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OFFICERS FOR NEXT SESSION

J. C. Hill, Moderator Brooksville
J. H. Hughes, Clerk Bushnell

Executive Committee

J. C. Hill Brooksville
J. H. Hughes Bushnell
C. A. Martin Coleman
H. D. Hunt Bushnell
H. C. Parrish Webster

DELEGATES TO STATE CONVENTION

Rev. Isom Beasley Brooksville
J. W. Todd, Center Hill
J. H. Patten Bushnell

DELEGATE TO SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

J. C. Rodgers Bushnell

Member State Board of Missions—J. C. Hill, Brooksville.

Introductory Sermon—Rev. W. S. Wade, Bushnell.

Alternate—J. C. Rodgers, Bushnell.

Committee on reports and Program for 1925

J. C. Hill, J. H. Hughes and H. C. Parrish.

ORDAINED MINISTERS IN THE ASSOCIATION

H. H. Sturgies	-----	Brooksville
J. H. Patten	-----	Bushnell
C. H. Calvin	-----	Brooksville
J. C. Rodgers	-----	Bushnell
T. W. Spicer	-----	Leesburg
H. L. Goodwin	-----	Leesburg
R. L. Clyborn	-----	Summerfield
M. L. Taylor	-----	Sumterville
G. W. Hays	-----	Webster
Claud Bridges	-----	Leesburg
J. C. Kazee	-----	Brooksville
G. A. Martin	-----	Coleman
W. S. Wade	-----	Bushnell
W. N. Kingsly	-----	Leesburg
E. A. McDowell	-----	Floral City

PROCEEDINGS
SEVENTY-EIGHTH SESSION
Alachau Baptist Association
First Baptist Church of Oxford
Oxford, Florida

October 9th and 10th

Thursday A. M. 10:00 o'clock, 1924.

Meeting called to order by Isom Beasley, Moderator.

Welcome address by Rev. E. Lee Smith, Pastor of Oxford church.

ROLL CALL OF CHURCHES

Brooksville representatives—Rev. J. C. Hill, Rev. Isom Beasley, Mrs. Isom Beasley, Mrs. J. C. Beasley, Mrs. W. E. Cox, Mrs. R. C. Hice, Mrs. M. H. Snow, Mrs. C. W. Emerson, Mrs. Geo. R. Creekmore, Mrs. A. L. Powel, Mrs. Harvey Thomas.

Bushnell representatives—H. D. Hunt, J. H. Hughes, Mrs. J. H. Hughes, Mrs. A. T. Coleman, Rev. J. H. Patten, Rev. J. C. Rodgers

Charter Oak not represented.

Coleman representatives—F. L. Allen, J. P. Smith, W. L. Bunn, Rev. G. A. Martin, Mrs. A. F. Crenshaw.

Center Hill representatives—J. W. Todd, J. H. Curry, Robert Cooper.

Eden represented by letter.

Floral City representatives—D. A. Tooke, Mrs. D. A. Tooke, Rev. E. A. McDowell.

Fruitland Park represented by letter.

Hebron represented by letter.

Lady Lake represented by R. D. Mathews, Mrs. R. D. Mathews, T. N. Stringfellow.

Leesburg represented by—Rev. Claude Bridges, Mrs. Claude Bridges, J. H. Williams, Mrs. J. H. Williams, W. R. Mathews, Mrs. W. R. Mathews, Mrs. E. H. Mote, Mrs. C. J. Franklin, Mrs. E. B. Fletcher, Mrs. C. C. Garrett, Mrs. T. B. Milan, Mrs. E. B. Mann, H. L. Hunt.

Marsh Bend represented by letter.

Okahumpka represented by R. L. Walker, Mrs. R. L. Walker, A. T. Knight, Mrs. A. T. Knight.

Oxford represented by O. S. Bogue, Miss Annie Bogue, Miss Lula Odell, Mrs. May Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Perry, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Perry, Mrs. Clara Nichols, Mr. and Mrs. Hoarde.

Sardis not represented.

Summerfield represented by Rev. R. Y. Walden.

Sumterville represented by letter.

Wahoo represented by Mrs. Julia Woodard, W. Woodard.

Webster represented by Mrs. R. E. Youmans, Miss Maybelle Youmans, Mrs. Lucretia Wilson, H. C. Parrish.

Wildwood, represented by—L. M. Gunn, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Foore, Mrs. J. S. Gamble.

Whitney, represented by S. E. Walker, W. V. Peacock, Mrs. S. E. Walker.

Pedro, represented by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Nichols.

Edenfield not represented.

Pleasant Hill represented by letter.

Visitors recognized—R. J. Gorbit, P. M. Yagin, J. H. Nutt, Lake County Association. Rev. J. H. Martin, Rev. R. Y. Walden Jr., Marion Association. Dr. W. G. Nowlin, Arcadia; Dr. R. W. Thiot, DeLand; Rev. W. W. Willian, Jacksonville.

Moved and carried that the Pastors and Messengers and Visitors recognized, make up the members of this Association.

Moderator appointed the following committee to report at this session: Sunday School, J. C. Hill, E. Lee Smith, R. Y. Walden, Jr.

Finance Committee—H. C. Parrish, J. H. Patten, Walter Nichols.

Introductory Sermon preached by J. H. Patten, which was very instructive.

By motion duly carried after announcement that Dr. S. B. Rogers could not be present, Bros. Nowlin & Thiot very ably presented the 75 Million Campaign, and were given space on program for both morning and afternoon sessions.

Adjournment.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 1:30 P. M.

Song and prayer.

Report on Home Missions read by R. Y. Walden, Jr. Same was accepted as read and left open for discussion.

REPORT OF HOME MISSIONS

The spirit and aim of our Home Mission work is to assist and build up weak places as Baptist strongholds, and to evangelize the people within the bounds of our own southern Baptist Convention. We would urge upon our own constituency the importance of maintaining this institution in all its functions.

The Retrospective View—The yearly average of workers employed by this Board is 1,170. These workers have baptized 203,532 during the Campaign period, bringing 324,086 new members into the churches. These workers have also enlisted 15,049 as volunteers for definite forms of work in christian service. They have organized 1096 new churches; 3,383 new Sunday Schools; have built or repaired 2,225 houses of worship; operate 30 mountain Schools with 6,000 students. They have completed \$1,000,000 church building and loan funds through the department of Church Extension, aiding hundreds of deserving congregations in erecting houses of worship; erected a modern Tuberculosis Sanitorium at El Paso Texas; established a Seamen's Institute at Jacksonville, Fla.

What a mighty work is being accomplished through this great agency of Southern Baptist by this Home Mission Board.

Respectfully submitted,

D. Y. WALDEN, Jr., Chm.

Report on Foreign Missions read by J. C. Hill. Same was accepted and left open for discussion.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

A brief glance at the statistics of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention brings a most inspiring assurance over the success of our foreign mission cause.

We have in our foreign mission fields 1,095 churches, in which are enrolled 111,872 members. This is one-twenty-seventh as many churches as are in the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention, and one-thirtieth as many members. Three hundred and eight of our churches abroad, or about one-third, are self-supporting. This shows a gain of 97 over the year before, or an increase of self-supporting churches of almost 50% in one year.

We sent out 54 new missionaries during the year, bringing the total of our foreign missionaries up to 544. After deducting losses, we made a net gain of 43. This gain is enheartening, but is far below the number which should have been sent. We need to send this year 229 others.

The native working force now numbers 2,494. The building up of this native working force is of the gravest moment. We need many foreign missionaries now, and in the future the call will perhaps be even more insistent, yet we cannot depend upon missionaries sent from America to do the major work of preaching to any country. The final evangelization of every land must be done through the native workers.

We have had an encouraging year in our Foreign Mission Schools. Never have students flocked in such numbers; never have so many been accepted; never such large numbers turned away. We have 860 schools of all grades, in which were enrolled 35,106 students. This number is about the same as the number of students in all our Baptist schools in the Southland. Twenty of these schools are kindergartens; five are colleges, the majority are of the lower primary and middle school grades. Thirteen are normal and training schools. The crown of all, of course, is the Bible and Theological Schools which now number seventeen, in which schools are being trained 416 young young preachers. While these schools are all rendering a great service in the general uplift of the people, our chief interest in them lies in the fact that through them we turn many to Christ, and train these

students for more effective Christian service. Our schools are tremendous evangelizing agencies. In many sections the far larger number who are baptized into the churches are won in the school. If the school is needed here in the homeland for the development of our denominational life, for the provision of a capable ministry, they are infinitely more necessary for the same objects in foreign lands.

We have medical work in three countries—China, Africa and Mexico. We have among our foreign missionary force, sixteen male and three female physicians and seven trained nurses. There are nineteen native physicians and 29 native nurses. There are 23 buildings of all descriptions in our nine hospital plants. In these are room for 796 beds. In these hospitals were treated last year 6,299 patients. The patients outside of the hospitals were 70,415. The total treatments given reached the amazing number of 294,422.

We have Publishing Houses organized in China, Japan, Mexico, Brazil, Argentina and Italy, and embryonic publishing interests in all the other fields. These publishing plants brought out books, tracts, Bibles, Testaments, Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Quarterlies, Sunday School Leaflets, denominational papers in vast quantities. 84,944,180 pages of literature were distributed. The silent, but none the less effective workings of the printed page, are not every time manifest, but we have many instances of the triumphant achievements of the Gospel sent forth in printed form. Many individuals have been converted through this means; many a home which was otherwise closed to the missionary has been opened through a Gospel tract or a Testament. We have a number of churches that have been organized as a result of someone having read the Word of God from the printed page.

Thus our work abroad presses forward with the favor of God upon it. Southern Baptists rejoice in it, yet they are not supporting it as they ought and can. The Board has been compelled to halt in its great program right at the time when it could press the work most advantageously.

In May 1923 the Board reported a debt of \$403,000. In spite of the severest economies this debt grew by May 1924 to \$711,000. When appropriations were made for 1924 over \$1,600,000 in requests from the fields were denied. The Board was able to appropriate for 1924 only for current expenses. It allowed nothing for buildings and equipment. At its meeting in June 1924 the Board decided not to send out new missionaries this year, except in a few instances where the salary and expenses have been especially provided. This means that practically all new equipment and new missionaries were cut off from the foreign fields this year. What this lack of help will mean to the cause no one can estimate.

The situation is distressing. The only hope for remedy for it is in the payment of our 75 Million Campaign pledges. If these pledges are paid we can take care of the work.

We call upon our churches to rally with heroic sacrifice to the completion of the great 75 Million Campaign task.

J. C. HILL

Bro. Isom Beasley, Moderator, reported that on account of unavoidable conditions, he could serve no longer, and by motion duly carried, J. C. Hill was elected to fill his unexpired term.

Okahumpks church asked for letter of dismissal from this Association to unite with Lake County Association. Same was granted.

Adjournment.

EVENING SESSION

7:30 P. M.—Devotional led by Rev. G. A. Martin, after which report on State Missions was read by Rev. G. A. Martin. Same was accepted as read. Missions was then discussed in general, by H. H. Sturgis, R. Y. Walden, J. H. Patten and W. W. Willian, after which all reports was adopted as read.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

State Missions should have a large share in both thinking and giving of every Baptist in the State. In some respects State Missions are the most important of all missions to Florida Baptist.

Jesus demanded his disciples to begin the work of evangelization at Jerusalem, and from there into the whole world. Florida is our Jerusalem. The constant development of the state, makes State Missions extremely important. New town are springing up in most every county in the state. We have all classes flocking to our state. It has been said Florida is the dump heap of the world and the play ground of America.

From Pensacola to Key West is a mission field. Many of our people are without a house to worship in. No pastor. Some worshipping in school houses and others in borrowed houses. They need help and are crying for help. We need to establish more churches and build more houses of worship. Our State Board is ready to do all in its power to promote the Lord's cause in our state.

But they can only do as we give. We are in need of more faithful workers and must have more money.

Respectfully submitted,

G. A. MARTIN.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Received last session for minutes and Clerk	\$79.42
Paid out for Minutes	\$54.00
Paid Clerk and Postage	15.75
Total paid out	69.75
Treasurer's Balance	9.97

J. H. WILLIAMS, Treas.

REPORT ON EDUCATION

We find that in Florida there is only one college which belongs to us, viz: Stetson University, Deland Florida. We regret that we have no Preparatory Schools and Junior Colleges such as many of our States have. Many of our boys and girls are leaving Florida to go to Georgia for this training. A large number of Florida girls and boys are in Norman Park and other Georgia preparatory schools this year.

Our report dealing only with Florida could not report anything but the progress of Stetson. We are glad that Stetson is one of the best colleges in the Southland as to equipment and endowment. We have an able faculty at Stetson and boys or girls seeking the best in the school realm would make no mistake in selecting Stetson as their school.

We are glad to report that the South has made much progress in the last five years in the field of Christian education. For five years prior to the Campaign we raised in Florida, for the cause of education, \$70,482.17; the five years of the Campaign we have raised \$185,515.88, an increase of \$115,033.71.

We urge that in these last days of the Campaign, every Christian work and pastor stress the importance of everyone paying their full pledge to the campaign, and in so much as possible, an offering above that our schools and colleges, as well as other objects supported by the Campaign, may continue to prosper.

There is much being said today about the Bible in the public schools. We can continue to talk about it, but the fact remains that if our boys and girls are to receive an education which includes Christ, they must receive it in our schools. It therefore, behoves us to support our schools with our prayers and money.

Not only should we support our schools, but we should guard our schools. All kinds of false theories and heresies are creeping into the schools and colleges of today, and if the unsound teacher gets into our schools and undermines our childrens' faith in God and His Word, teaching that God did not create man, but that he "evolved" from some lower form of life, the Baptists of the Southland are themselves to blame, for we are commanded to WATCH, as well as pray.

Respectfully submitted,
CLAUDE BRIDGES.

Committee appointed on nominations to report at this session—Rev. J. H. Patten, Chairman.

Adjourned to meet Friday A. M. at 9 o'clock.

FRIDAY, OCT. 10, MORNING SESSION

Nine o'clock A. M., Association called to order by Moderator. Devotional led by L. M. Gunn, who made a very interesting talk.

Miscellaneous business called for.

Whitney, Leesburg, Lady Lake and Fruitland Park churches called for letters of dismissal from this Association to unite with the Lake County Association. Same was granted.

Report on Sunday School was read by Harvey Thomas. Same was adopted as read, after being spoken on by Harvey Thomas, E. Lee Smith, Claud Bridges, J. H. Patten, R. Y. Walden, H. H. Sturgis and W. W. Willian.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

The state-wide Sunday School work presents many problems. While we view the problems at the same time, we remember that God is our helper and will help us solve all problems. The past few years have seen wonderful progress in many lines.

Florida is spending hundreds of thousands of dollars for Sunday school buildings. Teacher training is gradually providing efficient teachers. The six-point record system is gradually increasing the grade of the pupils work. The literature issued by the Sunday School Board has undergone great improvement, and all over Florida many new schools have been organized. Also we note the improvement due

to efficient work of the teacher that the number of conversions is increasing from the Sunday Schools.

In our own Association our need is for better buildings, more efficient teachers, more preparation on the part of the officers and a greater value of Bible teaching in modern life.

By looking over the church letters of the Association we find 13 Sunday Schools with 1250 pupils and officers, leaving 11 churches without Sunday Schools. These figures do not by any means represent our full possibilities, for with better buildings and more efficient teachers, there will be more added interest and an increase in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,
HARVEY THOMAS
LOY WALDRON
E. LEE SMITH

Report on B. Y. P. U. read by Mrs. J. H. Hughes. Same was adopted as read, after being discussed by Mrs. Hughes, J. C. Hill and W. W. Willian.

REPORT ON B. Y. P. U.

The B. Y. P. U. stands for Bible study in youth and our people have come to realize that an intelligent discipleship of Jesus Christ must rest upon a knowledge of His Word. The young christians who study the practical conditions of church affairs will soon catch a vision of the responsibility which rests upon them as church members. The membership and influence of the B. Y. P. U. during the past few years has grown very rapidly in spite of the fact that a number of our churches are not placing the proper emphasis upon the work.

Statistics show that last year only twelve senior B. Y. P. U. organizations mentioned in our association, representing 24 churches. This number should be more than doubled during the ensuing year.

The great cry of efficiency is heard on every hand and the key to efficiency in church membership may be obtained through the work of the B. Y. P. U. And the final test of the B. Y. P. U. is the men and the women it furnishes to the general activities of the church and the spirit that is in them as they take their places with those upon whom the responsibilities have fallen.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. J. H. HUGHES

Bro. E. C. McDowel, pastor of Floral City church represented the Baptist Witness in a stirring speech on the Importance of our Baptist paper being in every Baptist home in the State.

Adjournment.

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:30 P. M.—Devotional led by Rev. J. C. Rodgers.

Report on Orphanage read by Mrs. E. H. Mote. Same was adopted as read after being discussed by Mrs. Mote, Claude Bridges, E. C. McDowell, G. A. Martin, H. H. Sturgis.

FLORIDA BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME REPORT**Location**

Our Children's Home, as every one in the State should know, is located in Arcadia, Fla. It is in reality in the corporate limits of the city, on the Dixie Highway, entering the city on the north. We have eighty acres of land, a very valuable piece of property, located as it is, with the southeast corner of the property the geographical center of the city of Arcadia.

Management

The management of our Home is placed in the hands of a Board of Trustees of fifteen members, appointed by the State Convention, five members retiring each year and new members appointed. These trustees have the complete management of the Home, meeting in their semi-annual meeting at the Home and the Annual meeting at the time of the State Convention. They make an annual report to the State Convention in detail about the work. Rev. J. E. Trice is the Superintendent, with Mrs. J. E. Trice matron in charge, with, of course, other necessary helpers to carry on the work.

Buildings and Improvements

On the eighty acres of land, twenty-seven acres are in cultivation, fifteen acres are in the play grounds and campus on which are located four two-story buildings, three of brick and one concrete, the nursery building is of concrete one story building and a Superintendent's home two-story, frame. There are other out buildings such as the cannery, barn, woodshed, carpenter, paint and blacksmith shops. Eight acres are in bearing orange and grapefruit grove and thirty acres in pasture for cows.

Children and Their Home

We have one hundred and ten boys and girls with a capacity in our Home to care for one hundred and twenty-five, if received in the right ages to suit our buildings. There are thirty-five girls in the girls building, fourteen small girls in the Priscilla English Memor-

ial Dormitory; sixteen boys in the large boys dormitory, twenty-one middle size boys in the small boys dormitory, twenty-four children at the nursery, ten boys and fourteen girls. We have a matron for each building but have no servants as the children do all the work. We have three teachers in our school, one for the advanced grades, one for the primary and one teaching stenography and bookkeeping. We educate and train our children so that they can become self-supporting when they leave the Home. We have no age limit but make our Home a real home for the children to give them care and attention as long as they need it. The boys are allowed the privilege of leaving when they are eighteen years old and if the girls are secured positions and allowed to leave as soon as they are old enough and capable of taking care of themselves.

The Religious Life

Our children attend services at the First Baptist Church in Arcadia, attending the Sunday School, church services and prayer meeting. A number of older children are members of the B. Y. P. U. and several of the children from the Home are officers in the different departments of the church work. We have religious services each morning in the main dining room and the nursery dining room, conducted by the Superintendent. We, of course, employ only christian helpers and have a continuous oversight and care of the children's christian life.

With just a few exceptions, all of the children in the Home old enough are members of the church.

Receiving and Dismissing Children

We receive children in ages from infancy to twelve years old for girls and ten years old for boys, who are full orphans. The Board of Trustees has found it necessary to confine the work of the Home to the full orphan children on account of so many half orphans applying for a place in the Home, who if taken would displace the full orphans and most needy child and leave no room for this class of children. All children are received into the Home upon application furnished by the Superintendent and properly filled out with a doctor's certificate attached and no children can be carried to the Home until first communicating with the Superintendent. Children dismissed from the Home are capable of earning their own living, and sometime children are dismissed to make their home with relatives, where relatives are located and found to be in a position to support the child. Children are not promiscuously placed out in homes, only infants are placed in homes where there are no children. The Board of Trustees has found it unsatisfactory to place larger children out in private homes, so they are making the Home at Arcadia a real home for boys and girls.

Support and Needs

We derive a large portion of our support from ten per cent of the Campaign Fund. This is not, nor has it been sufficient to support the work, so we are dependent upon independent gifts of friends sent in independent of the Campaign obligation to support the work. Friends and Societies over the state are supplementing the financial support during the year. There is no improvement or building fund provided for carrying out any plans for future enlargement. This is a real need in our work and there should be in the near future, such a provision made as will provide such a fund. We should have three hundred and fifty children in our Home at Arcadia and do the work for this number of children that we are doing for our present family of boys and girls. Your Committee would recommend that more independent gifts and larger donations be sent. That every church and Sunday School in the Association plan to have a worthy part in the annual gift week to the Home and that every Baptist in the Association remember the work constantly in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. E. H. MOTE

Report on Temperance read by J. H. Patten. Same was accepted as read after being discussed by J. H. Patten, J. C. Hill G. A. Martin, Claude Bridges and Mrs. Mote.

It took many years of hard work to get the 18th amendment. And now the country is a better place to live in because of it. It is not the fault of prohibition that there is still drinking, any more than it is the fault of the law that there are murders still committed. The 18th Amendment was adopted not only because of its moral worth, but also of the Economic loss entailed in a disregard of its appalling precepts. You and I are called upon to give it unyielding support because it is a law of the land, constitutionally enacted. Who authorized you to say that you will obey only the laws you like. If you violate this law, your neighbor, with equal rights may violate another law. The security of property and integrity of our homes the protection of virtue in our midst and in fact all the things in life nearest and dearest to us can be retained only by obeying the laws that are made for our government. Let us be true to God, and obey the laws of our country.

J. H. PATTEN
J. H. HUGHES

Report on Periodicals read by J. H. Patten. Same was adopted as read after being discussed by J. H. Patten.

Report on Periodicals

We will all agree that association has its effects on the minds of all, either evil or good. If we associate with people of good character and culture, it helps to strengthen our intellects. If we associate with people of bad character and uncultured minds it has a tendency to weaken our character and intellectual powers.

Reading has the same effect upon both character and mind. How careful then, should we be about the literature we read. First read the Bible, next read the Baptist Witness, the organ of Florida Baptists, and all other Baptist literature.

We beg you for Jesus' sake, for your own sake, and for the sake of ones you associate with, not to read, as many are doing, cheap, sorry literature.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. PATTEN, Chm.

Report on Obituaries to be taken from church letters and page of minutes dedicated for this purpose.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES

We find that our churches has been visited by the death angel frequently during this year, and we have lost some of our strong and active members as follows:

Brooksville—Marshal Arrick.

Center Hill—Mrs. J. F. Murree and Mrs. J. M. Thompson.

Coleman—Bro. A. J. Perry.

Fruitland Park—Mrs. W. P. Epps.

Leesburg—Mrs. E. P. Bragden, Geo. J. King, J. J. McKin-
nedy and J. B. Langford.

Opkumpka—Milton Kight

Oxford—Miss Irma Sirmons, Mrs. O. S. Bogue, W. H. Jones
and Mrs. E. P. Stapp.

Webster—Mrs. Sarah Akins and Mrs. Sarah Hall.

Whitney—W. S. Richardson.

As shown by the Church letters.

And your Committee recommends that one page of the
Minutes be dedicated to their memory.

J. H. HUGHES

Report on W. M. U. read by Mrs. Clara Nichols. Same was adopted as read after being discussed by Mrs. Nichols.

REPORT OF W. M. U. WORK

During the five year period of the 75 Million Campaign the W. M. U. of Florida has had an increase of 244 societies. For this, as in the other great achievements of all Baptist endeavors, there is a reason. Enlightenment and Enlistment. The women, like Mary, have sat at the feet of Jesus and learned of Him. As they have caught the vision of the great joy of having a part in the work, they have gone out to share this joy with their sisters by enlisting them in the work.

As they have studied the needs at home and abroad their hearts have been so burdened that they have gladly and willingly made the sacrifice to give of their means as well as time and talent.

The W. M. U., as a whole, has met its apportionment of the 75 Million campaign, but they are not content to rest, but will strive to bring up the full apportionment of the state. In this Association we have only six societies reported.

The Campaign pledge for these for the year was \$1,209.00. Amount paid \$1,022.82. Let us do our dead level best to raise it all by Nov. 30th. Will God be pleased with anything short of our best?

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. CLARA NICHOLS

STATISTICAL REPORT OF W. M. U.

Letters mailed—50	
Letters received—20.	
Money received for postage—\$5.00	
W. M. U. Societies—6.	
Members—151.	
Study Classes—8.	
Tithers—18.	
Paid to Campaign Fund.....	\$1,022.82
Local and other needs	1,030.97
Total	\$2,053.89

Report on nominations read by H. C. Parrish. Same was adopted as read.

Officers were then elected to serve until close of our next session as follows: J. C. Hill, Moderator, J. H. Hughes, clerk, H. C. Parrish, treasurer.

Moved and carried that the Clerk have five hundred copies of Minutes printed.

MINUTES OF W. M. U. MEETING

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Alachua Association held their annual meeting in M. E. Church, Oxford on October 10, 1924, the president Mrs. Nichols, in the chair.

Devotional led by Mrs. J. C. Hill.

A very hearty welcome was extended the visitors by Mrs. Nichols.

Report from the different W. M. U.'s were read.

A very interesting paper on Stewardship was read by Mrs. J. H. Hughes.

The following officers were elected: President—Mrs. Clara Nichols; Vice-President—Mrs. J. H. Hughes; Secretary-Treasurer—Mrs. Dr. Creekmore.

District Superintendants—

District No. 1.—Mrs. Isom Beasley, Brooksville.

District No. 2—Mrs. A. M. Roland, Bushnell.

District No. 3—Miss Lula Odell, Oxford.

Open discussion on having a separate time and place for our annual meeting resulted in a unanimous vote to meet at Bushnell the first week in October, or at least one week before the general association.

Mrs. G. R. Creekmore, Sect'y.

Committees appointed to report at our next session as follows:

Foreign Mission report—Rev. E. Lee Smith, Chairman; W. M. Odell, T. P. Caruthers.

Home Missions—Rev. Isom Beasley, Chairman; A. Keathly, Mrs. W. E. Cox.

State Missions—J. H. Patten, Chairman, H. D. Hunt, W. W. Whorten.

Sunday School—D. M. Edwards, Chairman, Mrs. B. F. Lee, A. B. Jones.

B. Y. P. U. Report—C. R. Hiatt, Chairman, H. L. Dunn, J. V. Perry.

Report on Christian Education—G. A. Martin, Chairman; F. L. Allen, Mrs. W. W. Monroe.

Report on Laymen Movement—L. M. Gunn, Chairman, W. C. Fowler, F. A. Dille.

Report on Orphanage—H. C. Parrish, Chairman; R. E. Youmans, C. V. Curington.

Report on B. M. A. Association—J. C. Rodgers, Chairman; W. A. Cate, G. W. Hays.

Report on Woman's Work, Mrs. Clara Nichols, Chairman; Miss Lula Odell, Mrs. A. M. Roland.

Report on Temperance—Rev. E. A. McDowell, Chairman; D. A. Took, W. S. Wade.

Business being finished, a resolution of thanks was unanimously voted to the Oxford pastor and church and the good and generous citizens of that community.

The association then adjourned to meet with the Bushnell Baptist Church at Bushnell, on Thursday and Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1925.

J. H. HUGHES, Clerk.

FINANCIAL TABLE

Name of Church	Pastor's Name and Address	Treasurer and Address	Clerk and Address	Home Expense	75 M. Campaign	Total Contribution	Pastor's Home	Church Value	Total Value Church Property
Brooksville	1862 J. C. Hill, Brooksville	M. H. Snow, Brooksville	G. R. Creekmore, Brooksville	\$ 5,679.72	\$ 534.79	\$ 6,214.51	\$ 6,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$21,000.00
Bushnell	1886 J. H. Patten, Bushnell	Mrs. A. M. Roland, Bushnell	Ben. Rogers, Bushnell	1,057.50	137.50	1,194.00	2,500.00	2,000.00	4,500.00
Center Hill	1913 J. H. Patten, Bushnell	Mrs. B. F. Lee, Center Hill	A. B. Jones, Center Hill	587.88		587.88		3,000.00	3,000.00
Charter Oak	1902 G. A. Martin, Coleman	F. L. Allen, Coleman	J. A. Stafford, Coleman	769.46		769.46		5,000.00	5,000.00
Floral City	1899 E. A. McDowell, Floral City	D. A. Took, Floral City	H. L. Dunn, Floral City	254.27	33.00	287.27		1,500.00	1,500.00
Fruitland Park	1916	A. E. Price, Fruitland	A. E. Price, Fruitland Park	172.71		172.71		4,000.00	4,000.00
Hebron	1891	Mrs. H. M. Fitzgarrell, Iverness		200.00		200.00		1,000.00	1,000.00
Lady Lake	1882	R. D. Mathews, Leesburg		246.23		246.23		3,500.00	3,500.00
Leesburg	1877	F. P. Webster, Leesburg	C. S. Brooking, Leesburg	4,274.93	1,766.04	6,040.97	4,000.00	17,000.00	21,000.00
Marsh Bend	1917	W. J. Albritton, Wildwood	Mrs. J. R. Marsh, Pannasoffkee	155.20		155.20		2,000.00	2,000.00
Pedro		N. B. Plummer, Anthony	M. M. Procter, Summerfield	275.30		275.30		600.00	600.00
Pleasant Hill	1873	W. S. Wade, Bushnell	Mrs. W. S. Wade, Bushnell	100.00		100.00		600.00	600.00
Okahumpka		F. B. Johns, Okahumpka	R. L. Walker, Okahumpka	323.00		323.00		2,000.00	2,000.00
Oxford	1889	E. Lee Smith, Orlando	W. M. Odell, Oxford	1,204.79	161.50	1,266.29		1,500.00	1,500.00
Summerfield	1911	R. Y. Warden, Summerfield	Chas. Tyler, Summerfield	960.00	11.00	971.00		1,000.00	1,000.00
Sumterville	1878	Mrs. H. H. Belton, Sumterville	Mrs. H. H. Belton, Sumterville	224.00	3.25	227.25		1,000.00	1,000.00
Wahoo	1903	W. S. Wade, Bushnell	J. F. Roselle, Bushnell		29.00	29.00		1,000.00	1,000.00
Wildwood	1884	Mrs. W. C. Fowler, Wildwood	W. C. Fowler, Wildwood	2,977.96	47.70	3,025.66		300.00	300.00
Webster	1891	J. H. Patten, Bushnell	P. A. Tompkins, Webster	403.00	60.00	463.00		2,500.00	2,500.00
Whitney	1883	G. A. Martin, Coleman	Marie Richardson, Whitney	355.58	500.00	855.58		3,000.00	3,000.00
TOTAL				\$20,122.53	\$ 3,283.78	\$23,350.31	\$12,500.00	\$66,200.00	\$79,000.00

Charter Oak, Eden, Edinfield and Sardis—No report.

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STATISTICAL TABLE

Name of Church	Sunday School Superintendent and Address	B. Y. P. U. President and Address	Regular Days of Meeting	No. Baptized	Total Members	No. in S. S.	No. in B. Y. P. U.	
Brooksville	A. Keathly, Brooksville	C. R. Hiatt, Brooksville	Full Time	36	286	230	60	
Bushnell	J. H. Hughes, Bushnell	Mrs. J. H. Hughes, Bushnell	1st & 3rd	16	76	100	24	
Center Hill	D. M. Edwards, Center Hill		Full Time	16	288	163		
Coleman	C. H. Mizell, Coleman	Alma Stafford	4th	10	93	50	30	
Floral City	D. A. Tooke, Floral City	H. L. Dunn, Floral City	4th	1	64	42	35	
Hebron	H. M. Fitzgerald, Iverness		1st & 3rd		60	26		
Fruitland Park	T. B. Stinson, Fruit and Park		1st & 3rd		21	35		
Lady Lake	David Mathews, Leesburg		1st		29	29		
Leesburg	T. B. Milam, Leesburg	Clyde Driggers	Full Time	40	357	278	68	
Marsh Bend			2nd					
Pleasant Hill			4th	3	24			
Okahumpka	H. T. Knight, Okahumpka	Rev. T. J. Knight	1st	3	22	34		
Oxford	T. P. Caruthers, Oxford	J. V. Perry	2nd & 4th	42	280	124	64	
Summerfield	Chas. Tyler, Summerfield	Miss Ada May Stalling	2nd & 4th	6	75	35	21	
Wahoo	J. F. Roesell, Bushnell		1st	11	118	32		
Wildwood	F. A. Dilly, Wildwood	F. A. Dilly	1st & 3rd	7	173	82	26	
Webster	O. V. Curington, Webster		1st	2	134	50		
Whitney	L. H. Walker, Whitney	Miss Maude Smith	2nd		47	46	25	
TOTAL					193	2147	1356	353
Charter Oak, Eden, Pedro, Sumterville—No Charter Oak, Eden, Edenfield, Pedro, Sumterville—No report.								

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