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OF THE

Eighty-Fourth Session

OF THE

Alachua Baptist Association

HELD AT

WEBSTER BAPTIST CHURCH

WEBSTER, FLORIDA

OCTOBER 15th and 17th 1929

First Session, October 15th, with the Baptist Church of
Webster, Alachua County, Florida, Wednesday and Thursday
and continuing the 17th day, October 17th.

Called to order by the Moderator, J. H. [unclear]
J. H. [unclear], Moderator
W. H. [unclear], Clerk
E. H. [unclear], Treasurer

Directory of Association

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Moderator—J. W. Senterfitt ----- Brooksville
Corresponding Secretary and Clerk—Ray Y. Walden—Oxford
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Mrs. Isom Beasley, Mr. B. T. Lamb, J. W. Senterfitt,
Chairman, Brooksville; Mrs. J. H. Hughes, Bushnell; Ray Y.
Walden, Oxford.

Member of State Board

Rev. Isom Beasley ----- Brooksville

Delegates to State Convention

D. F. Barry, Mrs. Chas. Emerson, W. C. Foster and Ray
Y. Walden.

Preacher of Sermon, Eden, October, 1931

Jos. P. Kelley, Coleman; Alternate, Ray Y. Walden,
Oxford.

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Foreign Missions—Jos. P. Kelley, Coleman.

Home Missions—D. F. Barry, Webster.

State Missions—Jas. N. Ford, Bushnell.

Sunday School—Mrs. G. W. Scofield, Inverness.

B. Y. P. U.—Miss Bernice Thompson, Webster.

Christian Education—Jesse Montague, Inverness.

Laymen's Work—M. C. Scofield, Inverness.

Relief and Annuity—G. A. Martin, Coleman.

Women's Work—Mrs. B. T. Lamb, Brooksville.

Children's Home—Mrs. J. W. Senterfitt, Brooksville.

Temperance—Ray Y. Walden, Oxford.

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D. F. Barry ----- Hebron, Webster

Isom Beasley ----- Eden, Floral City, Webster, Brooksville

J. N. Ford ----- Bushnell and Sumpterville, Bushnell

W. C. Foster	Inverness, Inverness
G. W. Maberry	Pleasant Hill, Bushnell
G. A. Martin	Wildwood, Coleman
J. W. Senterfitt	Brooksville, Brooksville
Ray Y. Walden	Oxford, Oxford

Other Ordained Ministers

R. L. Clyburn	Summerfield
G. W. Hayes and R. Strickland	Webster
J. F. Kazee and B. F. McKinney	Brooksville
A. W. Lamar	Alpharetta, Ga.
Aubrey B. Martin	Coleman
J. C. Rogers and W. S. Wade	Bushnell

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Bushnell—E. S. Stephens	Bushnell
Center Hill	Center Hill
Coleman—J. A. Stafford	Coleman
Eden—Mrs. Carrie M. Baxley	Istachatta
Floral City—Mrs. W. H. Dunn	Floral City
Hebron—Mrs. Rexie Thompson	Brooksville
Inverness—Jesse Montague	Inverness
Linden—G. W. Gidéons	Linden
Oxford—T. P. Caruthers	Oxford
Pedro	Summerfield
Pleasant Hill—Mrs. W. S. Wade	Bushnell
Summerfield—Mrs. Edith Proctor Smith	Summerfield
Sumpterville—Mrs. H. H. Belton	Sumpterville
Wahoo	Bushnell
Webster—P. A. Tompkins	Webster
Wildwood—E. L. Payne	Wildwood

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Sunday School Superintendents and Postoffices

Brooksville—B. T. Lamb	Brooksville
Bushnell—J. H. Hughes	Bushnell
Center Hill	Center Hill
Coleman—C. H. Mizell	Coleman
Eden—Chas. Hargraves	Brooksville
Floral City—Mrs. J. S. Landrum	Floral City
Hebron—Fred Brittle	Brooksville
Inverness—Jesse Montague	Inverness
Linden—None	
Oxford—T. P. Caruthers	Oxford
Pedro	Summerfield
Pleasant Hill—J. J. Segress	Bushnell
Summerfield—J. M. Price	Bellview
Sumpterville—J. A. Mann	Sumpterville
Wahoo	Bushnell
Webster—P. A. Tompkins	Webster
Wildwood—J. M. Hudson	Wildwood

List of Messengers, 1930 Session

Brooksville—Mrs. Boggis, Mrs. Stan M. Cox, Mrs. Chas. Davis, Mr. C. M. Emerson, Mrs. Emerson, Mrs. B. Giddeons, Mr. W. W. Lewis, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. L. D. Lewis, Rev. B. F. McKinney, Mrs. McKinney, Mr. Claude McKinney, Mr. Wilson McKinney, Mrs. S. S. Moody, Rev. J. W. Senterfitt, Mrs. Senterfitt, Mrs. E. E. Stoudenmire.

Bushnell—Rev. Jas. N. Ford, Mr. J. H. Hughes, Mrs. Hughes, Mr. S. C. Mickler, Mrs. Mickler.

Center Hill—Mr. W. A. Cate, Mrs. Cate, Mrs. M. A.

Hooten, Mrs. Tate, Mrs. C. D. Vaughn, Mrs. M. M. Wade.
 Coleman—Mr. F. L. Allen, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. S. H. Crabtree, Mrs. E. Dorsett, Rev. Jos. P. Kelley, Mrs. Kelley.
 Eden—Rev. Isom Beasley, Mrs. Beasley.
 Floral City—Mrs. M. F. Zellner.
 Hebron—Miss Beatrice Miley, Mrs. Martha Miley, Mr. A. P. Sharp.
 Inverness—Mrs. T. E. Bellamy, Mr. I. I. Fender, Rev. W. C. Foster, Mr. Jesse Montague, Mrs. G. W. Scofield.
 Linden—Mrs. G. W. Giddeons, Mr. H. C. Parish, Mrs. Parish.
 Oxford—Mrs. J. G. Blair, Mr. T. P. Caruthers, Mrs. C. A. Hooks, Mrs. Osie Hooks, Miss Zora Belle Hooks, Mrs. Clara Nichols, Miss Doris Nichols, Miss Loula O'Dell, Mrs. T. E. O'Dell, Miss Winnefred O'Dell, Mrs. W. M. O'Dell, Miss Annie Pemberton, Mrs. Mary E. Pemberton, Rev. Ray Y. Walden.
 Pedro—Not reporting.
 Pleasant Hill—Rev. W. S. Wade.
 Summerfield—By Letter.
 Sumpterville—By Letter.
 Wahoo—Not reporting.
 Webster—Mr. Lee Bouguardez, Mrs. E. M. Cummings, Mr. T. V. Currington, Mr. J. M. Elkins, Mr. J. S. Griffin, Mr. Paul Tompkins.
 Wildwood—Mrs. T. M. Daugherty, Mrs. W. F. Maier, Rev. G. A. Martin, Mr. E. L. Payne, Mrs. C. D. Smith, Mrs. Bessie Snowden, Mrs. A. L. Strickland, Mrs. Mary Waters.

Visitors Enrolled

Dr. W. W. Willian, Mr. W. G. Upchurch, Mr. J. J. Gross, Mrs. Gross, Jacksonville; Mr. W. H. Temple, Dothan, Ala.; Mr. S. E. Walker, Mrs. Walker, Whitney; Mr. J. P. Zellner, Margaret R. Zellner, First Church, St. Petersburg; Mr. W. R. Mathews, Mrs. Mathews, First Church, Leesburg; Mrs. M. B. Williams, Bulah Church, N. C.; Mrs. Letha Blair, Oxford; Rev. I. N. Aldrich, Mrs. Aldrich, Crystal River; Mrs. Henry Akins, Rev. D. F. Barry, Mrs. A. Batson, Mr. C. G. Bouguardez, Mrs. Bouguardez, Mrs. Wm. Branch, Mr. Churchill, Mrs. Dillie Churchill, Helene Cummings, Mrs. Elkins, Mrs.

Willie Griffin, Mrs. Anna Guthrie, Mr. G. W. Hayes, Mrs. Hayes, Mrs. John Hayes, Mrs. W. B. Langford, Mrs. T. J. Owen, Mr. Geo. Padgett, Mrs. Padgett, Mrs. R. O. Rawls, Rev. R. Strickland, Mrs. Strickland, Miss Bernice Thompson, Mrs. R. B. Thompson, Mrs. Paul Tompkins, Mrs. Thrasher, Mrs. Lon Wilson, Webster; Mrs. C. M. Dinkins, Mrs. E. O. Powell, Mrs. D. C. Perry, Coleman; Mrs. Laura Hall, Wildwood.

Report of Proceedings

FIRST MORNING, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1930

The Eighty-Fourth Session of the Alachua Baptist Association convened with the Webster Baptist Church, Thursday, October 16th, 1930, at 9:45 a. m.

Devotional service was led by I. N. Aldrich, who uses for a scripture lesson Psalms 71.

Motion prevailed that those who have registered and those who shall later do so compose the body.

Motion by I. Beasley, prevailed that J. W. Senterfitt be re-elected Moderator.

Motion by G. A. Martin, prevailed that Ray Y. Walden be re-elected Corresponding Secretary and Clerk.

Motion by J. N. Ford, prevailed that Mrs. J. H. Hughes be re-elected Treasurer.

Motion prevailed that tentative program, with such changes as Moderator sees fit, be adopted.

Clerk read Letters.

Visitors introduced.

Special prayer for Divine guidance led by W. C. Foster. Committees appointed.

Motion prevailed that J. W. Senterfitt be Chairman of Committee on Revision Constitution, choosing his assistants. Those chosen were I. Beasley, W. C. Foster and G. A. Martin.

The annual sermon was delivered by W. C. Foster of Inverness. Text, Rev. 12:9. Theme, "The Devil and His Angels."

Benediction pronounced by Dr. W. A. Hobson.

Adjourned for dinner on the grounds.

FIRST AFTERNOON

Devotional service was led by J. P. Kelley, who uses for the scripture lesson John 17:1-26. Prayer by F. L. Allen.

The Baptist Brotherhood was spoken to by W. G. Upchurch. Prayer by J. H. Hughes.

Following Report was presented by Mrs. J. H. Hughes and adopted, after discussion by W. A. Hobson, Miss Bernice Thompson, G. A. Martin and J. W. Senterfitt:

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

What is Education? The word in its derivation means "the act of leading out." Christian Education is training all of man's God-given faculties of the body, mind and spirit for worthy and effective manhood and womanhood as the goal of personality and good citizenship.

Why do Baptists have their own schools? Not because they have the idea that a man or woman has not been educated unless a Baptist College did the job. The best educated man is the one who has learned the most ways of being useful and kind. He might be a Baptist and a college product, or he might be neither. What Baptists do believe, is that religious education is essential to the moral and intellectual development of the individual and the race in the warfare against ignorance and selfishness.

American Baptist history illustrates the vital connection between education and evangelistic and missionary progress. The educational institutions of the nineteenth century were founded by Baptists as a means to an end. The Missionary Baptists founded schools and other institutions as agencies for fulfilling the Great Commission. As a result the Missionary Baptists have grown from a small group of 25,000 to nearly 9,000,000 in the home land.

What are Southern Baptists doing in the field of Education? Under the control of the S. B. C., there are three schools for the training of leaders; the S. B. T. S., at Louisville; the S. W. B. T. S., at Ft. Worth, Texas; the B. B. I., at New Orleans, La.; under the control of the W. M. U. Auxiliary there is one, the W. M. U. Training School at Louisville. The Training School at Ft. Worth is a department of the S. W. S. In 1929-30 there were enrolled 1,107 students; there were 63 teachers; a property

valuation of \$5,288,830.76; endowments of \$2,475,323.95. Under the several State Conventions, Associations, or other controlling bodies, there were last year 31 Senior Colleges, 30 Junior Colleges, and 31 Academies. In these there were enrolled 27,363 students, of whom 1,344 were Ministerial students. There were 1,698 teachers, a property valuation of \$36,353,291.72, in endowments \$19,250,105.05.

These schools need to be strengthened by better physical equipment and larger endowments. It is not necessary that Baptists compete with the larger program of the state system. But let us maintain relatively small schools that put the emphasis upon the Christian content in Education.

Thereby we will furnish a large proportion of the leadership of tomorrow. Some researches in "Who's Who in America" made by a state university professor some years ago show that while non-denominational schools represented in the volume had four times the number of students, the denominational schools had twice as many representatives listed. This suggests that the emphasis upon the religious content in education tends to producing leaderships. Let us hold to the emphasis.

In addition to the denominational schools Baptists are putting the Christian content in education by maintaining student secretaries on the campuses of non-denominational schools to care for the religious interests of the students. This work is fostered by the Baptist Student Union locally, state-wide and south-wide. There are more Baptist boys and girls in the state schools than in denominational schools. Let us strengthen and enlarge the work of the B. S. U.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. J. H. HUGHES,
MRS. CLARA NICHOLS,
MRS. T. M. DAUGHERTY.

Prayer by Dr. W. A. Hobson.

Dr. W. W. William delivered an address on Sunday Schools and B. Y. P. U.'s.

Following Report was presented by I. N. Aldrich and adopted, with following resolutions, after discussion by I. N. Aldrich, I. Beasley, J. W. Senterfitt and G. A. Martin.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

Our theme, more properly, should be Report on Prohibi-

tion. Temperance, now days has almost become an obsolete term, being supplanted by that very popular and most lively term, prohibition. Call it temperance if you will, but you can't make much of anything out of it but prohibition. So we find ourselves deeply absorbed in this paper on the most important theme, or moral issue, the serious consideration of which, by a strongly divided people, if we were to believe the Wets, would lead us to believe the nation is being shaken to its very foundation. But we rejoice that there are more sane people in these United States than insane.

This "noble experiment", as President Hoover calls prohibition, has only been on trial for ten years. During this brief period its enforcement has been in the hands of its enemy. Everybody well knows that our Secretary of the Treasury who had charge of prohibition enforcement is an avowed wet. But since it has been transferred to the Department of Justice we have very staunch dry, capable honest men who will do all in their power to enforce prohibition. The Wets well know with these men after them their wet days are already numbered. This is why they are making such a furor and raising so much dust, just "whistling to keep up courage."

Irving Fisher, professor of economics in Yale University, stated recently that "Prohibition, because of the increased efficiency of workmen, has added each year three billion dollars to our national income. In addition, prohibition transferred into profitable channels at least three billion more dollars a year that would have gone for liquor. This double gain through transfer of and increased energy, is over six billion dollars a year or sixty billions since prohibition became a law. This is without counting any savings in the cost of jails, almshouses, asylums, etc.; or savings from reducing death rates."

Professor Fisher is here considering prohibition from economic standpoint; and it is an overwhelming argument, which aside from any other consideration whatsoever, will determine leading men and women to forever uphold prohibition. For three hundred years our country experimented with every conceivable scheme to control the liquor traffic, but to no avail. For one decade only has the nation been trying out the "noble experiment" of prohibition, and during this brief period, it has met with such charming success, that aside from the wets, the entire rank and file of our citizenry are overwhelmingly for prohibition. It was but a few years ago when it was a common thing to read almost

daily of terrible train wrecks, charged to a drunken engineer or dispatcher. Today there are 250,000 miles of steam railroad lines, with over twenty billion dollars invested, over two million employees and 100,000 locomotive engineers operating innumerable trains, yet who ever hears of a railroad wreck charged to a drunken engineer, dispatcher or conductor? What is thus true of railroads is true of factories and all commercial transactions. Do you think for one moment that wise, shrewd business men will ever be conjoled, induced or frightened into repealing prohibition when they all see plainly the great, good, profitable results of the prohibition laws, just to please the lawless?

The prohibition has given rise to another, fully as potent as it is, the law of social economics. This not only involves human life, but the almighty dollar. Doubtless this will be a greater determining factor than the moral principle of prohibition. The social economic law demands safety for the traveling public.

The American Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen, the General Federation of Women's Clubs, said to be the largest Women's organization in America, to say nothing about the W. C. T. U., the Anti-Saloon League and kindred others are standing behind the prohibition law. Not long ago John J. Rascob, at the head of the organization to fight prohibition who contributed a number of thousand dollars to that cause, referred sneeringly to all these temperance organizations as "fatuous individuals." That means silly or weak intellect. But a few years ago when the wets had such control in politics they usurped authority in all halls of legislation, including Congress. Their word was then law. It has so dwindled until now it is in the very small minority. It has lost its grip, we believe, for all time, for which let us thank God. There are 98 Legislative bodies that can officially say whether prohibition shall fail or prevail, but the wets will never be able to unify all of these bodies so as to repeal prohibition.

Take that grand galaxy of staunch Americans who have a conscience: Gov. Pinchot, of Pennsylvania; Dan Beard, founder of the Boy Scouts of America; Thomas. A. Edison, Henry Ford and J. C. Penney.

Respectfully submitted,
ISAAC. N. ALDRICH.

Resolutions Endorsing the National Prohibition Law

Webster, Florida, October 16th, 1930. We the pastors and delegates of the Alachua Baptist Association, assembled in our regular meeting at Webster, Florida hereby declare unalterably in favor of National Prohibition Law and will never cease our untiring efforts to secure its enforcement. We further declare most emphatically against the repeal of the National Prohibitory liquor law or any alteration thereof. Be it further resolved, that we hereby appeal to all Florida representatives in the United State Senate and House to vote against the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment and Volstead Act, and to use their influence in any possible way, which is honorable, against such repeal or alteration of said Prohibitory Liquor Law, and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to each Florida member of the senate and House.

Signed: THE ALACHUA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
J. W. SENTERFITT, Moderator
RAY Y. WALDEN, Clerk.

Benediction pronounced by Dr. W. W. Willian.

EVENING SESSION

Devotional was led by Isom Beasley.

Sermon was delivered by Jas. N. Ford of Bushnell. Text, Jno. 14:8. Theme, "Holy Spirit."

SECOND MORNING, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17th, 1930

Devotional service was led by G. A. Martin, who uses for a scripture lesson 1 Jno. 3:1-3. Prayer by Ray Y. Walden.

The Chair appointed the Nominating Committee, consisting of G. A. Martin, C. M. Emerson and Jesse Montague.

Following Report read by Ray Y. Walden and adopted, after discussion by Isom Beasley, Mrs. G. W. Scofield and J. W. Senterfitt.

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

According to the reports in our last S. B. C. Annual, only 48 per cent of our 24,010 churches in the S. B. C. have B. Y. P. U.'s; so 12,675 or 52 per cent have no sort of organized Young People's work of any character in them. That is to say, of the

total 1,550,864 young people in our churches, 1,050,300 of them are unorganized, untrained in any sort of church work. Of the 16 churches reporting to our last Associational meeting, only 50 per cent reported B. Y. P. U.'s in them. While the year before (1928) of the 17 reporting to the Association there were 12 reporting B. Y. P. U.'s in them.

From our S. B. C. Annual we see 24,273 B. Y. P. U.'s reported for the year. A net gain of 1423. While the enrollment was only 501,405. A net gain of only 841 to the enrollment for the year. This shows that in our S. B. C., we have gained in organizations but thousands of our best Unions have let their enrollment drop. This comparison does not hold in Florida. However, for last year there was reported a gain of only four organizations and a gain of 856 enrollment, while our Association reported a loss of four organizations and a gain of 26 enrollment. There are two Unions in the Sumter County Federation which are A-1. The Wahoo Union has been A-1 all the year. The Center Hill Union was A-1 for the last quarter.

It seems to me that it would be good to have an Associational B. Y. P. U. officer or chairman appointed, and report to him any change of President or Secretary during the year and the progress or decline of the B. Y. P. U. work in the churches, with any special items of interest of work done by Unions so that we could have more up-to-date information to report to the Association and thereby be able to discuss and make helpful suggestions to the work at our Annual Associational meetings.

It seems to me that we should realize in our Unions that we are training for service not only in the local Unions but in all phases of work in the church life as well as the denomination at large. Let the Unions give the young people a vision of service, and lead them into it as they seek to train them.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. JAS. N. FORD
T. P. CARUTHERS.

Motion prevailed that B. Y. P. U.'s and Sunday Schools be organized and meet once a year prior to the general meeting. Time and place to be decided by the Nominating Committee.

Following Report read by G. A. Martin and adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The Sunday School is undoubtedly one of the most important of our church departments of our work in the Lord's cause that we as a great and growing denomination are endeavoring to do in Kingdom interest at this time. In the Great Commission, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you," is a basis for our educational and teaching department of the church. The Sunday School, it may be said, is this department. Holding as we do the position before the world as believing in a whole Gospel for a whole world, if we are to maintain this position it is imperative that we not neglect the teaching department of our own churches for our people. The Sunday Schools provide gospel teachings for all ages and all classes. Therefore every member of every church might well afford to enlist in some department of this great and glorious agency for acquainting both old and young with the message from God to man.

Respectfully submitted,

H. C. PARISH,

A. P. SHARP,

MRS. E. M. CUMMINGS.

Following Report presented by I. N. Aldrich and adopted, after discussion by I. N. Aldrich, Ray Y. Walden and J. W. Senterfitt.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

The first modern Foreign Mission Society was organized in England in 1872, and Wm. Cary was the first representative. Judson was sent to India by the Congregationalists, but on his way became a Baptist from a close study of the Bible and was accepted by American Baptists who organized the first American Foreign Mission Society or Board.

In 1845 the Southern Baptist Convention was organized and located at Richmond, and J. L. Shuck was the first representative, going to China. He was followed by R. H. Graves who gave 56 years to this work. Today we have seven centers in South China with a membership of 9,156, and many schools, publishing houses, hospitals and churches in Central and North China. A total of 643 Missionaries and more than 30,000 members.

In 1864 we entered Africa and now have 30 Missionaries and a membership of 20,000. In 1870 our Board opened work in Italy with Rome as its center and have now many churches there. We also have a growing work in Mexico with 20 workers and 4,432 members. In Brazil we have 99 workers and have more than 33,000 members. Our work was begun in Japan 30 years ago and has grown to 20 missions and nearly 3,000 members. We are also at work in Argentina and Uruguay with a membership of 4,059. In Chili we have a membership of 1898. About nine years ago we began work in Europe and have a marvelously promising work in Hungary, Jugo Slavia, Roumania, Spain, Russia and Palestine. Space forbids details.

Never were the prospects better on practically all our foreign fields. What a tragedy that our people have slacked in their support so that our Board is faced with the absolute necessity of abandoning the work already begun in many of the fruitful fields! Baptists have been distinguished as a Missionary people. Shall we now fail in the face of these God-given opportunities?

If only Baptists of America would cease their needless self-indulgence in luxuries and manifest the Spirit of their Christ our Board could send Missionaries into every part of the world and win the multiplied thousands to Him. Will we do it? Self or Christ?

Respectfully submitted;

I. N. ALDRICH,

MRS. MARTHA MILEY,

W. A. CATE.

Prayer by J. P. Kelley.

Following Report presented by Ray Y. Walden and adopted, after discussion by Ray Y. Walden and D. F. Barry.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

We are endeavoring through the Home Board to reach and evangelize the people of the South, the Canal Zone and Cuba. In the South we are working among the foreigners, Indians, negroes, deaf mutes, soldiers, sailors and the Jews. We have two schools for Mexicans and one for the French-speaking people. One for the Indians. 3,286 students in our Mountain Schools. One Rescue Mission. One Seaman's Institute. One General Hospital. Three Good-will Centers. Our workers in the South last year reported 1860 baptisms.

In the Canal Zone we have 7 churches with 558 members, 850 in Sunday Schools, 397 in B. Y. P. U.'s, 70 in W. M.'s; three day schools.

In Cuba we have 56 workers including teachers; 43 churches with 285 baptized last year. The present membership of our Cuban churches is 2,860.

We have a grand total of 106 Missionaries, 2,109 baptisms, 1,265 by letter, total additions 3,367. 15 churches were constituted.

The Board received through the Co-operative Program \$286,097.08. Designated receipts, \$48,215.42; March Week of Prayer receipts, \$73,045.08. Total Home Board receipts, \$407,357.58. This is \$8,512.63 less than it received the previous year. By the way of comparison let us look at the following: The Home Board received \$63,886.18 less through the Co-operative Program, \$21,519.11 more in designated receipts, and \$33,844.44 more from the March Week of Prayer than the previous year. Thus we see the trend is to drop back to the old idea of Specials.

We would urge upon our churches the importance of an increase in support to the Co-operative Program.

Our Home Board is working in fields which have a population of about 43,000,000 souls. What a mammoth task is ours in our home land!

Respectfully submitted,

RAY Y. WALDEN,

MRS. B. F. CATE,

MRS. M. A. HOOTEN.

Prayer by W. C. Foster.

Following Report presented by G. A. Martin and adopted, after discussion by G. A. Martin, R. Strickland, Mrs. Clara Nichols and J. W. Senterfitt.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

It is a sad fact that Mission receipts have steadily declined the past two years, and we should weigh conditions carefully and diagnose the case seriously to determine the true cause of this decline, and prayerfully endeavor to recover the ground we have lost.

Our Board last year assisted in the support of 59 Missionary Pastors, who labored at 93 different points. They reported 576

baptisms. The Board spent on this work \$11,032.74.

Through our Student Loan Fund, we assisted 14 students in our Seminaries and Training Schools, and at Stetson University, who are preparing definitely for ministerial or Mission work.

We are assisting Stetson University in its Bible Department, and last year gave for that purpose \$4,308.58.

The Convention set aside \$7,500 for the Baptist Witness, in order to assist the paper in keeping our work before the people.

The Board contributed to the W. M. U. Department, \$8,072.80, to the Sunday School Department \$6,915.89, to the B. Y. P. U. Department \$6,915.40.

The Children's Home received through the Co-operative Program \$10,771.44. Specials through the office \$6,173.98, and Specials direct to the Home \$15,236.92, which is a total to the Home of \$32,182.34.

Florida Baptist gave to Home Missions last year \$11,055.96, and to Foreign Missions \$33,694.67. Southwide Educational Institutions \$6,470.00 through the program and \$2,522.56 direct to Louisville Seminary as Special. We sent the New Orleans Hospital \$1,077.14, to aged preachers and widows of preachers \$4,467.73 and to our Student Workers at Tallahassee and Gainesville \$2,530.36.

We beg our people to support more liberally the Co-operative Program, from which State Missions gets its support.

Respectfully submitted,

G. A. MARTIN,

MRS. ISOM BEASLEY,

MISS ANNIE PEMBERTON.

Prayers by R. Strickland, D. F. Barry, G. A. Martin, Isom Beasley and J. W. Senterfitt.

Benediction pronounced by Isom Beasley.

Adjourned for dinner on the ground.

SECOND AFTERNOON

Devotional service led by W. S. Wade who uses for a scripture lesson Acts 14:1-7; 19-22. Prayer by J. W. Senterfitt.

Jesse Montague made a talk in the interest of the Florida Baptist Witness in lieu of written Report. This subject was

also discussed by J. W. Senterfitt, G. A. Martin and W. C. Foster.

Following Report read by Isom Beasley and adopted, after discussion by Isom Beasley, W. C. Foster, J. W. Senterfitt and I. N. Aldrich.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF AND ANNUITIES

The care of our aged and disabled preachers and widows and orphans of deceased preachers deserves the most earnest and prayerful attention at the hands of all our people. The Relief and Annuity Board of the S. B. C. with headquarters in Dallas, Texas, with Dr. T. J. Watts as Executive Secretary, is faithfully and sympathetically administering and distributing the funds placed in its hands by the churches. That more money should be given for the support of our veterans, widows and orphans will not be questioned. Surely our old ministers are deserving of better treatment in their declining years. What Southern Baptists are doing through their Board for these faithful servants of the Cross is helpful, but it is painfully insufficient. Surely, every church should strive to see to it that the old preacher is better provided for. Let some good man or woman in each church write to the Board for literature and inform the people concerning this great need. Do not wait. *Do it now.*

After the 31st of December, 1930, the Board's Annuity Department will receive no more money from the benevolent contributions of the churches. The relief beneficiaries will get the full benefit of these gifts. They will, of course, continue to receive all benefits of earnings on the Board's Relief Endowment and all contributions designated for relief. Not only so, the Board will strive to secure special gifts looking to the enlargement of the Relief Fund. If our churches will give the money that they should through the regular Co-operative Program the relief beneficiaries will be added to the roll. It should be clear to our people that the Relief Board cannot pay out money any faster than it comes in, but if the money is given the donors may know that the relief beneficiaries will get every dollar of it.

Provision is now offered through the Service Annuity Department whereby churches can individually assist their preachers in building up for themselves and their dependents an age or disability monthly income and do this building while they are in active service. Thus our ministers will be provided for against the

time of need and in the most economical way. Interest earnings will produce the greater part of the benefits. This is a method of prevention rather than cure. The churches are urged to get directly from the Relief and Annuity Board or from an authorized representative the facts about this plan. This is a matter that cannot be acted upon without full information. All serious minded Baptist will, upon taking thought, approve the plan. The S. B. C., after careful consideration, adopted the recommendations of the Committee of thirty-eight, consisting of two messengers from each state, approved the Service Annuity and did this by a great majority. Therefore, the convention has commended the plan for the use of churches and preachers.

Respectfully submitted,

R. STRICKLAND,

E. L. PAYNE,

D. F. GANT..

Following Report presented by Mrs. Isom Beasley and adopted, after discussion by Mrs. Beasley.

REPORT ON CHILDREN'S HOME

We are presenting the work of the largest Baptist family in Florida. A family of 180 happy and contented boys and girls, in age from babyhood to young woman and manhood. This family of children are ours, and are being cared for in our Home at Arcadia. There has been no deaths, and no serious sickness. We hereby acknowledge God's providential care over them.

Their Spiritual training is carefully and prayerfully carried out, and conversions and Baptisms are frequent. The Annual Report of the Superintendent made to our Convention shows thirty-six conversions during the last year. The children converted in the Home unite with the First Baptist Church in Arcadia. It is an unusual thing for a boy or girl to go through the Home, without becoming a Christian. They have the S. S., and Sunday evening preaching service, Wednesday night prayer meeting, and B. Y. P. U. organizations, with a religious service in the dining room each morning conducted by the children. The older children attend the 11:00 o'clock preaching hour at the First Baptist Church.

The children are educated and trained in a practical way. The county has leased the Home School Building and conducts the Home School on their own grounds. They teach through

the eleventh grade and complete the twelfth grade work in the County High School in Arcadia. The Home provides practical training for the children, so when they leave they are prepared for self-support. All of the house keeping, cooking, baking, laundry, dairy, poultry and farm work of the Home is done by the large boys and girls without the use of servants. Seven children left the Home during the first seven months of this year trained to take care of themselves.

The Home is without a farm, though a movement has been started by the citizens of DeSoto County and Arcadia to give the Home a Peace River Valley Farm of two hundred and sixty acres, and when all payments on the farm are completed it will be deeded to the Home. When this is done the large boys by their work can supplement donations and contributions with supplies which will greatly assist in the support of the work. The Home only has about twelve acres in their city property suitable for garden trucking, but the report of the garden work to the Board of Trustees in their July meeting shows, for the seven months the following results: Home furnished 3625 gallons of milk, garden truck to the amount of \$1,250.25 and they sold \$164.63 worth of what they raised, 787 eggs and raised over 200 young chickens. In addition the boys cut and hauled to the Home from six miles distance 210 cords of woods, and hauled several hundred boxes of groceries, and freight from the freight depot. Thus we can report good results from the limited farm operations of the Home.

We found from the Superintendent's report made to the Board of Trustees in July some interesting figures which we feel would be of interest to the Association. The amount of cash expended on current support with the accounts due for the current year amounted to \$3,389.74 per month, and this divided by 180 children gives a cash per capita cost of \$18.84 per month. We also found that the cost of supporting the Home during the seven months was divided as follows: 180 children and 11 workers, meals at 10 cents—\$1,692.00; supervision and care by 14 workers employed 18c per child a day—\$972.00; clothing, medical attention, school and all other expenses 13 1-2c a day per child—\$725.74; total monthly expense—\$3,289.74.

Your Committee regrets to report that while the financial support given to the Home the past year, has been unusual considering the times, it has not been adequate to their needs. An accumulated indebtedness in the past few years has been burdensome. The accumulation of this indebtedness dates from the

Seventy-five Million Campaign period when the Home was placed upon a certain percent basis and has failed to receive the full amount expended owing to the failure of pledges being paid to the State Mission Board. The last Convention placed the Home in the program giving them 10 per cent of the objective of \$150,000 planned to be raised by the Convention for 1930. If the program amount had been paid in full the Home would have received to August 1st of this year \$10,000.00, as their part of the program receipts, but they only received \$5,796.58 thus leaving them short on what was expected from this source \$4,203.42. The Convention asked the Sunday Schools of the state to contribute one Sunday's collection each month to supplement the 10 per cent from the program. The contributions from the Sunday Schools have gradually increased this year and has enabled the Children's Home Board to finance the Home without increasing but very little the indebtedness of the Home. The old indebtedness has made this hard for the Board, as the Home has been forced to pay cash for their supplies, and has not always had the money to do so. Your Committee, therefore, urges a full cooperation in the Convention plan by all the Sunday Schools, and urges other help as often and as liberal in donation of food supplies and cash as you can be made in order that our children may not suffer, but have the things they need.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. ISOM BEASLEY,

MRS. C. D. SMITH,

MRS. J. P. WATERS.

Following Report presented by Mrs. B. T. Lamb, and adopted, after discussion, by Mrs. Lamb and Mrs. J. H. Hughes.

REPORT ON WOMEN'S WORK

Our watchword for 1930, "Be ye steadfast", is forceable in meaning. We have never felt more keenly the need of real consecration in the lives of our women. If we could only awaken to the great need of "giving our best to the Master"—of always putting first things first, and "Being steadfast, unmovable always abounding in the work of the Lord"—the repeated lack of laborers in our Master's service would be illuminated. There would always be ample leaders for every phase of the work.

The W. M. U. has been somewhat handicapped this year

owing to the financial condition which has more or less crippled all our undertakings, but regardless of all the disadvantages we feel there has been a great deal accomplished.

In comparing the reports of this year with that of 1929 we find in some instances there has been satisfactory advancements and improvements, while in others we note an undesirable falling off. The reported gifts up to date are as follows: No. of Societies, 9; gifts for Co-operative Program, \$529.77; Week of Prayer, \$51.16; Children's Home, \$225.00; Local, \$243.46; other objects, \$98.50; total for all objects, \$1148.39.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. B. T. LAMB,
MRS. I. N. ALDRICH,
MRS. E. M. CUMMINGS.

Prayers by W. C. Foster, G. A. Martin, and J. W. Senterfitt.

Report of Nominating Committee presented by G. A. Martin, and adopted, as read. (Nominees will be found in Directory of Association.)

PARTIAL REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, your Committee, recommend that the B. Y. P. U.'s and Sunday Schools of the Alachua Association meet with Brooksville on Saturday before the First Sunday in October, 1931.

Respectfully submitted,
G. A. MARTIN,
C. M. EMERSON,
JESSE MONTAGUE.

Motion by Isom Beasley prevailed that the Executive Committee be authorized digest reports as adopted.

Motion by W. C. Foster prevailed that the Minutes of the W. M. U. be published in this Annual.

Following resolution offered by G. A. Martin and adopted.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

Be it resolved by the visiting Messengers that we extend to the Webster Church and its pastor, Rev. Isom Beasley, our heartiest thanks for royally entertaining us while in session.

Respectfully submitted,
G. A. MARTIN.

Motion by W. C. Foster prevailed that the Executive Committee exert itself to collect enough money to publish the Minutes and pay Clerk \$20.00 for his services.

The Clerk was authorized to include any letters sent in later in the report.

It was agreed to give the Committee on Constitutional Revision one year in which to prepare its report.

After singing the Doxology the Association adjourned to convene with the Eden Church, Lake Lindsey, on Wednesday following the 2nd Sunday in October, 1931.

J. W. SENTERFITT, Moderator.
RAY Y. WALDEN, Clerk.

Minutes of the Alachua W. M. U.

The Annual Session of the Alachua W. M. U. was held with the Center Hill Church October 9, 1930.

Song—"Faith of Our Fathers."

Devotional—Mrs. Clara Nichols, Oxford, who read Deut.

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Prayer by W. C. Foster, Inverness.

Song—"Stand Up for Jesus."

Greetings—Mrs. H. S. Cherry, Center Hill.

Response—Mrs. O. Davis, Brooksville.

Visitors from other Associations recognized: Wekiva, Dr. O. T. Moncrief and Mrs. Moncrief; Marion, Mrs. W. T. Gary and Mrs. G. H. Northland.

Roll Call: Brooksville, 20; Bushnell, 8; Center Hill, 14; Coleman, 3; Inverness, 9; Oxford, 5; Summerfield, 0; Webster, 0; Wildwood, 9.

Minutes of last meeting read and adopted.

Appointment of Committees as follows:

Nominating—Mesdames B. T. Lamb, Anna Bevill, W. M. O'Dell, Foster and J. S. Gamble.

Time and Place—Mrs. J. W. Senterfitt, Mrs. Mary Waters and Miss Annie Bogue.

Resolutions—Miss Loula O'Dell, Mrs. Strickland and Mrs. Davis.

Talk of Methods given by Mrs. J. H. Hughes, president. We were pleased to have our State President, Mrs. G. J. Rouseau, with us and hear her inspirational talk on W. M. U. Work.

Song—"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow."
Dismissed for noon hour with prayer by Rev. Moncrief.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Song—"Higher Ground."

Devotional by Mrs. E. S. Stephens, Bushnell.

Scripture Lesson, Psalms 105.

Annual Report of W. M. U. Work read by Secretary.

Reports of several Societies given by W. M. S. Presidents.

Reports of District Superintendents.

Song—"He Included Me."

Reports of various Churches.

Remarks of Young People's Work by Mrs. Rouseau.

Song—"Have Thine Own Way, Lord."

Report of Nominating Committee. (Found in Associational Directory).

Charge to Officers given by Mrs. W. T. Gary, Divisional President.

Song—"Close to Thee."

Report of Time and Place Committee: Place, Coleman; Time, open.

Rising vote of thanks extended to Center Hill Church for their hospitality.

Registration Committee reported 63 present. Offering \$6.29, amount in treasury \$5.05. Mrs. W. T. Gary paid \$5.00 for expenses, \$5.00 on Associational Minutes, \$1.00 paid Mrs. Hughes for expenses, \$.34. Total amount expended \$11.34.

Motion prevailed that each W. M. S. member pay 10 cents to defray Associational expenses. Prevailed that this contribution be made regularly on December 1st and June 1st.

No further business the meeting was dismissed with prayer by Bro. Martin.

MRS. J. H. HUGHES, President.

MRS. A. M. ROWLAND, Secretary.

LIST OF DEAD



Brooksville—Mrs. M. E. Cormah, Miss Alice Peterson and Mr. M. C. Peterson.

Coleman—Deacon M. E. B. Robinson.

Eden—Mrs. Sallie Mason.

Floral City—Miss Dorothy Baxley and Mrs. Ramond Wanis.

Inverness—Mrs. R. L. Makey.

Oxford—Mrs. Mattie Griggs.

Summerfield—Mr. Arthur Brown.

Webster—Mrs. Mathews.

Wildwood—Mrs. A. J. Fore.

To those who have departed to be with our Father above, are these lines lovingly dedicated.

Has this church disbanded? If not,
Please fill out this card on both sides and return in
enclosed envelope.

State Fla. Asso. Alachua
 Church Do Not Know Edenfield P.O.
 Pastor Ray Y. Walden P.O.
 Treas. Ray Y. Walden P.O. about this church.
 S. S. Supt. Clark P.O.
 W.M.U. Pres. P.O.

STATISTICS OF ALACHUA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION; STATE OF FLORIDA FOR YEAR ENDING SEPT. 30, 1930

Church Directories	Baptisms and Members, Etc.	S. S. P. Y. W. M. U.	Church Finances	Missions, Etc.	Tithe & Budget	Church Property													
Brooksville	All	29	388	1	3	231	3	49	4	100	2015.00	352.28	10.00	66.49	10	N	3,000	7,000	4,000
Bushnell	2nd-4th	4	191	1	4	77	2	32	2	28	900.00	1473.03	169.10	234.87	9	Y	20,000	5,000	25,000
Coleman	1st-3rd	9	105	1	3	69	1	15	1	16	115.96	352.28	10.00	66.49	10	N	3,000	7,000	4,000
Eden	2nd-3rd	1	102	1	1	42	1	20	1	20	215.92	15.88	77.35	3.22	1	N	2,500	2,500	2,500
Floral City	4th	6	32	1	3	32	1	12	1	12	84.00	152.28	3.22	3.22	1	N	2,000	2,000	2,000
Hebron	4th	1	32	1	1	32	1	13	1	13	61.16	53.46	92.62	136.77	12	Y	5,000	5,000	5,000
Inverness	All	6	87	1	3	78	1	25	1	20	664.11	1028.80	92.62	136.77	12	Y	6,500	3500	10,000
Linden	All	6	67	1	3	66	1	25	1	20	664.11	1028.80	92.62	136.77	12	Y	6,500	3500	10,000
Oxford	2nd-4th	247	1	2	6	123	4	86	4	86	500.00	774.51	141.00	220.62	13	N	2,000	2,000	2,500
Pleasant Hill	2nd	37	37	1	1	30	1	30	1	12	60.00	73.50	23.50	39.38	1	N	500	500	500
Sumnerfield	2nd-4th	149	149	1	4	72	2	40	1	12	600.00	683.34	23.50	39.38	1	N	2,000	2,000	2,000
Sumnerville	1st	40	40	1	1	41	1	41	1	12	43.68	104.36	11.15	18.00	1	N	1,550	1,550	1,550
Waboo	1st	32	143	1	2	5	1	102	1	10	311.62	436.26	11.15	18.00	1	N	1,000	1,000	1,000
Webster	1st-2nd-4th	191	191	1	1	132	1	10	1	10	371.97	409.47	11.15	18.00	1	N	1,500	1,500	1,500
Wildwood	1st-2nd-4th	191	191	1	1	132	1	10	1	10	371.97	409.47	11.15	18.00	1	N	1,500	1,500	1,500

Moderator: J. Walton Sentefitt, P. O. Brooksville, Florida.
 Clerk: Ray Y. Walden, P. O. Oxford, Florida.

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