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Prof. Cate. Moderator

Geo. J. King, Clerk

J. A. Williams, Treasurer

Next Session Convenes with First Baptist Church

Brooksville, Fla., October Eleventh 1923

Introductory Sermon
By E. Lee Smith.

Rev. Gus Padgett
Alternate.

BROOKSVILLE, FLA.

A. C. L. and T. N. Railroads

PROCEEDINGS
76th Annual Meeting
Alachua Baptist Association

Center Hill, Florida, October 3rd, 1922.

The 76th annual session of the Alachua Baptist Association convened with the First Baptist Church Tuesday A. M., above place and date. In the absence of Pastor Gus Padgett and former clerk Parrish, Rev. G. A. Martin, of Coleman, called to order with Bro. Geo. J. King as Clerk pro tem.

Devotional exercises opened by singing, "All the Way My Savior Leads Me," and reading from Rom., Tenth Chapter. Prayer by Pastor S. P. Mahoney, Leesburg. Prof. Cate was called for to take the chair.

1st. Report of Committee on Credentials. Moved and carried the temporary organization be made permanent, whereupon Wm. A. Cate announced: All the messengers present, together with those who may come in later, are entitled to sit with and take part in deliberations. The rules were waived and Bro. Gunn, of Wildwood, instructed to cast the ballot for Association for election of officers as follows:

Moderator	Wm. A. Cate
Clerk	Geo. J. King
Treasurer	J. H. Williams

2nd. Petitionary letter from Sardis received. Upon statement of Rev. E. Lee Smith, Pastor Oxford Church, duly restored Sardis.

3rd. Dr. C. M. Brittain, of the State Board Missions, made report on the Seventy-five Million Campaign, showing condition of churches in Association with Leesburg and Whitney in the lead; requesting the pastors and members of Executive Committee to meet him in an adjourned meeting. Noon. Recess to 2:00 P. M. See Report 4th.

REPORT.

Adjourned meeting my Dr. Brittain with pastors and laymen. Revs. Mahoney and Martin were named on committee of "Follow Up Campaign"; by consulting and otherwise assisting pastors in the taking new pledges to the great and glorious financial help of the Lord. State Missions can more than meet all obligations if we Baptists are only true to our pledges in connection with our Seventy-five Million Campaign. See enrolled messengers.

AFTERNOON.

Moderator called to order. Devotional. Prayer by Dr. Golden upon completion of enrollment of messengers.

Moderator called for reports on Home Missions as read by J. H. Hughes; State Missions as read by E. Lee Smith; and Foreign Missions read by Rev. S. P. Mahoney.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, 2:00 P. M.

ENROLLED MESSENGERS.

Moderator called Missions reports.
Brooksville—Rev. J. C. Kazee, Rev. H. H. Sturgess, Mrs. W. D. Cobb, Rev. J. H. Patten.
Bushnell—Rev. and Mrs. G. Padgett, J. H. Hughes and wife, Mrs. S. M. Wall, H. D. Hunt, Rev. J. C. Rogers.
Center Hill—Bros. Bart Lee and wife, Wm. A. Cate and wife, J. W. Todd, R. Cooper, J. E. Railey, B. F. Tate, A. B. Jones, Thomas.
Charter Oak—Letter.
Coleman—Rev. G. A. Martin, M. B. Bennett, J. L. Larnder, Mrs. M. W. Monroe, Will Ward, C. H. Mizelle, Mrs. Will Ward.
Eden—No Report.
Edenfield—Letter.
Floral City—Rev. Ira L. Rice.
Fruitland Park—W. P. Ebb.
Hebron—Letter.
Lady Lake—Letter.
Leesburg—Rev. S. P. Mahoney and wife, W. R. Mathews and wife, Geo. J. King.
Marsh Bend—No Report.
Oxford—Rev. E. Lee Smith, Mrs. Clara Nichols, W. L. Brinson.
Pedro—Letter.
Sardis—T. M. Smith, E. F. Caruthers.
Summerfield—No Report.
Sumterville—Letter.
Wahoo—Sister John Smith, Emma Swain, L. J. Norman.
Webster—Bro. H. C. Parrish and wife, Sisters Youmans, Johnson, Bain, Hays and Smith.
Whitney—G. B. Joyner.
Wildwood—L. M. Gunn, J. M. Hudson.
On motion to adopt, was discussed by Bros. Gus Padgett, J. C. Kazee, G. A. Martin, Drs. Brittain, Golden and others, and adopted by the body. See Reports.
Bro. J. C. Kazee read the report on B. Y. P. U. Work.
Geo. J. King read the report on Sunday Schools. On motion to adopt was spoken to by Dr. C. M. Brittain, H. H. Sturress, Gus Padgett, J. C. Kazee, G. A. Martin and others as adopted. See Reports.
The report on Laymen's Work, as read by Bro. L. M. Gunn, also Temperance Report by Rev. Ira L. Rice. On motion to adopt, was spoken to by Bros. Hughes, Gunn, Martin, Golden, Mahoney, Padgett and others. Motion prevailed. See Reports.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Intemperance may rightly be classed among the great evils of every land. Our nation has made the great decision—to drive out from our fair land some of the things that have been destroying our manhood, and to some extent our womanhood in many places. But while whiskey, and its accessories have been outlawed by our nation, yet these evils are doing much harm in defiance of law and government. Therefore, our churches as working units have much to do in creating sentiment in favor of law enforcement, and for the driving out locally, by our county officers, of the Moonshiner, and the bootlegger from our midst.

IRA L. RICE,
H. C. PARRISH,
Mrs. B. F. LEE.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

What the roots are to a tree, State Missions is to all other Missions. Weaken the tree at the root, and you weaken all the branches. This being done, you prevent the fruit. State Missions is our Jerusalem to the uttermost parts of the earth. We must ever be found faithful in keeping the home fires burning.

We are informed that Florida has about one million of a population, and that about half this number are unsaved. Now, according to last year's report, there are 72,385 white Missionary Baptists in Florida. This would give each Baptist less than seven souls to be responsible for. This does not include the colored Baptists who are as strong in numbers as we are.

Now, considering all the other evangelical denominations in Florida, the conversion of Florida does not appear to be such a hard task after all.

God has been blessing us as a people along many lines. Last year we reported 740 Churches, this year 763. Last year we reported 64,860 members, this year 72,385.

We are informed that while 569 Churches contributed to Missions, only 500 made pledges to the Seventy-five Million Campaign, and some of these have fallen short in meeting their pledges.

Out of about 25 Churches, which go to make up the Alachua Association, only 17 made pledges to the Campaign. The amount pledged by these 17 Churches is \$33,043.75. Up to the present, less than half of this amount has been paid in. Only two Churches in this Association have met their pledge. These have gone over the top.

All over the State, a Re-Enforcement Campaign is about to be put on. This campaign, which is to begin Nov. 5th is to continue until Dec. 3rd. Now it seems to us that all the Churches in this Association ought to fall in line with this great movement, so that all new members, and all those who did not make a pledge, at the first, may have an opportunity to do so now.

A Committee has been appointed, composed of Pastors S. P. Mahoney, of Leesburg, and G. A. Martin, of Coleman. These brethren stand ready to help any Church who may desire their help.

Your Committee urges upon all the Churches to do their level best to meet their obligations in this matter, and to enter heartily into the Campaign about to take place.

Respectfully submitted: S. P. Mahoney, R. H. Calvin, W. S. Wade.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Board is located at Richmond, Va., and Dr. J. F. Jory is our efficient Secretary. We have been and are doing work in Africa, Argentina, Brazil, China, Italy, Japan, Mexico and Chile.

On October 8th, 1920 the Foreign Mission Board adopted the report of its Committee to the London Conference of July, 1920.

By the adoption of this report, our Board has taken Roumania, Jugo Slavia, Spain, Hungary, Italy, Ukraine and all Russia east thereof.

In addition to this European program, we have begun work in Palestine in the Near East, and will extend our North China and Manchurian work into Siberia.

There has been allotted to our foreign work three million dollars annually from the Seventy-five Million Campaign. This seems an enormous sum, but is inadequate to really meet the needs of so great a field.

Our schools and medical missions are progressing nicely, and the Board will send out more missionaries this year than ever.

The great commission is to "go," and let us go at once and possess the lands, the heart of the Bible is missionary.

The word, "whosoever," in John 3:16, is so broad it take in all.

The world has never seen such activities as there is in Mission Work

of today. Baptists from the days of Judson and Cary have done their part and are in the forefront of the Mission Work of today. The literature and Foreign Mission Journal is a great power in the awakening of our people in this work. Also the Florida Baptist Witness.

All the fields are bright and promising and let us enter and do our part. An anxious person once asked Dr. Spurgeon if the heathen without Gospel would be saved. He replied, "Will you be saved if you fail to give them the Gospel?" World-wide Gospel is the slogan of the Bible and the expressed will of the Holy Spirit.

God has provided salvation for all the recesses of the earth and Jesus died for all.

Our Savior was a Foreign Missionary come to seek and save that which was lost.

Our Mission is to give the Gospel to the whole world. Our motto should be, "Advance, Enlist, Enlighten and Enlarge."

Respectfully submitted,

E. LEE SMITH.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.

Holding as we do the great commission: "Go, Preach, Teach, Baptize and Observe all things," the Bible should be our Text Book. The most important part of a structure is the foundation, the greatest interest of a well regulated family is centered in the nursery. The Sunday School is the Church at Work. Then, holding this position before the world, how very zealously we should provide the Gospel, teaching both old and young the message of God to Man.

A very great improved condition is noted from most of our Church letters. With these truths before us, we earnestly entreat every member to make the Sunday School subject of prayer and perseverance in our Lord's cause. Submitted by Geo. J. King, I. T. Stinson, Mrs. Clara Nichols and others.

REPORT OF LAYMEN'S WORK.

We, your Committee, regret to have to report so little done by the Laymen of this Association. During the year just passed, we are sorry to say that there has been no organized work done in this Association by the Laymen, but feel sure that a great many of our Laymen have done a great work in holding up the hands of the Pastors, and assisting them in many ways. We feel that there is a great work that could and should be done by the Laymen and Deacons, but feel that this work should be in charge of the Pastors of the churches. We wish to recommend a Bible Study course in each Church for men, under the supervision of the Pastors.

J. H. HUGHES,
S. P. MAHONEY,
L. M. GUNN.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

As will be learned from the annual report of the Home Mission Board made to the Southern Baptist Convention at Jacksonville last May, the Board presented a record of wonderful achievements. The previous year had been the greatest in all the history of the Board and though there was retrenchment in the force of workers, the past year in results was even greater.

The Million dollar mark was reached in the Church Building Loan Fund which as loaned to churches in the erection of church buildings.

It was the greatest year in soul saving and in the enlistment of our forces in the work of the Kingdom, in advancement towards self-support in so many of our fields, all of which conspired to render the year memorable in our history.

Sometimes statistics are tiresome and uninteresting, but such as the following ought to cause thanksgiving to God on our part and resolutions to make it possible for even greater results through the labors of our Home Mission Board:

There were last year under the employment of the Board, independent and cooperative workers, a total of 1,188 missionaries who supplied 3,131 churches and missions, delivered 165,445 sermons and addresses, made 236,992 religious visits, baptized 36,164 converts, received 83,994 additions to the churches, organized 308 churches, built or improved 456 houses of worship, organized 786 Sunday Schools and did a vast work in personal visitation among the sick and distributed millions of pages of tracts and thousands of copies of the Scriptures.

What a mighty work is being accomplished through this great agency of Southern Baptists, the Home Mission Board! Surely the Lord of Hosts is with us, making bare His mighty arm in the salvation of the lost!

The Board's work is done under the following Departments: Co-operative Missions, Enlistment, Evangelism, Mountain Schools, Foreigners, Indians and Negroes, Cuba, Panama, Soldiers and Seamen, Publicity, Southern District Sanatorium, Church Extension.

In every department of the work there has been splendid progress, especially on the lines of Evangelism and Enlistment, which two departments have recently been more closely coordinated and are working hand in hand for the salvation of the lost and the development of the saved.

The Board for two years has been heavily in debt because of the enlargement of the work at the beginning of the 75 Million Campaign and a great falling off in receipts during the past year. This has made it necessary for retrenchment wherever possible and has at the same time made it impossible for the Board to respond to numerous and pressing calls for help.

Financial conditions are improving and the Board is encouraged to believe that its receipts will be in advance of those for last year and thus make it possible to lessen the Board's debt and turn our forces towards the larger opportunities that are found on every hand.

Free literature in the way of tracts and leaflets can be had on application to J. H. Hughes, E. Z. F. Golden, G. A. Martin.

On account of lateness of the hour, Report on Periodicals as read by Rev. Gus Padgett, upon motion to adopt, the discussion was left open to hear Cr. J. W. Mitchell, Editor of our Florida Baptist Witness. See Report.

Moderator extended courtesies of floor to visiting brethren as follows: Dr. G. M. Brittain, of Jacksonville, E. Z. F. Golden, Palatka, E. Lee Smith, Orlando, Ira L. Rice, Floral City, W. R. Harrow, Whitney, formerly Tennessee. Announcements hours for the annual sermon hereafter to be 7:30 in the evening. Committees appointed to report second day. Announcement: Ladies will serve supper at 5:30 at same place as noon.

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

There is a growing demand for increased doctrinal propaganda. One phase of this has its value in teaching constructively the doctrines of our faith. Another is to combat the isms and scisms, the materialism, rationalism and unbelief of the day. It must counter a belligerent and insidious, persistent propaganda which comes in the name of religion,

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bores from within and recognizes no mightier weapon than the press.

2. There is a crying need that our people keep in touch with the movements, the advances, the successes of the Baptist host however near and however far; the very inspiration brought by reading the trials, heroism, successes of our Home and Foreign Missionaries would be a tonic to the man shut in, and out of touch with the continued advance of the Gospel—the stately stepplings of God among the peoples of the World.

Our Florida Baptist Witness should be in every home. It is thoroughly sound. Its editor speaks in no uncertain terms in defence of the Faith. It is the mouthpiece of our Convention. Through it our Secretaries keep us informed as to our State work or often warn us of the approach, meanings and activities of movements which are enemies to the Cross of Christ.

We recommend the close study of our Sunday School literature. Our Sunday School Board, under the supervision of Dr. I. J. VanNess, Sec., is abundantly able to supply the ordinary needs for literature in Sunday School, B. Y. P. U., Missionary Society and home. All profits from the sale of our periodicals by the S. S. Board are used for the advancement of our Southern Baptist Work. This literature is thoroughly orthodox and second to none as literature.

We urge that, in addition to class quarterlies, use be made of "Kind Words," "Baptist Boys," "Baptist Girls," and "The Child's Gem."

The Missionary Journal of the Southern Baptist Convention is "The Home and Foreign Fields."

The organ of W. M. U. is "Royal Service." We urge that our people read these.

In addition to periodicals, we recommend that our people read such books as "Christianizing America," by Dr. V. I. Masters, a prophet statesman. Every pastor ought to read this book. Also it should be taught in mission study classes.

We believe a wide distribution of tracts, doctrinal and missionary, would be beneficial. These may be had through Dr. C. M. Brittain for the asking.

GUS PADGETT,
J. C. KAZEE,
Mrs. CLARA NICHOLS.

Under the beautiful trees, after singing, prayer and benediction pronounced by Dr. E. Z. F. Golden, adjourned to 7:30.

EVENING SESSION.

11th. Devotional led by Dr. Mahoney. Rev. G. A. Martin, Coleman, delivered the annual sermon from Math. 14th:13-21, subject, "Christ's Use of Man's Gift," in a very acceptable manner.

12th. Report on periodicals was continued. Dr. J. W. Mitchell, Editor of Fla. Baptist Witness, took the floor and gave us a great and glorious message. After song and prayer by Bro. Sturgiss, adjourned to 9:30 Wednesday.

WEDNESDAY.

13th. 9:30 A. M., Rev. J. C. Kazee led Devotional. Moderator in the chair. Reports continued. Christian Education, as read by Dr. Cherry, was discussed by Rev. Sturgiss, Gus Padgett, J. C. Rogers and Dr. Mahoney, Dr. Kazee and others. Approved.

The W. M. U. held meeting in Presbyterian Church during forenoon. Report on Obituaries, referred to committee of Digest of Letters, was read by Bro. H. C. Parish, chairman. There were few dry eyes during the eulogies of reminiscencies. Report adopted.

Treasurer's Report, as read by Clerk, adopted. In absence of Bro. Williams,

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

We are glad to say that Southern Baptists are in the forefront of educational progress. They have a chain of 119 high schools, colleges and schools of university grade, more schools with more money invested and more students than any other evangelical body of the South.

Baptists are realizing that they must have an educational program of their own. Their task is in part the propagation of distinctive Baptist doctrines, their insistence upon the Bible alone as the rule of faith and practice in the Christian walk, the proper place and meaning of the ordinances, the simple Biblical church organization. Not only is the above task incumbent upon us, but we must safeguard our sons and daughters from anti-Christian teachings and influences which are prevalent in most independent and tax-supported schools. A recent investigation disclosed these bold facts: Of 1,000 students questioned, 56 per cent. only of men and 72 per cent. only of the women believed in God. Less than 10 per cent. of the leading teachers of psychology today believe in the future life.

Such a situation challenges every Baptist to make adequate provision for the training of his offspring in Baptist environment, under Baptist teachers and under Baptist control.

Stetson University is our own Florida Baptist School. It stands among Southern Baptist Schools second in endowment and total property valuation. It stands 11th in attendance. Your committee believes there should be a strong Stetson consciousness. When shall it awake the emotions of Florida Baptists as Mercer, a Georgian, Wake Forest, a North Carolinian, Bethel and Georgetown, a Kentuckian? We recommend that our pastors hold ever before our people the importance of sending their boys and girls to Stetson to receive their degrees. This is our own school. Let us support it through our prayers and through the Seventy-five Million Campaign.

This body would gladly welcome and insist upon the attendance at the future sessions of this body of an accredited representative of Stetson to lay upon our people the claims of that school.

H. S. CHERRY, M. D.,
Ch'm. Com.
H. H. STURGISS,
GUS PADGETT.

DIGEST OF LETTERS AND OBITUARIES.

14th. We, your Committee on Digest of Letters, beg leave to report as follows:

We find that there are 22 churches in the Alachua Ass'n., with seventeen reported by letter—which leaves 5.

Membership reported last year 1527; this year 1533. Net increase (6) six.

Increase by Baptism (62) sixty-two.

Pastor's salary \$8,002.98.

Total contribution for all purposes \$11,484.88.

Total Sunday Schools (17) seventeen; B. Y. P. U. (5) five; W. M. U. (7) seven; deaths (20) twenty.

Respectfully submitted,

H. C. PARISH,
Chairman,
H. H. STURGISS,
J. C. ROGERS.

OUR DEPARTED.

Sister Johnson, J. W.	Brooksville
Bro. Padgett, Jas.	Coleman
Sister McKenny, Syrney Co.	Eddenfield
Bro. Gooden, Geo.	Eddenfield
Sister Quinn, Mrs. R. L., Sr.	Floral City
Bro. Leggett, Wm.	Hebron
Sister Skinner, Lula	Hebron
Sister Cole, Mrs. W. F.	Leesburg
Sister Kingsley, Mrs. F. R.	Leesburg
Sister Newman, Mary	Leesburg
Bro. Kinard, G. B. A.	Leesburg
Bro. Jeffcoat, Will	Oxford
Bro. Grimes, W. S.	Oxford
Bro. Perry, J. S.	Oxford
Sister Martin, Vera	Oxford
Sister Proctor, Verda	Pedro
Bro. Person, J. W.	Pedro
Sister Caruthers, A. L.	Sardis
Sister Kingsley, Mrs. W. N.	Whitney
Bro. S. D. Martin	Wildwood

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Leesburg, Oct. 3rd, 1922.	
Rec'd. last session	\$88.50
Am't. Collected	13.49
Rec'd. later	9.65
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	\$111.64
Paid for Printing	96.09
Paid J. H. Hughes Bal.	3.65
Paid H. C. Parish, Clk.	11.99
Bal. due Clk.	3.01
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	J. H. Williams, Treas.

Whereupon Bro. Parish gratuitously cancelled the balance due from Association. Announcements. Song. Prayer, Rev S. P. Mahoney. Adjourned till 2:00 P. M.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

We recommend the Association meet with the First Baptist Church at Brooksville Oct. 10, 11, 1923, at 11:30 A. M., Wednesday. Rev. E. Lee Smith preached the annual sermon at 7:30 P. M. Rev. G. Padgett as alternate. Members of the Executive Board, Gus Padgett and J. H. Patten, with officers of the Association. Member State Board, Rev. S. P. Mahoney, Leesburg. Delegate to S. B. C.—Rev. J. C. Kazee, of Brooksville. To State Convention—J. H. Hughes, H. C. Parish, G. B. Joyner, L. M. Gunn, J. H. Priest, Ira L. Rice.

Chairmen Standing Committees for 1923.

Missions, Foreign	J. H. Patten
Missions, Home	E. Lee Smith
Missions, State	S. P. Mahoney
Sunday Schools	Walter L. Brinson
Education	Wm. A. Cae
Periodicals	Gus Padgett
Temperance	H. C. Parish
Orphanage	J. C. Rogers
Laymen's Movement	L. M. Gunn
Obituaries	J. R. Douglas
B. M. A. A.	T. W. Spicer
Woman's Work	Mrs. C. Nichols
B. Y. P. U.	G. B. Jovner
Digest of Letters	Geo. J. King
Nomination	W. S. Wade

B. Y. P. U.

Our B. Y. P. U. work moves steadily onward and upward. It has developed a very efficient organization, the workings of which are educational, doctrinal, practical, devotional and inspirational. Our assemblies and training schools are veritable Theological schools. Our young people have opportunities today superior to those enjoyed by the young people of any former period of time.

From the ranks of our young members must come all of our future workers, and they should all be encouraged and helped to avail themselves of all the advantages that are offered for their training and development.

We may expect our future workers to be better informed, and more efficient, than we of the present day.

J. C. KAZEE, Chair.,
G. J. KING,
DR. BRITAIN.

15th.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Brooksville	\$10.00
Bushnell	3.50
Center Hill	7.00
Coleman	5.00
Eden	3.80
Floral City	2.00
Fruitland Park	1.00
Lady Lake	2.00
Leesburg	10.00
Hebron	1.00
Sardis	1.50
Sumterville	1.70
Webster	3.00
Whitney	2.00
Wildwood	5.00
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J. H. HUGHES,
W. L. BRINSON,
G. J. KING.

REPORT OF B. M. A. A.

We, your Committee, beg to report as follows:

One of the saddest features of the ministerial life and work is the day when old age comes upon him. The Church can no longer use him and he is laid on the shelf and then becomes the object of charity. Shame to us, after giving a life's service to Kingdom work. He has a home up yonder, not made with hands; but no habitation here. He must die and, excepting in rare instances, leave his family and loved ones without a shingle over their heads that they may call their own. The members of the B. M. A. A. each sends their Dollar to the Secretary at his death who remits it to his widow at once. There is now about 100 members and we do recommend that Churches, Sunday Schools and B. Y. P. U. become honorary members and all preachers join.

G. A. MARTIN,
GUS GADGETT,
J. C. KAZEE.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

The women of our W. M. U. organization are very efficient in their department of the Lord's Work. Their consecration and enthusiasm are remarkable. The study courses and educational work disseminates a wider knowledge of our world-wide, God-given enterprise. They have been very faithful in their payment of pledges, and their work of the past is prophetic of their future success.

May the blessings of our Lord rest richly and continuously upon their work.

Mrs. B. F. LEE, Chm.,
J. C. KAZEE,
Mrs. S. P. MAHONEY.

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 are able, let us continue to honor with our gifts and prayers, that orphanage work may be sustained.

G. J. KING,
Rev. PATTEN,
C. H. MIZELLE,
J. C. ROGERS.

OCTOBER 4th, WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Moderator called to order after singing, "Come Thou Fount—." Prayer by J. C. Rogers. Reports continued on finance as read by the Clerk, was instructed to have the minutes printed soon as possible—report.

Report on Orphanage, B. M. A. A., as read by Rev. Gus Padgett and G. A. Martin adopted.

Report of Executive Committee, as read by J. C. Kazee, recommended the name, "Alachua," be changed to "Withlacoochee," was discussed on the positive and negative most interestingly, and the Association went unanimsously opposed to change.

Reports on Woman's Work, Mrs. B. F. Lee, and Nominations, by Chairman Martin, received and adopted.

Resolution as offered to the good people of community, passed as follows:

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

RESOLVED, That our hearty thanks are due and hereby extended to this Church, and all good citizens of this town of Center Hill for their splendid hospitality.

Adopted unanimsously and enthusiastically by standing.

J. C. KAZEE.

Report of W. M. U., and requested to be printed in minutes so far as practical. Then came announcement. Rev. S. P. Mahoney would preach at 7:30 after song and prayer by Rev. Ira L. Rice. Adjourned to evening session.

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF W. M. U. OF ALACHUA ASSOCIATION HELD AT CENTER HILL OCT. 4, '22.

Mrs. Clara Nichols, Associational Pres., in chair. Services opened with Union hymn, "How Firm a Foundation," after which Mrs. Lee read the Scripture Lesson and Mrs. Horner led in prayer. Mrs. Cate, of Center Hill, gave the Union a very gracious welcome, which was responded to by Pres. in absence of Mrs. Cobb, of Brooksville. Report of Pres. was read and adopted as follows:

DEAR SISTERS, GREETINGS:

When we read and hear of the many wonderful achievements of the past year, do not our souls thrill with rapture, and are our hearts not filled with praise and thanksgiving, that we have each one been permitted to have a little part in this, the greatest and most glorious work that man can engage in? A work the Angels would delight to do?

That we may appreciate more fully what the W. M. U. stands for, I would like to reproduce, in part here, just one of the "Resolutions" as adopted at the meeting last May in Jacksonville, namely, Fundamentals: That our Watchword be, "God is able," 11 Cor. 9:8; That our hymn be, "How Firm a Foundation;" That our chief aims be—individual and united prayer, enlistment and soul winning, regular Bible and Mission Study, organized personal service, systematic and proportionate giving. That, in view of the urgency of the Baptist 75 Million Campaign situation, emphasis be placed on real sacrificial giving in the redeeming and increasing of Campaign pledges. If we, as members of the W. M. U., stand loyal to these fundamentals, we may, with confidence, expect still greater things from Him, "Who is able to make all grace abound."

It has not been our privilege to visit many of the Churches during the year, but have tried to keep in touch with the work through correspondence. From the reports from the various Churches, we gather the following statistics:

Number of Societies	6
Number of Members	126
Number of Tithers	18
Mission Study Classes	12
Number enrolled	50
Subscriptions to Baptist Witness	40
Home & Foreign Fields	10
Royal Service	38
Amount paid to 75 Million Campaign	\$998.45
Amount paid to local work	110.75
Personal Service	30.45
Other Objects	22.65

Grand Total \$1,162.30

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. CLARA NICHOLS.

District Reports were read and adopted. Mrs. Horner gave an address on: "How to Make W. M. U. Work More Effective."

A special prayer, led by Mrs. Lee, was offered for our own missionaries.

Officers for coming year were elected as follows: President, Mrs. Clara Nichols, Oxford, Fla.; Vice-President, Mrs. J. H. Hughes, Bushnell, Fla.; Sec. & Treas., Mrs. F. A. Hays, Webster, Fla.; District Supts.—District No. 1, Mrs. Creekmore, Brooksville, Fla.; District No. 2, Mrs. A. M. Roland, Bushnell, Fla.; District No. 3, Mrs. Matthews, Leesburg, Fla.; District No. 4, Mrs. Nora Staff, Oxford, Fla.

Moved and carried that each Society contribute to expenses of President.

The following delegates were appointed:

Southern Baptist Convention.....Mrs. Cobb

State Convention—Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. Cherry

Adjournment.

Mrs. F. A. HAYS, Sec.

Edin, Lecanto, Marsh Bend, Mill Creek and St Catherine, No report

Church	Pastor	Clerk	Year Organized	Members last year	Increase	Members this year	Decrease	Preaching Service	Pastors Salary	Buildings Repairs	Incidental	Ministerial Help	All Missions	Education	Orphanage	Total Campaign	Total Property
Brookville	Wm. A. Cate		1882	179	1	171	4	1 & 3	600	33	6	90	157	2,484	53,500		
Bushnell	J. H. Hughes		1881	183	57	126	1	1 & 1	180	5	4	48	11	22	114	2,500	
Center Hill	Wm. A. Cate		1881	181	4	182	1	2	180	51	96	37	50	50	2,500		
Charter Oak	A. M. Lofton		1881	129	6	135	6	2	600	9	51	51	37	9	114	2,500	
Coleman	C. H. Mizell		1881	161	1	162	1	1	180	51	96	37	50	50	2,500		
Eddenfield	J. F. Trowell		1881	183	57	126	1	1	180	51	96	37	50	50	2,500		
Floral City	D. A. Tooke		1881	181	4	182	1	2	600	9	51	51	37	9	114	2,500	
Fruitland Pk.	T. B. Stinson		1881	161	1	162	1	1	180	51	96	37	50	50	2,500		
Hebron	A. C. Sharp		1881	183	57	126	1	1	180	51	96	37	50	50	2,500		
Lady Lake	R. D. Mathews		1881	161	1	162	1	1	180	51	96	37	50	50	2,500		
Leesburg	J. H. Williams		1881	183	57	126	1	1	180	51	96	37	50	50	2,500		
Oxford	T. P. Caruthers		1881	183	57	126	1	1	180	51	96	37	50	50	2,500		
Pedro	J. D. Proctor		1881	183	57	126	1	1	180	51	96	37	50	50	2,500		
Sardis	T. M. Smith		1881	183	57	126	1	1	180	51	96	37	50	50	2,500		
Sumpterville	J. A. Mann		1881	183	57	126	1	1	180	51	96	37	50	50	2,500		
Wahoo	J. M. Woodard		1881	183	57	126	1	1	180	51	96	37	50	50	2,500		
Webster	R. E. Younan		1881	183	57	126	1	1	180	51	96	37	50	50	2,500		
Whitney	L. A. Walker		1881	183	57	126	1	1	180	51	96	37	50	50	2,500		
Wildwood	J. M. Hudson		1881	183	57	126	1	1	180	51	96	37	50	50	2,500		

CHURCHES **SUNDAY SCHOOLS** **B. Y. P. U.**

Church	Superintendent	No. of's & thers	No. Pupils	No. B'ised	Amt. Exp.	Total Contrib's	Organized
Brookville	A. Keathley	14	158	12	\$ 40.50	\$186.50	2 classes
Bushnell	J. H. Hughes	9	66		56.00	60.50	
Center Hill	Wm. A. Cate	12	171	15	47.50	58.50	1 class
Charter Oak	A. M. Lofton	4	104	3	9.50	11.00	
Coleman	C. H. Mizell	8	110	23	75.00	86.61	1 class
Eddenfield	J. F. Trowell	4	40	4	8.50	10.50	
Floral City	D. A. Tooke	7	70		53.75	72.50	
Fruitland Pk.	T. B. Stinson	7	50	3	12.50	18.25	
Hebron	A. C. Sharp	3	14		7.25	9.00	1 class
Lady Lake	R. D. Mathews	4	40	2	32.50	45.25	
Leesburg	J. H. Williams	16	190	13	231.70	470.91	1 class
Oxford	T. P. Caruthers	9	125	3	114.00	129.25	1 class
Pedro	J. D. Proctor	6	53		15.50	18.74	
Sardis	T. M. Smith	5	42		12.50	14.00	
Sumpterville	J. A. Mann	4	28	7	24.00	37.75	
Wahoo	J. M. Woodard	3	22		17.00	19.00	1 class
Webster	R. E. Younan	8	67	13	47.00	53.00	2 classes
Whitney	L. A. Walker	9	25	1	73.84	100.50	1 class
Wildwood	J. M. Hudson	10	73	3	67.00	96.68	1 class

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