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OFFICERS

Rev. Isom Beasley, BrooksvilleModerator
Mr. J. H. Hughes, BushnellClerk
(Appointed after death of Mr. G. J. King.)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

H. C. Parrish, Webster; G. A. Martin, Coleman; and Officers.
Introductory SermonRev. J. H. Patten
AlternateRev. J. R. Douglass

DELEGATE TO SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

Rev. C. H. CalvinBrooksville

DELEGATES TO THE STATE CONVENTION

Brethren J. W. Todd, J. H. Williams, J. C. Rodgers

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF MISSIONS

Rev. J. C. Kazee

COMMITTEE ON REPORTS AND PROGRAM FOR 1924

Rev. Isom Beasley, Rev. G. A. Martin, W. R. Mathews

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Rev. T. W. Spicer	Leesburg
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Rev. J. C. Kazee	Brooksville
Rev. G. A. Martin	Coleman
Rev. R. Strickland	Webster
Rev. W. S. Wade	Bushnell
Rev. J. R. Douglass	Wildwood

PROCEEDINGS

77th ANNUAL MEETING

Alachua Baptist Association

OCTOBER 10th—10:30 A. M.

Welcome Address by Pastor J. C. Kazee.

11:15—Devotional Service led by Rev. E. Lee Smith.

Sisters then recognized and visitors at this time and others later were given welcome hand of fellowship, as follows: Rev. S. H. B. Mays, Indian River Association; B. G. Smith, Pasco Association; W. W. Willian, Mrs. H. C. Peelman, State Workers; Editor Mitchell of the Witness; Dr. S. B. Rogers, State Secy.

Petitionary letters from Pleasant Hill, and from Okahumpka read and referred to a committee.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Devotional led by Bro. G. A. Martin.

Report on Foreign Missions read by J. H. Patten, and Home Missions by E. Lee Smith. Both reports being deferred until evening.

FOREIGN MISSION REPORT

The Baptists have always been Missionary to the core. When they surrender their spirit of missions, then they will be a dead people. The Southern Baptists are now doing Mission work in seventeen countries, including the new countries they have undertaken in Europe. It is wonderful how the doors have been opened in the last few years. The countries that were recluse nations are now wide open to the Gospel.

The Seventy-five Million Campaign did more for Foreign Missions than any other one move in our entire Mission History. The increase in membership on the Foreign Field, the increase of Missionaries and the increase of the number of schools can hardly be comprehended by us who remain on this side of the water.

Here are some of the gains during the Campaign period: We have entered six new fields in Europe, made possible altogether by the goodly sums of money from the Campaign. During the Campaign period we report 34,334 baptisms on the Foreign field; other gains include 386 new churches, 18,000 outstations, 68 self-supporting churches, 39 houses of worship, 53,666 members, an increase in annual contributions of foreign churches of \$254,196. We also note an increase of 687 Sunday Schools with 31,293 pupils; 229 American missionaries sent out; 2,029 native missionaries; 68 missionary residences built; 284 missionary schools, with 17,062 pupils; seven theological schools and 112 theological students.

Besides the above increases there has been a wonderful increase in our hospitals on our mission fields. During the past year our hospitals have treated 117,676 patients and 90,000 out-patients. This phase of our work on the foreign field brings us the greatest dividends in the eyes of the foreigners themselves.

In the earlier years of our Foreign Mission Work, we did not do much in the way of schools. Later we learned this was a mistake. Now the Southern Baptists are doing all in their power to spread the influence of the Gospel through their schools for boys and girls in connection with their mission stations. At present we have 627 elementary schools with an enrollment of 20,734 pupils; we have 80 higher elementary schools, 27 middle schools and five colleges and these higher schools or colleges have 659 pupils enrolled.

But the Southern Baptists have nothing to boast of. They have given liberally, but not as liberally as they might have given. There are thousands of our people who know nothing about Foreign Missions and as a result they give nothing. The last Convention reported a debt of more than \$400,000, and this debt is yours—it is mine, it is ours, and we should do our part.

This report asks that each and every church in our Association do its part in the great work of Foreign Missions. Whatever plan takes the place of the Seventy-five Million Campaign, let each church of our Association join heartily in carrying out the plan. This will mean work for every cause held dear by the Baptists.

J. H. PATTEN, Chm.
J. R. DOUGLAS.
W. J. BRYANT.

REPORT OF HOME MISSIONS

The founders of this great republic desired that ours should be a Christian nation. They set forth their ideas in many of the earlier States and general periodicals. They refused to bolster up religious institutions by the State patronage.

History has justified their wisdom. The oppressed of every nation today look to America to show the way to better things. On this territory there is to be the greatest nation of the earth—a nation whose influence politically, commercially, morally and religiously will be a power in shaping the destiny of the other nations of the world.

We have tried and therefore know of a truth that "Righteousness exalteth a nation." But even our best efforts have been imperfect.

Of 94,000,000 people in America, only about 21,000,000 are members of any evangelical religious body.

Of 31,000,000 people in the Southern Baptist Convention territory fewer than 11,000,000 are members of evangelical bodies.

There remains a large task of pioneer work in our territory. After all the successful efforts of Home and State Missions, scores of communities in many states do not hear the gospel message.

There has come about in addition a pioneer work of a new kind, it is to be found in the slums of the cities and sometimes along fashionable boulevards.

Thus with the old task unfinished, many new ones are being added that are more difficult.

The home board aids in the support of our church in Key West. It operates mission schools in Tampa. It has equipped and opened the best Seaman's Institute in Jacksonville that can be found on the Atlantic Coast south of Baltimore.

The home board does efficient work among the negroes of all the south.

It has scores of Missionaries employed among the Indians and the Mountaineers.

It operates a great Church Building Loan Fund department.

What a mighty work is being accomplished through this great agency of Southern Baptists by 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:—
Cooperative Missions, Enlistment, Evangelism, Mountain Schools, Foreigners, Indians and Negroes, Cuba, Panama, Soldiers and Seamen, Publicity, Southern Baptist Sanatorium and Church Extension.

Every department of the work has recently been more closely co-ordinated and is working hand in hand for the salvation of the lost and the development of the saved.

Respectfully submitted,
E. LEE SMITH,
J. C. KAZEE,
G. A. MARTIN.

Address by Dr. S. B. Rogers, State and World Review.
Report read on Sunday Schools by Bro. Keathley, and on B. Y. P. U. by Bro. Waldron, both being adopted as read.

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

As a committee representing the Sunday Schools of the Alachua Association we consider the Bible School work the most important part of the Lord's Kingdom. Because it is from the Sunday Schools we receive largely our greatest support and growth.

We wish to report from our association as follows, this being the latest report we were able to obtain under such short notice.

From 25 churches there are 20 Sunday Schools, 159 officers and teachers, 1,605 pupils. Average attendance 1,062. Baptism from Sunday Schools 41.

We hope to soon see the day when every church may be able to report a good thriving Sunday School.

A. KEATHLEY, Chm.
H. C. PARISH,
I. BEASLEY,
W. W. WILLIAN,

Committee.

B. Y. P. U. REPORTS

The membership and influence of the B. Y. P. U. during the past few years have grown by leaps and bounds. Yet, phenomenal as this growth has been, it is but a slight indication of what may be expected of this vital organization during the coming years. Our young people have caught a vision of the responsibility which rests upon them and have felt the thrill of success, brought about by united and prayerful effort. They have come to realize that they are the reserves, held in readiness to take the places of those now on the firing line, waging the age-old battle against the forces of unrighteousness.

The churches, too, have come to look upon the B. Y. P. U. in a new light and with a profound respect not unmixed with awe. Back in the nineties the B. Y. P. U. was just a young people's society, organized for the purpose of holding them together and getting them interested in church work, but it has long since outgrown those narrow limits and from merely a passive force has evolved into a mighty positive force. The results of the past few years have demonstrated to the churches that every effort, every prayer, and every word of

encouragement given in behalf of the B. Y. P. U. is repaid a thousand fold.

The B. Y. P. U. is today the strong right arm of the Baptist churches throughout the world; ready, willing and fully competent to battle victoriously in their defense.

G. B. JOYNER, Chm.
L. W. WALDRON,
HARVIE THOMAS,
W. R. MATHEWS,
W. W. WILLIAN.

Report on Laymen Movement read by Bro. L. M. Gunn, received and adopted.

Report on Christian Education and Religious Literature, adopted as read, after being spoken to by Bros. Martin, Willian, Mitchell and Smith.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

It is cause of profound gratitude that Baptists are making such rapid progress in Christian Education. Twenty years ago Southern Baptists had 65 schools. Today we have 120. Then we had 11,130 students. Today we have 33,762. Even five years ago Southern Baptist schools were harrassed by debt and hindered by a lack of equipment. Today Southern Baptist school are in a flourishing condition.

If the 75 Million Campaign had done nothing more than it has done for our schools it would have done a great thing.

It is gratifying to be able to report a large increase in the number of ministerial students. Last year there were 2,635 ministerial students and 2,566 volunteers for definite Christian service in our denominational colleges and universities.

We commend our own Baptist institution, Stetson University, at DeLand, Florida, as worthy of our patronage, and urge our people to help to render it more useful and efficient by sending to it our sons and daughters.

Respectfully submitted by the committee,
WM. A. CATE, Chm.
G. A. MARTIN,
W. P. EBBS.

Report on B. M. A. Association read by J. H. Patten. After discussion same was adopted.

REPORT ON B. M. A. ASSOCIATION

This association should be supported by every church and Sunday School in the state.

The beneficiary members usually pay for each others death. Any member of the church can become an honorary member and thus help to pay the burial expenses of the dead member. Many Sunday School classes could pay the three or four dollars per annum for deaths as they would not be assessed for expenses. We hope our church members and all friends of the association will become interested and help in this worthy cause.

Respectfully submitted,
THOS W. SPICER, Chm.
J. H. PATTEN,
R. STRICKLAND.

EVENING SERVICES

Devotional, led by E. Lee Smith, and special offering taken.

Dr. S. B. Rogers made one of his great addresses on World Wide Review of Missions and His European Trip and Baptist Alliance.

SECOND DAY

Second Day usual devotional services.

Report on Obituaries read by J. R. Douglass. Adopted as read.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES

Your Committee on Obituaries finds that the death angel has visited many of our churches during this year and taken from our midst, a number of our strong and most active members, as follows:

Bros. R. V. Gross, D. M. Chambers, Brooksville.

Sisters E. E. Young, Rebecca Brown, Bushnell.

Bro. H. T. Murphy and Sister J. W. Todd, Center Hill.

Sister W. R. Bingham, Coleman.

R. E. Quinn, Floral City.

Rev. W. R. Horner, Lady Lake.

J. V. Swearingen, Oxford.

Sister Sidney Haines, Summerfield.

Jamie Blackmon,

T. J. Swain, Wahoo.

Rosa Trowell.

Bro. J. S. Boyett, Webster.

Sister Pearl Johnson.

Bro. Vernon Caruthers, Wildwood.

(Signed) J. R. DOUGLASS,
A. P. SHARP,
MRS. F. A. HAYS.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's report read and adopted.

Balance on hand last report \$58.50. Received this session \$75.42.
Paid for Minutes last session \$58.50. Balance on hand \$75.42.

J. H. WILLIAMS, Treasurer.

Report on State, Foreign and Home Missions adopted.

AFTERNOON SESSION

After usual devotional services, miscellaneous business and questions taken up.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

are due and hereby extended to Bro. Kazez, pastor, and the loyal members of Brooksville churches and all good citizens of the city for the glad welcome and splendid hospitality.

J. H. WILLIAMS, Chm.

THE BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

The Florida Baptist Children's Home—formerly the Orphanage is located at Arcadia. It was founded some twenty years ago, and has

had a phenomenal growth. Ample grounds have been secured, buildings have been erected, and now everything is under full headway. In fact it is just what its name implies—a home for our boys and girls, who have been so unfortunate as to lose their parents. Ample quarters and ample provisions have been made for all classes. There are quarters for boys and quarters for girls, and in addition thereto is a babies' home.

J. H. PATTEN, Chm.
J. H. WILLIAMS,
MRS. W. D. COBB.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

Intemperance has cursed all lands. The traffic in intoxicating drinks has been classified by our government as detrimental to the health and prosperity of our nation. It is a violation of the laws of our country to make or sell (and should be to drink) any kind of intoxicating drinks. This law has been a blessing to our nation in many ways.

Why then is it made and sold?

Whenever the majority of any nation, state, city, town, or community will say: "That curse must stop, then and not till then will it stop. Parents of our fair land when you see how our men and boys are being destroyed by the cursed stuff; will you sit still and see the manhood of today robbed of honor, wealth and health and dragged down to hell?"

We appeal to all right thinking people: Let us stand by our officers and see that they enforce the law. Then let us pray for Divine aid; not only pray but stand four square against the evils of drink. If need be, stand till death shall remove us hence.

Submitted,

H. C. PARISH, Chm.
J. H. PATTEN,
G. A. MARTIN.

RESOLUTION

Whereas Florida is a rapidly developing State, and whereas our work is growing by leaps and bounds, and whereas the need is still appalling. Therefore be it resolved we recommend that the churches of the Alachua Association commit themselves anew to the work of State Missions, and giving the gospel to all the people within their bounds, and to all the work incidental thereto.

Signed by Committee.

L. W. WALDRON, Chm.
HARNIE THOMAS,
W. R. MATHEWS.

Moved and carried, Moderator be elected to serve for the year and preside at the next session, at which time his successor to be elected to serve in a similar manner.

The Association then adjourned to meet with the First Baptist Church of Oxford, Oxford, Fla., October the 9th and 10th, 1924.

J. G. KING, Clerk.

(After the death of Bro. King, J. H. Hughes of Bushnell was appointed Clerk.)

Subscriptions to Witness	30
Subscriptions to Royal Service	25
Subscriptions to Home and Foreign Fields	12

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. CLARA NICHOLS, Pres.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK

Just before the Ascension of our Blessed Lord and Saviour, He gave to the church the great commission, which the women delight to term "permission," and said, "Go ye,—and lo I am with you." Beyond any shadow of doubt that promise has been verified in the work of the W. M. U. of the S. B. C.

Let us note some of their achievements. The Union was organized just thirty-five years ago, with just a few local organizations here and there. Now we have in the S. B. C. 22,109 local organizations for women and young people. Of these Florida has 918.

Thirty-four years ago the women and young people of the S. B. C. gave for missions and benevolences \$30,773.69. Last year their contribution was \$2,770,283.87. Florida women gave last year for all Campaign objects \$52,672.65.

Believing with the wise men, (Prov. 29:18) that, "Where there is no vision the people perish," and realizing that thru knowledge the vision is produced and broadened, they have diligently engaged in mission study classes. Last year 19,364 such classes were reported—288 in Florida. As the vision broadens we enter more heartily into the Personal Service Department. Where we have the blessed privilege, (permission again) of following in the steps of our dear Saviour, "Who went about doing good" and His word is, "In as much as ye did it unto the least of these my brethren ye did it unto Me."

Within the bounds of our association, we are grieved to report that we have lost some ground. Only six organizations have been reported. Let us pray and labor for a broader vision and grace to go forward in His name.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. CLARA NICHOLS, Chm.
MRS. J. C. KAZEE,
MRS. F. A. HAYS,
Committee.

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MINUTES OF W. M. U.

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Alachua Association held their annual meeting in the M. E. church of Brooksville on October 11, 1923, the president, Mrs. Nichols in the chair.

Devotional was conducted by Mrs. W. D. Cobb of Brooksville. Mrs. A. C. Coogler welcomed the visitors in a very gracious manner.

Seven churches were represented.

Reports were heard from the Associational officers and local societies.

The following officers were elected:

President	Mrs. Clara Nichols
Vice-President	Mrs. J. H. Hughes
Superintendent District No. 1	Mrs. W. D. Cobb
Superintendent District No. 2	Mrs. R. E. Yeoman
Superintendent District No. 3	Mrs. T. B. Milam
Superintendent District No. 4	Miss Lula O'Dell
Publicity Chm.	Mrs. Isom Beasley, Brooksville
Sec.-Treas.	Mrs. Dr. Creekmore, Brooksville
Stewardship Chm.	Mrs. J. H. Hughes, Bushnell
Mission Study Chm.	Mrs. J. C. Kazee, Brooksville
Chm. Young People's Work	Mrs. Dr. Cherry, Center Hill

Open discussion on having a separate time and place for our annual meeting resulting in continuing to meet at same time and place with general Association.

Mrs. J. M. Rogers of Brooksville rendered a beautiful solo.

A splendid playlet "Why We Know What We Know," was given by the children under the direction of Mrs. Kazee, the pastor's wife.

MRS. HARRY BRACEY, Sec. Pro. Tem. Statistical Report

Letters mailed	60
Letters received	35
Churches visited	4
Literature distributed—pages	\$1,258.00
Money received	9.50
W. M. Societies	6
Members	150
Study classes	5
Members enrolled	55
Tithers	18
Paid to Campaign Fund	917.50
Local and other objects	220.00
Total	\$1,137.50

FINANCIAL

	Treasurers and Postoffices	Home Contributions	To Mission and all Missions, Education and Benevolences	Total Contributions	Value of Home Pastor's Home	Total Value of Church Property
Brooksville, First	A. Keathley, Brooksville	\$ 2,884.81	\$ 486.41	\$ 3,371.22	\$ 4,000.00	\$14,000.00
Bushnell	G. T. Coleman, Bushnell	2,605.00		2,605.00	2,000.00	4,000.00
Center Hill	Mrs. B. F. Lee, Center Hill	507.56	6.71	514.27		1,500.00
Charter Oak		121.40		121.40		500.00
Coleman	F. L. Allen, Coleman	393.50		393.50		2,000.00
Eden		741.00		741.00		2,500.00
Floral City	F. E. Devereaux, Floral City	312.00	28.00	340.00		2,000.00
Fruitland Park	T. B. Stinson, Fruitland Park	467.11		467.11		2,500.00
Hebron		220.80		220.80		1,000.00
Lady Lake	R. D. Mathews, Leesburg	220.80	39.79	260.59		1,000.00
Leesburg	F. B. Webster, Leesburg	3,248.16	1,561.92	4,810.08	4,000.00	3,500.00
Marsh Bend	Mrs. J. R. Marsh, Panasoffkee	163.85		163.85		16,000.00
Okalumpka						
Oxford	J. C. Hall, Oxford	952.02	265.75	1,217.77		2,000.00
Sardis	E. F. Caruthers, Wildwood	84.00		84.00		500.00
Summerfield		551.00		551.00		1,500.00
Sumterville	J. A. Mann, Sumterville	195.00	4.72	199.72		500.00
Wahoo	W. E. Hanson, Bushnell	242.80		242.80		1,000.00
Webster	P. A. Tompkins, Webster	263.00	11.00	274.00		2,500.00
Wildwood	L. M. Gunn, Wildwood	1,027.65	162.80	1,190.45		900.00
Whitney	A. L. Richardson, Whitney	390.04	500.00	890.04		2,500.00
Total		\$15,677.70	\$ 3,070.10	\$18,747.80	\$10,000.00	\$58,650.00

STATISTICAL

CHURCHES	When Constituted	PASTORS AND POSTOFFICES	CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES	Regular Days of Meeting	Baptisms	Total Membership	Number S. S.'s	Enrolled S. S.'s	Total No. B.Y.P.U.	Ttl. enro'd B.Y.P.U.	Total W. M. T. Organizations	Total W. M. T. Contributions
Brooksville First	186	F. C. Kazez, Brooksville	G. R. Creekmore, Brooksville	Every	31	1	1	140	1	1	1	404.78
Bushnell	188		J. H. Hughes, Bushnell	1st & 3rd	50	1	1	98	1	24	1	
Center Hill	190		A. B. Jones, Center Hill	2nd & 4th	283	1	1	165	1	1	1	
Center Oak	190		W. T. Lofton, Summerfield	4th	8	1	1	46	1	28	1	
Coleman	190		Mrs. W. W. Monroe, Coleman	4th	8	1	1	98	1	58	1	30.00
Edman	190		Mrs. W. W. Morgan, Brooksville	1st & 3rd	111	1	1	40	1	1	1	
Florida City	1916		Harvey Dunn, Floral City	Every	51	1	1	70	1	1	1	
Fruitland Park	1916		Albert E. Pearce, Fruitland Park	4th	22	1	1	50	1	1	1	
Hebron	1891		Miss Alma Skinner, Brooksville	Every	62	1	1	40	1	1	1	
Lady Lake	1882		R. D. Mathews, Leesburg	2nd	27	1	1	29	1	1	1	10.00
Leesburg	1871		T. B. Milam, Leesburg	Every	5	1	1	196	1	46	1	518.00
Marsh Bend	1917		W. J. Albritton, Wildwood	3rd	26	1	1	37	1	1	1	
Okalumpka	1884		Mrs. J. W. Still, Okalumpka	2nd & 4th	1	1	1	150	2	72	1	201.5
Oxford	1891		J. C. Hall, Oxford	2nd	19	1	1	40	1	1	1	
Sardis	1891		E. F. Caruthers, Wildwood	2nd	78	1	1	58	1	1	1	
Summerfield	1878		N. B. Plummer	2nd	37	1	1	27	1	1	1	
Sumterville	1903		W. S. Wade, Bushnell	1st	121	1	1	41	1	1	1	
Wahoo	1891		J. R. Douglas, Wildwood	1st & 3rd	138	1	1	75	1	1	1	
Webster	1882		W. S. Wade, Bushnell	1st & 3rd	173	1	1	100	1	52	1	6.50
Wildwood	1882			4th	16	1	1	57	1	22	1	
Whitney	1883				51	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Totals												
					44,236	201,558	8,312	7,911.02				