially invited in the Middle Florida Association.

There being no further business before the association the body adjourned to meet with Madison Baptist Church on Tuesday after the first Sunday in November, A. D. 1915.

The Moderator offered the closing prayer.

ARDIS WARREN

Clerk.

S. B. COLE

Moderator.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

We have not accomplished this year near what we have desired. We have, as last year failed, to secure the services of an Associational missionary and very little missionary work is being done in our association except, what has been done by the pastors of our churches and especially Rev. R. F. Hacker and Rev. I. R. Clements.

We have paid these two brethren \$15.00 each to aid them in defraying their expenses on the field where they are at work.

Brother Hacker has organized a church and Sunday School at Salem, Taylor county, and reports the church in a good condition to become a useful member of our Association.

The Union meetings have been very well attended and have proven very beneficial to all.

We earnestly urge our pastors to encourage their churches to send messengers to all Union meetings and to attend themselves.

We paid to brother S. B. Cole \$6.00 and \$3.40 as expenses to the meeting of the State Board of Missions of which he is a member. Which amounts added to the \$30 paid Brother Hacker and Brother Clements makes \$39.40.

We have on hand now \$19.27 and recommend that Brother Hacker be paid \$15.00 more and Brother Clements the same.

Respectfully Submitted.

S. A. CROSS

A. M. WARREN.

W. W. MARSHALL.

J. R. MULLIS.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

As examples to this flock and overseers appointed by the Holy Spirit, Christ's ministers occupy a twofold relationship, that of patrons and leaders. The call of God makes his servants, ambassadors of Christ and His personal representatives.

Standing in such an unique position the preachers become the herald of wonderful good news, and the bearer of the noblest and holiest message, also the fact that he is the recipient of God given abilities to be held in trust, and used as a good steward, called for a noble endeavor to train himself.

The general diffusion of learning, and the consequent rising standard of intelligence, these, and the foregoing considerations render it imperative that this man of God develop, train and educate himself physically, mentally, morally and spiritually, that thereby he may be meet for the Master's use, and thoroughly furnished unto every good work.

The Christian world has come to recognize the necessity of a trained ministry, and educational advantages for all under christian auspices, world wide efforts are being made to that end. In fact Christian students today are being greatly utilized in evangelizing the world.

Baptists, a mighty and guiding force in advancing the Kingdom of God on earth have well nigh universally accepted this truth, and are pushing a vigorous campaign for education throughout the world.

In the United States Baptists have ten theological seminaries with a property value of \$6,786,063 and 1,034 preachers in training.

There are also 97 Baptist colleges and Universities in the United States valued at \$67,777,900, with 35,695 students enrolled.

We have 91 academies and institutes with a property value of \$7,306,068 and 15,326 students.

In foreign lands Southern Baptists have 11 theological schools with 237 students, also 228 other schools and over

9,000 pupils studying under the guidance of Baptist teachers.

In Florida we have two Baptist schools valued at \$900,000 with 568 students.

Thus we see that Baptists, often men and women destitute of education themselves but with a vision of trained boys and girls, have laid broad foundations with the Lord Jesus as the chief corner stone. Let us build thereupon, gold, silver, precious stones.

Let us pray and work for our Columbia College, the peculiar asset of Florida Baptists.

Let us give our heartiest sympathy and support to our great school of the prophets at Louisville.

Respectfully Submitted,

G. L. THOMAS,
S. B. SAPP,
R. L. NEWSOM,

STATE MISSIONS

We your committee on State Missions submit the following report:

What we know as State Missions is the work we are trying to do in the State of Florida. The main work of our forces is the preaching of the gospel in destitute places in the State. We do this first by employing missionaries who labor on these fields. Second by supplementing the salary of men who have been called to the field too weak to support a pastor. We have seventy-seven men on the field, working in practically every association in the state. These men have delivered one thousand seven hundred and sixty five sermons and addresses during the past year. They have received in the churches through mission activities 2,256. They have made 28,692 religious visits. They have begun twenty meeting houses, and completed thirteen. They have constituted twelve new churches. They have collected for church building \$18,188.55.

In addition to the work above we have several evangelists employed by the State Board of Missions who hold

meetings throughout the state. These men are sound in doctrine, clean in life and great Bible teachers. The influence of these men have been a great help to our churches. Their services can be had by any church, thus furnishing a good safe man for evangelistic efforts. Our churches should make use of these men and not continue to use men who are not qualified for this work nor under the control of any church or board.

The State Board of missions has under its control all the Baptist activities of the state. It looks after the Orphanage, the aged Ministers, Columbia College and the other denominational interests.

The State Mission Board is located in Jacksonville, Fla., Dr. S. B. Rogers is the corresponding secretary. The Board is composed of one member from each association in the state together with five members in Jacksonville. The members of this board are elected by the associations in their annual meetings and these men are your representatives doing your work.

The importance of this work can not be overestimated. This is our home base. If we lose Florida for the Baptists we have suffered a loss that cannot be repaired. Our field is a needy one, and one surrounded by peculiar dangers. Every year we have thousands of visitors. Many of these are good true people, but many more have no care for or us our people. They neither fear God nor regard man. They are a source of great danger. Then there is the foreigner within our state. Tampa and Key West are almost foreign cities. These foreigners with their religion, their atheism and their immorality must be christianized or they will drag us and our children down to their level.

In our state work our Board has co-operated with the Home Board, and hence we have been enabled to do far greater things than if we had worked alone.

Our Board is facing a greater indebtedness owing to the financial conditions of our state. It behooves us as loyal Baptists to help meet these obligations and support this work to our utmost.

In these trying days we especially appeal to every pastor, superintendent of Sunday school, all leaders and every member for more hearty co-operation in this great work.

Respectfully Submitted

N. W. CAMPBELL.
C. E. HAMPTON.
A. N. WOODARD.
W. L. WEAVER.

PERIODICALS.

We your Committee on periodicals submit the following report:

1st. We recommend the Holy Bible, the inestimable gift of God to man as a rule and guide for his faith and practices through life. For Jesus said "search the scriptures for in them ye think ye have eternal life, and these are they which testify of me."

2nd. We recommend the Florida Baptist Witness, the official organ of our state. This paper should be not only in our homes, but be read and encouraged. Also we recommend the foreign mission Journals that we may be informed in regard to what is being done abroad.

3d. We recommend the use of the literature of the Baptist Sunday School Board of Nashville, Tenn., Mission Books of all sorts, and Kind Words for the young. There should be a good library in every home for our children to read, as there is an opportunity for making lasting impressions on their minds.

4th. We recommend reading matter of all kinds for the young, especially in this day and time, that will elevate and raise up higher, for today we have abroad in our land lots of cheap unprofitable literature which our young boys and girls should under no circumstances be allowed to read and in order to avoid such we must have for them literature of an elevating character.

5th. We recommend when possible to provide a good

library in each church, for there good can be accomplished. For today we have the modern Y. M. C. A. with thorough equipped libraries doing a noble work, and then why let the church come short of anything which will do good.

It will be elevating to the church and the congregation to have such on hand.

Respectfully Submitted

Mrs. J. O. CULPEPPER
G. Y. THOMAS
J. J. HANDLEY

Chairman

HOME MISSIONS.

The word Missions is derived from Lat. Missio which means a sending or to send.

It must be admitted that the teaching of Jesus, in the emphasis which it laid on the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, was bound sooner or later to break away from the trammels of Judaism, and assert itself in the form of Christian Missions. The triumph of this "universalistic" element in the teaching of Christ is vividly portrayed in the acts of the Apostles.

At the beginning of the Acts the Christian church is a little Jewish sect; long before the end is reached it had become a world conquering spiritual force. The transformation was due in its initial stages to broad minded men like Stephen, Philip and Barnabas who were the first pioneers of missionary work.

Their efforts, however, were soon completely eclipsed by the magnificent achievements of the Apostle Paul, who evangelized a large part of Asia Minor and the chief cities of Greece. The success which attended the work of the great apostle to the Gentiles stamped Christianity as a Missionary religion forever.

Early Baptists took an important part in this work. In 1792 the Baptist Missionary Society was founded, and in 1817 the General Baptist Missionary Society was organized.

and in 1845 the Southern Baptist Convention began its great work. Since that time the Southern Baptist Convention has breathed out on this great Southland of ours the spirit that characterized the early apostles. With an open Bible and that our only rule of faith and practice there can be no real Baptist who is not a Missionary Baptist. Tear out that part of your Bible that is not Missionary and you have completely torn this precious book in threads and to where there is nothing left.

During the last convention year more than thirty thousand baptisms were reported by Missionaries supported wholly or in part by the Home Mission Board and more than fifty-six thousand additions to Baptist churches. The future is equally promising. With such glorious success and such wonderful achievements much greater tasks are beckoning us onward and upward. There never was a time in the history of the South when so much was demanded at the hands of the Baptists and when such arduous tasks were before us. In 1880 we had only eighteen million population while now we have more than thirty-three million people. Twenty-two million of these folks make no profession of religion and do not name the name of the Lord save, perhaps, to defile his matchless name. Others of those who make a profession are Catholic, Christian Scientists or have gone off after Russell's. With such responsibilities can we be idle? Others are in the field—the fight is on. Why stand we here idle?

The South is the last great stronghold and hope of a pure and undefiled religion. Things are changing. The spirit of the times is different to what it was only a few years ago. We have to be awake to the importance of our task. We do not need a modern religion, but we want and need the religion of Jesus Christ preached in its purity, and perhaps, the method of reaching men modernized. Christ, if he be lifted up, will draw all men to him. He needs to be lifted up in this Southland of ours as never before. His gospel should be held high and proclaimed from the housetops. Everywhere men are dying without the knowledge of the

Master. Their blood is crying unto us. In agony they cry for water to cool their tongue. Upon us rests the duty of making plain the way to dying men. Shall we falter or delay? Shall we call it duty? Nay, let us regard it as a pleasure—a privilege, and in the name of Jesus make this Southland, that we love so dearly, sweet with the odor of the Lily of the valley; radiant with light from the Bright and Morning Star.

Let us plan greater work; let us execute with more vigor and let not the banner of King Emanuel swing low because of our failure to support it with our means, our prayers, our songs, yea, ourselves, if necessary.

Respectfully Submitted,
W. B. Davis,
C. E. McCLELLAN,
P. M. TOOTEN,
J. S. BROWN,
Committee.

TEMPERANCE.

The wonderful progress of temperance sentiment and prohibitive law calls for our heartfelt gratitude to Almighty God.

In our own state we are gaining ground everyday. The opposition to open saloons is growing stronger and the habit of tipping and dram drinking is gradually decreasing. The churches are taking a more decided stand against it and are becoming more strict in regard to the use of intoxicants by church members.

County after county is voting out the saloon and soon we hope our fair State will have rid itself of the baneful influence of the liquor traffic.

We appeal to every Baptist and to every member of every other denomination and also to every good citizen of Florida to use every endeavor to hasten the glad day.

From other parts of our country we hear good news of

the progress of prohibition.

We here insert a telegram received Sep. 28, from Kentucky. "Today's election leaves fourteen counties out of 120 wet." Think of that for the honor of the far famed "Old Bourbon whiskey."

We follow this with an editorial clipping from the Savannah Morning News:

TEN DRY STATES

Virginia's adoption of state-wide prohibition of the manufacture and sale of intoxicants brings the number of such Commonwealths up to ten. The others are Maine, Kansas, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Tennessee and West Virginia.

In Virginia, as elsewhere, the issue was decided by the vote of the country districts, but of the seventeen cities having a population of more than 5,000, only four, Alexandria, Norfolk, Danville and Richmond, voted in opposition to the amendment. Of the 91,000,000 of people in the continental United States at the late census, approximately 16,500,000 are now subject to State-wide prohibitory laws.

While our political parties have long courted the favor of the whiskey traffic it is refreshing to read the following items clipped from the New York World which show that the politicians of our country are beginning to see the trend of public sentiment:

"Col. Theodore Roosevelt came out flatly for the whole temperance programme of the Ohio Progressives in a speech in which he accused the liquor men of bringing the issue on themselves.

"Col. Roosevelt accused the liquor interests of opposing the woman suffrage movements for fear the entry of women into citizenship rights would endanger the dominance of liquor in politics.

"The Progressive party at its state convention at Boston declared for national prohibition after a sharp discussion.

"America is not alone in recognizing the evils of strong drink and the necessity of fighting against it, but from far off Europe we read that the Kaiser of Germany in preparing his army for the great war now waging and knowing that drinking citizens would not make good soldiers has advised the Reichstag to pass an act of national prohibition which if not already passed, will become a law before the adjournment of that body.

"And Russia desiring the army to be as efficient as possibly issued an order prohibiting the manufacture and sale during the war. Vodka, the intoxicating drink of that country and that the people have been benefitted we append the following direct from the capitol of the nation:

"Petrograd. via London—An order was issued that the prohibition of the sale of vodka shall be continued indefinitely after the war. This order is based on the tremendously improved condition of the country since the Emperor issued the edict prohibiting traffic in this liquor.

"Travelers from Southern Russia say there is such a change in that region that the country is hardly recognizable. Peasants who before the war had fallen into hopeless indolence and depravity, already have emerged into self-respecting citizens. Huts which were formerly dilapidated and allowed to go without repairs are now kept in first-class condition.

The towns have become more orderly and the peasants indulge in wholesome amusements. These people now save 55 per cent of their earnings which formerly was spent for drink, and they have increased their earning capacity through sobriety.

"The startling regeneration of the peasant in the opinion of the Russian authorities is likely to have an important effect on social and economic conditions of all Russia. A change in the large cities also is noticeable."

Although we deplore the war and bloodshed now raging in Europe, yet we are glad to note that God is bringing out

of it a move that may save more lives and property than is being destroyed by the war.

But notwithstanding the fact that God has so plainly shown his approval of prohibition, yet there are those who still oppose its onward progress and use every endeavor to prolong the reign of strong drink.

Let us review one of their favorite arguments.

If a man chooses to drink let him drink, it is nobody's business.

This is a sentiment that either exposes the persons ignorance or his lack of moral character.

Is it not the business of his wife to whom he has pledged a life long fidelity. Has he the right to make her life bitter and sad by his neglect, or to make her ashamed of the fact that she is the wife of a drunkard.

Again a drunken man reeling on the streets will lower that town in the estimation of a visiting stranger and this decreases the value of every man's property in that town.

We believe our churches should forbid their members touching, tasting or handling intoxicating drink as a beverage.

May the Lord help us to live that we may gain a home in Heaven the land of Eternal prohibition.

R. F. HACKFR.

I. R. CLEMENTS.

W. B. CATE.

J. J. HANDLEY.

ORPHANAGE.

Your committee on Orphanage is gratified to report improvement in our Orphanage work at Arcadia.

The health of our family of seventy-four children at the home continues good. God's love and protection is given our boys and girls in the home, in the splendid health of our children.

The home life of the children is made pleasant and happy by the helpers caring for the work.

The school and other departments of training are kept in good active condition, so our children are given the best opportunities to fit them for self-support and future usefulness when they leave the Home.

A Superintendent's Home has been built and dedicated since the last meeting of the Association, and as soon as funds are available to furnish a Nursery department, made vacant by the building of this home, room can be made for thirty more children.

We regret to report that the current expenses of the Home are not being kept up, and that owing to this improvement, there is some indebtedness in the Current Expense fund.

We also regret to report that the Orphanage work team died in August, which necessitated an extra expense, also that the insurance on the buildings at the Home came due in September making another extra expense to the Home during the time of need in the work.

It is regrettable that it became necessary to give up the Annual Orphanage Work Day usually held the first Saturday in October, in view of the urgent need of contributions to State Missions, thus removing the best opportunity the Orphanage has during the entire year to secure contributions for the work, when their needs, on account of the extra expenses is so great.

Therefore your Committee would recommend that each Sunday School in the Association give one Sunday's contribution in December and November to the Orphanage, that each church in the Association take a collection for the Home some Sunday before the Convention meets, in order that our children may be properly cared for, and the expenses of the Home kept up.

Respectfully Submitted,

R. R. WARE.

I. N. BARRS.

B. C. WEBB.

F. B. WILLIAMS.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

The most important task confronting our churches today is the one of supporting their pastors. While the gospel is unchanged and unchangeable, yet circumstances do change. Time brings many new problems which must be faced by our pastors and the churches which they serve. Our people are becoming more exacting in their demands upon the time and energies of our preachers. Our people are becoming better informed, and are calling for ministers who are abreast of the times and who can teach as well as preach. So many "isms" and "schisms" are abroad in the land to lead the unwary into unbidden paths that it is necessary that men who are called of God to fill our pulpits be given the time and opportunity for study of these problems, preparation of sermons, becoming better acquainted with the truths contained in God's word so to enable them to lead and teach our people the way of the "Old Paths" in which only lies "the way of pleasantness."

This being true as all must admit, it is the duty of our churches to contribute to the support of our preachers in amounts sufficient to keep them from having to become "day laborers" to feed themselves and families. We as Baptists wish for a "thus saith the Lord" in all of our proceedings, therefore we will give in this report what is said in the "Book of Truth" concerning ministerial support. The apostles who were ministers of the gospel, said, "we will give ourselves continually to prayer and the ministry of the word." Acts, 6:4. Paul says to Timothy, "No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please Him who has chosen him to be a soldier." 2nd Tim. 2:4.

Again he says to the same young preacher, meditate upon these things, give thyself wholly to them that thy profiting may appear to all. 1st. Tim. 4: 15. All who read the New Testament are aware of the fact that while Jesus was on earth carrying out his three and a half years ministry, He nor His apostles ever did a days labor to support themselves, but went about from place to place holding their meetings in different localities. They followed no business

but had a treasurer who "carried the bag" and that many ministered to them of their substance. Luke 8. 1:3, and that they had money to buy such things as they had need of. John, 8: 29. After Jesus ascended they said, "we will give ourselves continually to prayer and the ministry of the word." The scriptures plainly teach that the ministers should devote his entire time to the ministry of the word. Paul in giving directions to the Church at Corinth said, "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they who preach the gospel shall live of the gospel." 1st. Cor. II: 15.

To Timothy the same apostle says, "Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially they who labor in word and doctrine, for the scripture saith, "Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth on the corn," and the laborer is worthy of his hire." 1st, Tim. 5, 17: 18. "The laborer is worthy of his hire." Luke 10:7; 1st. Cor. 9, 6:10; Gal. 6:6 2nd Cor. II, 7:10; Philip 4, 10:18 2nd Cor. 1:16. No member of a Baptist church who wishes to do his full duty can read these scriptures and not feel that he violates God's command if he does aid to the extent of his ability, in the support of the pastor of the church to which he belongs. It is established from scripture that the pastor must be supported by the church or churches to which he preaches. How can this be done so that each member shall bear his burden and that there shall be equality, is the question confronting us, especially our country churches.

We suggest that our brethren endeavor to group their churches so that two or four churches which are in the same section call the same pastor, buy a small tract of land, build a home on it and locate their pastor among them and support him so that he will be in truth a "pastor" or "shepherd." The law of God that they, that preach the Gospel, should live of the Gospel, is so imperative, that every church when "gathered together" should determine what the membership can pay the preacher and this amount should be all the church can afford, and the scripture rule for raising money should be applied, each one "give one tenth of all thine in-

crease to the Lord," and if the membership of the Baptist churches in our association would each do his or her duty in this respect to God and their pastors, the time would not be far distant when each church would have its pastor located among the membership and the cause of Christ which we profess to love more than the things of the world or even life itself would move onward with a speed and success never before known in the life of our Association.

Brethren let us awake to a stronger sense of duty we owe to our brethren of the ministry and to Him who died that we might live and Who hath said, "even as ye did it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye did it unto me."

A. E. SANDERS.
MRS. EDDIE BUNTING
F. B. WILLIAMS.
E. H. MORGAN.
A. REAMS.
Chairman.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

The Foreign Mission Board is located at Richmond, Va., and is composed of nineteen local members and eighteen members at large, representing each State in co-operation with the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Board conducts work in Italy, Brazil, Mexico, Argentina, Japan, China and Africa.

In these countries we have 380 churches with 833 out-stations, 30,000 church members and 542 Sunday schools with 22,000 scholars enrolled. We have also 9,376 students in mission schools, 420 of whom are in the theological seminaries and training schools seeking specific preparation for Christian work.

The present force of workers embraces just 300, of which number 20 are under appointment, but have not yet sailed for their respective fields of labor. In addition to these home-sent missionaries we have on the combined fields 635 native workers.

The work prospers on nearly all the fields; 8,252 converts were baptized last year, the largest number ever reported for a single year. Conditions at this hour give promise of still more abundant fruits, if we take advantage of the opportunities opening to us everywhere.

But our successes and our opportunities have laid responsibilities upon us and make insistent demands of us which we cannot ignore without turning much of our success into failure, and throwing away our God-given opportunity for still larger achievements. Multitudes have been made ready for the Word of Life; thousands are awaiting training in the Christian life and for Christian service; our schools are overflowing; a score of consecrated young men and women are offering themselves to the Board for the needed work; and untouched fields invite us to harvest. Need and opportunity never combined in such a challenge to Southern Baptists. Nothing less than immediate and immense enlargement can answer this challenge, and set us in a place of great honor, usefulness, and advantage for our gospel.

Shall we prove ourselves worthy of so signal a favor as God is ready to bestow upon us? We are sufficient in numbers, capable in talents and leadership and able in material resources. We can meet the challenge of a great opportunity if we will.

Gifts to the work advanced \$44,000 last year over the previous year. But one-half of our people had no part in this advance, and consequently had no part in the blessed results accomplished, and will have no part in the glorious rewards to be bestowed.

Our task for the present year includes—(1) The completion of the Judson fund; (2) The enlistment of more than one-half of our church members who have not yet given anything for foreign missions; (3) The development of present givers into large giving; (4) The inauguration in each church of a plan of systematic monthly giving and remitting for this cause, so that the work may be taken care of and debt and interest payments may be avoided. We commend

these four objects to the thoughtful consideration of our pastors and churches.

In order to increase intelligence concerning this great work of the denomination, and to enable all our people to work together harmoniously toward the same end, we recommend and urge that the FOREIGN MISSION JOURNAL be taken and read by every Baptist family within our bounds; and to secure so desirable an end, we suggest that each pastor in the Association appoint a committee in each church of which he is pastor, to canvass the membership with this object in view. All our people ought to be well informed about a work so great as this of giving the gospel to the lost nations, and the JOURNAL is the publication which the denomination uses to give this information.

S. A. CROSS,
R. F. HACKER,
A. M. PARKER,
S. H. ANDREWS.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

We are glad to note that several of our churches report glorious ingatherings. God has seen fit to send us the spirit of awakening and upbuilding. And we note too a deeper interest in the spiritual uplift of our churches.

Contributions for State, Home and Foreign Missions have been sadly affected by the financial panic that has settled over our country, but the spirit of Missions is as strong as in the past.

We see some advance in pastoral support but this advance has not been in ratio with the increased cost of living. We urge our churches to remember that their pastors have higher prices to pay for the necessaries of life and need more money for their support.

We are glad to note the increased interest in Education as shown during this session.

There are 20 Sunday schools reported this year as against 16 last year.

R. F. HACKER,
I. M. DAY,
W. R. HALE,
Mrs. W. F. ADAMS.

WOMAN'S WORK.

"Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might."

The mission of Christ to the world was to save it from sin, the missions of his followers is to give the story of this evangel to every creature.

More than a quarter of a century ago the Southern Baptist women received a vision of their Lord and his Mission; it was then that Woman's Work came into existence. There was a strength of will so powerful that difficulties melted away as mist before the morning sun.

The Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the S. B. C. was organized in 1888, in Richmond Va. Just six years from that time the W. M. W. of Florida was organized at Plant City, and has been very helpful to our people. Our much loved and admired State Secretary and Treasurer Mrs. H. C. Peeman, has been an inspiration to our work throughout the state.

We now have in Florida two hundred and twenty Women's Missionary Societies, 92 Sunbeam Bands, 26 Young Woman's Auxiliaries and fourteen bands of Royal Ambassadors.

The gifts from these Societies each year have proven to be spiritual blessings to the membership and very material help to the work.

Last year Florida women contributed for all purposes \$10,004.68. The aim for this year is \$12,000.

Like a golden thread, we can trace our Father's care winding through the record of the Woman's Missionary Union. He is more and more revealing its great mission to the womanhood of the church. And now as the years go by, we trust that the good women of this association will become inspired to greater service for the Master, and in time to come will be said of each one of them, "She has done what she could."

Respectfully Submitted

Mrs. J. O. Culpepper,
Miss Rana Mae Blair,
James A. Kirtley.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Bible enjoins us to search the Scriptures for in them we have Eternal Life. Our Master was always found in the synagogue on the Sabbath day reading and explaining the Scriptures. This command from Jehovah himself and this example set by his Divine Son are sufficient authority to us for the establishment and maintenance of any institution for the study of the Bible.

The Sunday School has long been recognized as one of the most efficient institutions for Bible study. Its system of organization and the efficiency of its methods have resulted in making it one of the most popular institutions connected with the church.

We believe that Sunday Schools should be encouraged for the intellectual training as well as for moral training. No man is educated today who does not know the historic facts of the Bible, and while of course the main end in view in the study of the Bible is the spiritual good to be derived therefrom, yet at the same time the value of intellectual training is not to be lost sight of.

We note with satisfaction that several of the churches of our Association have efficient Sunday Schools, yet we regret to have to report that a large number of our churches do not maintain these active organizations for Bible study. We further regret to report that there is a great tendency among our older people to drop out of the Sunday School and leave it too much to the younger ones. While we rejoice in the fact that the younger people are rallying to the support of the Sunday School, and are making its work very efficient, yet at the same time we cannot but feel that were the older people to remain in the ranks longer that the Institution would be far more efficient.

We further feel that it is the duty of every pastor to do all within his power for the organization and maintenance of the Sunday Schools connected with the churches.

We cannot but help but question the fitness of any pastor for his position who is not an active believer in Sunday School work. We cannot but feel that he is failing to put

his light on a hill so that it may shed its rays to help humanity to the fullest possible extent, and if there be any such pastors within the bounds of the Association, it is the hope of your Committee that they will at once remove the bushel that is hiding their candle, and become more active for the maintenance and support of this great Institution of our Master.

Respectfully Submitted,

W. B. CATES.
F. J. BLAIR.
J. A. JOHNSON.
A. O. BRIDGES.

AGED MINISTERS.

We your Committee beg leave to report on aged ministers.

Dear Brethren and Sisters, If there is any duty that should call our attention it should be to our dear old Brethren that have given their lives to the ministry and have gone through the heat and toils of the days gone by. We find that only five of our churches contributed to the aged ministers out of about thirty-seven churches and only \$20.11 to that fund, now Brethren just think of this little sum to be divided amongst so many of our dear old veterans it seems that we have all forgot them, may every church have a great revival over this matter and make it better for them in their last days and I feel like that our Blessed God will abundantly bless us all for it. Let us remember the scripture which says, in as much as ye did it not to one of the least of these ye did it not to me.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. T. FARNELL.
T. L. GOODMAN.
W. O. LYONS.
M. J. FRIER.

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 Chairman Committee on Deceased Ministers.—J. J. Simmons.
 Place of holding next session of Association to be held Tuesday after the first Sunday in November, 1915.—Madison.

DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

We, your Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons, beg leave to report as follows:

We find that God in his goodness and love has seen fit to spare all of ours ministers and deacons, and that in His infinite wisdom he has blessed them with health and strength to give greater effort and more consecrated labor in His service.

We ask and pray for God's divine blessing upon all of our bretheren for the coming year, and hope that the next report may find each of us earnestly laboring for the uplift of humanity in the vineyard of our Lord.

Respectfully Submitted

I. R. CLEMENTS
 L. S. DEES
 G. L. THOMAS

The annual meeting of the Middle Florida W. M. U. was held in the Methodist church at Mayo Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 3rd., 1914.

Devotional exercises conducted by Mrs. J. O. Culpepper. Mrs. Peelman led in prayer.

Reports were read from two W. M. societies.

Our Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Peelman, gave us a very interesting and instructive address.

Mrs. J. O. Culpepper and Mrs. Eddie Bunting were appointed Associational Superintendents for next year.

A committee of three was appointed to draft a constitution and by-laws for the Union.

The Jubilate Hymn was sung and meeting dismissed by Mrs. Peelman, to meet with Madison Society Nov. 1915.

Mrs. EDDIE BUNTING,
 Associational Secretary.

OUR HONORED DEAD:

Mrs. Della Mills
 George Odom
 W. D. Griffin
 Bro. Arch Carraway
 N. W. Smith
 J. A. Horne
 Bro. R. Willis
 Bro. W. T. Williams.
 Sister Sallie Bellflower
 Sister M. F. Platt
 Darkes Allen
 George Chasan
 Allie Edwards
 Ira J. Ducker
 R. E. Evans
 W. B. Rye
 O. F. Peek
 Thomas Mathers
 Brother John H. Roe
 William W. Daw
 Sister Ida May Godwin
 Miss Lula Daws
 Sister T. L. Goodman
 Sister Lizzie Driggers
 Sister Ada Willis
 Bro. T. L. Jackson
 Bros. D. M. Webb.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

	Dr.	Cr.
1913		
Nov. 8—To Balance on hand from last year	\$18.48	
Received at the Association held at San Pedro Baptist Church		108.05
Nov. 15—Received of Ardis Warren		2.60
1914		
March 28—Received of Union at Lee		29.91
Total Received		<u>\$159.04</u>
1913		
Nov. 10—Paid S. B. Rogers	\$50.58	
Dec. 18—Paid Ardis Warren for clerk fee		20.00
" 20—Paid Inman Printing Co. for Printing Middle Florida Association Minutes		53.75
" 29—Paid Ardis Warren Express and Postal on Minutes		2.10
1914		
May 28—Paid S. B. Cole for railroad fare to State Convention		6.00
" 28—Paid S. B. Rogers, State Missions		23.91
" "—Paid S. A. Cross for S. B. Cole		2.40
		<u>158.74</u>
Balance on hand		30

F. B. WILLIAMS Treasurer.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Cole, S. B.	-	-	-	Madison
Clements, I. R.	-	-	-	Day
Carraway, W. H.	-	-	-	Madison
Cross, S. A.	-	-	-	Greenville
Cone, F. H.	-	-	-	Spray
Farnell, J. T.	-	-	-	Day
Gibson, H. B.	-	-	-	Madison
Hacker, R. F.	-	-	-	Ebb
Kelley, W. S.	-	-	-	Madison
Kirtley, Jas. A.	-	-	-	Perry
Montgomery, J. T.	-	-	-	Aucilla
Rutherford, J. L.	-	-	-	Lee
Tamplng, W. M.	-	-	-	Lee
Vann, J. E.	-	-	-	Shady Grove
Warren, S. C.	-	-	-	Madison
Woodward, A. N.	-	-	-	Madison

LICENSED MINISTERS

Bennett, T. J.	-	-	-	Live Oak
Cornett, A. T.	-	-	-	Madison
Driggers, E. C.	-	-	-	Greenville
Floyd, O. E.	-	-	-	Day
Fowler, M. J.	-	-	-	Day
Godwin, W. H.	-	-	-	Shady Grove
Henderson, J. R.	-	-	-	Madison
Parker, A. M.	-	-	-	Perry
West, N. W.	-	-	-	Day

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS

CHURCHES	NAMES OF SUPERINTENDENTS AND P. O. ADDRESS	Number of Schools	Number of Pupils	Number of Teachers and Officers	Sunday School Expense	Missions and Benevolence	Total for all Purposes
Beulah	L. C. Purvis, Lec.	1	50	5	4 70		4 70
Bethel	Willie Brinson, Dowling Park	1	62	7	14 70	12 55	27 25
Brewer Lake	O. M. Barrs, Day	1	70	9		8 00	8 00
Central	A. J. Scruggs, Aucilla	1	40	7			
Elizabeth	B. S. Howell, Aucilla	1		5			6 00
Greenville	J. T. Prince, Greenville	1	50	6			30 00
Lamont	T. P. Williams, Lamont	1	56	5		16 95	16 95
Lee	W. T. Kent, Lee	1	54	8	3 00	16 00	19 00
Madison	B. N. Tucker, Madison	1	200	11	200 00		200 00
Mt Gilead	J. E. Vann, Shady Grove	1	32	5			
Mayo	J. J. Handly, Mayo	1	100	8	20 38	19 78	40 14
New Hopeful	J. E. Jessup, Madison	1	40	6			
Perry	W. L. Weaver, Perry	1	200	13	97 10	3 41	100 51
Pleasant Grove Lafayette County	H. L. Winderweedle, Mayo	1	54	7			
Pleasant Grove Taylor County	J. A. Jedder, Shady Grove	1	21	6	5 00		5 00
River Side	M. J. Frier, Mayo	1	60	9			2 50
San Pedro	G. C. Jackson, Fenholloway	1	54	6			
Salem	W. V. Howard, Salem	1	37	8	4 50		4 50
Sirmons	Boyt, Bailey, Ebb	1	27	5			2 65
Triumph	Kern Rawls, Stephenville	1	50	9	3 50		3 50
TOTAL		20	1257	145	352 88	76 67	470 72

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

CHURCHES	NAME AND P. O. ADDRESS OF PASTORS	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Columbia College	Orphanage	Incidentals	Aged Ministers	Improvemental	Total
Greenville ..	Mrs. W. D. Griffin, Greenville	40	20	15	15	20	10	50	50	175
Madison	Mrs. Eddie Bonding, Madison	40	20	15	15	20	10	50	50	175
Mayo ..	Mrs. R. G. Ware, Mayo	25	20	10	10	20	10	40	40	125
Perry	Mrs. J. O. Colpepper, Perry	25	20	10	10	20	10	40	40	125
TOTAL		130	80	50	50	80	40	190	190	620

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Building, Repairing and Furnishing	Incidentals and Old Debts	Visiting Ministers	Associational and City Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	State Missions	Columbia College	Orphanage	Education Gen'l	Anti-Sal'n League and Chiquay Memorial	Other Items	Aged Ministers	Minutes & Clerk	Total	Value of Pastor's Home	Value of Church Property	Total Value of Property
Andra													5 25		1 25	6 50		500 00	500 00
Antioch	50 00																		
Athens																			
Bethel	72 85	2 40	10 00		1 90	5 50				1 50				1 80	2 00	88 85		210 00	210 00
Brewer Lake	65 00	7 28	1 05			2 50	2 50	8 40		1 00				1 00	2 00	85 73		374 00	374 00
Bethel	220 00	158 00	42 50	30 00	4 80			28 00		12 50				2 50	700 00	158 00		158 00	158 00
Central	100 00		2 28		5 90					4 75				53 21	85	145 18		675 00	675 00
Elizabeth	62 00				5 90									10 00	2 00	79 00		800 00	800 00
Greenville	301 00	15 50	314 50			14 45	2 00	21 10		12 00	2 00	1 15		3 00	2 00	782 85	2000 00	1200 00	3200 00
Hopewell	75 00															75 00		700 00	700 00
Harmony	190 00	2 50		11 00				8 31							1 75	111 56		600 00	600 00
Lamont	125 00	5 00				5 00		8 32		17 75			1 70	2 00	78	165 72		550 00	550 00
Lee	18 36			73 00		12 31		5 50		16 00			3 00		75	225 81		1000 00	1000 00
Live Oak																			
Luther																			
Macedonia	75 00		8 15		2 55	2 50									2 00	81 25		540 00	540 00
Madison	1200 00	215 15	158 50	150 00		52 00	40 00	78 00	73 50	36 51	2 50	32 50	1 00	17 85	2 00	2090 81	2500 00	5500 00	8000 00
Midway	40 00	12 00		11 45	2 50										2 50	68 51		650 00	650 00
Mayo	360 00	151 85	20 00													331 85		2331 85	2331 85
Moseley Hall	50 00	44 10				1 25									1 00	98 35		400 00	400 00
Mt. Gilead	75 00				3 75					1 00					50	81 25		150 00	150 00
Mt. Moriah	11 25	50 00													2 00	64 25		150 00	150 00
New Hope																			
New Hopeful	100 00	80 00	25 00		3 00			14 05		7 00					3 00	3 00	215 05	580 00	500 00
New Macedonia	52 50							12 55							1 00	65 55		600 00	600 00
New Prospect								83								75	1 57	650 00	650 00
Oakland																			
Perry	636 88	33 60	358 75			16 25		12 60	8 00				53 00		4 00	1377 86	2000 00	3500 00	5500 00
Pine Grove	75 00			12 87	4 90	1 87	1 88	18 63		2 00					2 00	120 85		400 00	400 00
Pleasant Hill																			
Pine Bluff	17 10		1 50													50	19 10	10 00	10 00
Pleasant Grove, Laf. Co.	52 25							35 70			7 50				1 50	86 16		600 00	600 00
Pleasant Grove, Tay. Co.			5 00		2 00										75	7 75		300 00	300 00
River Side	50 00			8 25											2 00	62 25		300 00	300 00
Salem	50 00		17 00					10 00					4 50		50	112 00		500 00	500 00
San Pedro	50 00				2 70	2 27						5 10				60 07		600 00	500 00
Sirmans	85 00		50 00		2 00			83 30	2 10	1 15					1 00	194 81		575 00	575 00
Triumph	50 00							5 00					3 50		50	59 00		600 00	600 00
Total	4785 78	752 12	1073 34	288 78	40 06	114 75	55 36	42 44	82 60	119 22	12 00	48 75	154 15	87 85	45 85	5045 72	2500 00	25123 85	31623 13

NUMERICAL STATISTICS

CHURCHES	PASTORS AND P. O. ADDRESSES	CLERGS AND P. O. ADDRESSES	Church Organized	Increase this Year				Decrease this Year				Membership this Year	Net Decrease	Net Increase
				By Baptism	By Letter or Statement	By Restoration	Total	By Letter	By Ex. or Error	By Death	Total			
Aucilla	W. M. Tamplin, Lee	A. O. Bridges, Jennings—R. 3	1903	10	1	4	15	3	2	5	6	67	10	
Antioch														
Athens	T. M. Webb, Live Oak	M. J. Shellhouse, Lee	1902	2	9		11	1	1	2	5	79	6	
Beulah	J. T. Farnall, Day	E. E. Edwards, Day	1888	25	10	5	40	3	4	7	10	129	5	
Brower Lake	W. L. Overstreet, Live Oak	S. W. Williams, Dowling Park		25	3	2	30	1	1	2	5	32	47	
Bethel	W. L. Overstreet, Live Oak	E. A. Horne, Aucilla	1905	16	3		19	1	1	2	5	32	1	
Central	S. A. Cross, Greenville	J. M. Kinsey, Aucilla		16	6		22	4			5	32	7	
Elizabeth	S. A. Cross, Greenville	G. D. Bishop, Greenville		1	4		5			1	5	90	4	
Greenville	J. J. Simmons, Pinetta	E. F. Kelley, Madison	1877	17	4		21	2			5	111	18	
Hopewell	S. A. Cross, Greenville	N. W. Campbell, Lamont	1848	2	1		3	2	2	1	5	58	2	
Harmony	C. E. Glover, Hartford	T. P. Williams, Lamont	1887	1			1			1	1	58		
Lamont	W. L. Overstreet, Live Oak	L. D. Frier, Lee	1906	15	3		20	2	5	5	5	58	15	
Lee														
Live Oak														
Luther														
Macedonia	J. J. Simmons, Pinetta	G. I. Tindall, Madison	1865	31	3	2	36	9	2	2	13	174	23	
Madison	S. B. Cole, Madison	J. J. Conway, Madison		21	11		32	20		1	21	181	11	
Midway	W. M. Tamplin, Lee	D. E. Thomas, Lee	1886	6	2		10	3	2		6	79	2	
Mayo	G. H. Newton, Lake City	E. R. Ware, Mayo	1894	7	10	1	18	10		2	12	108	6	
Moseley Hall	Moses Ward, Burton, Ga	W. Y. Hunter, Ebb		3	7		10				3	40	13	
Mt. Gilead	J. E. Vann, Shady Grove	A. J. Aman, Shady Grove		1			1	5			5	56	4	
Mt. Moriah	W. M. Tamplin, Lee	T. P. Newman, Dowling Park		8		4	12	2	2		4	63	6	
New Hope														
New Hopeful	W. L. Overstreet, Live Oak	W. L. Humphries, Madison		29	7	6	41	1	2	1	4	67	37	
New Macedonia	S. C. Warren, Madison	S. H. Andrews, Ebb—R. 1	1890	3			3	3	2		5	62	2	
New Prospect	W. S. Kelley, Madison	J. B. Wynn, Madison—R. 1		12	2	5	19	2	2		4	78	15	
Oakland														
Perry	Jas. A. Kirtley, Perry	W. E. Inman, Perry		2	14		16	9		1	10	216	6	
Pine Grove	A. N. Woodward, Madison	S. C. Warren, Madison		1	2		3	7		1	8	43	5	
Pleasant Hill														
Pine Bluff	J. E. McCloiland, Quitman, Ga.	F. P. Cone, Spray	1903	1	2		3		1		1	9	2	
Pleasant Grove, Lafayette Co.	T. L. Peacock, Wilmarth	H. B. Ezell, Mayo		4		1	5	3		1	4	84	1	
Pleasant Grove, Taylor County	J. E. Vann, Shady Grove	W. H. Lewis, Shady Grove	1879	1	2	1	4	2	1	1	4	63		
River Side	T. L. Peacock, Wilmarth	Jessie Frier, Mayo	1903					3	4	5	12	107	12	
Salem	R. F. Hacker, Ebb	W. V. Howard, Salem	1913	1	18		19					21	21	
San Pedro	I. R. Clements, Day	A. M. Parker, Perry	1837	9	1		10	6			5	30	5	
Sirmans	A. N. Woodward, Lee	C. J. Reams, Ebb	1902	12	5		17			1	1	30	16	
Triumph	R. F. Hacker, Ebb	W. W. Mills, Stephensville		1			1	2		1	3	29	2	
				268	134	31	433	121	35	27	161	2443	271	