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CONSTITUTION

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

Art. 2. It shall be composed of such churches as hold the doctrines of human depravity, 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.

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

Art. 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.

Art. 5. We take the church of Christ to be a congregation of faithful persons, who lie in fellowship, and have given themselves to the Lord and to one another in cordial agreement to observe Holy discipline in conformity with the requirements of the Scriptures.

Art. 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 single to the glory of God, must greatly conduce to the final prosperity and union of the churches.

Art. 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.

Art. 8. This Association shall have the power to withdraw its connection from any church which shall act contrary to the teachings of the Holy Scriptures.

Art. 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.

Art. 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.

Art. 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.

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 Every motion made and seconded shall come under the observation of the Association, unless withdrawn by the mover.

Art. 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.

Art. 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.

Art. 15. No person shall absent himself from the Association without leave of the Moderator.

Art. 16. It shall be the first business of the Association to provide for the general union of churches; second, to pro-

vide 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 may be reclaimed and, fifthly, to regulate all matters pertaining to its business, to provide for printing the minutes, and appoint the time and place of its next meeting.

BY-LAWS

1. The Officers of this body shall be a moderator, clerk, corresponding secretary and treasurer.
2. The moderator, clerk, treasurer and corresponding secretary shall be chosen by ballot at each session of the Association, and shall 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 record of the proceedings and prepare minutes 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 this 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 session of the Association, before its adjournment.

ALACHUA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, FLORIDA

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Officers

J. W. Senterfitt, Moderator Brooksville
 Ray Y. Walden, Clerk Summerfield
 Mrs. J. H. Hughes, Treasurer Bushnell

Executive Committee

J. W. Senterfitt, Chairman Brooksville
 Ray Y. Walden, Secretary Summerfield
 Mrs. J. H. Hughes Bushnell
 B. L. Edwards Brooksville
 R. T. Sizemore Bushnell

Member of State Board

Isom Beasley Brooksville

Delegates to State Convention

Ray Y. Walden	C. M. Emerson
Mrs. Ray Y. Walden	Mrs. J. H. Hughes
G. W. Scofield	Mrs. A. M. Roland
H. D. Hunt	Mrs. R. G. Cooper
J. H. Perry	Sam Mickler
B. L. Edwards	

Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention

J. W. Senterfitt Brooksville

Preacher of Sermon, Bushnell, October, 1929

Isom Beasley Brooksville

Committees to Report 1929

Foreign Missions J. W. Senterfitt
 Home Missions Isom Beasley
 State Missions Ray Y. Walden

Sunday Schools J. W. Martin
 B. Y. P. U. Mrs. W. Y. Hunt
 Christian Education J. N. Thompson
 Laymen's Work I. N. Aldrich
 Aged Ministers J. C. Rogers
 Woman's Work Mrs. J. B. Melton
 Children's Home R. T. Sizemore
 Temperance F. L. Allen

Pastors in the Alachua Association With Churches and Postoffices

Aldrich, I. N., Senter Hill, Linden and Wahoo Center Hill
 Beasley, Isom, Eden, Floral City, Hebron and Webster
 Brooksville

Hunt, W. Y., Inverness Inverness
 Martin, G. A., Coleman Coleman
 Senterfitt, J. W., Brooksville Brooksville
 Thompson, J. N., Busnell Bushnell
 Wade, W. S., Pleasant Hill and Sumpterville Bushnell
 Walden, Ray W., Oxford, Pedro, Summerfield Summerfield

Other Ordained Ministers

Clyburn, R. L., Summerfield
 Calvin, C. H. Brooksville
 Green, E. B. Coleman
 Hayes, G. W. Webster
 Kazee, J. C. Brooksville
 McKinney, B. F. Brooksville
 Rogers, J. C. Bushnell
 Strickland, R. Webster
 Walters, G. T. Wildwood

Licensed, Not Ordained

Martin, Aubrey Coleman

Church Clerks—With Churches and Postoffices

Brooksville—W. B. Gittings Brooksville
 Bushnell—F. R. Coker Bushnell

Center Hill—Mrs. L. B. Lee	Center Hill
Coleman—J. A. Stafford	Coleman
Eden—Mrs. C. M. Baxley	Istachatta
Floral City—Harvey L. Dunn	Floral City
Hebron—Sarah C. Hargraves	Brooksville
Inverness—L. E. Carter	Inverness
Linden—G. W. Gideons	Linden
Oxford—T. P. Caruthers	Oxford
Pedro—S. J. Proctor	Summerfield
Pleasant Hill—Mrs. W. S. Wade	Bushnell
Summerfield—J. D. Proctor	Summerfield
Sumpterville—H. H. Belton	Sumpterville
Wahoo—Malissa Lovett	Wahoo
Webster—P. A. Tompkins	Webster
Wildwood—Thornton Mills	Wildwood

MESSENGRS TO 1928 SESSION

Brooksville—Isom Beasley, B. L. Edwards, Mrs. C. M. Emerson, J. S. Evans, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. J. B. Melton, Mrs. R. L. Priest, Rev. J. W. Senterfitt.
Bushnell—Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. J. H. Hughes, Mr. Hutchinson, Mrs. Mickler, Mrs. A. M. Rowland, Mr. R. T. Sizemore, Mrs. Sizemore, Miss Sizemore, Rev. J. N. Thompson.
Center Hill—Rev. I. N. Aldrich, Mrs. Aldrich, Mrs. Lilly B. Lee, Mrs. Amanda Wade.
Coleman—F. L. Allen, Samuel Bumm, W. L. Bumm, Elbert Dorsett, Rev. G. A. Martin, J. A. Stafford.
Eden—Mr. Albert Baxley, Mrs. C. M. Baxley, Mr. James Priest, Mrs. Priest.
Floral City—Mrs. Dunn.
Hebron—Mrs. Hardy Campbell, Mr. Fred Miley, Mrs. Fred Miley, Mrs. Martha Miley, Mr. A. P. Sharp.
Inverness—Rev. W. Y. Hunt, Mrs. Hunt, Mr. Frank Morris, Mrs. G. W. Scofield, Mr. G. G. Williamson, Mr. W. T. Williams.
Linden—By Letter.

Oxford—Mr. T. P. Caruthers, Mr. J. E. Hoard, Mr. W. B. Perry, Mrs. Perry, Mr. J. H. Perry, Mrs. Perry.

Pedro—By Letter.

Pleasant Hill—By Letter.

Summerfield—Mrs. Reba Davis, Mr. J. D. Procter, Rev. Ray Y. Walden, Mrs. Walden.

Sumpterville—Mr. J. W. Martin, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. W. C. McCleod.

Wahoo—Malissa Lovett, Herbert Hayes.

Webster—By Letter.

Wildwood—Mrs. W. C. Fowler, Mrs. Horace Hall, Mrs. R. L. Kirkland, Mrs. W. F. Maier, Mrs. Earnest Payne, Mrs. G. W. Patrick, Miss Mary Seckinger, Mrs. D. S. Stroud, Mrs. G. T. Walters, Mrs. John Waters.

Distinguished Visitors Introduced

Mrs. Harrell, Jacksonville, Young People's Worker, under W. M. U.

Rev. J. L. Hampton, Tampa, former pastor of Wildwood; Mrs. J. L. Hampton, Rev. P. L. Johnston, Jacksonville, editor of Florida Baptist Witness; Rev. R. Cecil Moore, Tampa, returned Missionary to Concepcion, Chile; Mrs. T. N. Strange, Dunnellon, President Marion W. M. U.; Rev. R. W. Thiot, Deland, representing State Mission Board; Mr. W. G. Upchurch, Jacksonville, State Secretary of Laymen's Work.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

First Morning

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9TH, 1928

The Association came together at 10:00 o'clock, and devotional was led by Rev. G. A. Martin, I Jno. 3:1-7.

Upon motion Inverness was received into the full fellowship of the Association.

Enrollment. Motion passed that all present during the session, duly delegated, be enrolled and constitute the acting body of the Association.

Motion prevailed that the tentative program, with some changes, be adopted.

Prayer by Bro. W. G. Upchurch and Dr. R. W. Thiot for the leadership of the Holy Spirit in the deliberations of this body.

Clerk read Summary of Letters.

Introduction of visitors.

Prayer and praise service led by Dr. R. W. Thiot.

The annual sermon was preached by Rev. J. W. Senterfitt, Brooksville, using for a text Mark 1:17; Matt. 28:18-20.

Motion carried that a special committee be appointed to prepare suitable resolutions on the services of Rev. Isom Beasley as past moderator of the Association. Committee composed of W. Y. Hunt, I. N. Aldrich, G. A. Martin.

Adjourned for dinner on the grounds.

FIRST AFTERNOON

At 2:00 o'clock devotional was led by Bro. J. W. Martin.

The committees to report at this session were announced.

Digest of Letters—Ray Y. Walden, Mrs. I. N. Aldrich, B. L. Edwards.

Nominations—G. A. Martin, W. Y. Hunt, Isom Beasley.

Finance—I. N. Aldrich, Mrs. Reba Davis, James Priest.

Obituaries—R. T. Sizemore, Mrs. G. W. Scofield, Mrs. Baxley.

Report on State Missions presented by Rev. I. N. Aldrich, and adopted, after discussion by W. G. Upchurch, R. W. Thiot and I. N. Aldrich.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

According to statistics, compiled by Frank E. Burkhalter, Florida expended for State Missions last year a total of \$70,000. While the needs of Florida aggregate the sum of \$350,000, being just five times the receipts for this gigantic work. This shows a lamentable situation, that we pastors and general workers, are no doubt largely responsible for. At a round table conference, in a rally for Missions one of the State officials asked the brethren if they were not financially able to pay their pledges to Missions, replied, "Yes, brother we are able, but it's up to you officials and pastors to make us feel like paying our pledges." This frank reply may be the solution of our problem. Ninety Mission pastors

were aided, and nine General Workers were employed. As a result of their combined efforts, with those of all pastors of the various churches, there were added to the churches a total of 3,057, with 1,585 baptisms. Statistics further show that Florida has 150 churches without pastors, 100 homeless churches, 200 churches without Sunday Schools, 175 without B. Y. P. U.s, 350 without W. M. S., 200 reporting no baptisms last year, and 250 churches making no gifts to Missions last year. Upon the very face of these returns, there is something radically wrong, in the work for the Master. Seldom, if ever a church will contribute to Missions, where there is no pastor; but little if any where there is no W. M. S. With no B. Y. P. U. seldom if ever a church will increase its Sunday School, or its membership, nor will it carry on intelligently its work. This can not be done any more than an orchard without a nursery to replenish from. However, Florida is to be congratulated very much for the work it has accomplished as compared with several other states. Georgia expended last year a total for State Missions, \$73,694.33, or little less than \$4,000 more than Florida, but reports show Georgia's needs for Missions are but \$50,000.00 as compared to \$350,000.00 of Florida's needs. This shows Florida is undertaking about three times the work of Georgia. Kentucky expended last year for Missions (State) the sum of \$116,385.53, and its needs but \$50,000.00, which also shows its state work is way below that of Florida's undertaking to do. The great state of Texas expended last year for State Missions \$181,375.93, but reports show this is all she is undertaking to do. Virginia another large state, gave last year for her State Missions, \$145,583.22, but this too is all it is undertaking to do. Alabama expended last year for its State Missions \$44,811.53, little over half of what Florida expended, still that state reported a need of \$500,000.00 showing the greatest effort being made in that state of all southern states. Georgia had but 1,300 church additions last year, or less than half of Florida, with but 519 baptisms, or about one-third of that of Florida. Georgia had 400 pastorless churches, 100 more than Florida, 485 without Sunday Schools, more than double Florida, 1,518 churches without B. Y. P. U.'s or three times that of Florida, 1,448 without W. M. U., 589 churches without baptisms, four times that of Florida, and 876 not giving to Missions. To make the comparisons more marked, we take one or two northern states, and we find Illinois, one of the richest states in the Union, gave for State Missions last year, but \$40,750.22, and its needs but \$5,000.00. This sum is but negligible compared with Florida's \$350,000.00 undertaking. Illinois gave but little over half of

Florida's gifts to Home Missions last year. If a tree is to be known by its fruit, this comparison surely shows that Christian vitality and work accomplished is far greater in the South than in the North. Then Florida has its special problems to contend with. Tampa alone has 25,000 foreigners, that must be Christianized and assimilated, or they will dominate, as do they now overwhelmingly in New York City. We have a large shifting tourist population, a large ungodly sporting element, with lax regards for the Lord's Day; we have large rural sections and destitute areas. Now while our state Mission work in Florida is very commendable, specially when we thus compare it with other states, still when we come to make comparison with some of the other denominations, we find that the Seventh-Day Adventist, a much smaller church, last year gave to foreign missions four and a half million dollars, \$200,000 more than the prior year, and it is accounted for by their members being tithers, and also give very liberally besides. Why can't Baptist learn to do this too? Doubtless it's because we pastors seldom if ever preach tithing as we should.

ISSAC N. ALDRICH

Rev. P. L. Johnston, Jacksonville, spoke briefly in the interest of the Florida Baptist Witness.

Motion prevailed that night session be carried over until Wednesday.

Adjourned at 4:00 p. m., until Wednesday 10:00 a. m.

SECOND MORNING

At 10:00 a. m., devotional was led by Bro. J. S. Evans, Psa. 45:13.

Report on Foreign Missions presented by J. N. Thompson, and adopted, after discussion by J. N. Thompson and G. A. Martin.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

It is to be regretted that so many of our Baptist are inclined to take the term "Foreign," as used in connection with our mission work, too seriously, and by so doing they lose interest in our mission efforts. At least that phase of it. There are no "State, Home or Foreign" Missions in our Master's mission program. He tells us, "The World is the Field"—Matt. 13:38. As the country is a part of the state so Foreign Missions is only a part of the Missionary program ourselves to the Mission task. To hear God's "go" is to take up the task. If we would only

give God the tithe, which is our duty, the mission problem with many other church problems would be solved. We urge a hearty co-operation in our mission program. In this way we can take care of all of our missionary work.

Let us live, give, labor and pray for our mission work from the Association to the end of the earth.

Respectfully submitted,

J. N. THOMPSON.

Report on Home Missions presented by J. W. Senterfitt, and adopted, after discussion by J. W. Senterfitt and W. Y. Hunt.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

When Jesus said "Follow Me and I will make you to become fishers of men," He indicated the work of the individual Christian. When he said "Go ye into all the world and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you," He spoke to His organized body, the Church, and set forth its program.

This program was the greatest ever laid out, it covered the earth; but He promised that they should receive power to bear witness unto Him and designated for places in which they should witness, viz: (1) Their home town or community (Jerusalem); (2) their home state (Judea); (3) Adjoining states or country (Samaria) and (4) Everywhere beyond their own territory (The uttermost part of the earth.)

Baptist claim to be the successors of the group to whom Jesus spoke; hence our program and field of operation is the same as theirs. This report is with reference to our progress and task in the third sphere, which we have designated, Home Missions; and, to Southern Baptists means the Southern state, Southern, Ill., Cuba and the Canal Zone.

For more than 80 years we have been operating in this field through the Home Board of the Southern Baptist Convention as our agency. Our one aim here, as in the local church, has been to "make disciples; baptize and teach" them. Marvelous have been the results as enumerated in the minutes of the S. B. Convention.

Through all the year, Florida, has been a beneficiary of this Board. Besides the Seamen's Institute at Jacksonville, and the work among foreigners in Tampa, many, many of our churches have received help. The work of the Home Board Evangelists in

Florida last year resulted in 1500 additions to our churches. We cannot detail here the many other phases of this Board's work. But some have thought for a year or two that changes should be made. Changes that would probably mean the elimination of the board.

The recent, staggering blow caused by the defaulting of the Board's Treasurer, C. S. Carnes, the modern Judas, will doubtless hasten this readjustment; but the work will go on as long as the thousands in Florida, and other states lie at our doors like Lazarus at the gate of Dives. This must be unless Baptists renounce their faith in the Book and spend the Lord's money for "purple and fine linen and fare sumptuously every day", as did the rich man of scripture fame.

Our co-operative program provides that 10 1-2 cents of every dollar be used for Home Missions. In addition to this, now that the conditions are similar, we will surely catch the spirit of the first church when its treasurer defaulted. They sold their possessions and brought the proceeds and laid it at the apostle's feet. If so we may expect similar results as to the progress of the Lord's work among us. We will at least, surely we will bring out tithes into the storehouse of the Lord and test His promise.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. SENTERFITT

Report on Sunday Schools presented by Mrs. G. W. Scofield, and adopted, after discussion by Mrs. G. W. Scofield, I. N. Aldrich, G. A. Martin, J. W. Martin and J. N. Thompson.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Some of our Sunday Schools in this Association have increased in efficiency and enrollment, while others are about the same as the previous year. This shows we are holding up the banner of Christ by training our children as well as the adults, but to greatly increase our attendance and efficiency, we would recommend the following.

First. That a larger percent of our adults of the church attend Sunday School.

Second. That the members take the study courses mapped out by our Sunday School Board.

Third. That each Sunday School add a Home Department.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. G. W. SCOFIELD

Introduction of visitors resumed.

Report on B. Y. P. U.'s presented by Ray Y. Walden, and adopted, after discussion by W. Y. Hunt, J. W. Martin, Mrs. Harrell and J. N. Thompson.

REPORT ON B. Y. P. U.'s

The B. Y. P. U. is the training school of the church. It is a department that cannot be replaced by any other organization in the church. It is the young people are trained for usefulness. They gain a knowledge of the Bible and an aptness to speak on their feet that is indispensable to the Kingdom Worker.

From this agency have come many of the preachers and missionaries as well as church officers who have come into their new work better fitted than they would have been otherwise.

The young people are here in our churches and they are ours for training. The State Mission Board is carrying this work on too, and almost beyond its ability, supporting a secretary and three field workers.

This Association has seventeen Unions. One adult; twelve Seniors; one Intermediate; three Juniors. Total enrollment of 306.

Respectfully submitted,

RAY Y. WALDEN

Motion carried that Rev. R. Cecil Moore be given twenty minutes in which to bring us a message on Chile.

Report on Christian Education presented by Mrs. A. M. Rowland, and adopted, after discussion by Mrs. Rowland.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Why Christian Education? Because it is the only education that has as its foundation—Christ—the solid rock.

We know the State Schools cannot give concern to Christian training, and of the different phases of education, physical, mental, and spiritual—the basis emphasis should be placed on the spiritual. The Baptists have established and are maintaining schools throughout the states of the convention. According to statistics of last year; this represents an investment of \$38,890,086.00 in property and equipment, and an endowment of \$18,854,721.00. There is no better investment made than in Christian Education. Therefore let us rally to the support of our schools.

We have the Southwestern Baptist Seminary at Ft. Worth, Texas, the Baptist Bible Institute at New Orleans. In these we have a fine enrollment. The Southern B. T. S., at Louisville, Kentucky, has just begun its seventieth session. Every state is

represented there. Over four hundred ministerial students are enrolled there. This is gratifying and may many others be heard to answer, "Here am I, Send me."

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. A. M. ROWLAND

Report on Aged Ministers, presented by J. N. Thompson, adopted after discussion by J. N. Thompson.

REPORT ON AGED MINISTERS

Among the many problems confronting our people is the providing of our aged ministers.

It is a sad fact that we have not given this question due consideration, it is true we as Southern Baptist have a plan in the making that proves help along this line. The Ministers Relief Annuity Board. We through this channel are aiding in a small way our grade brethren.

The aged ministers of Florida received last year from this Board some Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000). And contributed to this Board some forty-five hundred dollars (\$4,500).

There is a move on to raise a million dollars as a memorial to the late Dr. Lunsford as a special gift to this cause, some two hundred and forty thousand dollars has been given to this cause.

We urge our people of Alachua Association to pray, plan and give to the aid of this worthy cause that these worthy brethren may be properly cared for.

Respectfully submitted,

J. N. THOMPSON

Resolution on services rendered by Rev. Isom Beasley as Moderator of this Association presented by Rev. I. N. Aldrich, and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS OF APPRECIATION

We the pastors and members of the Alachua Baptist Association, in session at Inverness, this 10th day of October, 1928, hereby most heartily express our appreciation of the untiring and loyal service of our retiring Moderator the Rev. Isom Beasley.

For some four years he has filled this important position very acceptably and with fidelity, while we shall miss him in this capacity, we hope and trust he will meet with us at our future meetings and that he may be blessed in such service

to which the Lord may call him.

ISAC N. ALDRICH,

G. A. MARTIN,

W. Y. HUNT.

Adjourned for dinner on the grounds.

SECOND AFTERNOON

Devotional at 2:00 p. m., by I. N. Aldrich, Acts 2.

Report on Digest of Letters presented by Ray Y. Walden, and adopted.

REPORT ON DIGEST OF LETTERS

Brooksville—By letter, 26; total gifts, \$6,587.63.
 Bushnell—By Baptism, 5; letters, 12; total gifts, \$2,302.40.
 Coleman—By Baptism, 23; letters, 20; total gifts, \$941.05.
 Center Hill—By Baptism, 17; letters, 4; total gifts, \$1,102.36.
 Eden—By Baptism, 1; total gifts, \$173.87.
 Floral City—Baptism, 1; letters, 6; total gifts, \$89.00.
 Hebron—By Baptism, 4; letters, 1; statement, 1; total gifts, \$112.11.
 Inverness—By Baptism, 3; letters, 7; total gifts, \$2,955.23.
 Linden—By Baptism, 22; letters, 15; total gifts, \$290.00.
 Oxford—By Baptism, 3; letters, 3; statement, 1; total gifts, \$1,184.87.
 Pedro—By Baptism, 7; total gifts, \$94.00.
 Pleasant Hill—Present membership, 27.
 Summerfield—By Baptism, 3; letters, 4; total gifts, \$891.41.
 Sumpterville—By Baptism, 3; letters, 2; total gifts, \$123.50.
 Wahoo—By Baptism, 13; total gifts, 123.43.
 Webster—By Baptism, 4; letters, 10; total gifts, \$442.18.
 Wildwood—Total gifts, \$1,259.69.

Respectfully submitted,

RAY Y. WALDEN, MRS. I. N. ALDRICH, B. L. EDWARDS

Report on Obituaries presented by R. T. Sizemore, and adopted.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES

Dear Brethren and Sisters in the Lord: We your committee, beg leave to submit the following report: It has been the will

of our Lord and Master to call from our midst, since our last meeting, a number of our dear and much beloved brethren and sisters.

Even though it is extremely painful to give up those precious associates when the death angel becons them to come home, yet we all must admit the Master does every thing after the council of His own will. We feel sure that even though we miss them so much and their departure is our loss it is their gain.

Respectfully submitted,

R. T. SIZEMORE, MRS. G. W. SCOFIELD, MRS. BAXLEY

To Our Honored Dead

Brooksville: Mr. Lee Hancock, Mrs. Etta Jordan, Mrs. W. E. Law, Mr. J. C. Law, Mrs. S. L. McCampbell, Mr. Wm. McCarthy, Mr. G. O. Powell, Mr. C. W. Slaughter.

Bushnell: Mrs. Harmon Hutchinson, Miss Ama Lois Howard, Miss Mary C. Wolfalk.

Center Hill: Mr. James F. Archibell, Mrs. Vernie Fussel.

Coleman: Mrs. Fannie Dinkens.

Eden: Mrs. Bell Grubs, Mrs. Landrum, Mr. J. A. Morgan.

Floral City: Mrs. J. J. Baxley, Mrs. Amanda Turner.

Hebron: Mr. Geo. Brittle, Mr. P. Edwards, Mrs. Julia Leggett.

Inverness: Mr. Samuel Byrd.

Lindon: Mr. J. D. Elkins.

Oxford: Mrs. Low West.

Summerfield: Mrs. R. W. Vause.

Wahoo: Mr. J. W. King, Mrs. Martha Smith.

Wildwood: Mrs. Jessie Cason.

Report on Woman's Work presented by Mrs. J. H. Hughes, and adopted after discussion by Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. Harrell, Mrs. G. W. Scofield and J. W. Senterfitt.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK

The aims of the W. M. U. for the year have been higher than ever before as we've been carrying out the plans suggested at the S. B. C., in Louisville in 1927. It has been called our Ruby Anniversary Year, representing forty years of W. M. U. activity in the Southland. In the Calendar of Weddings forty years is represented by the Ruby, hence we are celebrating the Ruby Anniversary. Alachua Association wanted to share in this celebration and the co-operation of each one has been especially appreciated. The aims for Alachua Association for 1928 are as follows:

Gifts \$1000, members 265, organizations 34. Up to the present time we report gifts \$788.97, members 283, organizations 34. It was our pleasure during the year to have with us Miss Ally Sue Frink, of Ft. Pierce, an able W. M. U. worker, who taught mission study and organized the work among the young people. We realize that the young people are our greatest asset. Our very efficient young people's leader, Mrs. W. L. Harrell, attended annual W. M. U. meeting, October 5th, at Oxford, and rendered valuable assistance. Grateful to our Heavenly Father for Divine Leadership and to all who have co-operated in any way in the work to make it a success, and soliciting your prayers for the ensuing year, I submit the above report.

MRS. J. H. HUGHES

Report of Committee on Nominations presented by G. A. Martin, and adopted. (This report is found in the list of appointees.)

Report of Committee on Finance presented by I. N. Aldrich, and adopted.

REPORT ON FINANCE

Churches contributing towards minutes and clerk hire.

(Sent in with letters)	(Pledged, not paid)
Bushnell ----- \$5.00	Brooksville ----- \$10.00
Hebron ----- 1.25	Center Hill ----- 3.00
Linden ----- 1.00	Coleman ----- 12.00
Oxford ----- 7.00	Eden ----- 3.00
Summerfield ----- 5.00	Inverness ----- 15.00
Sumpterville ----- 1.50	Webster ----- 2.50
Wahoo ----- 1.25	Wildwood ----- 5.00

Respectfully submitted,
I. N. ALDRICH, MRS. REBA DAVIS
Report on Children's Home presented by Mrs. Gus Shultz,
and adopted.

REPORT ON CHILDREN'S HOME

A. There are eighty acres in the Home property in Arcadia. The citizens of Arcadia and DeSoto County are paying for two hundred and forty acres to give the Home, located about six miles north of Arcadia on the Highway.

There are nine buildings, seven of them two stories. Six of these buildings are dormitory buildings, with the Chapel, dining room, laundry, office, printing office, sewing room and girl's parlor on the lower floor. The other three are the Superintendent's home, school building and bath building.

There are one hundred and seventy-eight with others accepted. We are supporting on an average of one hundred and eighty children in the Home, ranging in ages from infancy to to eighteen years old. Our age is usually seventeen, but like many homes where children have to remain longer than this age, so in our Home there are sometimes girls who have to remain in the Home beyond the age they are expected to enter self-support. But boys never like the girls.

Yes, with but few exceptions the children who are old enough are Christians and members of the First Baptist church.

Q. What does it cost a month to support the Home?

A. It cost \$3,000.00 a month, for supplies, salaries of workers and teachers to pay the current support of the Home.

Q. Is the Home being supported?

A. No, the Home has been burdened with a \$10,000.00 indebtedness from last year, and has dropped behind this year in receipts until the need is pressing.

Q. Should the Convention establish other Homes. in the State or concentrate upon the one we now have?

A. No, the work of our Home, can be better conserved and built up to meet all requirement of a Baptist Home by a concentrated co-operation in the support and enlargement of our present Home, until it is large enough to meet all the requirements of this kind of work.

Our Home at Arcadia is in a desperate needy condition. Receipts have been so small they are taking care of the current support necessary to care for our 178 boys and girls this year. They have also been burdened with a \$10,000.00 indebtedness from last year on account of small receipts in the office and through the

Unified Program. It has been for them impossible to borrow sufficient money from the banks to finance our Home, and as a result, we are forced to raise some money at once.

After conferring with Dr. Brittain they have decided to ask for a Thanksgiving offer of \$25,000.00, everything received in the month of November will be a Thanks offering for the Home, as we will make the whole month so that all churches holding services only one Sunday in the month will have the opportunity to poin the plan.

We have asked present the matter to our Association and urge every church, Sunday School in our Association to join in the Thanksgiving plan to help the Home out of an embarrassing condition.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. GUS SLULTZ

Resolution of thanks offered by G. A. Martin, and adopted.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

Resolution of thanks to this good pastor, church and city for so wonderfully entertaining us during the session of this Association.

Respectfully submitted,

G. A. MARTIN

Resolution on Present Day Evils presented by W. Y. Hunt, and adopted.

RESOLUTION ON PRESENT DAY EVILS

We command every endeavor promoting physical, mental, moral and spiritual growth. Our hearty endorsements of any improved prohibitive and moral conditions are always accorded. Every approval of laws regulating the picture films, to at least comply with the promises made as regards their manufacture touching morality and decency in their several ramifications.

For these matters we devoutly pray the help of Almighty God.

Respectfully submitted

W. Y. HUNT.

Upon invitation the Association will meet with the Bushnell church in 1929.

Upon motion a rising vote of thanks was given to J. W. Senterfitt for the way in which he presided during this session.

Resolution relative to Eighteenth Amendment and the Volstead Act, offered by I. N. Aldrich and adopted, after discussion by G. A. Martin, J. W. Senterfitt, J. N. Thompson, I. N. Aldrich and R. Cecil Moore.

RESOLUTION ON PROHIBITION

We, the pastors and members of the Alachua Baptist Association hereby by unanimous vote most heartily endorse the maintenance of the Eighteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution and the Volstead Act, and hereby emphatically pledge ourselves to do all in our power to defend said Amendment and Volstead Act, against the terrible assaults now being made upon this portion of the United States Constitution by the so called "wet" forces.

Respectfully submitted,

I. N. ALDRICH

Adjournment at 4:00 p. m., after singing of the Doxology.

J. W. SENTERFITT, Moderator.

RAY Y. WALDEN, Clerk.

**MINUTES OF THE ALACHUA
WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION
MET WITH OXFORD BAPTIST CHURCH**

Friday, October 5, 1928

Meeting opened at 10:30 a. m., with the President, Mrs. J. H. Hughes, Bushnell, in charge. "The Kingdom is Coming" was sung after which Mrs. Clara Nichols led the devotional in a very impressive way. Miss Loula O'Dell extended greetings from the Oxford church and Mrs. B. L. Lee responded.

Visitors were then recognized.

Mrs. W. L. Harrell, State Young People's Leader and Mrs. W. H. Bixley, President of the Ocala Division, were our distinguished visitors. Pastors present: Rev. Ray. Y. Walden and Dr. J. W. Senterfitt.

One minute inspirational reports were given by the various societies. Brooksville and Oxford reported full graded Unions.

Mrs. W. L. Harrell gave an instructive and inspirational address.

The Oxford ladies served a bountiful lunch, and after a social hour we convened for the afternoon session.

"Jesus Calls Us" was the opening song of the afternoon session. Mrs. B. T. Lamb led in prayer.

The Nominating Committee then reported as follows:

Mrs. J. H. Hughes, Bushnell	President
Mrs. L. B. Lee, Center Hill	Vice President
Mrs. A. M. Rowland, Bushnell	Secretary
Mrs. B. T. Lamb, Brooksville	Young People's Leader
Mrs. C. A. Davis, Brooksville	Mission Study
Miss Loula O'Dell, Oxford	Publicity
Mrs. Clara Nichols, Oxford	Stewardship
Mrs. I. N. Aldrich, Center Hill	Personal Service
Mrs. A. E. Guthrie, Webster	Training School
Mrs. S. J. Hays, Linden	White Cross
Mrs. R. L. Griggs, Oxford	Margaret Fund

Mrs. G. W. Scofield, Inverness	Supt. First District
Mrs. Paul Tompkins, Webster	Supt. Second District
Mrs. G. T. Walters, Wildwood	Supt. Third District

Mrs. W. H. Bixby gave the charge to the new officers and pledged her co-operation in carrying on the work.

The Memorial service, conducted by Mrs. Laura Crenshaw, concluded the program.

The meeting then adjourned to meet with Wildwood, Friday before the 1st, Sunday in October, 1929.

REPORT

Members reported 283, W. M. U. Organizations 10, Y. W. A.'s 4, G. A.'s 4, R. A.'s 3, Sunbeams 7.

Paid on 1928 Program	\$ 669.87
Local and other objects	503.81

Total	\$1173.68
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Respectfully submitted
MRS. A. M. ROLAND, Sec.

