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S. D. MARTIN, Wildwood, Moderator
GWYLYM HERBERT, Lady Lake, Clerk
J. P. GRAHAM, Inverness, Corresponding Secretary
J. H. WILLIAMS, Leesburg, Treasurer

The next session of the Association will be held with Oxford
Baptist Church, Oxford, Fla., beginning at 10 o'clock
Tuesday morning, October 9, 1917.

The introductory sermon will be preached by A. L. Blizard.

Officers of the Association

Moderator.....S. D. MARTIN, Wildwood.
ClerkGWYLYM HERBERT Lady Lake.
Corresponding Secretary.....J. P. GRAHAM.....Inverness.
Treasurer.....J. H. WILLIAMS, Leesburg.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

H. S. HOWARD, Bushnell, Chairman.
A. W. VINSON, Lady Lake,
S. E. WALKER, Whitney,
F. B. WEBSTER, Leesburg,
S. D. MARTIN, Wildwood.

Member State Board of Missions.

A. L. BLIZARD, Leesburg.

Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention.

A. L. BLIZARD.....Alternate, C. W. BURNETT.

Delegates to Florida State Convention.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hughes,
D. T. McLeod,
O. S. Bogue,
L. M. Gunn,
J. P. Graham,
J. C. Rogers,
J. H. Williams.

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Chairman Standing Committees to Report At Session of 1917.

State Missions	C. W. BURNETT
Home Missions	A. W. VINSON
Foreign Missions	J. C. ROGERS
Sunday Schools	J. H. WILLIAMS
Education	J. P. GRAHAM
Temperance	D. T. McLeod
B. Y. P. U.	A. E. CLEM
Orphanage	A. L. BLIZARD
B. M. A. A.	DR. BOB. KILKORE
Obituaries	G. W. HIGGINS
Laymen's Missionary	GWYLYM HERBERT
Nominations	W. R. MATHEWS
Periodicals	M. E. B. ROBINSON
Woman's Work	H. S. HOWARD

Time of Next Meeting of Association.

Tuesday morning at 10 A. M. after the First Sunday in October, 1917, with the Oxford Baptist Church, Oxford, Fla.

Ordained Ministers of the Association.

Blizard, A. L.	Leesburg
Burnett, C. W.	Rerdell
Clem, A. E.	Lake Hamilton
Cleyburn, B. F.	Summerfield
Frier, B. F.	Belleview
Graham, J. P.	Inverness
Harris, L. W.	Brooksville
Hays, G. W.	Webster
Howard, H. S.	Bushnell
Kingsley, W. N.	Leesburg
Martin, G. A.	Floral City
McClamma, J. W.	Bushnell
McLeod, D. T.	Webster
O'Berry, W. R.	Oxford
Rogers, J. C.	Bushnell
Spicer, T. W.	Leesburg
Traylor, M. L.	Sumterville

PROCEEDINGS

First Day—Morning Session

Webster, Ala., Sept. 29, 1916.

1. The Alachua Baptist Association met with the Webster Baptist Church, in its Seventieth Annual Session at 10. A. M., September 29. After song and prayer the Moderator, S. D. Martin, introduced Rev. A. E. Clem, of Lake Hamilton, who conducted the devotional exercises.

2. The Moderator, S. D. Martin, stated that the time for organization had arrived and asked that some one else be chosen as Moderator, thanking the Association for honors conferred on him.

Bro. H. S. Howard nominated S. D. Martin for re-election and the rules were suspended and the clerk was authorized to cast the unanimous vote of the Association for Bro. Martin, which was done.

5. Gwylym Herbert was elected Clerk.

6. J. H. Williams was elected Treasurer.

7. J. P. Graham was elected Corresponding Secretary.

8. The Program Committee made its report and the program was adopted.

9. The following committees were appointed to report at this session—

On Digest of Letters—H. S. Howard, S. E. Walker, Walter Nichols.

On Finance—O. S. Bogue, J. A. Forerster, M. K. Abbott.

On Nominations—L. M. Gunn, A. L. Blizard, H. S. Howard.

10. A fifteen minutes devotional service was led by J. P. Graham, of Floral City.

11. In the absence of A. L. Blizard, who was to have preached the introductory sermon, C. W. Burnett was appointed by unanimous vote to preach, doing so in an able sermon.

12. After prayer the Association adjourned to meet at 1:30.

First Day—Afternoon Session

13. The Association reassembled at 1:30 and J. C. Rogers led devotional exercises.

14. The Moderator called for the letters from the various churches, which were presented as follows, and the messengers enrolled:

- Bushnell—J. H. Hughes, Mrs. J. H. Hughes, J. C. Rogers, Mrs. Alice Beville, Mrs. May Beville.
- Center Hill—Mrs. A. L. Padgett, J. A. Forrester.
- Charter Oak—J. W. McClamma.
- Coleman—Mrs. A. F. Crenshaw, M. E. B. Robinson.
- Eden—J. M. Hedrick.
- Floral City—G. W. Higgins, J. P. Graham, G. A. Martin.
- Hebron—Lee Miley, Mrs. Lee Miley.
- Lady Lake—A. W. Vinson, Mrs. A. W. Vinson, Gwylm Herbert, A. E. Clem.
- Leesburg—J. H. Williams, W. R. Mathews, A. L. Blizard, Mrs. M. K. Abbott, T. W. Spicer, G. J. King.
- Oxford—T. P. Caruthers, O. S. Bogue, Mrs. Clara Nichols, Charles Blair, Miss Fannie Perry.
- Pedro—Walter Nichols.
- Sardis—J. W. Person, Mrs. Lydia Swaregain.
- Sumterville—L. W. Harris.
- Wahoo—W. S. Wade, H. Y. Woodward, Mrs. I. M. Woodward.
- Webster—G. W. Hayes, D. T. McLeod, F. A. W. Legette.
- Whitney—S. E. Walker, Mrs. S. E. Walker, G. B. Joyner.
- Wildwood—S. W. Wicks, Ralph Caruthers, L. M. Gunn, Sr., S. D. Martin.
- Fruitland Park—W. P. Ebbs, B. J. Lundy, Miss Eda Widener, A. E. Clem.
- Rerdell—C. W. Burnett, J. W. Miller.
15. Moved and carried that the rules be waived and the temporary organization be made permanent by acclamation.
16. Under the call for correspondents and visitors, Brethren E. Lee Smith, Moderator of Wekiva Association, and George W. Schofield, Moderator of Marion Association, responded.
17. H. S. Howard and C. W. Burnett, new pastors in the Association were introduced.
18. Petitionary letters were presented from Fruitland Park and Rerdell. It was moved and carried that these churches be admitted in to our membership and the messengers from these churches were introduced and welcomed to seats in the Association.
19. D. T. McLeod welcomed the messengers to Webster and George W. Schofield responded in behalf of the Association.
20. The report on Periodicals was read by D. T. McLeod as follows:

Report on Periodicals.

Our Lord commands us to teach. We have two mediums through which to carry out this Divine command—by word of mouth and the other through the press. We therefore suggest:

1. The Bible first of all.
2. The Baptist Witness.
3. Home and Foreign Fields.
4. Literature of Baptist Sunday school Board.

The above are our ways of teaching and preaching the Gospel to the whole world.

D. T. McLEOD,
A. E. CLEM,
JOHN B. GRAHAM.

The report was discussed by D. T. McLeod, A. E. Clem, J. P. Graham and others. The report was adopted.

21. The reports on Home and Foreign Missions were called for and read as follows by the respective chairmen:

Report on Foreign Missions

The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, located at Richmond, Virginia, in its last report tells of a year of triumphant success both at home and abroad. The total contributions for the year, including the amount raised on the debt and on the Judson Centennial Fund, were \$806,729. The only drawback on the year's work was the fact that the contributions for the current support amounting to \$518,324, left a deficit which, combined with the old debt, made a total indebtedness of \$180,000. During the meeting of the Convention in Asheville a great movement was started for the purpose of paying off this heavy indebtedness, and many of our brethren and sisters have made beautiful and joyful responses to this appeal.

The campaign to raise the Judson Centennial Fund of \$1,250,000 has been successful. There is need that our pastors encourage the prompt collection of the subscriptions to this fund.

During the year there have been 6,471 converts baptized and 77 churches instituted. Our foreign missionaries now number 315, of whom 133 are men and 182 women. The membership of our mission churches is now 42,632 organized into 459 churches, 95 of which are self-supporting. The native Christians contributed \$129,561 to the work in their midst. We have 462 Sunday schools which report 10,490 scholars. There are 453 mission schools with 13,531 students. Of these mission schools six are Women's Bible Training Schools, with 200 students, and ten are Theological Training Schools, with 191 students. We have now 19 medical missionaries, 9 hospitals, and 10 dispensaries. Our medical missionaries treated 74,866 patients last year.

Attention should be called to the great strides which the native churches are taking toward self-support, self-government and self-propagation. One field will serve to illustrate this. In Brazil the per capita gifts for all objects is \$5.72. Our Brazilian Baptists have their own

Home and Foreign Mission Boards. Amongst our members in foreign lands there are many tithers. There are indeed churches which make tithing a test of fellowship. Many churches in the foreign fields are building their own houses of worship, paying the salaries of their pastors, and contributing to the support of missionary work in their own lands and elsewhere. Native workers are being trained, and as we look into the near and far future the outlook is indeed bright.

We would urge that our churches make use of the many free tracts which can be secured from the Foreign Mission Board.

The Convention at Asheville ordered the consolidation of the Foreign Mission Journal and the Home Field into one Magazine to be published by the Sunday School Board at Nashville. This consolidated magazine will still be the organ through which the Board and its missionaries will be able to speak most effectively to the churches at home. It is of very great importance that all the churches take steps immediately looking to a large circulation of this magazine.

In view of the imperative need of re-enforcement on all our foreign fields and the very great importance of meeting the current support of this work this year and avoiding another debt, we recommend that this association divide among the churches on an equitable basis the apportionment for this year, and earnestly urge the churches to undertake to raise the amounts asked of them before April 30, 1917. The amount asked of this State is \$8 250.00.

In order to save the large amount of interest paid out on borrowed money, we earnestly suggest that our churches send in their contributions regularly each month through the regular channels. We recommend the Every Member Cuvass and Systematic Giving as the Biblical plan for contributing to Foreign Missions. We would plead that sacrificial effort and constant prayer for the success of this year be practiced in all the churches.

J. W. MILLER.
H. S. HOWARD.
CHARLES BLAIR. Committee.

Report on Home Missions

When our Savior said "And ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and in Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth" He gave use the same divisions of the work as we now have in home churches, State, Home and Foreign Missions. To us it means, "Ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in the Alachua Association and in all Florida and in the Southern Baptist Convention and unto the uttermost parts of the earth."

The Home Mission Board has its work divided into nine departments.

Co-operative Mission Work, Cuba, Canal Zone, Mountain Schools, Evangelism, Publicity, Enlistment, Church Extension, Foreigners, Indians, and Negroes.

A Summary of this work for the past year is as follows:

Number of Workers.....	1,409
Weeks of Labor	132,207
Churches and Stations Supplied	2,917
Sermons and addresses	186,012
Number of Mountain Schools	34
Number of pupils	5,319
Ministerial Students	94
Religious Visits	356,392
Pastoral fields developed	109
Auxiliaries organized	7
Evangelistic meetings held	413
Personal Workers conferences	415
Baptisms	43,792
Received by letters and otherwise	27,594
Total additions to churches	71,386
Volunteers for ministry and missions	1,386
Churches constructed	167
Houses of worship built and improved	321
Sunday Schools organized	584
Bible conferences held	739
Bibles and Testaments distributed.....	29,352

The total receipts of the Board were \$387,340.46. A debt of 72,308.58 was reported.

A very noticeable fact in this summary is the 43,792 baptisms that are reported 28,680 of which can be credited directly to the Board, while the balance resulted from co-operation with state mission boards. This remarkable showing is far in excess of anything done by any other Home Mission Board in America.

In Florida the Board has aided in the support of 80 Co-operative Missionaries and one Missionary Pastor at Key West, and supported in whole eleven workers among the Foreigners at Tampa. They delivered 6,891 sermons and addresses, baptized 803 converts and received into church membership 1,481 members. They constituted twelve churches, twenty-eight Sunday-schools and distributed 585 Bibles and Testaments. The Board also assisted in the support of one Negro Missionary and contributed \$1,600.00 to aid in building houses of worship. They expended in the state last year \$13,609.00, while our contributions to the Board amounted to only \$7,325.80. It is easy to see that we ought to be loyal supporters of the Board.

In looking over reports from churches in our Association we find

that the total amount contributed to the Home Board was \$77.81 only seven of our eighteen churches giving to this cause.

We recommend:

1. That our pastors be requested to make an earnest effort at least once during the year to preach a special sermon on Home Missions and the magnitude and importance of the problems involved.
2. That our churches during the year make at least one liberal offering for the work.
3. That a club of subscribers be raised in each church for the Home and Foreign Fields, the unusual attractive and illuminating monthly magazine, published by the Sunday School Board.
4. That the churches and pastors be encouraged to make large use of the Home Board's informing tracts and the sample copies of the Home and Foreign Fields, both of which are free for the asking.

Respectfully Submitted,

GWYLYM HERBERT, Chairman
 O. S. BOGUE,
 WALTER NICHOLS, Committee.

The reports were discussed by H. S. Howard, and T. F. Hendon. The reports were adopted.

22. On motion, Report of Obituaries was made special order for Evening session with memorial service at 7:15.
23. The committee on Digest of Letters reported as follows:

Report on Digest of Letters.

We your committee report as follows:

We have examined the letters sent in by the churches and find them in regular form and correct as far as we are able to ascertain.

H. S. HOWARD,
 WALTER NICHOLS,
 S. E. WALKER.

24. After prayer by O. S. Bogue the Association adjourned until 7:15.

First Day—Evening Session.

25. After singing "Happy Day" and Scripture reading, A. W. Vinson read the report on Obituaries and conducted the memorial service.

Report on Obituaries.

We your committee, find from the letters in hand of the various churches that there have been 9 deaths among us this year, two less than that reported last year.

Among these have fallen are many consecrated souls.

These have gone to their reward. We humbly bow to His will who doeth all things well.

Respectfully Submitted,
 A. W. VINSON,
 F. A. W. LEGETTE,
 H. G. WOODARD.

S. D. Martin, C. W. Burnett, D. T. McLeod spoke feelingly of those of their membership who had departed this life.

26. Moderator appointed standing committee for session 1917.
27. Sermon on "Soul Winning" by T. F. Hendon, State Efficiency Secretary, followed with prayer by E. Lee Smith.
28. The Association adjourned until 9 A. M. Saturday.

Second Day—Saturday Morning.

29. The Association was called to order at 9 A. M. by the Moderator and T. W. Spicer conducted the devotional exercises.

30. Adoption of minutes of previous sessions with corrections.

31. A resolution to amend articles of the By Laws was lost after discussion by A. L. Blizzard, E. L. Smith, J. H. Williams, Walter Nichols, D. T. McLeod, H. S. Howard, A. W. Vinson.

32. The following resolution by H. S. Howard was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED: First, that we request each church in this Association to prepare and send to the clerk of this body, at least two weeks prior to the convening of the Association, their report.

RESOLVED: Second, that we request the clerk of the Association to prepare a digest of the report and place same on black board, and that the Moderator, appoint some one to discuss same, sometime during the session.

33. The Finance Committee made its report as follows, which was received:

Report of Finance Committee.

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O. S. BOGUE, Chairman,
 J. A. FORRESTER,
 M. K. ABBOTT.

34. Because of lack of sufficient funds having been sent in for printing minutes, pledges were asked for and received to cover the necessary expense.

35. Treasurer J. H. Williams was instructed to pay former clerk, George J. King, balance due him for services.

36. The report on State Missions was presented by A. L. Blizard as follows:

Report on State Missions.

Jesus said to His Disciples that "they should be witnesses of His, both in Jerusalem, in Judea, in Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." You will notice that the gospel was to be preached first at Jerusalem, or at home then after that to all the world. The reason for that is obvious. Jerusalem, (or the state) is our base of supplies. Cut off our base of supplies, and we will soon pine away and die. Fail to support State Missions, and our Home and Foreign Mission interest will languish. But save the state—save Florida, and proportionately you save the world. Lose Florida and in that ratio the world is lost. Is Florida worth saving? Let us give you a few figures of the State and then decide if she is worth the effort.

The first Baptist church was organized in Florida at Campbell's, Jackson County, 1825. Florida Baptist State Convention was organized in the parlors of Mrs. R. J. Mays, Madison County, 1854. The State Board of Missions was organized in Lake City, 1881. The first year of its organization it employed two missionaries, and raised for all purposes \$150.00. Thirty-five years later, 1915, 80 men were employed. \$101,005.21 was expended by the board in the general work. We will of necessity have to pass by a number of important items, in order to give you a few statistics. Number of white Baptist Churches in Florida, 1915, 674. No. of members 54,562. Received into the churches, 1915: by baptism 4,231, by letter, 3,260, restored 477, total received 7,968. Net increase 4,114. Church houses finished and unfinished 527. Homeless churches 147.

Our financial undertaking for 1916 is \$105,100, apportioned as follows: State Missions \$35,000, Church Building \$20,000, Home Missions \$8,250, Columbia College, Current expense and debt \$20,000, Ministerial Education \$1,000, Seminary Student Fund \$600, Aged Ministers \$1,000, Foreign Missions \$8,250, Orphans' Home \$11,000.

Now brethren in view of these facts and figures, do you not think Florida is worth saving? If so let us make the great heart of our corresponding Secretary, Dr. Rogers, rejoice by sending large contributions for these various objects. God give us a vision of Florida's needs.

A. L. BLIZARD
S. S. WALKER,
B. J. LUNDY.

The report was discussed by A. L. Blizard and T. F. Hendon. The report was adopted. A cash offering for State Missions was taken amounting to \$38.85.

37. The Association adjourned until 1:30.

Second Day—Afternoon Session.

38. The Association met at 1:30.

39. The Report of Committee on Nominations was read by H. S. Howard as follows:

Report on Nominations.

We recommend that the next session of the Union meeting be held with the church at Bushnell, beginning on Friday morning before the 5th. Sunday in October, 1917.

We recommend that the next session of this Association be held with Oxford church beginning on Tuesday morning at ten o'clock, after the first Sunday in October, 1917.

We recommend that A. L. Blizard preach the introductory sermon, and D. T. McLeod as alternate.

We recommend for executive committee the following: H. S. Howard, Bushnell, chairman, S. D. Martin, Wildwood, A. W. Vinson, Laely Lake, S. E. Walker, Whitney, F. P. Webster, Leesburg.

We recommend for member of State Board of Missions, Rev. A. L. Blizard, Leesburg.

We recommend as messengers to the State Convention the following: D. T. McLeod, O. S. Bogue, J. P. Graham, J. C. Rogers, L. M. Gunn, and J. H. Williams, J. H. Hughes, Mrs. J. H. Hughes.

We recommend as Messenger to Southern Baptist Convention, A. L. Blizard—C. W. Burnett, Alternate.

L. M. GUNN,
A. L. BLIZARD,
H. S. HOWARD.

The report was adopted.

40. The report on Education was read by the clerk for the committee as follows:

Report on Education.

"The object of the science of education," says Francis Wayland, "is to render the mind the fittest possible instrument for discerning, applying and obeying the laws under which God has placed the universe." It rests with those who are to teach to lead out and properly direct the natural abilities of the child so as to reach the highest efficiency not only of head but of heart and hand. The time to begin is in early youth. We would therefore urge a revival of the altar fires in the home. Loyalty to that part of our covenant which says to religiously educate our children." When we speak of religious education we think of our colleges and seminaries. But do we think of the small percent of our boys and girls who enter these higher institutions of learning? If they do not receive a religious education in the home the masses must go without. A plenty of good wholesome reading should be provided

in every home of books, magazines and papers. But above all these books and papers that will cultivate in the child a taste for reading the Bible.

We would also heartily commend our "Columbia College" and Seminary at Louisville as a safe place for our boys and girls who may have the privilege of training in higher institutions of learning. We should not only support them with our youth but our prayers and our offerings. Let us be loyal to our own.

A. E. CLEM,
J. M. HEDICK.

The report was adopted.

41. The report on Orphanage was read by J. H. Hughes as follows.

Report on Orphanage.

The Florida Baptist Orphanage is the Florida Baptist home for orphan children.

We do not confine our work to Baptist children, but take indigent white children irrespective of religious belief or parents.

The control of the home is under the Florida Baptist Convention and its affairs are administered by a board of 15 trustees, selected by the Convention from different sections of the state.

Our property at present is worth \$40,000. We have room for 100 children and have at present 91 in the home.

Children are admitted, boys up to 10, girls to 12 years of age.

The home maintains its own school and has for principal Dr. Nolte a Baptist Minister.

The work is supported by voluntary contributions and requires \$11,000 a year to cover expenses.

We recommend that each Sunday School take an offering for the home at least once a month.

J. H. HUGHES,
W. S. WADE,
S. W. WICKS.

The report was discussed by D. T. McLeod, G. J. King, G. A. Martin, E. Lee Smith. The report was adopted.

42. The report on Laymen's Movement was read by J. H. Williams as follows:

The Laymen's Movement was read by J. H. Williams as follows:

The Laymen's Movement was organized for the purpose of promoting efficiency in our churches. Bro. J. T. Henderson is the General Secretary with headquarters at Chattanooga, Tenn. The movement was organized in Florida at our State Convention, and a Committee appointed consisting of one member from each Association. This committee has raised about \$1,000.00 toward the liquidation of debt of the

Home and Foreign Mission Boards. Of this amount the Alachua Association (through the effort of our committeeman Bro. S. D. Martin) has raised \$50.00. This movement is the Pastor's help.

We recommend that this Association maintain this standing committee, who shall co-operate with the executive committee in holding the fifth Sunday meetings.

J. H. WILLIAMS,
L. M. GUNN, Sr.,
R. H. CARUTHERS.

The report was adopted.

43. The report on Baptist Minister's Assurance Association was read by T. W. Spicer as follows.

Report on Baptist Minister's Assurance Association.

Your Committee would report that this Association has been very helpful to many families of deceased Baptist ministers.

It not only helps to bury the dead but also helps the often helpless widow and orphans.

The Association pays one dollar for each death of the beneficiary members and beneficiary members pay one dollar to join and one dollar dues annually. Honorary members only pay assessment of one dollar for the death of each beneficiary member and pay no annual dues.

We hope that every Sunday School of each church will join this Association as well as any individual feeling able and willing to help in this work.

THOS. W. SPICER,
C. W. BURNETT,
W. P. EBBS.

After discussion by T. W. Spicer and A. L. Blizard the report was adopted.

44. The report on Woman's Work was read by W. R. Mathews as follows:

Report on Woman's Work.

The women of the Southern Baptist Convention are becoming more and more efficiently organized, until year by year, they are accomplishing greater things for and expecting greater things of God. Their contributions support 182 women missionaries on the Foreign Field. They also own, control and support the W. M. U. training school located at Louisville, Ky., where our women are prepared for mission work at home and abroad.

They have caught the vision of the great work to be done for and among the young folks and children. In Florida alone there were reported last year 50 organizations for the young women, 25 for girls and 125 bands for children.

Our women in Florida have their work so well organized, with of-

ficers and superintendents presiding over the work in each Association, that they are bringing things to pass in the Master's vineyard.

We would recommend that the churches give the W. M. S. credit for contributions through the duplex envelopes.

That each home subscribe for the new mission magazine.

That our pastors give their prayerful co-operation to the women who are so willing to do what they can for the Master.

W. R. MATHEWS,
MRS. CLARA NICHOLS,
GEO. J. KING.

The report was adopted.

45. The report on Temperance was read by J. H. Hughes as follows:

Report on Temperance

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

Believing the liquor habit is one of the greatest enemies of christianity, we wish to condemn the use of it.

Many christians misunderstand the true meaning of temperance. We would recommend that we as Baptists, join hands and work together in every way for the furtherance of the great work of temperance.

J. C. ROGERS,
J. H. HUGHES,
MRS. A. T. CRENSHAW.

The report was discussed by H. S. Howard and C. W. Burnett and then adopted.

46. The report on Sunday School was read by T. P. Caruthers as follows:

Report on Sunday Schools

Statistics show that we have in the state 469 Sunday Schools with an enrollment of 35,639 pupils. The church membership is 54,951 and our Sunday School membership should be at least 108,000.

In this Association we now have 19 schools with an enrollment of about 1170. The church membership being about 1550; our enrollment ought to reach 3,000.

These figures reveal to us the fact that our churches have not waken up to the importance of Sunday School work and that our pastors do not believe in it sufficiently to do real Sunday School work. We profess to believe in it and think we do, but the results show that we do not practice what we preach. In nine-tenths of our churches the Sunday School is incidental and not fundamental.

We need to emphasize Teacher's Training work in our Association.

as very little is being done in this important field, and one of our greatest needs is trained teachers.

We urge the adoption of the graded lessons for all our schools. They are superior to the uniform lessons and better adapted in every way to the different ages of the pupils. We urge the regular observance of the special missionary days in our schools.

T. P. CARUTHERS,
LEE MILEY,
GWYLYM HERBERT.

The report was discussed by T. P. Caruthers, L. W. Harris, F. A. W. Legette and Gwylym Herbert. The report was adopted.

47. The report of the Executive Committee Report was read as follows:

Report of Executive Committee.

J. W. McClamma, Associational Missionary reports as follows: Six months work in the field at Rock Hill and Edenfield; Miles traveled, 150; Sermons preached 16; organized one Sunday school; two Sunday schools on field; one church organized at Edenfield with 9 members; received from Mission Field \$8.00; paid by State Board \$12.50.

W. R. O'Berry, Associational Missionary, reports as follows: miles traveled 160; sermons preached 8; offerings on field \$8.00; paid by state Board \$40.00.

An application for \$100.00 to be used in church building was made by the Fruitland Park Church from the State Board. Your executive committee endorsed the application and the State Board granted same and money is to be given immediately.

JNO. P. GRAHAM,
S. E. WALKER,
WALTER NICHOLS.

Report adopted.

48. The Treasurer's report was read by J. H. Williams as follows:

Treasurer's Report.

RECEIPTS.

For minutes and clerk last year	\$33.76
For Minutes later	2.45
For minutes this season	47.67
For State Missions	38.85

TOTAL.....\$122.73

EXPENDITURES

Paid clerk for printing minutes.....	\$36.21
State Board of Missions	38.85
To Balance on hand	47.67
TOTAL.....	\$122.73

J. H. WILLIAMS,
Treasurer.

The Report was adopted.

49. Motion made and carried that clerk be allowed \$15.00 for his services, that 300 minutes be published and that clerk draw on treasurer for amount needed.

50. Motion made and carried that the constitution of the Association be not printed in this year's minutes.

51. Moderator announced the Committee on Order of Business for next session.

52. The following resolution was presented by C. W. Burnett and unanimously adopted:

Resolved: That we by a standing vote thank the church and the citizens of this community for the loyal way we have been entertained during the Association.

53. The Association then sang "Blest Be the Tie that Binds," and adjourned until 7:15.

Second Day—Evening

54. After a service of song, E. Lee Smith, of Orlando, preached an able sermon.

Sunday Morning.

55. Sunday School Rally led by Gwylm Herbert.

56. Sermon by C. W. Burnett.

57. The Association then adjourned until Tuesday morning the 9th of October, 1917.

GWYLYM HERBERT,
Clerk.

S. D. MARTIN
Moderator

Minutes of W. M. U. Meeting of Alachua Association.

The Woman's Missionary Union, of the Alachua Association held its meeting with the First Baptist Church of Webster, Sept. 28, 1916.

The session was called to order by Mrs. Clara Nichols at 2 P. M. After the singing of "Revive Us Again," Mrs. A. F. Crenshaw of Coleman, conducted the devotional exercises. Prayer for the women in their

great work in helping to cause the words of the blessed Master to be spread, was offered by Rev. D. T. McLeod.

A cordial welcome from the town and church was extended by Mrs. R. E. Yoemans, of Webster, which was sweetly responded to by Mrs. M. K. Abbott, of Leesburg.

The following societies were represented as follows:

Bushnell—Mrs. A. M. Roland, Miss Mae Gamble, Mrs. Sallie Wall, Mrs. J. H. Hughes.

Coleman—Mrs. A. F. Crenshaw.

Leesburg—Mrs. M. K. Abbott.

Oxford—Mrs. Clara Nichols, Mrs. E. B. Stapp.

Three societies report by letter showing an increase over the preceding year's work.

Our beloved W. M. U. State Secretary, Mrs. Peelman, was with us and discussed interestingly, the work, mentioned plans and methods of getting the un-interested to see the importance of the great woman's work in the monthly meetings. Again at 7:30 Mrs. Peelman made an earnest appeal to an enormous crowd of ardent and serious hearers. After prayer by Rev. A. E. Clem the meeting adjourned.

MRS. J. H. HUGHES, Secretary.

W. M. U. Superintendent's Report.

Attended all the meetings of the Association during the year. Traveled 275 miles, wrote 57 letters and 19 cards, received 30 letters and 10 cards.

Reports from the societies show the following amounts raised during the year:

State Missions	\$31.76
Foreign Missions.....	15.60
Home Missions	17.50
Christmas Offering .....	.55
Thank Offering	1.00
Chipley Memorial	13.72
Bible Fund	1.03
Aged Ministers	4.14
B. M. A. A.	7.00
Orphanage	10.70
Margaret Fund	70
W. M. U. Training School	3.01
W. M. U. Training School S. F.	4.13
Columbia College C. E.	4.85
Columbia College Endowment	4.27
Ministerial Education	9.40

Foreign Debt	3.50
Associational Superintendent	11.15
Charity	12.75
Other Purposes	17.98
Number of Members	84
Number of New Members	13
Mission Study Classes	12
Subscribers to Foreign Mission Journal	12
Royal Service	13
Baptist Witness	12
Number of Sunbeam Bands	3
Amount contributed by S. Bands	2.65

Respectfully Submitted,
MRS. CLARA NICHOLS,
 Superintendent.



Report of Woman's Missionary Unions

CHURCH	PRESIDENT	Z. Rate				Total
		Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Ophthalmage	Others	
Bushnell.....	Mrs. A. M. Roland.....	4 85	1 62	1 30	5 50	14 89
Coleman.....	Mrs. W. B. Stokes.....	60	1 00	1 00	7 50	9 10
Floral City.....	Mrs. Zimmerman.....	2 05	4 05	2 15	5 75	16 50
*Fruitland Park.....	Mrs. R. D. Whitfield.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hebron.....	Mrs. Skinner.....	.....	2 25	.....	.....	2 25
Lady Lake.....	Mrs. T. W. Stringfellow.....	2 50	1 50	1 50	3 50	11 00
Leesburg.....	Mrs. W. D. Stivender.....	2 50	2 50	10 00	.....	15 00
Oxford.....	Mrs. Clara Nichols.....	12 78	4 93	4 93	2 90	57 95
Wahoo.....	Mrs. Julia Woodward.....	1 15	.....	60	.....	83 40
*Webster.....	Mrs. H. F. Kirkland.....	.....	.....	.....	66 80	68 55
Wildwood.....	Mrs. S. W. Wicks.....	9 00	5 40	1 50	9 20	30 50
TOTAL.....	.....	55 43	22 25	26 20	10 70	156 20
*Newly Organized.		.....	.....	.....	.....	250 78

*Newly Organized.

B. Y. P. U. Presidents.

- J. E. McGraw, Brooksville
- D. A. Tooke, Floral City
- J. H. Perry, Oxford
- Junior B. Y. P. U.—Miss Pearn Quinn, Floral City.

- Walter Nichols, Summerfield
- Simmons Wade, Bushnell
- Byron Currence, Wildwood

Sunbeam Band Leaders.

- Miss Cora Mathews, Lady Lake
- Miss Thelma Perry, Oxford
- Charles May, Leesburg
- Miss Viola Smith, Istachatta.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT FOR ALACHUA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

NAME OF CHURCH	HOME EXPENSES							MISSIONS				EDUCATION				Grand Total	Value of Property							
	Pastor's Salary	New Property & Repairs	Incidentals	Visiting Ministers	Sunday Schools & Others	Poor	Minutes	Total	Associational	State	Home	Foreign	Total	Columbia College	Ministerial			Education, General	Total	Aged Ministers	Orphanage			
Brooksville	308.33	3.00	24.12	92	80.00			102.45	35.00	19.58	45.00	99.58	2.81			2.90	5.71	58	33.27	1435.04	7000.00			
Bushnell	250.00	8.50	40.90					340.65	1.75	32.20		374.60							3.00	312.07	1440.00	1440.00		
Center Hill	63.00		4.03					67.03				67.03								7.50	74.53	3500.00	3500.00	
Charter Oak	200.00	6.75	78.75	42.00				327.50	3.10	5.75	1.50	10.45								16.00	95.58	1000.00	1000.00	
Coleman	63.00							63.00				63.00									35.58	2000.00	2000.00	
Eden	212.00		18.00					230.00	1.00	4.31	9.05	19.50	11.45			11.45			3.55	206.01	1000.00	1000.00		
Floral City	70.00	547.33	11.40					628.73	1.43	8.71	8.50	27.64							3.46	114.35	500.00	500.00		
Fruitland Park	75.00		2.17					77.17				77.17								206.00	2000.00	2000.00		
Hebron	137.85		3.00					140.85				140.85								18.39	2849.18	5000.00	5000.00	
Lady Lake	1140.00	819.35	478.00					2437.35	120.43	20.49	76.16	247.08	1.00			248.08			32.39	349.47	1150.00	1150.00		
Leesburg	184.51	20.13	21.02	42.58				278.24	69.33	7.47	7.47	84.27	3.84	9.47	13.31	27.02	1.57		32.39	129.51	600.00	600.00		
Oxford	47.67	24.00	21.68					93.35				93.35								84.99	800.00	800.00		
Pedro	76.00							76.00				76.00								67.32	1150.00	1150.00		
Rerdell	50.00		31.95					81.95				81.95								80.20	207.70	800.00	800.00	
Sardis	150.00							150.00				150.00								20.50	74.00	2000.00	2000.00	
Sumterville	50.00		26.10					76.10				76.10								20.50	157.62	2000.00	2000.00	
Wahoon	81.00		3.15					84.15				84.15								84.15	1000.00	1000.00		
Webster	180.00		3.67					183.67				183.67								2.40	6.20	8.60	20.00	20.00
Whitney	180.00		3.67					183.67				183.67								2.40	6.20	8.60	20.00	20.00
Wildwood	1422.90	1050.70	108.52	72.34	88.60	33.41	33.01	2752.48	102.85	52.70	58.34	163.89	31.25	14.91	14.25	61.40	28.19	25.15	19.92	65.57	65.57	65.57		
Total	1422.90	1050.70	108.52	72.34	88.60	33.41	33.01	2752.48	102.85	52.70	58.34	163.89	31.25	14.91	14.25	61.40	28.19	25.15	19.92	65.57	65.57	65.57		

Cash offerings for State Missions at Association \$38.55; Making total \$400.43.

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS OF ALACHUA ASSOCIATION, 1916

NAME OF CHURCH & DATE ORGANIZED	PASTOR & P. O. ADDRESS	CLERK & P. O. ADDRESS	Membership, Last Reported	INCREASED BY					DECREASED BY		Present Membership	Officers & Teachers	Number of Pupils Baptized Last Year	SUNDAY SCHOOLS. NAME OF SUPT. AND P. O. ADDRESS	Sabbath School Preaching
				By Baptism	By Letter	By Restoration	By Exclusion	By Death	By Letter	By Exclusion					
1802 Brooksville	I. S. Howard, Bushnell	M. H. Snow, Brooksville	220							220	12	155	N. Keithley, Brooksville	Full	
1806 Bushnell	W. Burnett, Bushnell	M. M. Kirby, Bushnell	63							63	8	61	J. H. Hughes, Bushnell	1st	
1903 Center Hill	W. Burnett, Bushnell	E. I. Thomas, Center Hill	34							34	17	16	H. E. Whitten, Center Hill	2nd	
1902 Charter Oak	I. S. Howard, Bushnell	Henry Redding, Summerfield	51							51	6	32	Clarence E. Lucius, Summerfield	4th	
1845 Eden	I. S. Howard, Bushnell	T. V. Curington, Coleman	54							54	1	17	M. E. B. Robinson, Coleman	4th	
1888 Floral City	W. McCanna, Bushnell	J. M. Hedick, Jr., Brooksville	41							41	6	11	G. W. Hughes, Floral City	2nd	
1904 Fruitland Park	L. P. Graham, Inverness	W. C. Wood, Floral City	53							53	7	60	Gwylm Herbert, Lady Lake	1st	
1888 Hebron	A. E. Clem, Lake Hamilton	Miss F. E. Ebb, Fruitland Park	53							53	2	51	A. P. Sharpe, Brooksville, P. O. No. 1	4th	
1891 Lady Lake	G. A. Martin, Floral City	J. W. Ferris, Brooksville, R. 1	70							70	1	69	Gwylm Herbert, Lady Lake	1st	
1876 Leesburg	A. E. Clem, Lake Hamilton	R. D. Matthews, Lady Lake	27							27	1	183	J. H. Williams, Leesburg	Full	
1882 Oxford	A. L. Bizard, Leesburg	T. B. Mihan, Leesburg	19							19	1	122	T. P. Caruthers, Oxford	2nd	
1916 Pedro	H. S. Howard, Bushnell	L. C. Hall, Oxford	56							56	7	51	S. G. Lovell, Summerfield	2nd	
1884 Rerdell	R. L. Clyburn, Summerfield	M. M. Proctor, Summerfield	56							56	7	51	C. W. Person	1st	
1916 Sardis	J. C. Rogers, Bushnell	Mrs. M. Burnett, Rerdell	21							21	3	18	J. D. Mann, Sumterville	1st	
1891 Sumterville	V. O. O'Berry, Oxford	W. R. Nichols, Oxford	21							21	3	18	R. H. Bennett, Bushnell	1st & 3rd	
1878 Wahoon	M. L. Taylor, Sumterville	H. H. Boswell, Sumterville	109							109	2	5	R. E. Young, Webster	4th	
1891 Webster	J. A. Martin, Floral City	L. O. Hayes, Bushnell	98							98	1	4	L. H. Walker	4th	
1887 Whitney	A. E. Clem, Lake Hamilton	S. E. Branch, Webster	19							19	3	16	Mrs. F. N. Curington, Wildwood	1st & 3rd	
1841 Wildwood	W. Burnett, Rerdell	J. M. Hudson, Whitney	111							111	6	2			
Total			1482	44	44					1015	74	1292			

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