

MINUTES

Sixty-Eighth Annual Session

OF THE

Alachua Baptist Association



IN SESSION WITH THE

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

at

Coleman, Fla.

OCTOBER, 7, 8 and 9, 1914.

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 government 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 can not 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.

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BYLAWS.

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 of five brethren appointed at each meeting of this association, whose duty it shall be to supervise and conduct all matters pertaining to this association during the year.

6. Churches wishing to dissolve connection with this 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.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Committee on Order of Business, to report at the next session:
 Rev. G. W. Carroll..... Wildwood
 George J. King..... Okahumpka
 J. H. Williams..... Leesburg
 Walter Nichols Pedro

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CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES.

Associational Missions..... J. P. Graham
 B. M. A. A..... L. M. Gunn
 Education..... J. H. Williams
 Nominations..... G. W. Higgins
 Obituaries..... Thomas W. Spicer
 Orphanage..... S. D. Martin
 Periodicals..... J. H. Hughes
 Sunday Schools..... E. M. Jordan
 Temperance..... S. L. Griggs
 Women's Work..... D. A. Tooke

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Walter Nichols..... Pedro
 James H. Williams..... Leesburg

Thomas V. Curington.....Coleman
S. D. Martin.....Wildwood

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE SIXTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE ALACHUA ASSOCIATION, COLEMAN, FLA.,
OCT. 7-9, 1914.**

The Alachua Baptist Association met in its sixty-eighth annual session with the First Baptist church of Coleman on the above date; Moderator J. P. Graham in the chair; Clerk Linderman being absent, George W. Carroll was made temporary clerk.

After devotional service led by Elder Martin and A. E. Clem of Lake Hamilton, it was moved and carried that the associational letters be gathered, M. E. B. Robinson and G. A. Martin to report the same.

Introductory sermon—Elder J. P. Graham of Brookville, after reading II Cor. 5, delivered a very earnest and enthusiastic message from verse 19 to the "Ambassadors for Christ," after which the committee on credentials reported as follows:

Enrollment of messengers.

Brookville—A. N. Chelf, Mrs. W. D. Cobb, J. P. Graham, Mrs. L. S. Petteway.

Bushnell—Elder A. E. Clem, J. H. Hughes, Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. C. Bevill, Mrs. J. C. Rogers.

Center Hill—J. A. Forrester.

Charter Oak—

Coleman—T. V. Curington, Mrs. Curington, M. E. B. Robinson, Mrs. J. M. Condry, A. F. Crenshaw.

Eden—Elder J. P. Graham.

Floral City—D. A. Tooke, G. W. Higgins.

Hebron—J. M. Ferris, Archie Brass, A. P. Sharp, Mrs. Thompson.

Lady Lake—A. W. Vinson.

Leesburg—Dr. Golden, J. S. Mahoney, E. M. Jordan, J. H. Williams, F. P. Webster, Mesdames Abbott, Mote, Stivender, George J. King.

Pedro—Walter Nichols, Mrs. Nichols, Mrs. Elizabeth Proctor.

Sardis—J. W. Persons, Mrs. Persons, Charlie Persons.

Sumterville—J. M. Thompkins, Elder Thomas W. Spicer.

Wahoo—Mrs. I. M. Woodward, Mrs. D. T. Grant, Mrs. C. M. Hays.

Webster—Elder D. T. McLeod.

Whitney—Elder W. N. Kingsley.

Wildwood—Elder G. W. Carroll; Mrs. T. N. Curington, Miss

Zelia Gresham, Miss Brownie Johnson, S. D. Martin.

Moved and so ordered that those present together with those who may be enrolled hereafter, shall constitute the present association.

Election of officers—George W. Carroll, moderator, and George J. King, clerk. J. H. Williams re-elected treasurer.

Brother Walter Nichols presented petitionary letter from Pedro Baptist church; duly received.

Pedro Baptist Church, Pedro, Fla., Sept. 13, 1914.—To the Alachua Baptist Association: Greeting. We hereby petition you for membership in your honorable body. We organized our church on the 8th day of March, 1914, with twelve charter members. We endorsed the Articles of Faith used by the Baptist church, and at this date we have thirty-five members. We have a good Sunday school averaging fifty-two pupils. We have a good B. Y. P. U. with fifty members. We are commencing a new church building and ask your prayers in our work. May God be with you and bless the meeting. Done by order in conference.

R. J. Perry, Moderator.

M. M. Proctor, Church Clerk.

Formal introduction of our beloved Dr. S. B. Rogers, secretary of state board of missions.

The association completely organized was welcomed by Pastor Martin, Bro. M. E. B. Robinson, Sunday school superintendent, and Mayor Wicker of the town of Coleman in a most happy, jocund and cordial manner, which was responded to by Elder Simpson S. Mathis of Dunnellon.

After announcements and singing "How Firm a Foundation," adjourned to 9 a. m. Prayer and benediction by Dr. Rogers.

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Thursday Morning.

Devotions, led by the chair, whereupon the discussion of organization, order of business, reading annual reports, etc., was entered into by Elders Spicer, Corbet and Kingsley. Ruled and ordered that the church letters be read at 6:45 p. m.

Attention given to appointment of committees for entire session. The first to report was the committee on missions.

Missions.

The lack of space renders it necessary to give only a very inadequate report upon this all important subject.

At no time in the world's history have the calls for and opportunities to worldwide missions been so great. The work of the

kingdom is one. We have been led to make injudicious and sometimes hurtful distinctions. Whether in Jerusalem and the surrounding country, or in the "regions beyond," the story is the same and the object the same. It is only the necessities of operation that call for distinction by names. The spirit is the same. The man who is not a missionary advocate is shortsighted and should not be surprised to find himself at any time relegated to the rear or entirely disqualified. Drones may be important to the hive for a season but when the real working days come they are disposed of.

Therefore, giving to missions its ordinary meaning we misconceive the intention when we think of it as separated from other work of the kingdom and when we minimize its importance.

We think it is safe to say that until the beginning of this terrible European war our mission work, in all lines, was advancing with a rapidity never before known. There were more men on the fields of the world and more money being expended in making the work of these efficient, with results undreamed of by our fathers, who so nobly planned for great things, than at any preceding period. Now our work is feeling the dreadful depression and there is fear of a call for retrenchments. Shall this be? The answer is largely with us.

This is no time to yield to discouragements. For the next twenty-five or thirty years the burden of the world's progress must rest very largely upon this country—the United States. Europe will be so impoverished as to be unable to do little more than care for the unfortunate victims of this awful strife. Is there not in this an urgent call to greater activity than we have heretofore known?

Detailed account of the work of the several boards will not be attempted. The boards are well known and have won entire confidence. The need of the hour is courageous and self-sacrificing effort to keep the work up to the high state of efficiency attained and to advance, if possible. All our boards—state, home and foreign—are in pathetic need of funds. They fully recognize the difficulties surrounding and oppressing our people. But it is a life and death struggle. Let us respond to the call as never before; let each return to his home with a strong, determined will to do and sacrifice and give as never before.

E. Z. F. Golden, Chairman.
Mrs. C. Bevill,
T. V. Curington.

C. W. Person.

Spoken to by Dr. E. Z. F. Golden chairman, and Dr. S. B. Rogers, secretary, of state board.

Adjourned for dinner.

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Thursday Afternoon.

2:00 p. m.—Chair called to order; secretary at desk.

Report of B. M. A. A. Spoken to by Dr. Spicer, Elder Corbet and Brother Gunn. Adopted.

B. M. A. A.

This association, as most of us understand, contributes to a member's family after his death one dollar for each member constituting the association. Only ministers can be beneficiary members but honorary members can join and pay one dollar for the death of a beneficiary member.

A church can join, or a Sunday school, and pay its dollar at the death of a member.

We earnestly recommend that churches and Sunday schools, or any other Baptist organization, give their names and participate in this worthy work. Respectfully submitted,

Thomas W. Spicer,
A. W. Vinson,
M. E. B. Robinson.

2:15 p. m.—Report on Aged Ministers. Read and spoken to by Dr. Spicer and Chairman George W. Carroll. Adopted.

Aged Ministers.

Your committee reports as follows:

Many of the grand old soldiers of the Cross have been put aside, some of them before their time. Each year adds to the number who are obliged to lay down the work and many of them, in fact most of them, are left helpless, financially and physically. We are glad to note that a movement is on foot to establish permanent help for these aged men who have spent their lives in doing good to others. Brethren, we ought to help them, not meagerly but liberally. The Book of Books tells us that the love of God dwells not in us if we fail to help a brother in need.

Respectfully submitted.

Thomas W. Spicer,
J. M. Ferris,
Mrs. Shaw Thompson.

2:30 p. m.—Report on periodicals. Read by Elder McLeod. Fully discussed by a number. Adopted.

Periodicals.

As Baptists the great commission comes to us with peculiar force. In no small measure are we responsible for the advance of the kingdom in this generation. In order to "go" intelligently we need to inform ourselves. We should first of all familiarize ourselves with the word, that God may through it speak to our hearts until we will be ready to say with Isaiah, "Here am I."

The publications of our Sunday school board at Nashville are of the highest standard. We would urge that each Sunday school acquaint itself with the graded system of lessons, and as far as possible adopt them, as well as the excellent papers for young and old.

Our missionary magazines, Foreign Mission Journal, Home Field, and Royal Service—a monthly publication successor to Our Mission Fields—published by the Women's Missionary Union, will be found full of information and inspiration, and will keep us well acquainted with the work being done in the various fields of our societies.

Last, but not least, we would call attention to the Florida Baptist Witness, our own state paper, to which we should show our loyalty by subscribing for and reading it.

D. T. McLeod,
John Tompkins,
A. E. Clem.

3:00 p. m.—Report on Baptist Orphanage. Read by Bro. J. S. Mahony and spoken to by Brethren Spicer, Williams, Kingsley, Corbet and King. Adopted.

Orphanage.

Your committee would respectfully report as follows:

This institution is located at Arcadia and owns buildings and grounds amounting to say, \$40,000. While it is under Baptist control it is open to any child who is an orphan.

There are about seventy inmates now and it can accommodate 100. The management so far has been excellent and we earnestly commend it to our denomination and to all others who are willing to help in such a worthy cause. Let us help those innocent ones who can not help themselves. They who give to the poor lend to the Lord.

Funds for this worthy cause are needed all the while and they are especially needing furniture. "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these ye did it unto me." These are the words of Jesus and well worthy of our consideration. Let us all help the little ones. Respectfully submitted.

J. S. Mahony,
Mrs. James M. Condrey,
Mrs. H. P. Johnson,
J. W. Person,

3:30 p. m.—Report on women's work. Read by J. H. Williams and spoken to by Mrs. M. K. Abbott.

Women's Work.

The committee on women's work reports that the women of the churches in our association are doing a noble work for the cause of Christ with great zeal and energy. The reports from the different societies show moneys raised for all the causes adopted by our association. Women's work is recognized and appreciated by the association as a power for great good.

J. H. Williams,
Mrs. M. K. Abbot,
Mrs. Clara Nichols,
Mrs. A. E. Crenshaw.

After song and prayer, adjourned upon announcements, not the least being supper on the grounds at 4:30.

Thursday Evening.

6:45—Devotional song service by the choir, assisted by Mrs. Mote of Leesburg.

Announcement of standing committees.

Reading church letters.

7:15—Report on education. Read by Elder Graham. Moved and so ordered to hear Dr. Montague Friday at 10:45 a. m.

Education.

We live in an age of schools and these schools are for the training and education of the young men and women of our land. Hence the importance of schools and the right kind of schools. The question that is of most vital importance to fathers and mothers of today is how shall our boys and girls be educated and where shall such training be had? Man should be built on a square, for he has a fourfold nature, and as we want the whole man educated, too much care can not be taken in the selection of the school where such training can be had.

The school where the physical, mental, moral and spiritual natures all have the same attention should be the one selected. The schools that will give such training and afford ample opportunity for the development of good lives and characters are our Christian schools. There are two different features in the develop-

ment of Christian character—principle and practice Principle sought with a view to practice, and practice made to conform to principle.

The Baptist school that emphasizes these things is the place for our young men and women. Believing Columbia College of Lake City to be a Christian school, whose president, Dr. A. P. Montague, is a man of rare Christian virtues and whose faculty are all Christian men and women, and all are members of the Baptist church, and that God's word, which is a "lamp unto our feet and a light unto our pathway," is taught by precept and example to be the most important thing in the development of Christian character, therefore we most earnestly recommend that we Baptists do give to Columbia College, our college, our most hearty co-operation and that we send our children there for training and culture for service in life's great work.

J. P. Graham.

7:45—Report on temperance. Read by George J. King. Spoken to by Brethren Higgins, Spicer, S. S. Mathis, J. W. Persons and Dr. Montague. Adopted.

Temperance.

Believing that the liquor habit is one of the greatest enemies of Christianity, we wish to condemn the use of intoxicating drinks. Many Christians misunderstand the true meaning of temperance. We heartily pledge ourselves to work together in every way for the furtherance of this great movement.

Respectfully submitted.

George J. King,
G. W. Higgins,
Sister T. V. Curington,
Sister W. R. Nichols.

After song and prayer association stood adjourned to 9 a. m. Friday.

Friday Morning.

9:00—Devotions led by Elder Carroll.

Reports on letters and queries. Read by A. N. Chelf. Spoken to by S. S. Mathis, Thomas W. Spicer and W. N. Kingsley.

Letters and Queries.

We, your committee, find the letters from the different churches about the general average. We further find that all the churches use the regular letters recommended by the state board. We find no queries for us to report on. Respectfully submitted.

A. N. Chelf,
Walter Nichols.

Motion to abolish subject and a committee appointed to draft an order of business and to present same to association in 1915. Carried. Moved and so ordered to hear Dr. Montague on education at 10:15.

9:20—Report on obituaries. Read and spoken to by S. L. Griggs and W. N. Kingsley. Adopted.

Obituaries.

Your committee on obituaries find that the following named brethren and sisters have finished their work on earth, and have gone to receive their reward from Him who doeth all things well. Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord.

We recommend that a page be set apart in our minutes on which to record the names of our beloved dead.

S. L. Griggs,
W. N. Kingsley,
Sister M. S. Slevender.

Oxford—Sister Sally Perry, aged 73; Sister Katie Crenshaw, aged 78; Sister Charity Snowden, aged 83.

Bushnell—Sister Sue Churchill; Sister Patience A. Grant; Sister M. E. Lane.

Hebron—Sister Polly Johnson.

Wildwood—Sister Daena Martin.

Wahoe—Brother William Swain; Sister Lizzie Wildon.

Sardis—Sister B. Harris.

Charter Oak—Brother William Lucius; Sister Mattie Harris.

9:30—Sister E. H. Mote of Leesburg sang a beautiful solo, "Peace," and upon giving its history of composition, Dr. Montague expressed a wish that she sing it at our state convention in Pensacola.

9:35—Report on Sunday schools. Read and spoken to by G. A. Martin, A. E. Clem, G. W. Higgins and others. Adopted.

Sunday Schools.

We find that a greater per cent of our churches has reported a live Sunday school than ever before in the Alachua Association, wherein we rejoice to note the progress. Yet we find a large number of children, young men and ladies who are not enlisted in a Sunday school. When we, as Baptists, get a vision of what a real Sunday school is, then we will get busy and not rest contented until we see all our forces brought into this great work. Sunday school is a part of the church at work and we have a chance to teach the youthful at and reach a class that the preacher might not reach. We should choose for superintendent

and teachers men and women who are willing to devote time and energy to the work. Respectfully submitted,

G. A. Martin,
A. E. Clem.

9:45—Report of executive committee.

Executive Committee.

We, the executive committee of the Alachua Association, wish to state that we are highly pleased with the work done by our association's missionary, Bro. G. W. Carroll. We feel sure that his labors have not been in vain and that God has signally blessed his efforts in our midst. We ask the prayers and co-operation of the entire association.

J. H. Williams,
A. W. Person,
T. P. Webster,
Walter Nichols,
J. P. Graham.

Report on finance.

Report of Finance Committee.

Brooksville	\$ 2.00
Bushnell	1.85
Center Hill	2.00
Coleman	1.20
Eden	2.00
Floral City	2.50
Hebron	2.70
Lady Lake	2.00
Leesburg	6.00
Mill Creek	
Oxford	2.45
Pedro	1.25
St. Catherine	
Sardis	2.00
Sumterville50
Wahoo	1.55
Whitney, pledged	2.00
Webster50
Wildwood	2.00
Total	\$31.10

J. A. Forrester,
D. A. Tooke,
Walter Nichols.

10:00—Resolution of thanks.

Whereas the messengers of the churches have received during the session of the association the most gracious hospitality,

Be it resolved that the thanks of this body are hereby rendered the Christian friends of Coleman, who have made our stay both comfortable and pleasant.

A. P. Montague.

10:15—Time to resume report on education. Dr. A. P. Montague was given the entire time of one and a half hours, which were duly taken care of in his most excellent manner of handling this important subject.

11:30—Treasurer's report.

Treasurer's Report.

Receipts—

To balance last report.....	\$41.66
Rev. J. P. Graham for Minutes.....	5.00
Union at Oxford.....	18.70
Union at Lady Lake.....	10.55
Union at Pedro.....	10.17

Total\$86.08

Disbursements—

To Dr. S. B. Rogers	
State and Associational Missions.....	\$17.92
Home Missions	8.70
Foreign Missions	7.65
Aged Ministers	11.80
Paid Clerk	15.00
Printing Minutes	25.00

Total\$86.07

Balance01

Received this session—

Spontaneous Collection State Missions.....	16.80
Minutes and Clerk.....	36.75

Total balance\$53.56

J. H. Williams, Treasurer.

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Report of treasurer. Adopted.

B. Y. P. U. report as read by Elder Mathis was one of the most interesting features of the association.

B. Y. P. U.

Your committee notes with regret the fact that there are very few B. Y. P. U. organizations in our association. The reports of the churches show that scores of young people have been received into the churches during the past year, but we are doing little to train them.

The daily papers said of the German army a few days ago, "A large per cent of the men now at the front are young men, untrained in military tactics." Commenting upon the situation, it was prophesied that with the implements of warfare in the hands of these untrained men they would necessarily lose ground.

We have a mighty army of young men and young women in our churches, and as our older soldiers fall on the battlefield these young men and women are to man the guns. Yet Satan's emissaries are delighted as they face the prospect of combating an untrained army. This age is extremely a practical one. Men in all vocations of life are demanding results. Success in this age is measured not by effort but results. While training our sons and daughters in banking, engineering, farming, bookkeeping, domestic science etc., shall we neglect to train them in the service of the Kingdom?

We have our various institutions of learning and particularly our own Columbia College, and we spend considerable time regretting that we can not send our sons and daughters there, while the B. Y. P. U., the college of the church, is neglected or antagonized. Let every church erect its own school (B. Y. P. U.) for technical training of our youth in the things of the kingdom of God, that in the not distant future when the affairs of the kingdom shall fall upon their shoulders and the weapons of the Christian warfare fall into their hands, they may be able to march forward against the enemy of right and like the trained soldiers which they will be, follow their Leader to victory in His name.

Respectfully submitted,

S. S. Mathis,

Mrs. Walter Nichols,

Miss Zella Gresham.

Adopted.

Adjourned for dinner.

Friday Afternoon.

1:30—Elder J. P. Graham, Brooksville, elected member of state board.

2:00—Sermon, Elder S. S. Mathis of Dunnellon.

Report of nominating committee:

Southern Baptist Convention—L. M. Gunn, Wildwood.

State Convention—George W. Carroll, D. T. McLeod, J. R. Proctor, G. W. Higgins, J. H. Hughes.

Association meets at Floral City Wednesday night at 7 o'clock, Oct. 6, 1915.

Introductory sermon by Elder J. P. Graham, Brooksville; Elder R. J. Gorbet, Altoona, alternate.

The association arose and sang "Blest Be the Tie that Binds," and while the parting hand shake was given there were few dry eyes.

George J. King, Clerk.

George W. Carroll, Moderator.

Ministers Present.

A. E. Clem.....	Lake Hamilton
W. N. Kingsley.....	Leesburg
G. A. Martin.....	Floral City
D. T. McLeod.....	Webster
S. D. Martin.....	Wildwood
J. P. Graham.....	Brooksville
Thomas W. Spicer.....	Leesburg
Simpson S. Mathis.....	Dunnellon
E. Z. F. Golden.....	
A. P. Montague.....	Lake City
Dr. S. B. Rogers.....	Jacksonville

Women's Missionary Union.

The Women's Missionary Union met at the Methodist church Oct. 9, 1914.

Union opened by singing "Nearer, My God, to Thee," all standing with bowed heads.

Prayer by Mrs. J. C. Rodgers.

Scripture lesson read and commented on by our superintendent, Mrs. Clara Nichols.

Prayer—Mrs. Peelman.

Welcome Address—Mrs. A. F. Crenshaw.

Response—Mrs. Abbott.

Reading—"The W. M. U." by Mrs. Clara Nichols.

Readings—"Our Work," Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Johnson, Miss Johnson.

Song—"Wonderful Peace," sung very sweetly and inspiring by Mrs. Mote of Leesburg.

Mrs. Peelman, our beloved state secretary, addressed the union in a very impressive manner on our state work. She emphasized the importance of trained workers and observance of special days of prayer.

Poem—"For Me," by Mrs. Golden.

Reports from societies as follows:

Leesburg W. M. S.....	\$ 17.85
Y. W. A.....	85.00
L. A. S.....	167.00
Coleman W. M. S.....	15.80
Floral City W. M. S.....	4.00
Oxford W. M. S.....	84.75
Wildwood W. M. S.....	31.00

A motion was made and carried that an executive board be appointed to draft a constitution for our associational union and arrange for a missionary institution.

Officers were than elected for the ensuing year as follows:

Superintendent, Mrs. Clara Nichols; assistant superintendent, Mrs. Burnham.

Union closed with prayer by Mrs. Carroll.

- Mrs. G. W. Carroll,
- Mrs. J. H. Hughes,
- Mrs. A. F. Crenshaw,
- Mrs. J. C. Saunders,
- Miss Virginia B. Johnson.

DIRECTORY

Name of Church	Pastor	Pastor's Postoffice Address	Clerk	Clerk's Postoffice Address
Brooksville	J. P. Graham	Brooksville, Fla.	M. H. Snow	Brooksville, Fla.
Brushwell	A. E. Oren	Lake Hamilton, Fla.	W. H. Snow	Brushwell, Fla.
Center Hill	S. C. South	Lake Hamilton, Fla.	J. L. Jones	Center Hill, Fla.
Fortner Oak	G. H. Proctor	Petal, Fla.	Henry Redding	Summerfield, Fla.
Geoghan	J. P. Graham	Floral City, Fla.	T. V. Curdington	Geoghan, Fla.
Floral City	J. P. Graham	Brooksville, Fla.	J. M. Hecker, Jr.	Brooksville, Fla.
Horton	S. M. Mathis	Investment, Fla.	W. C. Wood	Floral City, Fla.
Lady Lake	S. M. Deacon	Wildwood, Fla.	J. M. Ferris	Brooksville, Fla.
Leesburg	G. W. Carroll	Leesburg, Fla.	A. W. Vinson	Lady Lake, Fla.
Mill Creek	E. Z. E. Golden	Leesburg, Fla.	J. H. Wade	Leesburg, Fla.
Oxford	R. J. Gortner	Altoona, Fla.	J. C. Hall	Oxford, Fla.
Petal	E. L. Clavorn	Summerfield, Fla.	M. M. Proctor	Summerfield, Fla.
Springs	W. H. O'Leary	Oxford, Fla.	W. R. Nichols	Oxford, Fla.
St. Catherine	Thomas, W. Spioer	Leesburg, Fla.	H. H. Boswell	Summerfield, Fla.
Summerfield	G. A. Martin	Floral City, Fla.	John Lovell	Brushwell, Fla.
Waldo	D. E. McJannet	Webster, Fla.	C. E. Branch	Webster, Fla.
Webster	W. A. Kinsley	Leesburg, Fla.	W. V. Fenwick	Webster, Fla.
Whitney	S. C. Stearn	Lake Hamilton, Fla.	J. M. Hudson	Whitney, Fla.
Wildwood				Wildwood, Fla.

STATISTICAL TABLE NUMERICAL

INCREASE THIS YEAR DECREASE THIS YEAR

Church	Year Organized	Increase			Decrease			Membership this Year	Net Increase	What Sundays Have Preaching
		By Baptism	By Letter or Statement	By Restoration	By Letter	By Ex-pulsion or Erasure	By Death			
Brooksville	1862	13	13		2		200	11	1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th.	
Bushnell	1886	21	20		10	4	70	27	1st and 3rd.	
Center Hill	1904	5	9		1		14	4	3rd.	
Charter Oak	1904	16	9		18	2	33	11	4th.	
Coleman	1904	16	9		18	2	65	11	4th.	
Fden	1815				1		41	1	2nd.	
Floral City	1822	10	12		18	5	32	16	1st.	
Hebron	1831	21	23		4	1	64	3	1st, 3rd.	
Lady Lake	1832				3	5	12	2	2nd.	
Leesburg	1876	16	16		25	10	172	16	1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th.	
Mill Creek										
Pedro	1911	21	33				35	35	2nd.	
Oxford	1884		2		17	1	70	28	1st.	
St. Catherine										
Sumterville										
Wahoo	1883	4	4		4		20	4	1st.	
Webster	1903	27	1		1	1	90	26	2nd.	
Sardis	1891	1	1		5		96	1	1st.	
Whitney	1883						41		2nd, 4th.	
Wildwood	1884	26	5		1	1	111	27	1st, 3rd.	

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Name of Church	Name of Society	President	President's Postoffice Address	Contributed for Missions and Benevolences
Brooksville	ORGANIZED— Anti-Slavery League			\$ 62.30
Bushnell				4.00
Center Hill				82.45
Charter Oak				5.00
Coleman				
Fden				
Floral City	Southern Band	J. K. Scott	Floral City, Fla.	
Hebron				
Lady Lake				
Leesburg				
Mill Creek				
Oxford				
Pedro				
St. Catherine				
Sumterville				
Wahoo				
Webster				
Whitney				
Wildwood				
	B. V. P. T. Sabbath School Anti-Slavery League			4.00
				20.00
				1.21
				150.76

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Total

Churches	Name of President	President's Post Office Address	Contributed for Missions and Benevolence	Value of Missionary Boxes	Total for All Purposes
Brooksville	Mrs. J. C. Law	Brooksville, Fla.	\$ 49.20	\$ 60.00	\$109.20
Bushnell	Mrs. J. H. Hughes	Bushnell, Fla.	3.00		3.00
Chatter Hill					
Charters Oak	Mrs. A. F. Crenshaw	Coleman, Fla.	12.40	3.90	16.30
Cochran	Mrs. Ethel Whitaker	Floral City, Fla.	5.30		5.30
Floral City					
Hebron					
Lady Lake	Mrs. M. D. Stivender	Leesburg, Fla.	18.65	80.00	98.65
Leesburg					
Mill Creek	Mrs. Clara Nichols	Oxford, Fla.	61.75	32.00	83.75
Oxford					
Pedro					
Sardis					
St. Catherine					
Sumterville					
Walton					
Webster					
Whitney					
Wildwood					
	Mrs. S. D. Martin	Wildwood, Fla.	31.00		31.00
	Total	Total	\$181.30	\$175.90	\$347.20