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MINUTES

of the
NINETY-FIRST SESSION
of the
ALACHUA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
held with the
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, WILDWOOD, FLORIDA
October 13-14, 1937

Rev. J. C. Boatwright, Moderator Wildwood
Rev. G. A. Martin Vice Moderator Wildwood
J. H. Perry, Clerk Oxford
Rev. D. A. Tooke, Treasurer Floral City

Executive Committee

The above members with the State Board Members, and G. W.
Scofield, Inverness

Preacher of Annual Sermon

Rev. A. B. Martin, Alternate Rev. J. F. Brantley, Bushnell

Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention

Rev. E. C. Tyner

Delegates to State Convention

Rev. J. C. Boatwright Wildwood
Rev. D. A. Tooke Floral City
Rev. D. A. Koon Brooksville
Mrs. A. M. Roland Bushnell
Mrs. Clara Nichols Oxford

Next Session Convenes With the First Church Brooksville, Wednes-
day and Thursday, After Second Sunday in October, 14-15, 1938.

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CONSTITUTION

1. This body shall be known as the Alachua Baptist Association.
 2. It shall be composed of churches generally recognized as Missionary Baptist Churches.

3. Its session (Legislative, Administrative, Promotional and Fellowship) shall be regularly elected representatives of the churches composing its membership, and other members of said churches who may be present and who may be accepted by the elected members, on the basis of two Messengers from each church, and one additional for each twenty-five members of major fractional part thereof, in excess of fifty.

4. The officers shall be a Moderator, Vice Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, B. T. U., Sunday School, W. M. U. Directors, and Resident Pastors of the Association, elected annually by the vote of the Messengers.

5. The executive committee shall be the above officers.

6. The Moderator shall preside over the sessions, keep order, take the vote on all questions properly presented and perform such other duties as are usual to such officers. The Clerk shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of the body in session, have the same printed and distributed to the churches according to the funds provided and as the body may direct. The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all monies received; pay out upon the instruction of the body and make an itemized report of same to the Association at each annual session.

7. The Executive Committee shall have general supervision of the work fostered by the Association. It shall meet quarterly and plan for the promotion of various interests of the organized work, using its best efforts to stimulate the spirituality and activity of the churches, and shall make report of its work to the Association in its annual session.

8. The Association shall meet annually at such time and place as may be agreed upon by the body; or, when necessity arises, by the Executive Committee.

9. Churches may be admitted to membership in this Association by representatives bearing a petitionary letter with statistical data; provided they are found to be orthodox by a committee appointed by the Moderator. Upon a favorable vote of the body, the Moderator shall extend the hand of fellowship on behalf of the Association.

10. The Association shall have the right and the power to withdraw fellowship from any church in its membership, upon grounds which it may deem justifiable.

11. Any church shall have the right to withdraw its membership from the Association upon due notice to the body.

12. Any church failing to report to the Association, neither sending representatives nor letter, twice in succession, shall be dropped from the roll of active members and put on a list of "inactive churches."

13. This Constitution may be altered or amended by two-thirds vote of the body in session.

14. This Association accepts as a fundamental Baptist doctrine the inspiration of the Scriptures and offers to those only who hold the Word of God to be the sole authority for our faith and practice.

DIRECTORY

..... Committees to report in 1938—Foreign, Home and State. Mission, Sunday School, B. T. U., Christian Education, Layman's Work, Relief and Annuity, Women's Work, Children's Home, and Temperance.

Pastors	Churches	Postoffice
Sawyer, J. A.	—Brooksville	Brooksville
Prantley, J. F.	—Bushnell	Bushnell
Strickland, R.	—Coleman	Webster
Wade, W. S.	—Eden	Bushnell
Weaver, Roger	—Floral City	Crystal River
Bercow, Jim	—Hebron	Tampa, R. F. D.
Tyner, E. C.	—Inverness	Inverness
Wade, W. S.	—Indian Hill	Bushnell
Jones, Ted	—Lecanto	Wildwood
Martin, G. A.	—Linden	Wildwood
Martin, G. A.	—Oxford	Wildwood
Burns, W. H.	—Pleasant Hill	Dade City
Wade, W. S.	—Wahoo	Bushnell
Boatwright, J. C.	—Wildwood	Wildwood

Other Ordained Ministers

Brooks, B. F.	—Brooksville	Brooksville
McKinney, B. F.	—Bushnell	Bushnell
Strickland, R.	—Linden	Webster
Hays, Martin	—Wahoo	Bushnell
Hays, V. W.	—Webster	Webster
Rogers, J. C.	—Bushnell	Bushnell
Martin, A. B.	—Coleman	Wildwood

Ministers Ordained During Year

Bercow, Jim	—Hebron	Tampa
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Students for the Ministry

Churches	Clerks	Postoffices
Brooksville, E. C. Peterson		Brooksville
Bushnell, Mrs. Elmer Hawkins		Bushnell
Center Hill, Mrs. Bertie Kight		Center Hill
Coleman, S. H. Crabtree		Coleman
Eden, Mrs. Carrie Bailey		Istachatta
Floral City, F. G. Godwin		Floral City
Hebron, Mrs. Georgia Brittle		Brooksville
Inverness, Carrie Barley		Inverness

Indian Hill, Mrs. D. C. Knight Bushnell
 Lecanto, Mrs. E. M. Burns Lecanto
 Linden, Lewis Merritt Linden
 Oxford, Miss Loula O'Dell Oxford
 Pleasant Hill, R. E. Bennett Bushnell
 Wahoo, Mrs. W. S. Wade Bushnell
 Webster, Pane Tanyhins Webster
 Wildwood, Loy Waldon Wildwood

Sunday School—Superintendent—Post Office

Brooksville, D. A. Koon Brooksville
 Bushnell, Elmer Hawkins Bushnell
 Center Hill, A. B. Jones Center Hill
 Coleman, G. B. Tompkins Coleman
 Eden, Charles Hargraves Brooksville
 Floral City, H. H. Carroll Floral City
 Hebron, G. W. Brittle, Jr. Brooksville
 Inverness, J. A. Thompson Inverness
 Indian Hill—No Sunday School
 Lecanto, G. O. Burns Lecanto
 Linden, Lewis Merritt Linden
 Oxford, T. P. Caruthers Oxford
 Pleasant Hill, J. J. Segrest Bushnell
 Wahoo, Lee Smith Bushnell
 Webster, P. A. Tompkins Webster
 Wildwood, R. E. Sechinger Wildwood

Messengers to the 1937 Session

Brooksville—B. J. Lamb, W. B. Gittings, Mrs. C. M. Emerson,
 Mrs. J. H. Emerson, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Koon, Mr. and Mrs. B. F.
 Brooks, Rev. J. A. Sawyer.
 Bushnell—Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. J. H.
 Hughes, Rev. J. F. Brantley, Mrs. S. C. Mickler, Mrs. H. D. Hunt.
 Coleman—Mrs. S. H. Crabtree, Mrs. W. W. Munroe, Mrs. R.
 B. Graham, Mrs. C. D. Cole.
 Center Hill—Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Jones, B. F. Tate, Mrs. Marie
 Millhouse, Mrs. Fannie Livingston, Mrs. H. S. Cherry, Mrs. Al-
 berto Venable.
 Eden—Mrs. Dave Hedick, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Snow, Mrs.
 Carrie M. Baxley.
 Floral City—Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Tooke, Mr. J. D. Bowen, Mr.
 F. G. Godwin.
 Hebron—Mrs. Martha Milley, Mrs. Essie Buttle, Mrs. Bill
 Brittle.
 Inverness—Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Scofield, Mrs. Peve Baxley,
 Mrs. S. H. Davis, Mrs. Owen, Mrs. Hugh Stevens.
 Lecanto—Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Barns.
 Linden—Rev. R. Strickland, Lewis Merritt.
 Oxford—Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Perry, Mrs. Clara Nichols, Mr.

and Mrs. W. M. O'Dell, Miss Ollie Maude Blair, Simmie Caruth-
 ers, Mrs. T. L. Bailey, Mrs. George Perry.

Pleasant Hill—Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Norman, Mrs. J. J. Segrest,
 Rev. W. H. Burns.
 Wahoo—C. Rivenbark.
 Webster—W. J. Whittington, Mrs. F. O. Rawls, Mrs. Charles
 Beville.

Wildwood—Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Evatt, Mr. and Mrs. L. Fare,
 Mr. and Mrs. Loy Waldron, Mrs. Susie Martin, Mrs. J. S. Green,
 Mrs. W. J. Maiers, Mrs. J. C. Boatwright.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS, OCT. 13, 1937

Morning Session—10:00

The Ninety First Session of the Alachua Association convened
 with the Wildwood Baptist Church, Wildwood, Florida. Devotion-
 al, G. A. Martin. Welcome Address, Loy Waldron. Response, J. H.
 Hughes.

Motion was passed that the Messengers present be the Asso-
 ciation.

Organization and election of the officers.

Officers

Moderator, J. C. Boatwright Wildwood
 Vice Moderator, G. A. Martin Wildwood
 Clerk, J. H. Perry Oxford
 Treasurer, D. A. Tooke Floral City
 Annual sermon by Rev. J. A. Swayer, of Brooksville.
 Noon.

EVENING SESSION

Devotional by L. F. Fare. Reports were given on the follow-
 ing: Layman Work, Children Home, State Mission and W. M. U.

Miscellaneous business—Motion was passed that Rev. G. A.
 Martin be elected Vice Moderator.

A motion was passed that a committee be appointed to report
 later during the session to investigate the advisability of the use
 of a black board in the Association.

Adjourned.

Evening Session—Young people in charge. Ewell Hall, Presi-
 dent in charge. Special music from Oxford. Report of nominating
 committee: Ewell Hall, President, Webster; Nancy Keathly, Vice
 President, Brooksville; Louise Raftis, Sec. & Treas., Wildwood; J.
 A. Sawyer, Chorister, Brooksville; Dorothy Tucker, Pianist, Wild-
 wood; Mrs. Will O'Dell, Jr., Leader, Oxford; Miss Doris Woodard,
 Int. Leader, Bushnell; Simmie Caruthers, Reporter, Oxford.

Special music from Wildwood.

Contestants: Simmie Caruthers, Oxford—Amy Swartztander,
 Center Hill.

Adjourned.

Second Morning Session, 10:00

Devotional by F. M. McCollough.

Reports were given on the following subjects: Home Mission, Ministerial Relief, Hospitals and Foreign Mission.

A missionary address was given by Dr. D. E. Montugary of Leesburg.

Noon.

Afternoon Session

Devotional by B. F. Brooks.

Reports were given on the following: Hundred Thousand Club, Temperance, Every Member Canvass, Digest, Memorials.

Executive Committee meetings to be held the second Sunday in January, April, and July.

EVERY MEMBER CANVASS

There is in my mind no substitute for the every member canvass, for results in securing church finances.

First it is essential to have a budget committee to arrange a budget for the church for a new year. Budgets will vary but I am substituting here an example:

Pastors Salary	\$1,800.00
S. S. and B. T. U.	300.00
Cooperative Program	300.00
Miscellaneous	300.00
Building and Repair.	300.00

There should be a series of letters sent out thirty days or more before canvass to prepare contribution for Canvass.

If a table is set in church with pledge cards and envelopes at close of Sunday morning service this will save canvassers a lot of work as many will sign cards and take envelopes there. There should be a committee appointed with chairman and secretary for canvass.

It is essential that there be earnest lay workers enlisted and that there is an available list of all members of church. Prospects can be arranged in this way:

The names of those who have contributed in the past.

Names of all church members.

Names of church attendants.

Names of families represented in Sunday School.

It is advisable if workers are new to have one or more meetings before canvass starts so that every worker will know what is expected of him. It is best to conduct entire canvass in one day, preferably Sunday afternoon. Each canvass should have pledge cards, information cards and envelopes and should if possible get the pledges of giving when the envelope is distributed.

It is well to explain tithing to contributors as given to us in God's word.

Workers should meet at the church and go about in pairs.

Chairman and Secretary should remain at church to receive reports of workers and check up on returns. There is a question of pastor should work on canvass but personally I prefer all work to be done by laymen as the pastor usually has enough to do without.

This plan may work successfully in both large or small churches. It is not as bad as may seem as I have had many pleasant experiences in every member canvass calls.

It ain't the guns over armament,

Nor funds that they can pay.

But close cooperation that makes them win the day.

It ain't the individual nor the army as a whole.

But everlasting team-work of every blooming soul.

Respectfully submitted,

D. A. KOON.

REPORT ON MEMORIALS

We your committee appointed by the Moderator of this Association to make a report on Memorials, beg to submit the following.

Since our last meeting of this Association there has been quite a few of our brothers and sisters called into eternity, through and by the medium of death.

May we humbly bow in submission to the will of our Heavenly Father in calling them from Time to Eternity. May we hold their Christian lives sacred in our memories and prepare for the hour when it comes.

Let us be led by His Spirit that others may be led to accept his promise, and all be prepared to fall asleep with Jesus.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. JONES.

HOSPITALS

There are seventeen states in the Southern Baptist Convention. In these seventeen states are twenty-four Baptist-Hospitals which are under the care of the State Board of each state. In many states there are two and some states more. When we think of our own state blessed with climatic conditions that makes it a haven of health, we feel that we should pray God to put it in the hearts of His people to make a great effort for the erection of a Hospital at home. Last year at the Association a fund was created with this purpose in mind and it is from such small beginnings that some of our greatest dreams have become realities.

Recently the W. M. U. has contributed towards the erection of an Indian Hospital for our brothers who live in the Everglades.

By far the best known hospital to Baptists is the Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans. It is owned by the Southern Baptist Convention and has been a success from the very beginning. During the eleven years that it has been open there has never been an operating deficit; both principal and interest on bonded indebted-

edness have been paid promptly. A large volume of free work for the poor is done each year. The sick and afflicted are cared for and the evangelistic work carried on. This hospital is recognized far and wide as an outstanding house of healing, and has received special mention in its achievements as a community enterprise.

During the year ending March 31, 1937 the hospital served 8685 patients giving them 47,992 days of service, and were given 2001 days of service to 242 free patients, and 746 were given 8957 days of part free service. This free service cost the hospital \$49,743.-70, besides the professional service of the doctors. The total cash income for the year was \$399,219.50. This was received from the co-operative program, the hundred thousand club, gifts and legacies. The hospital paid all operating expenses, including free work, built and paid for an educational building, which cost over \$15,000. Besides these expenses over \$89,000 was paid on bonds and interests. The net worth of the property increased over \$54,000 during last year alone. While this hospital is owned by the Southern Baptist Convention it is under the direction of a group of men known as Hospital Commission, their experiences and consecration ability fit them for their task. Dr. Louis Bristow is superintendent and to him goes the credit for a great and noble work.

The tuberculosis hospital at El Paso, Texas, is likewise owned by the Southern Baptist Convention. It has not been so fortunate as the New Orleans, in that it has been operated by the Convention Board and not by a Hospital Convention. It has recently been closed but we believe that God is showing us a greater work to do and that it will be re-opened on a basis that will pay operation costs.

Altogether this makes 26 hospitals for Southern Baptist. They are wonderful institutions. Let us remember them in our prayers, the nurses, the doctors and all those who serve to relieve suffering humanity. Let us pray that they serve in the name of Jesus and that those who come for help may be refreshed by the Living Waters.

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My Brethren ye have done it unto me."

Respectfully, submitted,

Mrs. J. L. GREEN.

TEMPERANCE

From time immemorial God has registered His Divine condemnation against whisky. When an eternal decree goes forth from God that should forever settle it with the people.

Every Christian should register one hundred percent in conviction, attitude, and thinking against such a deep, bitter, meretricious and heartless enemy as whisky.

There is no place in the Kingdom of God for the drunkard, the gates have been closed against him. He cannot occupy a place in the real of education.

If the effects of a thing is tragedy, then the curse which pro-

duces such said effects should be speedily removed at whatever cost. We find that debauchery and crime are alarmingly on the increase, among both sexes.

We note with profound joy that there is an increasing and rising tide against whisky. People should be so startled and shocked about the ravages of whisky till they will be stirred to their deepest depths and rise up and drive that demon from the face of the earth. We solemnly and seriously urge our constituency to educate their children against the danger and sin of whisky.

"Our camp fires are on their trail and will never go out till the intolerable curse has been regulated to the subterranean regions where the worm dieth not and the fire is not quenched."

Respectfully submitted,

B. F. BROOKS.

HUNDRED THOUSAND CLUB

The Baptist Hundred Thousand Club was launched at the Southern Baptist Convention, May, 1933. It is a debt paying plan. It seeks to enlist one hundred thousand Southern Baptists who will contribute one dollar per month each toward the payment of the debts upon the convention agencies. This extra dollar is to be over and above their regular contributions.

The Baptist Sunday School Board pays all the cost of promotion so that every dollar received is applied upon the principal of the debts.

We have not found the one hundred thousand people or organizations willing to give this extra dollar, but we have found some of them. About fifty thousand people have at one time or another contributed something through this club plan. A grand total of \$681,637.99 has been received and paid upon the debts up to June 1, 1937. This means a saving in interest of enough money to pay the salaries of fifty two foreign missionaries.

The receipts from the Hundred Thousand Club divided according to annual debt needs are as follows: Board 18 percent; Home Mission Board 29½ percent; Education Board 5 percent, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary 18 percent, Baptist Bible Institute 10 percent, American Baptist Theological Seminary 2 percent, Baptist Hospitals 1.3 percent, Baptist Memorial Church 2 percent.

The receipts of the club so far in 1937 are larger than in any other year. The W. M. U. is making a vigorous effort to enroll fifty thousand debt paying members and the Brotherhood of the South is making this one of its major objects. If pastors and other leaders will give this their prayerful and persistent attention, good success will result.

Our Association has reported twenty nine members accredited as follows: W. M. U., 18; Sunday School, 8; B. T. U., 3.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. CLARA NICHOLS.

**SUMMARY TABLE. STATISTICS OF ALACHUA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF FLORIDA, FOR THE YEAR
ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1937.
MODERATOR, J. C. BOATWRIGHT, P. O., WILDWOOD, FLORIDA
CLERK, J. H. PERRY, P. O., OXFORD, FLORIDA.
Next Annual Meeting: Time, Oct. 14-15, 1938; Place, Brooksville**

CHURCHES	When Constituted	City (C), Town (T), Village (V), or Country Church (O)	Regular Days of Meetings	Baptisms	Total Membership	Revival Meetings Held	During Year	Observance of Lord's Supper	Families Receiving State Baptist Paper	Number of Schools	Total Enrolled	Total Number B. Y. P. U.'s	Total Enrolled in B. Y. P. U.'s	Total Women's and Children's Organizations	Total Women's Contributions All Purposes	Pastor's Salary	Total Local Church Expenses Including Pastor's Salaries and All Other Expenses	Total Gifts to Coop. Program	Total all Gifts Misc. Ed. and Benevolences	How many Members Are Tithers	Value of Church Houses and Grounds	Value of Pastor's Homes	Total Value all Church Property
1 Brooksville	1856	T	All	6	454	0	12	44	1	393	3	47	6	360.39	1,940.00	2,690.08	382.96	813.22	30	24,000	7,000	31,000	
2 Bushnell	1887	C	All	7	172	1	0	3	1	78	3	30	7	59.59	640.00	1,064.96	28.50	95.27	8	15,000	5,000	20,000	
3 Center Hill	1903	T	All	1	95	0	0	0	1	98				53.60	91.39	138.31		98.05					
4 Coleman	1908	T	1st-3rd.	5	121	1	4	0	1	45				21.60	246.75	264.75	4.10	21.60		3,000		3,000	
5 Eden	1845	O	1st-3rd.	6	49	1	4	12	1	32	1	10	1		198.52	272.72	19.39	71.96	3	2,500		2,500	
6 Floral City	1899	T	All	5	56	1	4	0	1	50				91.34	240.00	450.64	12.00	162.04		2,000		2,000	
7 Hebron	1896	O	1st-3rd.	1	30	1	0	50	1	160					20.00	30.50				1,000		1,000	
8 Inverness	1892	O	All	12	243	1	4	50	1	160					1,500.00	2943.87	181.92			8,000		8,000	
9 Indian Hill	1890	O	4th.	0	75	0	4	0	0	0						36.00				500		500	
10 Lecanto	1894	V	1st-3rd.	1	57	0	0	0	1	45						123.35				1,000		1,050	
11 Linden	1894	V	1st-3rd.	1	43	0	0	0	1	6						308.31				1,000		1,500	
12 Oxford	1889	T	1st-3rd.	9	207	1	1	15	1	103	1	24	2	143.36		664.31	49.52	204.79	12	2,800		2,800	
13 Pleasant Hill	1875	O	2nd-4th.	0	37	1	1	0	1	35						30.00				500		500	
14 Wahoo	1903	O	1st-3rd.	0	51	0	4	0	1	46						33.06				11.02	2	500	
15 Webster	1892	V	2nd.	3	118	1	1	12	1	84			1	26.74	121.44	1,261.40	11.89	46.36		2,000		2,000	
16 Wildwood	1884	T	All	5	306	1	2	93	1	213	3	37	8	507.94	1,040.00	2,849.05	257.10	505.60		5,000	1,000	6,000	
				61	2124	10	42	229	141	1411	13	148	35	1,264.47	6,568.82	13,040.62	947.38	1,469.91	55	68,800	13,000	82,350	

Note:—Pastors and Postoffices: J. C. Boatwright, Brooksville; J. F. Brantley, Bushnell; R. Strickland, Webster; W. S. Wade, Bushnell; Roger Weaver, Crystal River; Jim Bercow, Tampa; R. F. D.: E. C. Tyner, Inverness; W. S. Wade, Bushnell; Ted Jones, Wildwood; G. A. Martin, Wildwood; W. H. Born, Dade City;

Summary 57-2-2500

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Our usual conception of Christian Education is that expressed and defined by the work of our denominational college. This is a true conception, but incomplete. The realm as wide as the realm of Christian relationship.

Education begins as soon as sense perception becomes focussed and our reaction to stimuli coherently recorded by the mind.

Accordingly Christian education begins when life is tutored to determine values and relationships by and through Jesus Christ.

Christian education must begin in the home. Then the Bible Institute contributes to Christian life. Its value is inestimable. Parents should be made to realize that Sunday School training pays cash dividends to the community and state as well as to the church. The Christian college stands as the top of the leader of Christian education.

Dr. W. S. Allen, President of Stetson University, is offering to our young people the finest of scholarships under a wholesome Christian environment and a faculty of consecrated Christian men and women.

The church should guard carefully the influences that offer Christian education to our young people for this is truth and life.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES ALBERT SAWYER.

FLORIDA BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

Arcadia, Florida.

A number of improvements have been made at the Home during the past year. The school building on the campus has been released by the County Board of Education and is now used for offices, Library and the print shop. The increased space for the print shop together with a speed press has added much to the efficiency of the printing department. The Library means a great deal to the children. It affords them good reading and is excellent for the students who are doing high school work. They are soliciting books that they may have a good collection and instruction and research.

They have done considerable repair work during the summer. Porches have been renewed, swings for the small children have been built, two roofs have been renewed, one has been reconditioned and the roof on the chapel has been repainted. The upstairs of the Junior girls dormitory, the kitchen, dining room and play room at the Nursery have been repainted and wherever porch floors were renewed, they have been painted. All repair work was done by the boys in the Home under the supervision of those who work with them.

The farm continues to play an important part in the budget of the Institution. They grow all the vegetables they use during the farming season and a surplus to can. They are going to add consid-

erable acreage to their farm this winter that they may reduce expenses.

The pig pen that is kept by the refuse from the dining rooms and the truck patches pay big dividends. They produce much of the pork used, by their own efforts.

The dairy herd is furnishing enough milk for the children. They watch the output of milk very closely taking out any cows that do not produce enough milk to pay for their keep. There are forty two cows and calves in the herd.

The grove is in excellent condition. There are more than eight hundred boxes of oranges and grapefruit on the trees this year. They will have enough to supply their needs and to sell; to pay for the fertilizing.

The canning plant is an important factor in the operation of our Home. The vegetable growers in South Florida give them vegetables that are not salable but are good for canning purposes. These are put through the plant and are used during the summer months.

All work is done by the children. No one is hired except in a supervisory capacity. Of course those who work with the children do considerable themselves. The carpenter work, painting, roofing, farming, grove work, dairy, laundry, cooking, sewing and mending are all taken care of by the children and their supervisors. This eliminates bills for labor and makes it possible for them to do much more with the money that is given for maintenance than would be possible otherwise.

It is the intention of the Board of Trustees to increase the number of children in the next two years. The vacant dormitory on the campus was opened in November of last year. Every dormitory on the campus is now occupied by the children of our brethren. It is the hope of the management that the rooms over the offices in the administration building will be converted into a dormitory for the senior boys. If this is done, it will increase the capacity of the Institution to 220. There are now 167 on roll at our Home.

If they are to increase the number of children in the Home to meet the needs of our own boys and girls who are constantly applying to them, they must have a closer cooperation of the Churches of the state. There are numbers of church organizations who do not make regular offerings to the care of our children. If one half of such organizations could be depended on for a contribution each month to this splendid work, they would be able to take care of all the children our buildings will accommodate. The only thing that is needed is enough money to equip the building and provide for the increased number after they are accepted.

It is very important that attention be given to the dependent children of our brethren. It is difficult to say what contribution dependency makes to crime but that a contribution is made, in many instances is undeniable. It is much better to give something to pro-

tect the child when he is young, than to wait until he is committed to a penal institution, and then be forced to spend more money in the form of taxes for his keep than would be necessary, were he placed in a Home as a child. We, your committee, therefore, urge that every Church and Sunday School wherever possible make a regular offering to our Home in Arcadia, to assist our children. Mrs. Johns spoke on the needs and benefits of the Baptist Children's Home in Arcadia.

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

The man in the business world who forges ahead, who knows his business well, and who therefore performs his work most efficiently, invariably surrounds himself with literature of all sorts which pertains to his business. He spends many hours during the month and year in reading and learning more about his subject. Application of this greater knowledge makes him a better business man and strengthens him in his line of work—he is ever growing.

Certainly the work of our Lord is no less important than any work in the business world. The Master's work holds much larger opportunities for service, much more lasting pleasure in service, and vastly greater rewards for us than any work in the material world. So the Christian must, if he is to do his best for Christ, study the work he is to do. If he is to live close to the Saviour, if he want to be the best Christian he is capable of being, he too must surround himself with religious literature. If he is to distinguish between true and false teachings, if he is to know all the gracious promises held out to him, if he is to point others to the Saviour, and if his life is to be modeled closely after Jesus' then he must read and study religious literature.

The outstanding piece of religious literature, or for that matter, of all literature, is the Holy Bible for upon it all other true religious literature is based. In this great Book we can find guidance in all great and vital problems. In it we find inspiration, hope, comfort and peace for it is the Word of God. In it is revealed the will of God which any Christian is eager to learn and in it is expressed the love of God which means so much to us. In studying the Bible it would be helpful to have some good commentary, a concordance, and possibly a Bible dictionary.

In connection with the stuff of the Bible is our Sunday school literature. Each one of us should use this literature for it helps us to understand the Bible and emphasizes the great Christian principles. If we are to get the greatest possible blessing from our Sunday School we must use our literature.

In order to function most efficiently as Christians we must see our work as a part of a much larger group which is working in God's Kingdom. Our own state denominational paper, "The Florida Baptist Witness," will do much to help us see our own efforts as they are related to those of other Baptists in this state and in the South. It will keep us posted on the activities of Baptists ev-

erywhere and will furnish many suggestions that might be used effectively in the churches of this Association. "The Florida Baptist Witness" should be read by every Florida Baptist and if it is at all possible, should be included in the budget of every Baptist church. Any church which does this will certainly be strengthened by so doing. Let us keep informed about our Lord's work in Florida!

A new journal relative to our Baptist schools in the South is being published by the Southern Baptist Education Commission. It is called the "Southern Baptist College News and Views," and is edited by Charles D. Johnson, Blue Mountain, Miss. It gives all the news of our academies, colleges, seminaries, and training schools. We should be proud of the great strides being made in Christian education by our Baptist schools and should praise the Master for their success. We recommend the "Southern Baptist College News and Views," to those who are interested in this great work.

Many great religious truths are to be gotten in a very vivid way from wholesome books of fiction whose primary purpose is to emphasize such truths. The Baptist Book Store in Jacksonville, has a number of them listed which we would recommend. These books will appeal especially to young people and children.

The field of religious literature is by far too large to be reviewed here. Any religious paper whose author has as his purpose the enlightenment and inspiration of God's children will bring us closer to our Father. Let us surround ourselves with religious literature in abundance so that we can do our best for our Saviour—He did so much for us!

Dr. Solomon Spoke on the report.

O. L. HOUSE.

SUGGESTER REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS, 1937

The hope of the world lies in the uplifted Christ. There is no solvent for sin save the blood of Christ. There is no redemption for man apart from the atonement of Christ. Social adjustments do not heal the ills of the human race. Education falls short of the spiritual needs of man if it ignores the great Teacher of Nazareth. Christ and Him crucified alone can redeem and save the world.

There is no substitute for the Gospel. It is fatal to offer to the hungry hearts of men science for Scripture, reason for revelation, theories for truth, intellectualism for inspiration, culture for conviction, goodness for grace, sociability for spirituality, play for praise, pep for prayer, programs for power, reformation for regeneration, feeling for faith, spiritual paralysis for peace, and social reform for personal repentance. We must give the world the Christ of the New Testament.

The task of Home Missions is to lift Christ up and make Him Lord in the life of the homeland. Each generation in the home-

land must be evangelized. Each person must be evangelized.

SERVING THE WORLD

In this work of Christianizing the homeland, we are serving the world. A triumphant missionary program in our own country is necessary if we would push our conquest for Christ in lands afar. A Christianity which does not conquer at home will not be able to conquer abroad. We cannot give what we do not have.

The Home Mission Board is lifting up Christ in the homeland among the Indians, the foreigners, the Negroes, the underprivileged in the cities and congested industrial sections, and in Cuba and Panama. In all of its departments of work, including the field force, the Sanatorium, the rescue missions, the good-will centers, and schools, the Board has 327 missionaries working in 850 mission stations. During the past convention year we have placed in the field 35 new missionaries. This enlargement of our work was made possible by the receipts from the Bottoms Trust and unsolicited designations.

A YEAR OF PROGRESS

On fields in the South missionaries opened 39 new stations last year, bringing the total number of churches and stations to 640. The churches have a membership of 11,755; during the year 2,137 were added by baptism, and there were 3,633 professions. The missionaries delivered 16,431 sermons, distributed 5,858 Bibles and gospels and 256,335 tracts.

Three new churches were organized in Cuba, where the Board has 72 workers. These missionaries made 42,383 visits and distributed 552,994 tracts.

A new department of the Board's work is that of evangelism, of which Dr. Roland Q. Leavell is superintendent. The purpose of the department is, through evangelistic conferences, the circulation of fresh and stimulating literature, and simultaneous revival campaigns in strategic centers, to keep aflame the spirit of evangelism.

OPERATING ON CASH BASIS

The Board has adjusted its budget so as to operate on a cash basis. For the past three and one-half years no money has been borrowed for current work. The budget fixed for the year was \$150,000 for mission work and overhead, and \$203,826 for interest and principal on the debt. For the calendar year 1936 the Board received from all sources, \$443,455, which was \$46,291 more than was received in 1935. Of this amount the women gave \$113,981 in the Annie W. Armstrong offering, all specially designated, and \$56,720 came from the Bottoms Trust. During the past year \$108,313 was paid on the debt.

MARSHALING FORCES FOR WORLD CONQUEST

The purpose of the Home Mission Board is to evangelize the homeland and to marshal the forces in the homeland for world-

conquest for Christ. Home Missions is not, therefore, simply a matter of emotional concern or evangelistic zeal. It is an essential part of our world campaign for Christ. A saved homeland holds the key to a world's saving. All our missionary enterprises near and far should realize that the saving mission is and can only be the welling forth of the saved life. We must have our mission of salvation in lands abroad the motivation of a great denomination, ed by the blood of the Lamb here at home.

The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and he that winneth souls is wise. Prov. 11-30.

W. M. U. Hymn for year: "Christ for the World we Sing."

Never before have we needed to sing that song more than we do now, when our countries are torn with war and our Missionaries lives are in danger and their life's work is demoralized. Our association has endeavored to carry forward all phases of the work. Have held three rallies and through them have kept in touch with the work of the 9 W. M. S.'s, Y. W. A.'s, G. A.'s, R. A.'s, and Sunbeams.

Gifts are reported: Cooperative program—\$224.56; Weeks of Prayer—\$133.91; Hundred Thousand Club—\$153.00; Local—\$842.52; Other Objects—\$263.64; Value of Boxes to Children's Home—\$137.46; Value of Octagon Wrappers—\$4.00; Indian Hospital—\$29.00; White Cross—\$33.08; Grand Total—\$1,749.48.

Officers for W. M. S.'s as Follows:

President—Mrs. William O'Dell Oxford
Vice President—Mrs. D. Stultz Wildwood
Secretary-Treasurer—Mrs. C. E. Clayton Wildwood
Young People—Mrs. J. H. Hughes Bushnell
District Superintendent (1)—Mrs. D. L. Hedick Brooksville
District Superintendent (2)—Mrs. Ruth Fulks Center Hill
District Superintendent (3)—Mrs. C. A. Hooks Oxford
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Orphanage—Mrs. Owen Webster
White Cross—Mrs. S. H. Davis Inverness
Student Fund—Mrs. N. C. Livingston Center Hill
Golden Jubilee—Mrs. G. R. Creekmore Brooksville
Y. W. A., 4; G. A., 3; Sunbeams, 2.

Respectfully submitted,

DOLA H. CREEKMORE,
PEARL BAXLEY
MRS. D. A. TOOKE

RESOLUTION

Whereas, We are living in a materialistic age and,
Whereas, there is a spirit of greed, jealousy and strife throughout the land and,

Whereas, the solution of our problems is in God and,

Whereas, our greatest and most effective approach is through the medium of evangelism:

Therefore, be it resolved by the Alachua Baptist Association as follows:

1. That we reaffirm our faith in an Eternal God.
2. That we dedicate ourselves to a life of prayer and service.
3. That the executive committee of this Association be charged with the duty and responsibility of sponsoring one or more Revival meetings in each Church in this Association during the coming year.

Upon motion of Geo. Scofield, seconded by G. A. Martin.

The foregoing resolution was unanimously adopted in open regular session of said Association in Wildwood, Florida, on the 13th day of October A. D. 1937.

J. C. BOATWRIGHT, Moderator.

Attest: J. H. PERRY, Clerk.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS TO ALACHUA ASSOCIATION, AT WILDWOOD, OCTOBER 13-14, 1937

State Missions includes all the missionary and benevolent work engaged in by Florida Baptists in a cooperative way. State mission work is absolutely necessary if we would save our beloved commonwealth from the hands of those who seek to exploit our wonderful resources for selfish and ungodly purposes.

Through our organized State Mission forces we are helping to win the lost to Christ by sending the gospel to destitute regions, by helping to organize and grow churches which become the representatives of Christ upon earth. Through our departmental workers the Board helps to develop and train Sunday School and Baptist Training Union workers and cultivate stewardship and the mission spirit through our W. M. U. and Brotherhood leaders. We are seeking to win to Christ and Christian service the large group of Baptist boys and girls found in our colleges and universities through our Student Secretaries. We maintain a strong evangelistic work with two evangelists giving full time to this holy task. We should put on others in the near future to help stem the tide of godlessness and lawlessness that is undermining our Christian work and faith.

During the lifetime of the Board, more than 500 of our 800 churches have been aided one way or another. Some of the early mission stations have become great churches.

We are this year helping to support 64 missionary pastors who are preaching to 87 churches and mission stations, including our work among the Indians.

Last year Florida Baptists made a splendid advance in their mission gifts. The last report made to the Convention showed that our state gave to all causes \$173,123.55. Of this amount, \$100,000.00 was given to the cooperative Program, enabling us to reach our goal for the year. All the specials or designated funds were promptly distributed without deducting one penny of cost, while the Program funds were divided according to the percentage table adopted by the Convention.

We need for our State Mission Department work this year, \$67,820.00. This is the largest budget our State Board has adopted in several years, but we can reach it if every church in the state will do its part in supporting the Cooperative Program liberally, thus helping to make possible the achievement of our 1937 goal of \$115,000.00 for the Program. The other sources of income for State Missions, besides 30 percent of Program receipts, are special gifts made by W. M. U. and the Sunday Schools during October, and the appropriations made our work by the Sunday School Board.

Our Board and Convention have set up certain ideals which are worthy of our consideration, as follows:

Every member supporting his church with his time, talents and money.

Every church contributing to the Cooperative Program.

Every full time church sending in a mission offering each week.

Every part time church sending in a mission offering at least quarterly.

Every church solidly behind the Mission Program and denominational work.

A good, live Sunday School in every church.

A spirit led Baptist Training Union in every church.

A strong W. M. U. organization in every church.

A functioning Brotherhood in every church.

An energetic and aggressive pastor for every church.

A building adequate to the needs of every church.

The Baptist Witness in every Baptist home.

A Heaven-sent revival at least once during the year in every church.

TEN THOUSAND BAPTISMS as a minimum goal for 1938.

We urge every church to use the Every Member Canvass in seeking to enlist the careless and indifferent among their membership. The Mission office will gladly furnish cards and literature upon request.

We also urge every church and pastor to get solidly behind and support the work of the denomination with their prayers, their influence and their gifts. Let us make it possible through our increased gifts to put on a greater evangelistic and missionary pro-

gram next year than ever before in our history.

Respectfully submitted,
J. F. BRANTLEY

IN MEMORY OF OUR DEAD

Brooksville—Mrs. J. C. Law

Bushnell—Mr. Joe Teal

Coleman—Mrs. John Milligan, Mrs. Dave Coleman, Mrs. W.

J. Monroe.

Center Hill—Mr. J. W. Knight, Mrs. Sarah Dixon

Floral City—Mrs. Mary Yellner

Lecanto—Mrs. Lena Anderson

Linden—Mr. John Brown, Mrs. John Brown

Oxford—Mrs. J. W. Caruthers, Mr. Clarence Jeffcoat, Mr. J.

M. Nichols

Webster—Mr. A. P. R. Churchill

Wildwood—Mr. C. D. Smith

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

We your committee fail to have words to express to the Church, Pastor and Citizens of Wildwood our heartiest thanks for your hospitality and kindness shown us, the Alachua Association, during this session.

Mrs. G. W. SCOFIELD,
W. J. WHITTINGTON,
Mrs. W. W. MUNROE.