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The 64th annual session of Alachua Association met with Bushnell Baptist Church, Friday, October 14, 1910, at 10:30 a. m. Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. D. T. McLeod. Then Bro. Hedick called the Association to order. Moved that the rules be waived and Bro. J. M. Hedick, Sr., be elected by acclamation as moderator from ensuing year. Carried. J. L. Bennett nominated for clerk. Moved that the rules be waived and clerk be elected by acclamation. Carried. Bro. M. L. Trayher nominated and elected as corresponding secretary. Bro. O. S. Bogue re-elected as treasurer. Bros. J. W. Tucker and O. S. Bogue were named to read church letters.

Messengers: Brooksville—none; Bushnell—S. C. Loryston, A. M. Norwood, J. S. Bennett; Coleman—Miss May Perry, Bro. J. W. Tucker; Charter Oak—Rev. G. A. Bryans, Sister Cora Nichols; Center Hill—Bro. J. E. Forrester, Sister J. E. Forrester; Eden—Bro. J. M. Hedick, Sr; Floral City—G. W. Higgins; Hebron—W. A. Skinner, George Bishop, A. P. Sharpe, F. L. Miley, F. E. Miley; Leesburg—Bro. and Sister Mullins, Sister Hughes, Sister Abbot, Bro. G. J. King; Lecanto—none; Lady Lake—A. W. Vinson, Bro. Stringfellow; Oxford—O. S. Bogue, S. L. Griggs; Pleasant Hill—none; Sumterville—Miss Mary Coleman, Bro. M. L. Traylor; Surch's—Bro. and Sister Walter Nichols, Misses Sallie and Mattie Nichols; Wahoo—J. W. McClamma; Webster—Rev. D. T. McLeod.

Bros. Burns, Williams and Rogers of Pasco Association, and Rev. S. B. Rogers, corresponding secretary of the Florida Baptist State Convention, were invited to sit with us as visiting ministers.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

We, your committee on Periodicals beg leave to make the following report:

This is an age of literature and all kinds of literature. Almost daily some kind of literature is offered, even brought to your door, and sometimes offered free of charge. We realize what we read has a great deal to do with what we believe. Therefore, we should see to it that our people read the very best. If our denomination hopes to reach the highest usefulness they must read good, sound Baptist literature. First, we would recommend a more systematic study of the Holy Bible, the book of all books, which is able to make us wise unto salvation. We would also urge our people to take and read our own publications, the Foreign Mission Journal and the Home Field. We would also recommend to our Sunday Schools the literature published by the convention, also that of the American Baptist Publication Society. We would urge our people to take and read our state paper, the Florida Baptist Witness. It gives no uncertain sound; it keeps us posted as to what our denomination is doing. It should be in every Baptist home.

J. W. TUCKER, Chairman,
G. A. BRYANT,
MRS. WALTER NICHOLS.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

A man whose education has only made him dissatisfied with his walk in life, without giving him the ability to rise higher or gratify his tastes, presents a sad spectacle. A man who has risen to luxury without the culture to match it is a still sadder spectacle. Which shall we have then, education that will aid the student in the practical affairs of life, or in culture? A better educated people grows day by day to be an absolute necessity. An education that will make us wise to apply the principles of truth, honesty, up-

rightness, sobriety, virtue and righteousness. In this day of isms, strife and competition, a clear, positive, strong intelligent denominational spirit is essential to the usefulness and perpetuity of any denomination. A thoroughly educated people, not only educated but indoctrinated and trained in the faith and practice of the denomination, is essential to the acquirement of this intelligent denominational spirit. A well equipped educational institution sustained by a loyal people and conducted by a corps of teachers who are not only thoroughly trained mentally, but morally and religiously, and for us Baptistically as well, and who have a strong, conscientious belief in the doctrine and practice of the denomination to which they belong and for which they labor, is absolutely necessary in order that we may have the thoroughly educated, strongly indoctrinated ministry and people. Such education, such indoctrination is not to be found, neither can be expected, in any state institution, nor in many of our so-called Baptist institutions. We believe we have such an institution, such a faculty, such instruction in our own Columbia College. It is with great assurance we can commit our sons and daughters to this institution; that when they return to us it will be with minds and hearts so thoroughly trained, with their religious convictions so deepened, and their spiritual zeal so much aglow, and with the doctrines of our great denomination so deeply engrafted upon their minds and hearts that they will prove themselves an honor to God and the church to which they belong. This year at Columbia College promises a great increase in attendance over any previous year. It is co-educational and everything well organized. This school is owned and controlled by the Baptist of Florida and is therefore a Baptist school. As intelligent Baptists we must favor and further such education. Times are changing, rapidly changing. The day of the uneducated minister is passing. General education is becoming wide-spread, and ministerial education must go hand and hand with it. It ought to keep in advance, at least there must be no lagging behind. In secular

life there is an increasing demand for skilled labor. Skill is acquired both by practice and special training. Preaching the gospel is no exception to the rule. Paul exorts Timothy to "give diligence to show himself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not be ashamed, i. e., cutting straight the word of truth." Our Seminary at Louisville, Ky., has done and is doing a great work in the assistance it renders to the ministry of our Southland. It is the largest theological seminary in the world. Its faculty is among the most cultivated and soundest men. Its equipment is equal to the very best.

S. G. MULLINS, Chairman,
J. A. FORRESTER,
W. A. RINE.

Moved we adjourn until 7 o'clock p. m. Carried.

7 O'CLOCK P. M.

Devotional services conducted by Rev. J. W. Tucker.
Sermon by Rev. S. B. Rogers.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

Brooksville	\$
Bushnell	3 25
Coleman	4 25
Center Hill	6 00
Charter Oak	3 10
Eden	75
Floral City	2 00
Hebron	4 70
Leesburg	4 00
Lecanto	
Lady Lady	1 60
Oxford	2 40
Pleasant Hill	
Sumterville	1 00
Sardis	2 85
Wahoo	1 50
Webster	1 65
Wildwood	2 00
Whitney	1 10
	\$38 32

Collection taken at Association for State Missions and turned over to Bro. S. B. Rogers \$10.36.

REPORT OF SUPPLEMENT FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Webster, for minutes and clerk \$ 1 30
Bro. Bogue, expenses of clerk and minute fund \$ 5 00

M. L. TRAYLOR,
A. W. VINCENT,
GEORGE J. KING,
Supplement Com.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To amt. recd. from finance com.
For minutes and clerk \$ 28 65
For state missions 2 00
For home missions 10
For foreign missions 25
For association mission 3 27 \$34 27
By amount paid
For clerk's fees \$ 10 00
For printing minutes 18 65
For S. B. Rogers, missions 2 35
For association missions 3 27 \$34 27
Respectfully submitted

O. S. BOGUE, Treasurer.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

Oct. 1909 To bal. on hand \$62 26
Jan. 1910 Recd. from N. M. Charter Oak 5 35
" " Lady Lake 23 03
" Recd. from W. M. S. Lady Lake 2 00
" Recd. from S. S. Lady Lake 2 50
May 1910 Recd. from N. M. Sardis 12 43
" Recd. from R. J. Perry, Sardis 9 88
July 1910 Recd. from N. M. Wildwood 30 98
" Recd. from N. M. Wahoo 1 00
\$149 43
Paid Missionary Kieth, Center Hill \$ 5 00
Paid " 10 00
Paid Missionary Obery 35 00
Paid Missionary Bryant 20 00 70 00

Balance on hand \$ 79 43

O. S. BOGUE, Treasurer.

Sardis church, addition to regular report \$8.00.

REPORT ON OBITUARY.

We, your committee, beg to report as follows: The letters from different churches show that fourteen deaths have occurred during the year. Not dead, but sleepeth. Some of which were among our best workers.

F. N. Covington, L. L. Jones, N. A. Matthews, Anna Sanford, J. A. Tillman, Thos. H. Hammond, Robert Lewis, Daisy Childers, Sister H. A. Evans, Mrs. Manda Honeycutt, Ellen Geiger, John Smith, Akin Caruthers, Cora Snow.

W. H. SNOW,
MAE PERRY,
J. M. HENDSON.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The interest and enthusiasm on the subject of temperance in this year of grace, 1910, is truly inspiring. We as Baptists are standing for a principle, working, hoping, praying that the temperance wave may sweep over our fair land, carrying in its wake the last remnant of opposition to temperance in its truest and broadest sense. Brethren, the time is short until we shall have the opportunity of voting out of our loved state this arch enemy of all that is true and good—intemperance. Let us vote as we pray.

A. W. VINSON, Chairman,
MRS. W. R. TERRELL,
MRS. S. G. MULLINS.

Moved we adjourn until 8:30 a. m.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

Association met at 8:30, led in prayer by Bro. W. R. Oberry.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

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

While we cannot, for lack of information, give statistical notes of or relative to our Orphanage at Arcadia, yet we do desire to make a strong appeal to our loyal Baptists for the support of this most worthy institution. In fact, there is no object demanding more fully our steadfast support.

The Home in the past as now has done a great work, caring not only for the physical needs of hundreds of orphan children, but breaking to them the bread of life as well.

How can we better fulfill our Master's command set forth in James, first chapter and last verse—pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this to visit the fatherless and widow in their affliction. So it is our privilege and duty to visit them with our liberal gifts for the support of the children's physical well-being that our beloved Father and Mother Beane may be able to administer to their spiritual needs.

The Home is open to all white children whether Baptists or not and we urge the churches, Sunday in particular, to take regular collections and to observe Orphans Day.

S. L. GRIGGS, Chairman,
J. W. McCLAMMA,
WALTER NICHOLS.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Foreign Missions means to all the world, to every nation. We are commanded to go ye. We are going or we are sending, yes, we are going and sending the gospel to all nations. Florida is one of the Southern states that is obligated with the Southern Baptist Convention to stand by our Foreign Board located at Richmond, Va. The Alauchua Association was called on for \$150.00 last year. Can we do more this year? Our missionary is prospering in all the foreign fields. Let us go with our money and prayers.

Submitted by

D. T. McLEOD,
G. P. STRINGFELLOW.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

We, your committee on Home Missions realize the great importance of the work being done by our home board. The great number of foreigners continually passing into our country, the rapid growth of our cities, makes the work of our home board more important than ever before. The responsibility of the Southern Baptist is greater than ever before. The board is doing work throughout our Southland, the mountain sections, also in the great cities of the country. They are also rendering valuable aid to our state board in our own state. We would recommend that our people stand by and support our home board of Atlanta, Georgia.

Respectfully submitted,
G. A. BRYANT,
J. W. TUCKER,
S. D. MARTIN.

REPORT OF STATE MISSIONS.

The committee on state missions beg to state here that it is the most needed of all our mission work. That there is a greater work to be done in and through it. While reports show that there is already a great work being done in and through it, there is a demand for more labor in the work. It is looked to for help from all parts and needs the co-operation from Baptists all over the state. If so its struggle would not be so great and there would be less work for the board to do. We pray God's blessing upon the board and its work.

Respectfully submitted,
J. A. FORRESTER,
SISTER ALICE BURRIL.

REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

Your committee on associational missions beg leave to

submit the following report: Associational missions are very important as no one can know the needs better than the brethren on the field. We recommend, however, that the associational board should work perfect accord with our state board. Bro. Bryant has been our missionary at Summerfield, which is a very important point, a town of good size and a popular winter resort for northern tourists. Bro. Obery is at Rutland, Bro. McLeod at Terrell, Tuskanoga and Panasofkee, all very important points. Yet we have more destitution that needs preaching, Gtichatta being a part of that destitution. Your committee recommends a colporter be put on the field to visit, preach, sell good books and bibles, distribute tracts and counteract error in every way possible, and give the people true gospel which is the power of God unto salvation.

Respectfully submitted,
O. N. WILLIAMS,
MISS MARY COLEMAN.

The Association was at this juncture interestingly entertained by Rev. S. B. Rogers on missions.

Moved that the finance committee be reinstated. Carried. All of the committee not present; Moderator appointed Bros. Vinson and Traylor to act in conjunction with Bro. King and they make a supplement report to finance committee.

Moved that the treasurer turn all mission money over to Bro. S. B. Rogers for distribution after paying Bro. McLeod for mission work and Bro. King balance on printing last minutes. Carried.

Moved that our executive committee be instructed to co-operate with the state board in their work.

Moved that Bro. McLeod be paid for mission work at Terrell, Panasofkee and Tuskanoga. Carried.

Moved that we adjourn until 1:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association met again at 1:30 p. m. Prayer by Bro. A. M. Norwood.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—

M. L. Traylor,
J. A. Forrester,
A. W. Vinson,
S. L. Griggs,
Walter Nichols.

FOR STATE BOARD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—

Rev. S. G. Mullins.

TO PREACH INTRODUCTORY SERMON—

Rev. D. T. McLeod.

B. M. HIGGINS, Chairman.

Delegates appointed to State Convention—Sister W. R. Terrell, Brothers J. M. Hedrick, Sr., A. M. Norwood, G. J. King, M. L. Taylor, Brother and Sister A. W. Vinson.

REPORT ON LETTERS AND QUERIES.

We your committee on letters and queries beg to report that we recommend for associational letters the blanks now in use. Also, we recommend that special work be put on missions.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. HIGGINS, Chairman,
A. M. NORWOOD,
A. P. SHARP.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK.

We, your committee, realize the importance of Sun-

day School work in our churches. It is the nursery of the church and should be regarded as part of the church work. We are happy to report a growing interest in Sunday School work in our Association. This is indicated by an increased number of schools, a larger attendance, and a greater number of pupils brought into the church through the Sunday Schools. The improved conditions are evidently the result of a deeper interest upon the part of the pastors and membership. We recommend that our pastors give special attention to Sunday School work.

Respectfully submitted,

M. E. B. ROBINSON,
B. M. HIGGINS,
MRS. ALICE BEVIL.

REPORT OF B. M. A. ASSOCIATION.

The Baptist Ministers' Assurance Association is gotten up to provide funds for the funeral expenses of Baptist Ministers. Many of our preachers after spending their lives in the service of the Master arrive at the hour of death with but little means. Then it is that the financial aid and sympathy to the bereaved family will do them so much good. We therefore commend this B. M. A. A., as worthy of the sympathy and support of our people, and urge as many as will to become honorary members by helping the dear ones of God's departing servants.

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. MATHEWS,
A. P. SHARP,
W. D. SKINER.

Moved the Association meet on Thursday, 11 o'clock a. m., next year, instead of Friday. Carried.

Moved the clerk have 300 minutes printed and that he be given \$10 for services, and that he have authority to draw on the treasurer for such amount lacking to pay clerk's services and printing of minutes. Carried.

Moved that Moderator appoint a committee to look into condition of Bro. N. A. Bailey's resting place and report to the union meeting in January 1911, at Leesburg. Committee—Brothers G. J. King, A. M. Norwood and D. T. McLeod.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

When God created man he said it was not good for man to be alone, so he created woman to be his help-meet. We find it true not only in the social and business sphere of life that woman is a help-meet, but a wise counsellor and tender sympathizer in our religious and denominational work. And when we look over the field and see what this movement has accomplished for the glory of God, none would dare say it was a mistake. Woman has performed a very important part in God's kingdom. So all along down the line of church work she has been invaluable and has been potent in building up the Sunday School and in sustaining church life. Their organization as a Missionary Union has accomplished great things in the past, and still greater things are in store for them in the future. Since the coming of the Saviour He recognized them as important factors in his kingdom. They administered to His wants were closely associated with Him in His work, and it was to them He revealed some of His most precious truths. In their ministrations to Him they were the last at the cross and first at the sepulchre, and to woman He first reveals Himself after His resurrection. They held up the hands of the Apostle Paul and administered to his support and comfort. We recommend that every pastor in this Association give his hearty support to these noble women and strive to maintain a W. M. U., in every church in our bounds.

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. TRAYLOR, Chairman,
MRS. C. BEVILLE,
MRS. J. O. ABBOT.

Moved that minutes as read be adopted. Carried.

Rev. S. G. Mullins was appointed to serve on State Executive Committee.

Moved we adjourn to meet with Leesburg Baptist Church on Thursday, October 12, 1911, 11 o'clock a. m.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Letters and Queries	A. P. Thorpe, Chairman
Education	T. W. Spicer, Chairman
Periodicals	D. T. McLeod, Chairman
Finance	J. E. Forrester, Chairman
Missions	S. G. Mullins, Chairman
Temperance	G. J. King, Chairman
Orphanage	J. W. Tucker, Chairman
B. M. A. A.	W. N. Kingsley, Chairman
Woman's Work	S. L. Griggs, Chairman
Nominations	A. W. Vinson, Chairman
Obituary	W. H. Snow, Chairman

Woman's Missionary Union *Met October 15, 1910.*

Opening Song, "Rescue the Perishing."

Reading of 46th Psalm by the President, Mrs. J. O. Abbotte,

Welcome Address, Mrs. W. R. Terrell.

Response, by Mrs. H. C. Peelman, Jacksonville.

Song No. 9

Report from Societies:

Oxford, a nice report	\$43.78
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Leesburg, partial report	6.39
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Lecanto, good report	22.00
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Lady Lake, good report	12.95
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Bushnell, report not very good	17.00
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Other Societies did not report, we missed them, especially Brooksville.

Mrs. W. R. Terrell promises to visit Wahoo and organize a W. M. S.

Reading of Mission Work by Miss Maud Norwood and Miss Esther Bennett.

Delegate to State Convention, Mrs. Terrell.

Collection taken for State Mission.

Officers for a new year: President Mrs. J. O. Abbotte Leesburg; Vice-President, Mrs. Clara Nichols, Oxford. Then Mrs. Peelman, our worthy Field Secretary, gave us a very interesting and instructive talk about our work and how to work up interest in the Societies.

We are sorry that more of the workers were not present.

Adjourned with prayer by Mrs. Peelman to meet with Leesburg Church in 1911.

Mrs. Alice Bevell,
Secretary,
Bushnell, Fla.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCH	PASTOR AND ADDRESS	CLERK AND ADDRESS	Year Church Organized	Baptized	Recd by Letter	Restored	Total Increase	Lost by Letter	Expelled	Died	Total Decrease	Membership This Year	Net Increase	Net Increase What Sundays Have Preaching	Pastor's Salary	Building	Incidental and Improving	Visiting Ministers	Associational Missions	State Mission	Home Mission	Foreign Mission	Columbia College	Educational	Orphanage	For the Poor	Minutes and Clerk	TOTAL	Value Pastor's Home	Value Church Property	
Brooksville		M H Snow, Brooksville	1862	8 14			22 11			1 12	210	10 1234			\$ 900 00	\$1500 00	\$ 195 00			\$127 50	\$36 00	\$36 00			\$ 15 00			2809 50	\$8000 00	5000 00	
Bushnell	W D Entzmyer, Webster	W H Snow, Bushnell	1886	1 3			4 4				52	2 1			182 89		138 25	\$ 70 00	\$ 10 25		6 00	5 00					25	412 29		800 00	
Center Hill	D T McLeod, Webster	W W Mathis, Center Hill	1904	1 5			6 6			1 3	49	3								21 00							1 00	178 25		500 00	
Charter Oak	G A Bryant, Bushnell	W R Freer, Levan	1903	12 3			15 12			1 1	52	12 4			78 40		55 25	23 00		21 00							1 50	522 12		1750 00	
Coleman	J W Tucker, Kathleen	J W Arnold, Coleman	1906	14 10			24 3			2 3	69	21 4			120 00		34 20	103 00	3 00	3 03	5 59					2 81		33 87		1000 00	
Eden	W E Kinmore	J W Morgan, Brooksville	1846			1	1 2				86	1	2		28 16	150 00	3 00			2 50	2 46										
Floral City																															
Hebron	C McClellan, Richland	J M Ferris, Brooksville		26 1			27 1			1 2	78	25 1			55 96		47 95	28 98	5 00	4 20							2 20	142 29		550 00	
Lady Lake	A A Keith, Trilby	A W Vinson, Lady Lake	1882		4		4 2			2 2	30	2 2			120 00		90 12		30 03	4 80	6 32	3 80	1 00	50	4 70		1 62	271 79		2000 00	
Lecanto																															
Leesburg	S G Mullins, Leesburg	B F Davis, Leesburg	1876	8 11	2		21 4			4 4	102	17 1234			800 00		40 16		41 13	5 00	5 00	5 00	15 00		77 35		4 00	1085 62	2500 00	3000 00	
Oxford	W N Kingsley, Leesburg	O S Bogue, Oxford	1881	2 10	1		13 5	1	3	9	196	4 2 4			250 00	88 00	230 45	3 40	6 70	27 75	11 24	14 99			18 45	45 00	2 40	620 94		1000 00	
Pleasant Hill																10 00															
Sardis	J W Tucker, Kathleen	R L Clyburn, Pecho	1884	9 1			10 14			3 17	103				136 20		30 00		19 32								2 00	177 52		435 00	
Sumterville	D T McLeod, Webster	Gosce Nelson, Sumterville		1			1			2 2	24	1			60 00		22 90	23 65		2 00		1 50					1 00	111 05		1000 00	
Wahoo	C McClellan, Richland	J O Hays, Bushnell	1903	5	3		8 2			1 3	49				27 13		2 95			4 60							50	70 23		800 00	
Webster	D T McLeod, Webster	Sam Branch																													
Whitney	W R Oberry, Oxford	W O Peacock, Whitney	1893	1 3			4 3			1 4	40		2		125 00		49 70	2 34	2 60								60	179 14		3000 00	
Wildwood	J W Tucker, Kathleen	J W Hudson, Wildwood	1884	2 5	1		8 12			1 13	77	5	2		180 00	15 00	87 86		2 00	9 00								285 61		1500 00	
			89 71	8			168 65			1 15 81	1217 14	101			\$3020 74	\$1763 00	\$1166 79	\$254 37	\$126 63	\$204 48	\$73 01	\$64 79	\$16 00	\$50	\$153 06	\$62 05	\$17 82	\$6900 72	\$4500 00	\$20835 00	