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OF THE

Sixty-Ninth Annual

Session

OF THE

ALACHUA BAPTIST

ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH THE

Floral City Baptist Church

October 7-8-9, 1915

Floral City, Citrus County

Florida

Next session convenes with the Webster Baptist Church, Friday, before the first Sunday in October, 10 o'clock, a. m., 1916, Webster, Florida, on A. C. L. Railway.

PROCEEDINGS
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OFFICERS

S. D. MARTIN Moderator
GEO. J. KING Clerk
J. H. WILLIAMS Treasurer

Next Session convenes with Webster Baptist Church, Friday,
at 10 O'clock, a. m., September 29th, 1916, at Webster, Fla.,
A. C. L. Ry.

CHAIRMEN OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Foreign Missions Rev. H. S. Howard
Home Missions Rev. G. Herbert
State Missions Rev. A. L. Blizard
Layman's Missionary Movement J. H. Williams
Education Rev. S. C. Sloan
Orphanage Rev. J. H. Hughes
Temperance Rev. G. A. Martin
B. M. A. A. Rev. Thomas N. Spieer
Periodicals D. T. McLeod
Sunday Schools J. C. Hall
Nominations M. E. Conthers
Obituaries A. W. Vinson
Woman's Work D. A. Tooke

Any chairman, if impossible to attend the association, will
 please write his report and mail to the clerk.

Thanking you in advance, I beg to remain,
 Fraternally yours,

S. D. MARTIN, Moderator.

COMMITTEE ON ORDER OF BUSINESS

Rev. A. L. Blizard, Rev. J. P. Graham, Bro. J. C. Rogers,
Bro. J. M. Hedrick.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Present:

Canady, A. B.
Clem, A. E.
Lewis, J. M.
McLeod, D. T.
Rogers, J. C.
Graham, John P.
Kingeley, W. N.
Martin, G. A.
O'Berry, W. R.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Absent:

Cleyburn, B. F.
Frier, B. F.
Herbert, G.
Proctor, T. F.
Spicer, T. W.
Gorbet, R. J.
Hays, G. W.
McClamma, J. W.
Proctor, J. R.
Traylor, M. L.

LICENSED

L. W. Harris.

CONSTITUTION

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

Art. 2. It shall be composed of such churches as hold the doctrines 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 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; the 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 the 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.

BY LAWS

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 disolve 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.

MINUTES

Floral City, Oct. 6th, 1915.

The Alachua Baptist Association met in its Sixty-Ninth Annual Session with the First Baptist Church of Floral City, on the above date at 7 o'clock, p. m.

Moderator absent, clerk present.

Bro. S. D. Martin, acting moderator, called upon Elder Clem, of Lake Hamilton, to lead devotional services.

Songs 308, 309 and reading Ps. 27.

Moved and carried, the program as published in Witness, September 23, be used at this session.

Chair appointed Brethren J. H. Hughes, D. A. Tooke and J. C. Hall committee on credentials.

7:30—Introductory sermon, delivered by Elder John P. Graham, of Brooksville.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

Having examined the letters from the following churches, submit the following report:

All messengers present together with those who may come in later are entitled to sit with and take part in deliberations.

Respectfully,

J. H. HUGHES,

D. A. TOOKE,

J. C. HALL.

The names thus secured showed the following as messengers:

Brooksville—Rev. J. P. Graham, W. E. Law.

Bushnell—Mrs. J. H. Hughes, Mrs. Alice Bevil.

Center Hill—Letter, from J. A. Forrester.

Charter Oak—Rev. W. R. O'Berry.

Coleman—Letter, Mrs. A. F. Crenshaw.

Eden—Bro. J. M. Hedrick.

Floral City—Rev. G. A. Martin, D. A. Tooke, Sister A. L. Driggers, G. W. Higgins, Mrs. D. A. Tooke, W. C. Wood, Miss Ruby Wood, Mrs. Zimmerman, Bro. Bushnell, and others.

Hebron—A. P. Sharpe, J. M. Ferris, Bro. L. W. Harris.

Lady Lake—W. P. Ebbs.

Leesburg—Rev. A. L. Blizard, J. H. Williams, F. P. Webster, Mrs. M. K. Abbott, Geo. J. King.

Oxford—Mrs. E. Smith, Clara Nichols, S. L. Griggs, J. C. Hall.

Pedro—Walter Nichols.

Sardis—Rev. W. R. O'Berry, J. W. Persons.

Sumterville—Letter, Bro. Thompkins.

Wahoo—D. Gant.

Webster—Rev. D. L. McLeod.

Whitney—Rev. W. N. Kingsley.

Wildwood—S. D. Martin, Moderator of Association, Sister T. N. Curington.

8:30—Moved and carried that rules be waived and temporary organization be made permanent by acclamation, as follows: S. D. Martin, moderator; Geo. J. King, clerk, J. H. Williams, treasurer.

8:45—Petitionary letters, none.

8:50—Upon welcoming correspondents, visitors and representatives of general denominational interests, the chair announced committee on preaching services.

The association then adjourned to 8:30 a. m.

Prayer by A. L. Blizard.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Devotional services led by D. T. McLeod, reading Matt. V 1:12.

9:00—Report of Executive Committee, presented by Bro.

9:30—Report, spoken to by J. P. Graham, D. T. McLeod and J. H. Williams; adopted.

10:00—B. Y. P. U. Report; adopted. Led by Bro. Clem. Blizard and Persons.

Martin.

Attention given to report of committees on missions.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

2:00—Report on periodicals. Spoken to by Bro. Hughes, Cannady and others; adopted.

2:20—Sunday school work. This report, by Bro. Webster was discussed at length with its recommendation, by the brethren.

A motion providing for the appointment of Gwylin Herbert to do special Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. work in this association. In this connection also was passed a motion urging the State Board of missions to appoint a B. Y. P. U. and S. S. efficiency expert, whose field of labor will be the whole state.

3:15—Report of B. M. A. A., read by Bro. Kingsley and spoken to by a number of the brethren; approved.

EVENING SESSION

At the close of the evening service, Rev. A. L. Blizard having delivered an able sermon from I Tim. 1:18.

7:50—Report on foreign missions was read and spoken to by Bro. Blizard, Clem and Graham, Kingsley and others. Bro.

Graham emphasized the fact that while we must go out, the starting point was Jerusalem.

Friday 9:00 o'clock—There was a heavy rain. Only a few assembled to hear Bro. J. C. Rogers lead devotional service. The association convened at ten.

A very touching musical selection rendered by Mrs. T. N. Curington of Wildwood, and Mrs. Clara Nichols of Oxford, entitled, "Make the World Better."

After prayer by Bro. Hedrick, association stood adjourned to 9:00 a. m. Friday.

ASSOCIATIONAL AND STATE

We, the Executive committee of the Alachua Association wish to state we have supplemented Bro. G. W. Carroll's salary at Lady Lake and Coleman this year and appreciate very highly his earnest efforts with these churches during the year.

We also arranged with the State board to hold an institute with the Wildwood Baptist church on the 5th Sunday in August. The object of said meeting was to put on an every member canvass, group our churches and locate pastors on the fields.

May God bless each church in his, our association; pray for and co-operate with us, your fellow-workers.

A. W. VINSON, Chairman.

S. D. MARTIN, Secretary.

J. H. WILLIAMS.

REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL AND STATE MISSIONS.

In essence, the Gospel is missionary. The great commission to the disciples was to go and preach the gospel to all the world, teaching and baptizing, with the definite promise that Jesus would be with them always, even to the end. We realize the great need, see the fields already white to harvest, but how to accomplish the work is the problem. Jesus gives us the commission and also gives us the method for the accomplishment of the work.

The command is to begin at Jerusalem, at home. Here we have a strong argument for state missions and we verily believe according to the command and the order laid down in God's word, that state missions should take precedence over all other branches of mission work. Home and foreign missions depend upon the success of state missions. State missions, then, is fundamental, is foundation work. The hub around which all other branches of mission work revolve. Hence, the all importance of state missions. At this time in our churches' history the appeal for state missions is most urgent. Perhaps never before was the need so great as at present. Referring to our own state,

fair Florida is being populated rapidly with people from every state in the union, and foreigners are coming to our shores by the thousands. We must absorb them or be absorbed. We must give them Christ or surrender the field. Brethren, we most earnestly appeal to you in behalf of state missions and recommend that our people pray and study the great commission and that we give more generously to this great cause in this time of distress and sore need. Beginning at Jerusalem then Judea and Samaria, reaching out to the regions beyond to the utmost parts of the earth.

Submitted for committee by

J. P. GRAHAM,

W. C. WOOD,

D. A. TOOKE.

B. Y. P. U. REPORT.

"And the things that thou hast heard among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others, also," said Paul to Timothy. It is clear that it is the duty of pastor and church to transmit the Gospel to the young; to train them for service.

A Young Peoples' organization within the church affords an excellent channel for this teaching. A church can no more live and grow which neglects her young people than the church which ignores missions. And this association will be coming up to the measure of her privilege and fulfilling her mission by encouraging such training. Our future leaders in our churches and the association must come from the ranks of the young people; and their efficiency will depend on the training we give them.

Therefore we recommend:

1. That we urge the organization of a Baptist Young People's Union in both our town and country churches.
2. That an associational B. Y. P. U. and Sunday school institute to be held in connection with the January Union meeting.
3. That a B. Y. P. U. efficiency man be appointed who shall act in conjunction with the associational committee in arranging such institute.
4. That in the future this association at her annual meeting grant the young people a suitable hour for consideration of their work.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. CLEM,

MRS. A. L. DRIGGERS,

E. LAW,

Committee.

HOME MISSIONS REPORT.

Spoken to by Bro. McLeod and others, approved.

Report on Christian Education

Being discussed by Bro. Williams, W. N. Kingsley, Cannady and Blizard. In the absence of Dr. Montague, Columbia College was most ably represented by the Witness man. The association strongly endorsed the report, whereupon the report of A. B. Cannady was duly recognized.

11:00—Bro. J. M. Lewis of Pasco association was accorded a seat with us.

The hour appointed for Bro. Clem to preach was ably filled by the speaker.

12:15—Adjourned for dinner, and till two o'clock.

Prayer by Bro. Lewis.

HOME MISSIONS

Your committee reports on home missions that we consider our home work the most important of all our work. It is the first and main foundation to build upon.

Our home mission board at Atlanta, Ga., is doing and has done a great work in all our Southern states. Our state is under great obligations to our board. Our home work is so important that we can't see where we can stop or economize; all the work is so important.

The home board has men at work in all the large cities in the South. Our Lord commanded the church to commence at Jerusalem and go forward in all the world. We urge all Baptists to stand by and co-operate with our home board.

Submitted by
D. T. McLEOD,
MRS. BEVILL,
A. P. SHARP.

REPORT ON EDUCATION

We, your committee on education, desire to submit the following:

The word "education" is derived from two Latin words, which mean to lead out. It is the art of drawing out or developing the faculties of the mind. Education is therefore that process by which the human child adjusts itself to its surroundings so as to be able to appropriate them and succeed in them. Education is the constant striving of the individual to come to a full realization of its powers, the ultimate end of which striving is the same, whether the period be that of the child in the kinder-

garten, or of the boy in elementary school or college, or of the man in the professional school, or, school of life.

While it is a deplorable fact that there is still a considerable amount of indifference to this subject and many children are not having even common school educations, yet it is gratifying to note the rapid increase of interest, and educational facilities are now such that a liberal training of the mind is in reach of almost every boy and girl. We insist that the educational question with its importance, be emphasized in all quarters, and that special efforts be made to have the minds of the young people properly trained for the advancement of mankind, for the good of the individual and for the glory of God. The cause of education well deserves our thoughtful consideration. So far as it is known by your committee, there has been no age in which its importance has been more sensibly realized, and its advancement more earnestly sought than now. This is occasion of much encouragement and good comfort. The proper education is an individual duty to mankind and to God—a duty to mankind because the life of the properly educated individual is worth more to mankind than an ignorant, narrow life, and duty to God above all things, because He has said to us "Mine own with usury" and we owe it to Him, to give Him the largest life possible—a life with every faculty trained for His glory. No individual can be properly educated when the mind is trained to the neglect of the soul. This fact calls with a trumpet voice from the skies, for Christian training of our youth, whether for leadership or for the rank of active church membership, is doomed at last to disintegration and decay. We heartily recommend Columbia College at Lake City, for the training of our young people in higher Christian education, which has done so much for our Baptist cause in Florida, both in the ministry and in civic life.

J. H. WILLIAMS,
J. W. PERSON,
MRS. J. H. HUGHES.

REPORT ON 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 with the word of our Heavenly Father; that God may through it speak to our hearts until we may 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 recommend 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 published by the Sunday school board.

Our missionary magazines, *Foreign Mission Journal* and *Home Field* and *Royal Service* 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 work.

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.

J. H. HUGHES, Chairman,
W. R. O'BERRY,
MRS. A. F. CRENSHAW.

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

We, your committee, beg to report on Sunday school work

That after going through the letters of the various churches we are gratified to find there has been a fair increase in most schools in both members and contributions. We recommend that each school strive to be an A-1 school.

We would also recommend that the body discuss the best methods of bettering our schools.

Respectfully submitted,
F. P. WEBSTER,
MRS. T. N. CURINGTON,
J. C. HALL.

We your committee on B. M. A. A. beg leave to report that while ministers like all others must die and as but few have an opportunity to lay by for their loved ones, we urge that all ministers to join this order; also that laymen join as honorary members, thereby helping in a most trying time in a deceased minister's family.

W. N. KINGSLEY,
J. M. HEDRICK,
W. A. BUSHNEER.

A request from the Hebron church was presented by Bro. C. A. Martin, asking the association to ordain Rev. L. W. Harris, of Brooksville, to the full work of the gospel ministry, which request the body declined, taking the position that the proper authority to perform the rite was his home church. The association voted to assist Bro. Harris financially in preparing for work. He has been licensed and is now serving Spring Lake church.

4:00—After song and prayer by Bro. O'Berry, association stood adjourned to 7:00 p. m.

FOREIGN MISSION REPORT

The spirit of the New Testament is the spirit of missions. The first message from heaven at the birth of Jesus the Christ was a missionary message: "Fear not, for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people." Luke 2:10.

The first prayer Christ taught His followers was a missionary prayer: "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, in earth as in heaven." Matt. 6:10. Andrew, the first disciple, was a missionary. He first findeth his own brother Simon and saith to him: "we have found Messiah," and he brought him to Jesus. John 7:41. The first command of the risen Lord to his disciples was a missionary command: "Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you, as my Father hath sent me into the world so send I you." John 20:21. The first Apostolic sermon was a missionary sermon, based on a missionary text taken from the prophecy of Joel, 2nd chapter: "and it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my spirit on all flesh, and it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved." Acts 1:22. One point made by the apostle on that occasion was: "For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." Christ's great reason for unity was a missionary, "that they all may be one, as thou Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us, that the world may believe that thou hast sent me." John 17:21. The first preaching of our Lord was missionary preaching. The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor. He hath sent Me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised to preach the acceptable year of the Lord. And He began to say unto them, this day is this Scripture fulfilled in your ears." Luke IV. 18-21. This "Jesus began both to do and to teach;" and when He ascended to Heaven He said to us, "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you." The second advent of our Lord is to be hastened by our missionary work. And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto the nations, and then shall the end come." Matt. 24:14. A literal (word for word) rendering of this verse is: "And these glad tidings of the kingdom will be published in all the habitable world for a testimony to all the nations; and then will the end come." Our Savior's last expressed desire on earth was a missionary desire, "Go ye therefore and make disciples of all the nations, immersing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit; teaching them to observe all things which I have enjoined

upon you; and behold, I am with you all the days till the consummation of the ages."

Passing over more than sixteen centuries between that expressed wish of our Lord and the inauguration of the modern missionary movements without comment, let us glance briefly at the condition confronting Carey, Judson and other devoted disciples during the last quarter of the century preceding this.

1. There was scarcely any means by which the great heathens could be reached. China was walled in, every Japanese port was closed to foreigners; the English powers controlling India was antagonistic to missions; Africa, a terra incognita, impenetrable, even to explorers, and the islands of the ocean inhabited by cannibals. All that portion of the East over which Mohammedanism held sway was blind with bigotry, and punished with death any followers of the prophet who dared even to look away from the crescent to the Cross.

2. Contrast Conditions Then and Now.—Today the barriers are down. If the rubbish of these walls thrown down by the hand of God is not all removed, it can be swiftly and safely surmounted, and every stronghold of Satan captured by the armies of Christ. It is impossible to pack into a few paragraphs the huge mass of facts which no child of God can carefully survey without becoming a convert to missions. There has been nothing less than a new exodus of an Egypt of apathy and insensibility; a new crossing of the Red Sea, a new overwhelming of the pursuing foe, a new pilgrimage behind God's pillar. The Angel of the Lord has gone before the mission band till, within one century, its ranks girdle the world. At the command of Jehovah, land after land has admitted the heralds of the Cross till in the most helpless fields the harvest waves, and the whole aspect of field is marvelously changed. India is now a starry firmament, sparkling with missionary stations; Turkey is planted with churches from the Golden Horn to the Tigris and the Euphrates, and the Cross is beginning to outshine the Crescent. Syria educates her young men and women in her Christian schools, colleges and seminaries, and from her consecrated press scatters throughout the dominion of Mohammed the million leaves of the Tree of Life. Japan strides in her seven league boots toward a Christian civilization and with a rapidity that rivals Apostolic days; Africa is crossed, girdled, and penetrated by missionary bands, and is drawing to itself the wondering gaze of the world; Polynesia's thousand church spires point like fingers to the sky, and where the cannibals' ovens roasted victims for the feast of death, the Lord's table is now spread for the feast of life and love. Even Pagan lands now invite Christian labor. All this and vastly more than this, hath God wrought since our grandfathers were young

men. The people of our country are familiar, however, with God's method of opening these doors for the incoming of a pure gospel. Surely never before has our Master so blessed His people with unhindered opportunities for obeying His great commission.

There are no longer any foreign lands. The submarine cable, the railroad and the steamship have obliterated distance and made every man neighbor with every other man. The providence of God, using the inventive genius of man, has drawn all of earth's teeming millions together into one great congregation, and Jesus Christ is saying to His people with a pathos and power in His divine tones never heard in this world before "Go teach all nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." As my Father hath sent me into the world, so send I you."

A. L. BLIZARD, Chairman.
MRS. ELIZA SMITH,
MRS. CLARA NICHOLS.

10:00—Resolution of Thanks, A. L. Blizard.

10:05—Report on Obituaries, read by Bro. Hedrick, Sr.; Memorial page.

10:30—Report on Temperance, read by Bro. Griggs.

10:45—Report on Orphanage, read and spoken to by Rev. G. A. Martin and Bro. Griggs.

10:50—Finance Committee.

10:55—Treasurer's report.

11:00—Resolution to Bro. Carroll, and paying clerk.

11:30—Report of Nominating Committee.

12:00—Report, Woman's Work; adopted.

12:30—Embodiment minutes of W. M. U.

RESOLUTION BY A. L. BLIZARD

Resolved: That the thanks of this body be and the same are hereby extended to the members of Floral City church, and the citizens of this community for their unbounded hospitality to us during our stay among them.

Adopted—standing.

TEMPERANCE REPORT

We recognize in the liquor traffic the greatest curse in the work of bringing in the Kingdom of our Christ, and we are profoundly grateful for the great spread of the temperance sentiment, not only in our own fair state, but all over our nation and the world.

We want to thank Mr. Davis and others who worked so faithfully to give the "Davis bill."

May God give a new vision of our daily duty along this line.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. GRIGGS,
W. P. EBBS,
G. A. MARTIN.

P. S.—If all the professed Christians of our fair land would join the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and then vote as they pray, and stand behind the officers of the law, open saloons and blind tigers will soon be a thing of the past.

C. A. H.

ORPHANS' HOME REPORT

Your committee would report as follows:

This institution is located at Arcadia, and owns the buildings and grounds, amounting to say near \$50,000. While it is controlled by the Baptists of Florida, yet its doors are open to any child that is an orphan. God has given to the Baptists of Florida many opportunities for doing good, and perhaps none greater than the Orphan's home. Our Father has promised to be a father to the orphans; but it must be through you and I in giving the means to sustain it. The institution has grown beyond the hopes or expectations of those who fostered its establishment. So great was its growth new apartments were demanded. We now have near 90 inmates. The children receive physical, mental, moral and religious training. Just a few days since we had a glorious revival in the Home and most every child was lead to accept Christ for life and salvation. We are blessed with many churches to help and maintain the Home, with farm products, syrup, potatoes, bacon, etc.

We, your committee, would urge that all the churches and Sunday schools stand by and support the Home, for Jesus said, "Whosoever shall receive one such little child in My name receiveth Me."

Respectfully submitted,

G. A. MARTIN, Chairman,
W. C. WOOD,
S. L. GRIGGS.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts

To balance last report	\$ 53.56
Sumterville church for minutes	1.00
Charter Oak church for minutes	1.00

Whitney church for minutes	2.00
Total	\$57.56

Disbursements

Paid Dr. S. B. Rogers, State Missions.....	\$ 16.80
Paid Clerk for printing minutes.....	40.00

\$56.80

To balance76
Received this session for minutes and clerk.....	\$ 33.00

Total balance

\$33.76

J. H. WILLIAMS,

October 8th, 1915.

Treasurer.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Minutes and Clerk

Oxford	\$ 2.00
Brooksville	1.50
Hedron	1.00
Floral City	2.00
Whitney	2.00
Coleman40
Eden	1.50
Bushnell	2.25
Leesburg	8.00
Center Hill	2.00
Wildwood	3.00
Lady Lake	1.00
Webster	1.35
Wahoo	2.00
Sardis	1.50
Pedro	1.75
Sumpterville	1.50
Charter Oak	

J. H. HUGHES,

W. A. BUSHNELL,

J. M. FERRIS,

Committee.

Resolved: That it is the wish of this association that the clerk shall write a letter of appreciation to Rev. G. W. Carrol, Atlanta, Ga., setting forth the sentiment expressed at this session, carried.

So ordered. On motion it was left with the clerk to arrange

for the printing of minutes, after distribution among the churches to receive fifteen dollars for his services. Carried.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We recommend that this association hold its next session with the Webster Baptist church, beginning Friday, before the first Sunday in October, 1916, at 10 a. m., with Rev. A. L. Blizard to preach the introductory sermon; Rev. W. N. Kingsley, alternate.

We also recommend the following brethren for Executive committee:—Rev. J. P. Graham, Walter Nichols, D. A. Tooke, T. P. Walker and S.E. Walker.

For member of State Board—Rev. A. L. Blizard.

For messenger to S. B. Convention—Rev. J. P. Graham; alternate, Rev. A. L. Blizard.

For messengers to Baptist State Convention—Rev. J. P. Graham, Rev. A. L. Blizard, Rev. W. N. Kingsley, Bro. G. W. Higgins, Bro. S. L. Griggs.

G. W. HIGGINS,
J. H. WILLIAMS,
J. H. HUGHES.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK

From time immemorial Woman has ever been a potent factor in all work for the furtherance of the Master's cause.

The committee on Woman's work report renewed zeal and energy in the work, upon the part of all the women in our association. Since our last annual meeting, several new societies have been organized and the prospects for future success for the Lord's cause is very encouraging.

Soliciting the prayers and co-operation of the association, we respectfully submit this report.

MRS. D. A. TOOKE,
MRS. EVA WICKS,
MRS. MARY CURINGTON,
MRS. M. K. ABBOTT.

MINUTES OF W. M. U. MEETING OF ALACHUA ASS'N.

The women of the Alachua association held their meeting as an organized body on October 8th, 1915, in the M. E. church, Floral City, with the president in the chair.

Meeting opened by singing "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

The devotional service was conducted by Mrs. Crenshaw, of Coleman.

We were most cordially welcomed by Mrs. Whittaker, of the Floral City society, and Mrs. Hughes, of Bushnell, voiced the sentiment of all in her bright, well chosen words of response.

Verbal reports were heard from the following societies in answer to roll call; Bushnell, Coleman, Floral City, Leesburg, Oxford, Wildwood and Eden.

Four Sunbeam bands, one Y. W. A. and one B. A. were reported.

Then came the superintendent's splendid report in connection with which was read the recommendations of the executive committee, and the constitution which was formally adopted at the fifth Sunday meeting in Bushnell in November last; and also the financial report you will find elsewhere.

Then followed the election of officers, which resulted as follows: Superintendent, Mrs. Clara Nichols; Assistant Superintendent, Mrs. A. F. Crenshaw; Secretary, Mrs. J. H. Hughes; Treasurer, Mrs. C. Beville.

The following ladies together with the above officers constitute the executive committee: Mrs. G. Herbert, Chairman; Mrs. O. K. Abbott and Mrs. N. T. Curington.

An offering of \$2.10 was taken for state missions.

After free discussion of the subject, a motion was made and unanimously carried that, at the next meeting the women will meet one day ahead of the association proper and hold their meeting. Following are two reasons given for this: First, that they may have time enough to carry out their program; and second, that they may have the pleasure of attending all the meetings of the general assembly.

After singing "Blessed be the Tie," we were dismissed by Mrs. Abbott, of Leesburg.

MRS. S. W. WICKS, Sec'y.
MRS. CLARA NICHOLS, Pres.

Chairman of Committees

Program—Mrs. G. Herbert.
Woman's Work—Mrs. A. F. Crenshaw.
Literature—Mrs. Roy Chelf.
Obituaries—Mrs. J. C. Whittaker.

W. M. U. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Attended all the meetings of the association during the year, besides one missionary institute and one called meeting of the executive committee.

Distributed about 200 pieces of literature, assisted two parties in securing material for missionary programs in B. Y. P. U.; sold 5 copies of W. M. U. history, visited 4 churches and 1 W.

M. S., wrote 51 letters and 17 cards, received 21 letters and 4 cards; organized 1 W. M. S. and 1 Sunbeam band; and aided through correspondence to organize another W. M. S.

Carried out two missionary programs in the home Sunday school.

The societies heard from report as follows

Bushnell	\$ 1.87
Coleman	12.00
Wildwood	35.20
Oxford	41.69
Floral City	28.15
Leesburg	18.25
Lady Lake	16.00
Total	\$153.32

Lady Lake sent box to Orphanage.

Charity	\$ 68.41
Total membership reported	78
New members reported	8
Subscribers to Royal Service	20
Subscribers to Witness	39
Subscribers to Home Field and Foreign Miss. Journal.....	1
One mission study class at Floral City; text book, in Royal Service.	

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. CLARA NICHOLS,

W. M. U. Supt.

12:45—One of the subjects before the association was the grouping of churches and the locating of pastors. A strong disposition on the part of the representatives was to form pastoral fields, the strong with the weak and locate pastors on these fields. So recommended.

12:55—The chair appointed as committee on order of business, to report at the next session: Rev. A. L. Blizzard, Rev. J. P. Graham, Rev. J. C. Rogers, Bro. J. M. Hedrick, Geo. J. King, clerk.

1:05—There being no further business, motion to adjourn prevailed. After singing "God be with you till we meet again," and prayer by Rev. L. W. Harris.

1:05—Association adjourned to meet with the First church at Webster, Friday, before the first Sunday in October, 1916, at 10 o'clock a. m.

GEO. J. KING, Clerk.
Okahumpka.

S. D. MARTIN, Moderator.

Wildwood.

OBITUARIES

Your committee on obituaries find the following named brethren and sisters have finished their work on earth and have gone to their eternal abode 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 to record the names of our beloved dead.

J. M. HEDRICK, SR.,

J. W. PERSONS,

J. M. FERRIS

SACRED TO THE MEMORY OF

Mrs. Matilda Akins	Bushnell
Dr. W. C. Johnson	Coleman
Thos. E. Townsend	Eden
Sister Ada Mills	Hebron
J. E. Parsons	Leesburg
Thos. E. Griffith	Leesburg
James S. Mahoney	Leesburg
W. H. Smith	Oxford
Rev. W. A. Thurman	Pleasant Hill
Bro. Jeff Hays	Wahoo
Sister Mary Lovett	Wahoo
Sister Rosa Barrington	Wahoo

FINANCIAL--CONTINUED

Name of Church	Aged Ministers	Orphanage	For the Poor	Minutes and Clerk	Total	Value of Home	Value of Church Property	Total Value of Property
Brooksville	1 10	14 14		1 50	1343 75	2500 00	4500 00	7000 00
Bushnell		8 97		2 25	225 47		1000 00	1000 00
Center Hill		5 18		2 25	650 18	250 00	1000 00	1250 00
Charter Oak			4 00		60 00	60 00	800 00	860 00
Coleman				40	203 12		2000 00	2000 00
Eden	50	13 51		1 50	88 29		1000 00	1000 00
Floral City		4 21		2 00	264 15		1000 00	1000 00
Hebron		23 50		1 00	120 36		500 00	500 00
Lady Lake	1 00	4 07		1 00	146 05		2000 00	2000 00
Leesburg		37 00		8 00	1365 90	4000 00	3100 00	7100 00
Oxford		2 00		2 00	237 00		1000 00	1000 00
Pedro		3 60		1 75	650 50		600 00	600 00
Sards		19 01		1 50	72 01		400 00	400 00
Sumterville				1 50	42 93		500 00	500 00
Wahoo		14 00		2 00	179 00		800 00	800 00
Webster		11 98		1 35	76 58		2500 00	2500 00
Whitney		14 00		2 00	177 91		2000 00	2000 00
Wildwood				3 00	731 68		1000 00	1000 00
	\$2 60	\$175 17	\$4 00	\$34 75	\$6634 87	\$6810 00	\$25700 00	\$322510 00

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Name of Superintendent and P. O. Address	Number of Schools	Number of Pupils	Number of Teachers	Scholars Baptized	Sunday School Expenses	Missions and Benevolence	Total for all Purposes
N. Keathley, Brooksville.	1	135	12				\$ 72 00
J. H. Hughes, Bushnell.	1	55	6				46 77
H. E. Whitten, Center Hill.	1	74	10				10 44
J. A. Scroggie, Summerfield.	1	42	6		29 27	2 15	5 00
M. E. B. Robinson, Coleman.	1	35	5				31 42
J. W. Morgan, Brooksville.	1	51	6		5 00	9 93	5 00
G. W. Higgins, Floral City.	1	53	11				14 93
A. P. Sharpe, Brooksville, R. 1.	1	60	8	6			8 40
G. Herbert, Lady Lake.	1	36	8		53 76	127 64	5 00
J. H. Williams, Leesburg.	1	135	11		29 10	7 45	181 40
T. P. Caruthers, Oxford.	1	90	10				36 55
S. G. Lovell, Summerfield.	1	55	6				7 08
J. D. Mann, Sumterville.	1	15	4		5 00	4 35	3 00
R. H. Bennett, Bushnell.	1	40	7		5 00	2 50	9 35
G. W. Hays, Webster.	1	50	7		20 00	7 24	7 50
L. H. Walker, Whitney.	1	35	7		48 36	110 00	27 24
Mrs. T. N. Carington, Wildwood.	1	92	12	6	6 81	49 27	158 36
	17	1053	136	6	\$8195 49	\$271 26	\$829 44

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Name of President Postoffice Address	Contributed for Mis- sions and Benevolence	Value of Missionary Boxes	Total for all Purposes
Mrs. J. H. Hughes, Bushnell.....	20 00	17 50	1 10
Mrs. A. T. Creshaw, Coleman.....	20 00	5 15	37 53
Mrs. Zimmerman, Floral City.....	20 00	7 50	25 15
Mrs. T. W. Stringfellow, Lady Lake.	6 50	7 50	14 00
Mrs. M. D. Stivender, Leesburg....	10 75	7 50	18 25
Mrs. Clara Nichols, Oxford.....	46 00	41 69	87 69
Miss Brownie Johnson, Wildwood..			5 00
	\$103 25	\$79 37	\$188 72

Junior B. Y. P. U., Durrell Eskley, president, Floral City; B. Y. P. U., Mrs.
 A. L. Driggers, president, Floral City; Sunbeam Band, Miss Annie Mae Tooke,
 president, Floral City, \$5.00.
 Sunbeams, Mrs. G. Herbert, president, Lady Lake, \$4.00.
 B. Y. P. U., S. B. Milam, president, Leesburg, \$5.75.
 Sunbeams, Charisa Bailey, president, Oxford, \$2.00.
 Junior B. Y. P. U., J. W. Lucius, president, Summerfield, \$19.36.
 Total, \$36.11.

DIRECTORY

Name of Church	Pastor	Pastor's Postoffice Address	Clerk	Clerk's Postoffice Address
Brooksville	Geo. P. Graham	Brooksville	M. H. Snow	Brooksville
Bushnell	A. E. Clem	Lake Hamilton	M. M. Kirby	Bushnell
Center Hill	A. E. Clem	Lake Hamilton	J. L. Jones	Center Hill
Charter Oak	W. R. O'Berry	Oxford	Henry Redding	Summerfield
Coleman	Supplied		T. V. Curington	Coleman
Eden	James McClammer	Bushnell	J. M. Hedrick	Brooksville
Floral City	Supplied		W. C. Wood	Floral City
Hebron	G. A. Martin	Floral City	J. M. Ferris	Brooksville
Lady Lake	Supplied		R. D. Mathews	Lady Lake
Leesburg	A. L. Bizard	Leesburg	Fred E. Way	Leesburg
Oxford	R. J. Gorbett	Altoona	J. C. Hall	Oxford
Pedro	R. L. Clyburn	Summerfield	M. M. Proctor	Summerfield
Sardis	W. R. O'Berry	Oxford	W. R. Nichols	Oxford
Sumterville	Thos. W. Spicer	Leesburg	H. H. Eiswell	Sumterville
Wahoo	G. A. Martin	Floral City	John Lovett	Bushnell
Webster	D. T. McLeod	Webster	S. E. Branch	Webster
Whitney	W. N. Kingsley	Leesburg	Wm. V. Peacock	Whitney
Wildwood	S. C. Sloan	Lakeland	J. M. Hudson	Wildwood

Lecanto, Mill Creek and St. Catherine—No report