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Sixty-third Annual Session

OF THE

Alachua
Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE

OXFORD BAPTIST CHURCH

Sumter County, Fla.

October 21, 22, 23, and 24

1909

"Behold! how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."—Ps. 133:1.

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3. Election of Officers.
4. Calling for Petitionary Letters.
5. Inviting visiting Brethren to seats.
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8. Report of Executive Committee.
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10. Report of Committees.
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12. Election of Messengers to State and Southern Baptist Conventions.
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14. Read and Correct Minutes.
15. Adjournment.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Geo. Hyman..... Brooksville, Fla.
A. P. Sharp..... Ringgold, Fla.
A. W. Vinson..... Lady Lake, Fla.
O. S. Bogue..... Oxford, Fla.
M. L. Traylor..... Coleman, Fla.

MINUTES

Of the Sixty-third Annual Session of the Alachua Baptist Association.

Oxford, Fla., Oct. 21st, 1910.

The Sixty third Annual Session of the Alachua Baptist Association met with the Oxford Church, Thursday evening, October 21st, 1909

After devotional service, Bro. M. L. Traylor, of Sumterville, preached the introductory sermon, after which Bro. J. M. Hedick, Sr., of Brooksville, called the Association to order. Moved by Bro. Spicer that the rules be waived, and Bro. Hedick be elected Moderator for the ensuing year, by acclamation; carried.

Bro. M. E. B. Robinson, clerk, being absent. Geo. J. King was elected, by ballot. Bro. O. S. Bogue was elected treasurer of the Association.

Rev. Geo. Hyman presented a special program for this session which was adopted.

Adjourned to 8 a. m., 22nd.

8 a. m. Devotional exercises, Bro. G. W. Wiggin.

After some deliberation by the ministerial brethren, the body was declared permanent. Rev. A. A. Keith, of Pasco Association, was accorded a seat with us. Rev. F. A. Bone, a young brother of Midland City, Ala., was introduced. Upon statement of Bro. Higgins, Floral City church, he was admitted as delegate.

Revs. Tucker and Traylor were appointed to read church letters.

MESSENGERS

- Brooksville**--Rev. and Sister Geo. Hyman, G. W. Braswell, Misses Francis Carlos and Eula Carithers.
- Bushnell**--Bro. W. M. Weeks, S. E. Langston, Sisters A. Bevill, B. A. Hutcheus and Mary Bevill.
- Charter Oak**--W. L. Freer, A. O. Oliver, J. D. Proctor.
- Center Hill**--Not represented.
- Coleman**--Rev. J. W. Tucker, Bros. W. L. Buchanan, G. F. Watson, Sisters Bessie Curington, Carrie Smith and Bessie Perry.
- Eden**--Bros. J. M. Hedick, Sr.; J. A. Morgan and wife, J. W. Morgan and sister, D. C. Allen.
- Floral City**--Bro. G. W. Higgins.
- Hebron**--Brethren Lee Miley, I. M. Ferris, A. P. Sharp.
- Lady Lake**--Bros. A. W. Vinson, R. D. Matthews, Rev. T. W. Spicer, Sisters A. W. Vinson, C. P. Vaughn, J. L. DeVaun.
- Leesburg**--Rev. W. N. Kingsley and Sister Lucy, Bro. W. R. Matthews and Sister Helen, Sister Vera Davis, Geo. J. King.
- Oxford**--Bros. S. L. Griggs, O. S. Bogue, J. S. Perry, F. M. Hammons, Sisters Clara Nichols, E. B. Stapp, Bell Hammons and Ethel Reece.
- Lecanto**--Not represented.
- Sardis**--Bros. G. N. Nichols, M. M. Proctor, H. R. Shaw and wife.
- Sumterville**--Rev. M. L. Traylor, Bro. Jno. Tompkins, Sisters Gertrude Cassidy, Mae Coleman and Mattie Tompkins.
- Wahoo**--Rev. G. A. Bryant.
- Webster**--Rev. D. T. McLeod, Bro. G. W. Craft.
- Whitney**--Bros. N. T. Robertson, and W. V. Peace and wife.
- Wildwood**--Bros. John Fort, A. J. Fore, Sister L. Fore, Rev. Tucker.
- Pleasant Hill**--Was also represented by Rev. Br

Report of Committee on Constitution and By-Laws

We have found the original constitution and recommend that it be made a part of our minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

M. S. RILEY,

T. W. SPICER,

GEO. HYMAN,

Committee.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1. This body shall be denominated the Alachua Baptist Association.

ART. 2. It shall be composed of such churches as hold the doctrine of human depravity, the atonement of Christ, election to eternal life, regeneration and perseverance of the saints, baptism by immersion of the person in water, administered to none but professed believers, and the Lord's Supper intended for those only who have been regularly admitted into the visible church.

ART. 3. We take the only living and true God, in three Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, to be one God.

ART. 4. We take the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be the only rule of faith and practice, both in the concerns of religion and the general affairs of life, and particularly for transacting the affairs of our church.

ART. 5. We take the church of Christ to be a congregation of faithful persons, who live in fellowship, and have given themselves to the Lord and to one another in cordial agreement to observe holy discipline, in conformity with the requirements of the Scriptures.

ART. 6. We take Jesus Christ to be the Great Head of the Church, and the only one given: that the govern-

ment under him is with the body, and is the privilege of each individual member; that spiritual discipline with an eye single to the glory of God, must greatly conduce to the final prosperity and union of the churches.

ART. 7. In view of the increase of fraternal love, knowledge, usefulness, and efficiency which must accrue from an association of churches, in cordial union upon the principles of the Gospel, we have sought to be thus united, that by individual and collective action we may best subserve the great objects of the Redeemer's kingdom. And the concurrence of two-thirds will dissolve the connection.

ART. 8. This Association shall have power to withdraw its connection from any church which shall act contrary to the teachings of the Holy Scriptures.

ART. 9. New churches wishing to be admitted into this body shall petition by letters and messengers, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, shall be admitted by receiving the right hand of fellowship of the Moderator.

ART. 10. Each church shall be entitled to two messengers, and one additional one for each twenty five members, or fractional part thereof, in excess of fifty.

ART. 11. Every query sent to the association by any church in its union shall be read and put to vote by the Moderator, whether it shall be debated, and if there shall be a majority in favor it shall be taken up and debated, but if not, it shall be withdrawn; provided, always, that those be first considered which affect the union of the churches.

ART. 12. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the observation of the association, unless withdrawn by the mover.

ART. 13. Every member who speaks shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator, and shall not be interrupted while he is speaking unless he depart from the subject.

ART. 14. No person shall speak more than three times upon one subject without permission of the body. The constitution of this body may be altered or amended by the concurrence of two-thirds of its members.

ART. 15. No member shall absent himself from the association without leave of the Moderator.

ART. 16. It shall be the first business of this association to provide for the general union of churches; second, to provide for the destitution of the churches and districts by missionary aid; third, to keep up a correspondence with other associations of like faith and order, that a chain of communication may be preserved among the churches; fourthly, to give the churches the best advice they can in matters of difficulty, and if communication should be broken between any of the sister churches, to inquire into the cause, and use the best means to remove the difficulty; but if the breach cannot be healed, to withdraw from such church or churches as walk disorderly, until they may be reclaimed, and, fifthly, to regulate all matters pertaining to its business, to provide for printing its minutes, and appoint the time and place of its next meeting.

1. The officers of this body shall be a Moderator, Clerk, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer.

2. The Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary shall be chosen by ballot at each session of the association, and shall remain in office until their successors are elected.

3. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside over the meetings of the association, and the duty of the Clerk to keep record of the proceedings and prepare a minute for the press.

4. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to conduct the correspondence of the association, and make a report of the same at each regular meeting of the body. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to

keep all the funds of the association, subject to the order of the Executive Committee,

5. There shall be an Executive Committee appointed at each meeting of this association, of five brethren, whose duty it shall be to supervise and conduct all matter pertaining to this association during the year.

6. Churches wishing to dissolve connection with the body must submit their reasons during its session.

7. It shall be required of the Executive Committee to hold a meeting for business at each session of the association, before its adjournment.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS

We herewith submit to you our report.

Our Periodicals are of great value and help to our people in the study of the Bible, the word of God; the greatest Book of all books, and we advise all Baptists to read the Florida Baptist Witness, of Lakeland, Fla. and The Home Field, of Atlanta, Ga., and such other Baptist literature as they can get. We also recommend them to use the Baptist Sunday School literature. We feel that it is one of our greatest duties to see that the Baptist people do not read and study the low grade of literature that is in every nook and corner of the world.

Respectfully submitted,

M. M. Proctor, Chm.

Report read and adopted as recommended.

After the singing of a hymn the Moderator announced the Clerk would read the appointment of the following:

Periodicals, M. M. Proctor, D. T. McLeod, G. W. Braswell; Orphanage, McLeod, O. S. Bogue, A. A. Keith; Baptist Minutes Association Assurance, Spicer, M. L. Traylor, G. W. Higgins; Temperance, Geo. J. King, Hyman, S. E. Langsten; Obituaries, S. L. Griggs, Ethel Reese, J. A. Morgan; Associational Missions, W. R. Mathews, J. W. Morgan, A. J. Pore; State Missions, Keith, John Tompkins, E. B. Stopp; Home

Missions, Traylor, R. D. Mathews, A. P. Sharp; Foreign Missions, Hyman, G. W. Higgins, Proctor; Education, W. N. Kingsley, Keith, McLeod; Finance, Bogue, A. W. Vinson, W. L. Freer; Woman's Work, J. W. Tucker, Clara Nichols, A. Bevill.

Pastor's announcement:

Rev. J. W. Tucker to preach the 11 o'clock sermon, after which adjourn for dinner.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE

The Home was opened Feb. 1st, 1904, in a good town and community, (Arcadia, Fla.) Guided by Bro. B. M. Bean and wife, who take great care of the children and Home. They have had about 90 children in charge since the Home has been opened. The Home is supporting about 63 at the present time. We are pleased with the present system of training the children. We rejoice to know that the first Saturday and Sunday in October of each year are being observed more and more by prayer and talks and by contributions of many boxes and barrels of clothing of all kind for the Home. Let us be more liberal with our contributions, our prayers and our visits to the Home, and help encourage Brother and Sister Bean in their great work. Submitted by,

D. T. McLEOD,

A. A. KEITH,

O. S. BOGUE.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

The year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and nine has been one of marvelous adventure and wonderful achievement. All over this fair Southland of ours marked strides has been made in statutory reforms. Temperance, which is self-control, is second to none. In fact, has taken the lead of christian graces. There was no uncertain sound at Tallahassee and we predict a victory next year at the ballot box. Every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things, let

us be filled with the Spirit for against such there is no law.

GEO. J KING, Chm.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS

We, your Committee, beg leave to report that our Association has scarcely made a mark the past year. We need to get to work for the Master. An opportunity is presented us to do something. We have an offer from Pasco Association for the two, Anachua and Pasco, to come together in one strong Association. We recommend that this be done and that a committee of three be appointed to meet with Pasco at Dade City, Dec 10th., and with three appointed by their body to decide how best to effect the union. By this union we should be strong enough for a full time missionary.

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. MATHEWS,

J. A. MORGAN,

S. C. LANGSTON.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

2 p. m. Reassembled. Devotional.

2:15 Report on Periodicals, M. M. Proctor, Chairman. Spoken to by Revs. Kingsley, McLeod, Spicer and Tucker. Upon motion was adopted.

2:45 Report on Orphanage, D. T. McLeod, Chairman, was read. Discussed by Bros. Keith, Mathews, Tucker and Kingsley. Adopted.

3:15 Report on Temperance, Geo. J. King, Chairman. Spoken to by King, Langston and Hyman, saying, "not alone temperance, but anti-saloon." Report presented as read.

4:00 Choir.

The Moderator called attention to presence of Mrs. C. A. Harper (Miss Fannin) representing The Witness. Courtesy of the house was extended in her behalf. Upon motion adjourned to 7:30.

Evening session gave way to sermon by Rev. D. T.

McLeod, of Webster. Adjourned till 8 o'clock, Oct. 23.

Association reassembled 8:15 a. m. Devotionalled by Rev. G. A. Bryant, reading Ps. 145.

8:30. Report on Association Missions, W. R. Mathews, Chairman. Moved its adoption. Carried.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

The committee on State Missions too well know that the limits of an Associational report preclude more than a sympathetic allusion to its varied state wide, world wide interests. All things the State Board of Missions are being demands serious examination, e. g., our State population is great, our cities are filling up rapidly and our forces are unable to cope with the situation in these growing towns and villages. In many of them they are needing settled pastors, are starving on an hour or two per month. The country churches are, in many places, fast depleting and they should have sympathy and aid from our Board, we starve the Board and the Board will starve from nature of things. Our Board is struggling with the school problem as best they can. Our children must be educated in our schools and to accomplish this purpose they must receive liberally of the gifts of Florida Baptists. Our Home and Foreign Boards both look to our State to aid them in their benevolent enterprises for the salvation of our Southland, and the struggling, darkened nations of Europe, Asia and South America. All of which is respectfully submitted

A. A. KEITH,
O. S. BOGUE.

REPORT ON EDUCATION

The difference between heathernism and enlightenment and the power that evolves it is education. The dissemination of knowledge is the getting of power and the opening way for all good and useful achievements. And what a people learn or do not learn has most to do with their civic and religious advancement. Jesus' last

and emphatic command was, and is, to teach all nations. You are the teachers, for He said "Go ye." So the teacher is sent by the Great Teacher and commanded by Him what and how to teach. We recommend that every preacher, Sunday School teacher, superintendent officer and layman, do what they can for the betterment of our common school system and that our influence as a Baptist people be exercised in favor of our college at Lake City, and especially the training of our teachers in this school, and the sending of our boys and girls to this school—also the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky.

But that we condemn in the strongest possible terms the University of Chicago and all such like heretical schools or such means of education.

W. N. KINGSLEY, Chairman

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

"Go Ye" means in its broadest analysis—pray—pay—and go. Foreign Missions means all these. Our letters to this association tell us that \$128.10 was raised last year for Foreign Missions. Florida has only one missionary, Bro. F. J. Foulter, who is in Argentine Republic.

Florida is called upon to give this coming year \$7,500. To carry this out our able Field Secretary, Bro. S. J. Porter, has distributed this amount among the associations. We are called upon for \$150. This is a small amount. Can't we do more?

"On the Banks of the Besor" is the title of a pamphlet which portrays what we should do and be.

The soldiers are at the front, we need to cheer them on. More of us need to join the ranks. Let us pray for it.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE HYMAN, Chairman.

PLEDGES

At the conclusion of Bro. Hyman's plea a cash collection was taken to amount of \$10.08 and pledges as follows: Associational Missions—Churches—Brooksville \$200.00, Oxford \$190.00, Leesburg \$40.00, Eden \$25.00, Charter Oak \$25.00, Sardis \$25.00, Webster \$25.00, Wildwood \$25.00, Lady Lake \$18.00, Bushnell \$10.00, Hebron \$10.00, Sumterville \$10.00, Coleman \$10.00, Floral City \$10.00, Pleasant Hill \$5.00. W. M. S.—Brooksville \$15.00, Lady Lake \$5.00, S. S.—Webster \$5.00, Lady Lake \$5.00. Individual—Rev. T. W. Spivey \$5.00, W. H. Mahoney \$5.00, G. J. King \$5.00, W. P. Edos \$2.00; Total \$687.08.

14. Report on State Missions as read by Bro. Keith was spoken to by Keith, McLeod, and others. Moved to adoption.

15. The time having arrived for obituary report, Chairman requested postponement till after evening session. Moved and carried.

Bro. Hyman offered resolutions. When read were unanimously adopted as follows:

Resolved that it is the wish of this the Alachua association to have the State Convention within our borders in 1911. We recommend the acceptance of the invitation to Brooksville.

16. Report on Home Missions. M. L. Traylor, Chairman. Postponed till 2 p. m.

17. Report on Education received and adopted as amended. Rev. W. N. Kingsley, Chairman.

18. Rev. Geo. Hyman, Chairman of Committee on State Missions, reported, which was adopted. He attracted association in the most wrapt attention for an hour. His strong plea was endorsed by the speaker. (see Pledges).

19. Adjourned for dinner, and till 2 p. m.

20. Reassembled at 2 p. m.

21. Report on Home Missions, M. L. Traylor, Chairman.

Speeches by chairman Spicer and McLeod. Motion to adopt, carried.

Report on Letters and Queries, adopted as read, after speeches by Bryant, Keith and Traylor.

Report on Woman's Work, read by Bro. Tucker. Moved, adopted.

Report on B. M. A. A., as read by Bro. Spicer. Motion received.

Bushnell and Sardis invited the Body to meet with them in 1910. Upon motion it decided in favor of Bushnell. Date to be announced later.

Report of Finance read. Adopted. O. S. Bogue, A. W. Vinson.

Treasurer's Report made by Bro. Bogue. Adopted.

Report of Baptist Witness Mission and our obligation to our paper as presented by Mrs. C. A. Harper was an urgent appeal.

W. H. Morgan, McClenney, Fla., Jacksonville Association, was introduced to the Association.

Election of Delegates to State Convention. Volunteers:—D. T. McLeod, G. A. Bryant, J. W. Tucker, W. N. Kingsley, A. W. Vinson.

W. M. S.—Sister A. W. Vinson.

S. B. Convention—G. A. Bryant, alternate George Hyman.

Motion lost.

Moved that the name of this Association be changed from Alachua to Union. (Embracing Pasco Association.) Discussed by Tucker, McLeod, Kingsley and others. Tabled.

Resolution of Thanks. Adopted.

We, as an Association, tender our thanks to the church and community for the cordial manner in which they have entertained this Body during its session.

The Woman's Baptist Missionary Union met with the Alachua Association at Oxford, Fla., Oct. 22nd, 1908.

Owing to the absence of our honored Vice president, Mrs. Abotte, and Secretary, Mrs. R. R. Eady, Mrs. Clara Nichols, President of the Oxford Union, conducted the meeting, and elected Mrs. Alice Beville as Secretary pro tem.

The opening song, "No Not One."

Scripture reading from 1 Jno. 1:35-51 by the pres-

dent, Mrs. Clara Nichols, also reading by Miss Carithers, of Brooksville, from Isaiah 32:15-17.

Prayer from the President and then song No. 53, "Draw Me Nearer."

A letter from Miss Spalding, saying that on account of illness she could not be present and she sends greetings to the different Unions and urges the work for the coming year. Miss E. S. Heck also sent a letter to the Union, urging us to reconsecrate ourselves to the work.

A brief review of world-wide mission by Mrs. Vinson of Lady Lake.

Answered, "Pray," by Miss Gardner, Webster.

The following places sent letters:

Lady Lake, contributions—Foreign \$1.50, Home \$3 20, State \$2.00, Orphanage \$1.75, number of members 4, President, Mrs. Stringfellow; Secretary, Mrs. Withers.

Brooksville, contributions—Foreign \$27.75, Home \$10.00, State \$8.00, for pastor's salary \$48.00, for parsonage \$30.00, number of members 33, President, Mrs. George Hyman; Secretary, Mrs. Roy N. Chelf.

Oxford, contributions—Foreign Mission \$8.25, Home \$7 20, State \$2.70, special for Orphanage \$6.45, furniture for home church \$13 50. As an outside issue our Society has raised and has on deposit \$163.48 to buy new seats for church. Number of members 26, deaths 2. President, Mrs. Clara Nichols.

Leesburg, contributions—Foreign \$5.00, Home \$9 50, State \$9.00, Building Fund \$6.00, Miss Spaulding \$1.00. President, Mrs. Stivender.

Officers elected for next year: Mrs. Abotte, Vice-president, Leesburg; Second Vice president, Mrs. Clara Nichols, Oxford; Secretary, Mrs. Alice Beville, Bushnell.

Delegate to State Convention, Mrs. Vinson, Lady Lake.

Contribution taken for Baptist Witness, \$1.70.

The meeting then adjourned by singing "Trust and Obey." Prayer by Mrs. C. Beville.

Moved the Report or Minutes of the W. B. M. U. be read a part of this body's proceedings. Adopted.

Pastor announced Rev. G. A. Bryant would preach the evening sermon. Adjourned to 7 o'clock. Devotional.

Assembled 8 p. m.

The report on Obituaries read by Bro. S. L. Griggs, chairman, and spoken to by J. W. Tucker, W. N. Kingsley, D. T. McLeod and O. S. Bogue. The Report was then adopted.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES

The letters from the churches report ten of our members as having passed from labor to reward. We recommend that a page in the minutes be devoted to the memory of our departed brothers and sisters.

S. L. GRIGGS, Chm.
J. A. MORGAN,
A. N. REECE.

Adjourned till 9 a. m. Sunday.

9:30. Reassembled. Sunday School called to order. Singing. Scripture reading, Acts 26. Singing. Prayer by Bro. Vinson. Bro. Bogue has a fine school; number on roll 100, present 65; after a brief study closed by singing "Sunshine in the Soul."

Bro. A. W. Vinson read the report on Sunday School work, talks by G. J. King and Rev. J. W. Tucker. Adopted.

Resolution of thanks extended.

Announcements made for 1910.

The Association adjourned by singing "God Be With You," and the parting hand given.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

The Home Mission Board is located at Atlanta, Ga., and Bro. D. B. Gray is Corresponding Secretary. Our Field is the Southern States and Territories, including Cuba. This work of the Board is a very important work in establishing the gospel and our Baptist faith and principles embracing as it does our Southland and the Island of Cuba, with the Isthmus of Panama. We recommend a more liberal contribution to this work and urge our Pastors to bring this department of our Mission work. God has wonderfully blessed the work of the Home Mission Board.

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. TRAYLOR, G. A. BRYAN

REPORT ON LETTERS AND QUERIES

We, your committee, on Letters and Queries beg to report that we recommend the blanks now in use for associational letters. We further recommend that we take under consideration prayer, especially family prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

G. A. BRYANT,
W. V. PEACOCK,
J. L. DEVAUN.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK

We your committee, feel very grateful to the Lord for our noble women for their generous aid and untiring efforts they have, and are putting forth to advance the Master's Kingdom. The W. M. U. commends itself to you. They feel that when the Lord said, "go ye into all the world," it included them. They seek to enlist members, to distribute missionary information, to create a burning desire for the salvation of the lost. No wonder Paul said "help those women who labored with me in the Gospel." So we would recommend that all of our friends aid and assist our noble women in every way possible.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. C. BEVILL,
MRS. J. O. ABBOTT,
J. W. TUCKER, Chm.

MINISTERS' ASSURANCE ASSOCIATION

This association is very important to us and especially so to ministers. It pays the burial expenses of those who are beneficiary members.

There are beneficiary and honorary members.

Many families have found timely aid through the services of this association.

We recommend this to all our ministers and also commend it to our lay brethren as furnishing an opportunity to help the dead ministers' families in time of need.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. W. SPICER,
A. A. KEITH,
O. S. BOGUE,
O. S. BOGUE, Treasurer.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Account with the Alachua Association.

DR.

Dec. 24. Amount from Finance Committee...	\$31.36
Amount for Associational Missions.....	10.00
For State Missions.....	5.56
For Home Missions.....	2.06
For Foreign Missions.....	2.50
Collection for Orphanage.....	5.53

Total.....\$57.01

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By Amount paid M. E. B. Robinson, Clerk.....	\$10.00
For Home Missions.....	2.08
State Missions.....	5.50
Foreign Missions.....	8.57
Paid B. M. Bean for Orphanage.....	5.00
Paid for Printing Minutes.....	20.65
Postage and M. O. fees.....	.23
Cash on hand.....	10.00

Total..... \$57.01

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Churches.	Orphanage	Minutes and Clerk	Associational Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Mission	Total.
Brooksville.....		3 00					3 00
Bushnell.....		2 80					2 80
Coleman.....		35	1 27		10	25	1 97
Center Hill.....							
Charter Oak.....		2 50					2 50
Eden.....		1 25					1 25
Floral City.....							
Hebron.....		2 00					2 00
Leesburg.....		4 00					4 00
Lecanto.....							
Lady Lake.....		1 00					1 00
Oxford.....		2 00					2 00
Sumterville.....		1 00					1 00
Sardis.....		3 00					3 00
Wahoo.....							
Webster.....							
Wildwood.....		3 75	2 00	2 00			7 75
Whitney.....		2 00					2 00
Pleasant Hill.....							

TOTAL..... \$84 27

Respectfully submitted,

O. S. BOGUE
A. P. SHARPE
A. W. VINSON

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS

The Association is to be congratulated upon the unusual fact that each church reporting has a Sabbath School. It shows that the churches are in this matter budding wisely. That a church should have a Sunday School is a closed question. Here in this Association the questions with us are: How can we enlarge their membership? How to improve on their teaching? &c.

Our committee, would recommend a constant solicitation to all the members to attend the school, and to the elders to meet with the School; have all those who take literature to their homes and study it. Those who have been won to the Sunday School in this way. We would urge them to hold meetings with the Teachers; study the lessons, devise methods presenting to the child life the truths of the Bible. We would institute for teachers, and in various ways, the importance of well prepared lessons, urge the members to study child life, to keep themselves in sympathy with both the subject and the matter of the school. Invite the elderly people to be members and to feed them on the bread of life.

Respectfully submitted,

A. W. VINSON,
A. A. KEITH,
O. S. BOGUE.

STANDING COMMITTEES

..... J. M. Hedick, Sr.
 and Queries G. W. Higgins
 Geo. Hyman
 J. W. Tucker
 O. S. Bogue
 Annual Missions W. D. Entzinger
 T. W. Spicer
 G. A. Bryant
 D. T. McLeod
 A. W. Vinson
 S. L. Griggs
 W. N. Kingsley
 Work M. L. Traylor
 School M. E. B. Robinson
 W. H. Snow
 in order of J. M. HEDICK, Sr., Moderator,
 O. J. B. G., Clerk.

Sacred to the Memory of

SISTER A. R. HOLLAND, Brooksville, Fla.
SISTER B. A. GOODALE, Center Hill, Fla.
SISTER LUCY I. ODELL, Oxford, Fla.
SISTER SOPHIA E. HAMMOND, Oxford, Fla.
EARNEST A. SMITH, Oxford, Fla.
SISTER LESSIE DRIGGERS, Sardis, Fla.
SISTER RUTH SPIVEY, Webster, Fla.
SISTER SUDIE BOYD, Webster, Fla.
BRO. MATHEW, Webster, Fla.
BRO. CECIL FORE, Wildwood, Fla.

Financial

The following amounts have been paid this year and include

CHURCH	Pastor's Salary	For Building	Incidental and Improving	For Visiting Ministers	Associational Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Current Expenses and Endowment Columbia College	Endowment S.B.T. Seminary	Ministerial Education	Aged Ministers	Orphanage	For the Poor	Minutes and Clerk	TOTAL	Value of Pastor's Home	Value of Church Property	Total Value of Property	
Brooksville	700.00	200.00	534.00	885.00	1.00	121.00	137.30	77.75								2,014.83	3,000.00	3,000.00	5,000.00	
Bethune Hill	134.50	9.25	26.04	52.90		8.02	5.01	10.24								125.19	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Center Hill	80.00		49.00	25.00	5.00	25	4.21	2.35								103.26	298.00	298.00	298.00	
Chatter Oak	115.00	70.00	24.20	99.00	1.25	3.81	3.05	2.00								131.11	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	
Cowdell	100.00																	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Eden																				
Federal City	93.93	31.45	150.00	12.00	4.00	6.49	5.21	3.50								179.44	550.00	2,000.00	450.00	
Herold	89.60																	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Lady Lake																		1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Leahurst	295.40	22.00	1.00	10.00	1.10	5.90	5.60	5.00								38.00	1,000.00	250.00	250.00	
Leicester	150.00		25.00	10.00	3.50	14.25	10.50	11.35								601.25	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	
Oxford																				
Plaza Hill																				
Saratoga	75.45																			
Sunderville	64.70																			
Wabeno	200.00		1.00	31.50	1.50	3.31	8.15	7.00								44.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Wabeno	100.00		1.00	27.70	1.50	2.70	5.00	5.00								2.00	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,100.00	
Webster	100.00		0.80	82.20	1.00	2.00	2.00	2.00								2.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	
Wilmington																				
Wilmington	317.20	100.00	117.40	133.02	24.20	19.00	19.00	11.51	3.11	1.00	1.00	5.00	15.30	32.85	21.40	570.44	1,500.00	1,783.69	2,353.63	

Sunday School Table.

<i>Sunday Schools</i>											
<i>Women's Missionary Union</i>											
Name of Sunday School Superintendent and Post Office Address	Number of Schools	Number of Pupils	Number of Teachers	Scholars Baptized	Sunday School Expenses	Missions and Benevolence	Total for All Purposes	Name of President and Post Office Address	Contributed for Mis- sions and Benevo- lence.	Value of Mission- ary Boxes	Total for All Purposes
W S Jordan, Brooksville	1	217	17	118	41	307 00	325 41	Mrs Geo Hyman, Brooksville	119 10		119 10
A M Norwood, Bushnell	1	59	5	8	16 78	10 64	27 42				
M E B Robinson, Coleman	1	40	4	1	27 52	5 15	32 70	Mrs W H Crenshaw, Coleman	81		81
J A Morgan, Brooksville	1	30	4	2	1 25		1 25				
A P Sharp, Ringold	1	25	2	5	6 00		6 00	Mrs T W Strangefellow, Lady Lake	8 45		8 45
A W Vinson, Lady Lake	1	30	3	5	12 00		12 00	Mrs A Silvester, Leesburg	30 00		30 00
B F Davis, Leesburg	1	4	0	6	13 00	6 00	19 00	Mrs Clara Nickols, Oxford	201 58		201 58
O S Bogue, Oxford	1	100	0	23	31 15		31 15				
W J Sanford, Sumterville	1	19	2	3	5 00		5 00				
B O Matthews, Wehaver	1	53	4		21 95	8 31	30 26				
W V Peacock, White	1	30	4		17 74	3 00	20 74				
J M Haddock, White	1	30	0	8	1 2	44 21	45 23	Mrs J D Owen, White	1 75	12 00	13 75
	12	730	63	278	308 04	366 14	674 18		1 75	12 00	13 75

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Other Societies.

Brooksville, B. V. P. C., M. H. Snow, President, Brooksville, Contributed for Missions and Benevolence, \$107.00. Mrs. A. R. Holland, Brooksville, Fla.

Bushnell, Fathig, M. H. Snow, President, Bushnell, Contributed for Missions and Benevolence, \$17.00. Mrs. A. R. Holland, Brooksville, Fla.

Lady Lake, Friend's Aid for Missions and Benevolence, \$34.45.

Leesburg, Contributed for Missions and Benevolence, \$40.00.

Oxford, Contributed for Missions and Benevolence, \$20.80.

Sister Lucy I. O'Dell, Sister Sophia E. Hammond, Brother E. A. Smith.

Sardis, Sister Leslie Driggers.

Webster, Bro. Matthews, Sister Ruth Spivey, Sister Sady Gault.

Whitney, B. V. P. C., L. H. Walker, President, Whitney, Fla.

Wildwood, Friend's Aid, Wildwood, Fla., \$30.00. Bro. Cecil Fore.

Total Contributed for Missions and Benevolence, \$1,225

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