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### CONSTITUTION

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

ARTICLE 2. It shall be composed of such churches as hold the doctrines of human deprayity, 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 professional believers, and the Lord's Supper intended for those only who have been regularly admitted into the visible church.

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

ARTICLE 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.

ARTICLE 5. We take the Church of Christ to be a congregation of faithful persons who lie to the Lord and to one another in cordial agreement to observe holy discipline, in conformity with the requirements of the Scriptures.

ARTICLE 6. We take Jesus Christ to be the Great Head of the church, and the only one given; the government under Him is with the body, and is the privilege of each individual member; that spiritual discipline, with an eye to the glory of God, must greatly conduce to the final prosperity and union of the churches.

ARTICLE 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.

ARTICLE 8. This association shall have the power to withdraw its connection from any church which shall act contrary to the teaching of the Holy Scriptures.

ARTICLE 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.

ARTICLE 10. Each church shall be entitled to two messengers,

and one additional for each twenty-five members, or fractional part thereof, in excess of fifty.

ARTICLE 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.

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 Every motion made and seconded shall come under the observation of the association, unless withdrawn by the mover.

ARTICLE 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.

ARTICLE. 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.

ARTICLE 15. No member shall absent himself from the association without leave of the moderator.

ARTICLE 16. It shall be the first business of this association to provide for the general union of the 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 are reclaimed; and, fifthly, to regulate all matters pertaining to its business, to provide for printing the minutes, and appoint the time and place of the next meeting.

### BY-LAWS

- 1. The officers of this body shall be a moderator, clerk, corresponding secretary and treasurer.
- The moderator, clerk, treasurer and corresponding secretary shall be chosen by ballot at each session of the association, and 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 the 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 orders of the executive committee.
- 5. There shall be an executive committee consisting of the officers of the association with two members appointed by the association at each meeting of the 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 journment.

### MINUTES

Coleman, Fla., Oct. 4th, 1921.

The Seventy-fifth Annual Session of the Alachua Baptist Association convened with the Coleman Baptist church, on Tuesday, at 10 a.m., October 4th, 1921.

Bro. Blizard conducted devotional services.

The Association was called to order by Bro. Blizard and churches and letters called for and the following responded:

Brooksville—J. C. Grubbs, J. H. Patton, J. C. Kazee, C. H. Calvin, Ralph Calvin.

Bushnell-Mrs. J. C. Rodgers, Mrs. S. M. Wall-

Center Hill-Rev. Blizard, B. N. Tate, Mrs. B. N. Lee.

Coleman—Mrs. J. W. Lucius, T. V. Curington, Mrs. T. V. Curington.

Eden Field-Mrs. R. T. Havas, R. C. Havas.

Eden—Miss Susie Jones, Clarence Jones,

Fruitland Park—Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Stinson, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Ebbs-

Hebron-T. S. Miley, Annie Miley.

Lady Lake—W. B. Coggin, T. O. Webster, R. D. Matthews.

Leesburg—Mrs. S. P. Mahoney, Mrs. S. J. Hunt, Miss Rosemary Hunt, Miss Lonie Matthews, W. S. Spears.

Marsh Bend—B. M. Reed, F. J. Reed, Mrs. W. N. Burkett.

Oxford—Mrs. E. B. Stapp, Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Caruthers, Mr. and Mrs. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Gruggs, Mr. and Mrs. R. Hurst.

Pedro-J. W. Linderman, Mrs. J. B. Shaw.

Lady Lake-R. J. Matthews, B. B. Coggin.

Sumterville-M. L. Traylor, Mrs. E. J. Mann.

Wahoo—Mrs. J. G. Smith, D. W. Stokes, Mrs. W. S. Wade.

Webster-H. C. Parrish, D. F. Gant, W. W. Lance, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Bain-

Whitney—Maude Smith, Mrs. L. H. Walker, F. A. Dilly. Wildwood—J. H. Mott, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Fore, L. M. Gunn.

Summerfield-Mr. and Mrs, J. Smith.

Charter Oak-A. M. Loftin, W. H. Scoggin.

Association organized by electing Rev. A. L. Blizard Moderator, H. C. Parish, Clerk, J. L. Hampton, Assistant Clerk, J. H. Williams, Treasurer.

Bro. J. L. Hampton and Bro. J. C. Kazee read the letters.

The Moderator appointed the following Committees to report during this session:

Nominations—H. C. Parish, Clarence Jones, Mrs. W. W. Monroc.

Finance-S. P. Mahoney, T. B. Stiner, G. B. Joiner.

Digest of Letters—J. C. Rodgers, G. A. Martin, G. J. King.

A letter came before this body asking that Indian Hill church be reinstated. Moved and carried that same be referred to special committee.

The Moderator appointed Bros. F. F. Webster, M. L. Traylor and J. R. Douglas for this committee.

The Moderator extended the right hand of fellowship to all visiting brethren.

Moved and carried that those in attendance be recorded as Messengers to this body.

Moved and carried that all Messengers register, giving the name of church they represent.

Bro. Hampton read the amount subscribed by each church in this Association to the 75 Million Campaign, and the amount that had been paid up to date, showing that the Association as a whole is behind with their pledges.

Association adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock p. m.

### Afternoon Session:

The Association was called to order at 2 o'clock by the Moderator.

Song, "Throw Out the Life Line."

Prayer by Bro. Patton.

The Moderator read the report of the Committee on restoring Indian Hill church. Same was adopted as read.

ALACHUA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

### REPPORT ON APPLICATION.

We, your Committee of Application of Indian Hill Church for admission into this Association, after making investigation, we recommend that the application be laid on the table.

Respectfully submitted.

M. L. TRAYLOR,

F. B. WEBSTER,

J. R. DOUGLAS.

Report on Periodicals was read by Bro. Webster, and discussed by Bros. Spicer, Calvin, Kazee, and others.

Report was adopte das read.

### REPORT ON PERIODICALS:

We are living in an advanced age, which demands an educated mind, and the Baptists of today are prepared to furnish the necessary data to procure the same by all who will strive to that end.

We, as Baptists, must show to the world faith in our organization by using the means that present themselves on every hand.

We would advise that every Baptist home avail themselves of such periodicals as are published by our publication society at Nashville, Tennessee. We also especially recommend the Florida Baptist Witness.

Respectfully submitted.

F. P. WEBSTER, T. B. STENSON.

Report on Temperance was read by Moderator Blizard. Discussed by Bros. Hampton, Spicer, Traylor, and Calvin.

Report adopted as read-

### REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Intemperance has cursed all lands, and its evils have run through all ages. This country, leading in Christianity, has also taken the lead in temperance reform. And the traffic in intoxicating drinks as a beverage has been classified by our Government as detrimental to the health and prosperity of our nation. The Government that once protected the damnable business now tries to destroy it. The open saloon is gone, but now we have to deal with secret defiances of Constitutional law. Great progress is being made but the enemy is very active and many weak men say it will be made, why try to prohibit it? We had as well say there will always be murder, why have a

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law against it? The further we advance the more disgraceful will defiance of law become, and temperance forces will slowly but surely win the day.

Respectfully submitted.

J. R. DOUGLAS,

J. H. PRIEST.

H. C. PARRISH.

Report on Home Missions was read by Bro. Strickland, and discussed by Bro. Hampton.

Report was adopted as read,

### REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

When the Home Mission Board was organized in 1845 its work seemed very simple but from the very beginning of this organized body progress has been its theme, and this organized body not separate or out of harmony of the Southern Baptist Convention, it is only one of the strong spokes in the wheel of this great and well organized Southern Baptist Convention.

Through the Home Mission Board a foundation of our strength and greatness in the newer states were laid, and thousands of our Baptist churches in the South owe their existence to the agency of the Home Board of Missions. Its missions have been greatly felt in our city churches as well as our country sides and smaller growing towns of the new and rapidly growing territory of the Mississippi valley and states beyond the river.

And in the early history of Baptist work in many of the Western states the Home Mission Board supplied the greater part of money is cooperative missions, in some instances four and five dollars were given by the Home Board for every dollar contributed by the State Board, under these conditions the Home Board gave in initiative in the employment and directing of the workers of the various State Boards, for the more effective supervision and directions of the work.

Showing the importance of this work the Home Mission Board in the last five years has spent more than \$749,000 in cooperative missions alone the results have been marvelous, and we must continue to prosecute this department of work with all possible vigor.

In cooperation with the various State Boards during the last year the Home Board reported 1,384 missionaries who supplied 7,983 churches and mission stations, and delivered 150,614 sermons and addresses, conducted 19,641 prayer meetings, made 443,165 religious visits, baptized 25,532 converts, received 50,307 additions to the churches, organized 252 churches, and 823 Sunday Schools, distributed

4.664.979 pages of tracts for which the various State Boards contributed \$549.684 and the Home Board contributed \$239.930.

This constitutes a marvel of efficiency in missionary work, for which we are profoundly grateful to God.

It would be easy to fill a volume with a brief record of the great results of evangelism through our Home Mission Board, but we appeal strongly to all the churches of the Alachua Association to make special efforts in paying the \$75,000,000 Campaign pledges and enlisting new members in this great and glorious work, this would strengthen all of our boards and give our work more efficiency.

Respectfully submitted.

R. STRICKLAND, G. B. JOYNER,

J. H. PATTEN.

Bro. Calvin read the report on Obituaries. Discussed by Bro. Kazee, and adopted as read.

### REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

Your Committee has to report that the death angel has visited twelve of our members since the last meeting of our Association, and we recommend that a page be given to record their names.

Respectfully submitted.

C. H. CALVIN, L. M. GUNN, Mrs. CLARA NICHOLS.

Moved and carried that time be given at the close of each session for miscellaneous business.

Report on Orphanage was read by Bro, King and adopted as read.

### REPORT ON ORPHANAGE

We, the Baptists of Florida, have an institution in Arcadia, the Florida Baptist Orphanage.

Shall we support it? Yes. Why support it? First, because it will give our State good citizens. Second, because it is an asset direct to we Baptists. Our future growth will be greatly helped by such an institution. Third, our Bible doctrine is taught these orphans and will tell in the future generations. Fourth, we who love the Lord and our Baptist faith and practice, will give to all agencies that will grow and make strong that which we love. So far as we

know the Orphanage is out of debt and doing well.

There has been added a department of work to help children that cannot be taken in the home and are in need of fatherly protection.

We suggest that when we get home we do our utmost to collect every dollar that our church subscribed to the 75 Million Campaign. Solicit each member that has joined the church since our subscriptions were taken and with all subscriptions collected our orphanage will be cared for.

Respectfully submitted.

G. R. KING, Mrs. R. STRICKLAND, T. B. STINER.

Dr. Mitchell being present, it was moved and carried that he be given the hour of 7:30 to speak in behalf of the Witness.

Bro. Kazee made a very able address in behalf of this Association employing a missionary to work in the destitute places in the bounds of the Association.

Moved by Bro. Kazee that this Assoication vote without opposition that we instruct the executive committee of this body to make suitable arrangements to place a missionary in this Association for full or part time as they deem wise.

After discussion by Bros. Calvin, Kazee, and Mahoney, same was adopted.

Moved and carried that at the next Association the reports be written and handed to the Clerk and an hour be given for discussion of same.

Association adjourned until 7:30 p. m.

### Evening Session.

Association called to order by the Moderator-

After song service, prayer was offered by Bro. Douglas, Bro. Mitchell then came forward and made a very able address in behalf of our State paper, The Florida Baptist Witness.

After song service, and prayer by Bro. Mahoney, the Association adjourned to meet at 9:30 a. m., Wednesday.

At this hour Bro. Kazee delivered the introductory sermon. Subject, "Adorning the Gospel." Scripture lesson, Ezekiel 16:10-14. Text, Titus 2:10.

### Wednesday-Morning Session.

Association was called to order at 9:30 by the Moderator.

After song service, prayer was offered by Bro. Patton. Minutes of Tuesday's proceedings were read by the Clerk and same was approved as read.

Report on B. Y. P. U. was read by Bro. R. H. Calvin-Report was adopted as read.

### REPORT ON B. Y. P. U.

The work of our young people is of vast importance. Therefore, we recommend that every member of the church together with the pastor encourage them by giving our presence, and in taking part in their work. It will make them feel that their work is worth while, for mothers, fathers and pastors to be present. Thus they will become students of the word of God.

Respectfully submitted.

R. H. CALVIN, T. B. LINTON, JACOB SMITH

Sister Clara Nichols read the report on Woman's Work-Discussed by Sister Nichols and Bro. Kazee.

Report was adopted as read.

### REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

It has been said that "The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world." To a great extent we know this is true. If the mothers are selfish, worldly and unchristian, under what kind of rule will the world soon find itself? It is the desire and aim of the Woman's Missionary Union to christianize, teach and train the womankind of our churches, and, through them, to reach the women and children of the world. Our graded W. M. U. is exactly suited to this work. We have the Sunbeam Band for the children up to twelve years of age, the Girls' Auxiliary for the girls of thirteen to sixteen, the Young Woman's Auxiliary for the young women, and the W. M. S. for the mature women, with literature, programs and study courses prepared for each grade." Our work has made a marvelous growth. We have now in the Southern Baptist Convention 19,485 organizations. In Florida we have 752 and in our own Association we have nine. It should be the aim of every church to have a full graded Union. Every paster should urge every woman in his church to become an active worker in this great cause. He should also aid, at least by advice,

each organization to hold at least one Mission Study Class each year. Inspiration will come through information and the two guided by prayer and the Holy Spirit will produce consecration, and thus place is where God can use us to His honor and glory.

Respectfully submitted.

Mrs. CLARA NICHOLS.

Bro. Calvin read the report on Education. Discussed by Bros. Kazee, King, Spears, Calvin, and Patton.

Report was adopted as read.

### REPORT ON EDUCATION.

We, your Committee, wish to report that there is continuously being such demands made of us to be able to give a reason for the hope that is within us, that we wish to recommend more attention be given to educating our young people. Especially our young men who wish to take up the work of the gospel ministry. We wish to recommend further that there be more interest taken in the raising of funds for the support of such young men who are unable to finance their own education. That we might encourage our young men to be come more efficient workers.

Respectfully submitted:

C. H. CALVIN, J. R. DOUGLAS.

At this time the Moderator extended the right hand of fellowship to Bro. and Sister Schofield as visitors to our Association.

Bro Mahoney read report on State Missions. Discussed by Bros Mahoney, Kazee, Mitchell and Hampton.

Report was adopted as read,

### REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

It is a well known fact that scarcely needs to to be repeated, that a building to be of any permanent value, must have a good solid foundation. Now, what that foundation is to a building, State Missions is to all our great denominational structure. It is from our Jerusalem of State Missions that we reach out in all our other agencies to the uttermost parts of the earth. If we are weak at this point, we are weak at all points. Jerusalem first, here is our foundation, our starting point. State Missions is the root from which all other branches spring. According to the health of our State Missions

sion root, so will be found the fruit on the branches of our great denominational tree.

Florida as a State is growing. For the past ten years Florida has exceeded any other State east of the Rocky Mountains, excepting Michigan in population; and for the last twenty years any State east of the Rocky Mountains, except Oklahoma. In 1900, Florida had a population of about 600,000, today Florida has about a million.

In 1900 there were about 26,482 white Baptists in Florida. The report for 1920 gives us 64,860. Including the colored Baptists, Florida has 134,429 Baptists. This gives us nearly 20,000 more than the Methodists of Florida.

Today you can take all the Methodists, all the Presbyterians, all the Congregationalists, all the Second and Seventh Day Advents, all the Mormons, and all the Unitarians of Florida, and put them all together, and the Baptists outnumber them by 1.733. There are 24,650 Roman Catholics in Florida. The Baptists outnumber them five and a half times. There are 10,399 Episcopalians in Florida. Florida Baptists outnumber them nearly thirteen times.

If the State of Florida is increasing its population, we are glad to be able to state that the Baptists of Florida are also increasing.

Last year we had 740 churches in Florida. Of these, about 125 are pastorless.

Last year 569 churches contributed to Missions, but only 500 made pledges on the 75 Million Campaign. Some of these are not even meeting their pledges as regularly as they should. Yet, it is a source of great pride to the Baptists of Florida that while only 500 out of the 740 churches made pledges to the campaign, the Baptists of Florida raised \$225,000 last year. At this rate these five hundred churches would be raising \$125,000 in the five years over and above our quota, which is one million dollars for the five years. And yet, we still have left 240 Baptist churches in Florida that are not contributing to the 75 Million Campaign.

As Baptists in Florida we have some very serious problems to face during the next few years, and only the most loyal support to the 75 Million Campaign can bring about a victory over these problems that will be pleasing to our Master. Let me just here mention but a few of them:

First, is the problem of the unsaved in our State. On good authority we are told that about half of the population of Florida are unsaved. This certainly ought to set us thinking, and especially to praying, and to doing something definite for the salvation of those who are within our gates. Just think of it, five hundred thousand souls that we rub elbows with every day within our beautiful State

of fruits and flowers, and perpetual sunshine; a State of churches, and open Bibles, and Gospel preachers, schools and colleges. Yes, a half million souls living under a flag that has never known defeat, without God, without Christ, and without hope in the world. Yes, lost, lost, going down to an undone eternity, with the voice of Scripture ringing in their ears, "After death cometh the judgment."

Here is our first and greatest State Mission problem. In Luke 19:10 we read: "For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which is lost." And in John 17:18, we have the two missions, "As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world." Christ never lost sight of His mission. Have we lost sigt of ours? No, I do not believe we have, for what Florida Baptists have already accomplished during the past few years only goes to prove what we can do, and by the grace of God will do.

The second problem, the homeless churches. We have heard of the Wandering Jew, and of the nation Israel without a country, and we have also read of Noah's dove that could find no place for the sole of its foot. Well, here in Florida we have 89 scripturally organized churches, actually without a home. Just think of what we, as a denomination are doing by not having these 89 churches in homes of their own.

The Third problem, the pastorless churches. Here in Florida we have 125 churches without pastors. 125 flocks without shepherds. 125 Baptist churches subject to the wiles of the evil one. Subject to the visitations of the wolves in sheep's clothing. Yea, a prey to our adversary whose ministers he sends forth as angels of light, these with their German submarine theology creep into these churches not sparing the flock. These while they propose to preach, and teach from the Word of God, deny the Truth, and teach the commands and traditions of men. These pastorless churches, if we are going to be loyal to our trust must be retained, and maintained as Southern Baptist missionary churches. Retard never. Advance ever.

The fourth problem, unfinished church buildings. We are informed that the Baptists of Florida have about one hundred unfinished church buildings. This is a poor advertisement for us as a denomination. I am reminded just here of the words of the Master in Luke 14:28-30, which reads, "For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it? Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him, saying, this man began to build, and was not able to finish." Is this to be our experience before the world in the face of the glorious achieve-

ment in connection with the 75 Million Campaign when the Baptists of Florida went about one-fourth of a million over their quota. Using words of the Apostle Paul, brethren, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation.

Now there are other problems that ought to be mentioned but time forbids us to speak of them now. No doubt you are more or less acquainted with them already.

In closing this report allow me to suggest at least two ways in which we as Baptists may overcome these problems we have been considering.

- 1. Let every church that has made a pledge to the 75 Million Campaign, make an honorable effort to meet that pledge when due.
- 2. Let the Executive Committee of the Association with the Deacons, Clerks, and Treasurers of the churches come together at the call of the Moderator of the Association, in order that some plan may be devised whereby every member of every non-contributing church of the Association, may be personally solicited in the interest of the 75 Million Campaign.

State Missions can more than meet these problems comfronting us as Florida Baptists if we as Baptists are only true to our pledges in connection with our 75 Million Campaign.

Respectfully submitted.

S. P. MAHONEY, D. F. GANT, W. W. LANCE.

 Bro. Kazee offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

### RESOLUTION.

Resolved; That it be the sense of the Alachua Baptist Association; First, That our churches provide better for the work and support of their pastors.

Second, That we encourage the churches to call pastors for an indefinite time rather than for one year.

Third, That our small churches be advised to form suitable groups so that pastors may render better service and thus eliminate a waste of time and money.

Fourth, That the Executive Board of our Association be advised to offer help only to churches that manifest a willingness to carry out the things necessary in our judgment to a successful work for the Lord.

Association adjourned until 1:30.

### Wednesday Afternoon.

Association called to order by Moderator Blizard. After devotional exercises the Association proceeded to take up the regular program.

Bro. Gunn read the report on Laymen's Work.

After discussion by Bros. Gunn, Patten, and Boat-wright, report was adopted.

### REPORT ON LAYMEN'S WORK.

Your Committee on Laymen's Work submit the following report: Churches visited and spoken to, eleven: Bushnell, Center Hill, Coleman, Hebron, Oxford, Pedro, Wahoo, Webster, Whitney, Eden, and Arue, Wildwood.

We were cordially received and heard. We spoke on Pastoral Support, the 75 Million Campaign to be paid in weekly and monthly offerings. The last subject spoken on was the Tithe, the great object now before us is tithing. Fruit seen thus far, one church northeast of the Withlacooche River is bearing fruit. The two churches and one visited on Southwest of river are blooming, We ask this Association now in session to appoint a man in Bro. S. D. Martin's place, as Bro. Martin is physically unable to serve. We ask and insist that each church send Bro. W. W. Fineren one dollar at once. Read Bro. Fineren's article in the page 22, and you will find the for, and we must take tare of.

Respectfully submitted.

L. W. GUNN, J. C. GRUBBS, GEO. W. KING.

Bro Kazee read the report on Foreign Missions. Discussed by Bros, Gazee and Gunn and adopted as read.

### REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Jesus left His home in glory, came into a foreign land, that was alienated from him by its sin, and in open rebellion against his Father found it antagonistic to his thought, action and life. His love was greater than the sin of the world, therefore he endured its trials, and suffered death because of his redeeming love for lost men.

Our great denomination took up the spirit of the Christ, has tried to follow in his footsteps, and make his plan of redemption known to all the world. Others are preaching a fractional gospel, but as Baptists have a whole gospel, we feel under obligation to give it to the whole world. This stupenduous undertaking requires that we Baptists work together to this end. The members in no single church or nation are equal to this great task; therefore, we need universal Baptist cooperation in order that we may succeed in carrying out the imperative demand of our Lord and Master.

Southern, Northern, and European Baptists have tried to assume proportionate responsibility in this work, and the new mission fields of Europe have been divided between them, and Dr. Rushbrooke has been chosen as Baptist Commissioner of Europe, and many great things have already been accomplished and the kingdom advanced among a priest burdened people.

Our equipment and forces have been increased in all other foreign lands and results are coming in ever increasing ratio. Thousands of people are being saved, many have become self-supporting and some are sending out missionaries. The per capita contributions in our foreign churches run all the way from \$1.38 to \$10.19.

Southern Baptists have undertaken to give the gospel to 200,000,000 black people, 475,000,000 yellow people, 4,000,000 brown people, and 225,000,000 white people, a total of 904,000,000 people, or about nine times as many as now live in the U. S. A.

God's redemptive purpose is world-wide in its scope, his power universal in its sweep, the sacrifice of Christ all inclusive in its efficiency; therefore, only two things are lacking in fulfilling the command. First, we need many more people who will fall in line with Isaiah and say. "Here am I. send me." The Macedoinan cry, "Come over and help us." has never ceased. Second, the consecration of ample means to send those who are willing to go. The Lord has a plan for gathering sufficient means. If we would pay the tithe, and then make a freewill offering we could send all that are ready to go. Let us pray for the Lord to send more laborers into the field, and that He may help his own to be honest with him in their payments of the tithe, and to give his people the grace to make an offering to Him and for His work.

The mighty tide of Baptist influence and power is swiftly rising, the low black cloud of Papal supremacy is being driven away by the high noon sunlight of gospel truth and freedom, people are coming out of their bondage, and lining up with the Baptist heralds of religious liberty that is destined to overthrow completely all religious despotism.

Our Board system, while many mistakes may be made in various ways, is capable of handling all the money and men that we can furnish, and do it with far less mistakes than any other plan that can be adopted. It has been tried out for many years, and has proven to be the best cooperative agency for our churches that can be found.

The king said, "Ramoth in Gilead is ours and we take it not." We Baptists can as truly say the world is ours and we take it not. Let us arise with our God given might, with our men and our money, and take the world for the Baptists and our Lord.

J C. KAZEE, J. C. RODGERS, W. R. MATTHEWS.

Report on Digest of Letters was read by Bro. J. C. Rodgers and turned back to the committee for correction.

Reports on nominations was read by the Clerk and after making a slight change, was adopted.

### REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

We, your Committee on Nominations, beg to report as follows:

Member State Board, Mrs. R. Strickland.

Executive Committee, Bros. J. C. Kazee, Jim Priest.

Delegate Southern Baptist Convention, G. A. Martin.

Delegates State Convention, J. C. Kazee, R. Strickland, S. P. Mahoney, J. H. Patten, A. L. Blizard, C. H. Calvin.

Time, on Tuesday and Wednesday before the Second Sunday in October, 1922.

Place, Center Hill, Florida.

Introductory Sermon, Bro. G. A. Martin.

Respectfully submitted.

H. C. PARRISH, Mrs. W. W. MONROE, CLARENCE JONES.

Report on Sunday Schools was read by Bro. N. S. Speers. Discussed by Bros. Speers and Mahoney and adopted as read.

### REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Sunday School is undoubtedly one of the most important of our church auxiliaries, or departments of our work in the Lord's cause that we, as a great and growing religious denomination, are endeavoring to advance in kingdom interest at this time.

In the great commission, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you," is a basis for our educational and teaching department of the church. The Sunday School, it may be said, is this department. Holding as we do the position before the world, as believing in a whole gospel for a

whole world, if we are to maintain this position it is imperative that we not neglect the teaching department of our own churches for our own people.

The Sunday School provides gospel teaching for all classes and all ages. Therefore, every member of every church might well afford to enlist in some department of this great and glorious agency for acquainting both old and young with the message from God to man.

A deplorable fact is that a number of our churches do not maintain this department of teaching.

However, we note with interest, the increase in the number of organized Sunday Schools since the launching of our 75 Million Campaign has been a marked per cent. It is encouraging to note that this Association reporting 23 churches last year only two reported no Sunday Schools. Facts that we face reveal our maganimous task. In the State we have 740 churches, while there are only about 500 Sunday Schools. Facts that we face reveal our Aremendous task of the Southern Baptist Convention with a constituency of 3.199,005 reporting 20,420 Sunday Schools with 1,996,610 members. With these truths facing us we may see our opportunity for enlistment in this particular department of our work. Therefore, we earnestly entreat all of our churches and members to make the Sunday School a subject of prayer and perseverence in our Lord's cause.

Respectfully submitted.

W. L. SPEARS, A. J. FOUR, J. H. PRIEST.

Report of the B. M. A. A. was read by Bro. Kazee. After discussion by Bros. Kazee and Patten, was adopted as read.

### REPORT OF B. M. A. A.

This Association has for its object, the relieving of the widows of Baptist Ministers from a situation that frequently proves very embarrassing. The widow feels that a husband who has given his life to the cause of our Lord, deserves a respectable burial. Because of low salaries and large demands, few widows are able to do what they desire in this matter unless our denomination extends them some assistance. This we ought to do. Let us be faithful to those who have sacrificed so much, and have served their day in so great a calling.

Respectfully submitted.

J. C. KAZEE.
J. C. PATTEN,
T. V. CURINGTON.

Bro. Mahoney read the Financial Report, same showing the amount of \$88.50 sent in for Minutes and Clerk

### FINANCIAL REPORT

The following is the report of Committee for Minutes and Clerk: Pedro ..... Oxford Sumterville ..... Unnamed Brooksville ..... Webster .... Summerfield Florida City Leesburg Fruitland Park ..... Whitney ..... Center Hill ..... Edenfield ..... Wildwood Coleman -Total \$88.50 Respectfully submitted. S. P. MAHONEY. T. B. STINSON.

G. B. JOINER.

Moved and carried that Clerk be paid \$15.00 for his service.

On motion Clerk was ordered to have 500 Minutes printed.

Bro. Kazee offered the following resolution:

### RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That we extend our sincere appreciation and thanks to the pastor and members of the Coleman Baptist church and citizens of the community for the excellent, generous and hospitable entertainment of the Alachua Baptist Association throughout the meeting.

Moved and carried that the Executive Committee be

instructed to suggest a name and change the name of the Alachua Association.

Bro. Williams read the Treasurer's Report, which was adopted as read.

### TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance last report	\$	92.82
Paid Brooksville Printing Co., for Printing Minutes		64.33
Paid J. H. Hughes, for Clerk	4-4	15.00
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Balance	8	13.49
Received this Session for Minutes and Clerk	. \$	88.50
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J. H. WILLIAMS, Trea	isu	rer.

October 5th, 1921.

The work of the Association being completed the Association adjourned to meet with with the Center Hill Baptist church at 10:00 a.m., on Tuesday before the Second Sunday in October, 1922-

REV. A. L. BLIZARD, Moderator. H. C. PARISH, Clerk.

### CHAIRMEN STANDING COMMITTEES FOR 1922.

Foreign Missions	E. Lee Smith
Home Missions	W. L. Spires
State Missions	C. H. Calvin
Sunday Schools	Geo. J. King
Education	H. S. Cherry
Laymen's Work	J. H. Hughes
Periodicals	R. Strickland
Orphanage	W. L. Spires
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B. Y. P. U.	J. C. Kazee
Woman's Work	Mrs. B. F. Lee
B. M. A. A.	Thos. W. Spicer
Nominations :	G. A. Martin
Digest of Letters	J. H. Williams

### OUR HONORED DEAD

BROTHER R. B. DAVIS SISTER JOANNA BROWN SISTER MARY BEVILLE BROTHER W. A. BUSHNELL SISTER R. E. QUINN SISTER MARY WOOD BROTHER EDWARD ROLF BROTHER N. L. MARTIN BROTHER SUMMIE CRENSHAW BROTHER W. M. STONE

### MINUTES OF WOMAN'S MEETING.

Woman's Meeting of Alachua Association, held in the Methodist Church at Coleman, Florida, October 4th, 1021:

Devotional exercises conducted by Mrs. Clara Nichols, and prayer by Mrs. Wall.

Enrollment of messengers.

Bushnell-Mrs. Hunt, Mrs. Wall, Mrs. Beville, Mrs. Rogers.

Coleman-Mrs. Crenshaw, Mrs. Stokes, Mrs. Martin, Mr. Currington, Mrs. Monroe, Mrs. Crabtree.

Eden-Miss Susie Jones.

Leesburg-Mrs. Mathews, Miss Mathews.

Oxford-Mrs. Staff, Mrs. Caruthers, Mrs. Griggs, Mrs. Smith, Miss O'Dell.

Edenfield-Mrs. Stafford, Mrs. Trowler.

Wildwood-Misses Johnson,

Marsh Bend-Mrs. King.

Pedro-Mrs. Shaw.

Wahoo-Mrs. Wade.

Webster-Mrs. Baine, Mrs. Beville, Mrs. Dominick, Mrs. Hays.

Committees named:

Nominating-Mesdames Wall, Beville, Crenshaw, and Mathews.

On Resolution of Thanks-Mesdames Driggs, Hays, and King.

Address of Welcome by Mrs. Monroe and response by

Report of Associational President read as follows, and adopted:

### REPORT OF W. M. U. PRESIDENT.

Dear Sisters:

Another year, with its privileges and responsibilities, has passed into history. Have we grown any in grace of knowledge? Is the world any better for our naving lived? Or will our mistakes and regrets outweigh the good we have been able to accomplish? Have we done what we could to enlist the unenlisted? Have we made every effort to organize the women and young folks of some other church? These, and many other questions, we might well ask our own hearts, and by answering them honestly, we would be enabled to catch a new and broader vision of the great work entrusted to us.

As a Woman's Missionary Union, our opportunities for service are almost unbounded. If we would do more efficient service for our Master, we must put new emphasis on personal and united prayer; observing the weeks of prayer, and strive for the establishment of the family altar.

Again, we must realize the great value of the Mission Study Class and strive to become better informed as to the people for whom we are laboring. And, ever remembering that our chief business, as saved souls, is soul-winning. We should prepare ourselves for that work; we would recommend the study of Dr. Mullin's book, "Talks on Soul-Winning," to aid us in that preparation.

It has been our great pleasure to visit nine churches during the year, and to present to them some phase of our work.

In June it was our pleasure to aid in the organization of a fine society, with two circles, at Eden church. It is a real grief to see our children and young people so sadly neglected. Please let us urge you, as you return to your respective churches, to gather your young people together and organize them for prayer, study and service. The young people love to do things and with the proper leadership, their energies may be used for the Master.

We must report no state workers in our Association this year, except a B. Y. P. U. class at Whitney by Miss Ditman, and at Coleman by Mr. Ried.

At our last State Convention we reported one Society on the honor Roll, Leesburg, and one in Class A, Oxford.

Your Superintendent has visited nine churches and attended four Minister's and Laymens' meetings and one Fifth Sunday Meeting.

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Respectfully submitted		

MRS. CLARA NICHOLS.

Report of churches.

Moved and carried that the literary part of the program be omitted and proceed with business.

Report of Nominating Committee adopted: Mrs. Clara Nichols, President; Mrs. Dr. Cherry, Vice-President; Mrs. F. A. Hays, Secretary and Treasurer; Superintendents of Districts as follows: District No. 1, Churches: Brooksville, Eden and Minion, Hebron, Floral City. Superintendent, Mrs. McCampbell.

District No. 2, Churches: Bushnell, Edenfield, Sumterville, Marsh Bend, Wahoo, Webster. Superintendent, Mrs. Hughes.

District No. 3, Churches: Leesburg, Whitney, Fruitland Park, Lady Lake, Center Hill. Superintendent, Mrs. Styvender

District No. 4, Churches: Wildwood, Coleman, Oxford, Summerfield, Pedro, Charter Oak. Superintendent, Mrs. Staff.

Report of Resolution Committee adopted.

Adjournment.

MRS. F. A. HAYS, Secretary.

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