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Hebron: Mrs. Martha Miley, Mrs. Thomas Mills, Mrs. Sadie Mills. Homosassa: L. W. Harris, Louise Sanderson, R. Goodman and Andrew Goodman.

Indian Hill: Mrs. Joanna Knight and Elva Wade.

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1948-1949 OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

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Center Hill: E. C. Cowan, Center Hill, pastor

Coleman: W. S. Wade, Bushnell, pastor

Eden: J. D. Bowen, Deland; B. F. Brooks, Brooksville

Floral City: Walter J. Pollard, Floral City

Hebron: Wayne T. Johnson, Dover

Homosassa: Walter A. Rector, Brooksville

Indian Hill: Clark Segrest, Bushnell

Inverness: J. L. Forren, Inverness

Istachatta: Fletcher Weston, Brooksville

Lecanto: Roger Weaver, Inverness

Linden: C. A. Crosby, Linden

Oxford: V. V. Voelker, Oxford; J. S. Casteel, Wildwood

Pleasant Hill: L. B. Merritt, Martin L. Hayes, Bushnell

Sumterville: J. Paul Kessler, Summerfield

Wahoo: W. D. Hand, Jr., Bushnell

Webster: G. W. Kinard; R. Strickland, Webster

Wildwood: O. G. Hall, Wildwood

COMMITTEES FOR THE ASSOCIATION

Nominating: Rev. J. P. Kessler, Rev. Walter Pollard, Dr. G. R. Creekmore.

Budget: Rev. V. Voelker, Rev. E. C. Cowan, Rev. C. A. Crosby. Time, Place and Preacher: Rev. O. G. Hall, Rev. Desso Bowen, Rev. J. P. Bennett.

Resolutions: Rev. L. W. Harris, Rev. Wm. B. Thirlwell, Pastor of Adamsville Church.

Digest of Letters: Brother G. H. Stapp, Rev. Wayne Johnston, Rev. W. S. Wade.

Obituar PRev. G. W. Kinard, Mrs. Wm. B Thirlwall Mrs V. V. Voelker.

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICERS

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Adult Leader: Hunter Garth, Bushnell

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Primary Leader: Mrs. T. W. Harrson, Jr., Floral City Beginner's Leader: Mrs. D. G. McPherson, Webster Cradle Roll Superintendent: Mrs. J. F. Hair, Inverness Ex. Superintendent: Rev. J. P. Kessler, Sumterville Secretary: Miss Dora Mae Casteel, RR1 Wildwood

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Center Hill: Mrs. Marie Milhouse, Center Hill

Coleman: Harold Sjoblom, Coleman; Alma Stafford, Coleman

Eden: Lee Jones, Brooksville

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Linden: Robert Outlaw, Center Hill Oxford: Mrs. R. L. Griggs, Oxford Wahoo: Lee Wade, Bushnell

Webster: Donald E. Barger, Webster Wildwood: Loy Waldron, Wildwood

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Bushnell: Alma Beville, Bushnell Gan Goodsville
Center Hill: Mrs. H. S. Cherry, Center Hill
Coleman: Mrs. Doris Martin, Mrs. Margaret Stafford, Coleman
Eden: Miss Betty Jones, Brooksville
Hebron: Mrs. Martha Miley, Inverness
Inverness: Mrs. R. H. Martin, Mrs. Roger Weaver, Miss Frances
Owen, Inverness
Istachatta: Miss Oma Lee Graham, Istachatta
Linden: Donald Brown, Linden
Oxford: Mrs. R. L. Griggs, Mrs. M. A. Dugger, Oxford
Pleasant Hill: Mrs. Alma Carter, Bushnell
Sumterville: Miss Barbara Turner, Sumterville
Wahoo: Mrs. Fannie Smith, Bushnell
Webster: Donald E. Berger, Webster

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Floral City: Annie Mae Pollard, Floral City

Wildwood: Mrs. C. E. Clayton, Wildwood

LIBRARIAN

Eden: Pitman Jernigan, Brooksville

PROCE EDINGS OF ANNUAL MEETING HELD AT OXFORD OCTOBER 18-19, 1949 10:00 A. M. OCT. 18

Meeting called to order at 10:00 A. M. by Moderator Fletcher Weston.

Hymn: "All Hail The Power"

Covern of the Center Hill Church

Devotional by Bro. E. C. Cowan of the Center Hill Church.
Prayer: Bro. T. M. Johns of Baptist Children's Home, Lakeland.
Moved, seconded and carried that Messengers to the meeting be
accepted as listed in the various Church Letters.

Moved, seconded and carried that the printed program, with any changes that might be necessary, be accepted.

Guy H. Stapp, Oxford, elected association elerk for coming year. Welcome Address bythe Host pastor, V. V. Voelker.

Response to Welcome Address by Rev. G. W. Kinard, Webster.
Moderator Weston introduced Bro. T. M. Johns in turn introduced the following state workers: Dr. Edgar Cooper, Rev.
L. P. White and Rev. Lames Sawwer.

J. R. White and Rev. James Sawyer.

Moderator Weston introduced the pastors of the association:

J.P. Bennett.supply pastor, Bushnell, and G. W. Kinard, Webster.

Report on Christian Education by Rev. Wm. B. Thirlwell, Brooksville. Report adopted as given.

Address on Stetson University by Dr. Edgar Cooper. Address on Baptist Bible Institute by Bro. Bill Smith.

Appointment of Committees:

(A) Nominating

Rev. J. P. Kessler, Rev. Walter Pollard, Dr. G. R. Creekmore

(B) Budget:

Rev. V. V. Voelker, Rev. E. C. Cowan, Rev. C. A. Crosby

(C) Time Place and Preacher:

Rev. O. G. Hall, Rev. Desso Bowen, Rev. J. P. Bennett

(D) Resolutions:

Rev. L. W. Harris, Rev. Wm. B. Thirlwell, Rev. W. H. Jennings

(E) Digest of Letters:

Bro. G. H. Stapp, Rev. Wayne Johnson Rev. W. S. Wade

(F) Obituary:

Rev. G. W. Kinard, Mrs. Wm. B. Thirlwell, Mrs. V. V. Voelker

Hymn: "Have Thine Own Way"

Rev. Voelker made an announcement concerning the noon meal. Annual Sermon-Rev. O. G. Hall, Wildwood.

Prayer - Rev. O. G. Hall.

Dismissal Prayer-Rev. James Sawyer.

LUNCH

AFTERNOON SESSION - OCTOBER 18

Meeting called to order by Moderator Weston.

Hymn: "Standing On The Promises"

Prayer-Rev. Wm. B. Thirlwell.

Report on Childrens' Home-Rev. J. Paul Kessler, Sumterville.

Report adopted as given.

Address on Childrens' Home-Bro. T. M. Johns.

Report on Publications-Rev. J. P. Bennett, Bushnell.

Report adopted as given.

Address on Publications-Rev. James Sawyer.

Bro. Sawyer introduced Dr. E. D. Solomon, retired editor of the

Florida Baptist Witness, who made a short talk.

Bro. Sawyer was assisted by Rev. Thirlwell and Bro. Stapp in passing out pamphlets giving information on the Florida Baptist Witness.

Report on Hospitals-Dr. E. D. Solomon reporting in the absence of Rev. W. H. Jennings. Report adopted as given.

Hymn: "Leaning on the Everlasting Arm"

Report on Temperance-Rev. J. D. Bowen, Eden.

Report adopted as given.

Addresses on Temperance-Rev. Fletcher Weston, Istachatta,

and Dr. E. D. Solomon. These addresses were given in the absence of Fred T. Barnett.

Moderator Weston introduced the following visitors: Rev. H. G. McElroy, Second Baptist Church, Ocala and Rev. W. T. Bracewell, Stetson University.

Moderator Weston announced that it would be necessary for him to be absent for the remainder of the afternoon session and appoint d Rev. O. G. Hall as acting Moderator,

Report and Address on Co-operative program—Rev. J. R. White

Report adopted as given.

Bro, T. M. Johns gave a short address on State Missions Day —October 23, 1949.

Reports on State, Home and Foreign Missions-Rev V. V. Voelker, Oxford.

Reports adopted as given.

Hymn: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Dismissal Prayer-Rev. Wm. B. Thirlwell

SUPPER

EVENING SESSION - October 18

Meeting called to order by Moderator Weston.

Hymn: "Revive Us Again"

Devotional and Prayer-Rev. W. T. Bracewell

Special Music-Wildwood Youth Choir directed by Mrs. Charlie Clayton.

Rev. Walter Pollard, Floral City, introduced as a new Pastor in our Association.

Report on Training Union-Rev. Walter Pollard, Adopted as given.

Rev. J. D. Bowen, who was scheduled to give the report of the nominating committee for B. T. U. officers, reported that the list was incomplete and moved that the Executive Committee be authorized to complete the roster of officers for this department at their next meeting. Motion seconded and carried.

Hymn: "Living for Jesus" Report and Address on Sunday Schools-Bro. W. K. Jenkins.

Report adopted as given.

Rev. W. H. Jennings, Adamsville, introduced as new Pastor in our Association.

Rev. J. D. Bowen read an article from a recent issue of The Miami Herald, entitled 'Guns Blaze No More On Raiford Sidewalks'. This article was written as a memorial to the splendid missionary work of Bro. W. K. Jenkins while he was employed as Atlantic Coast Line agent at Raiford.

Motion by Rev. O. G. Hall to change the date of the mass meeting at Floral City from October 30th to October 23rd. Sec-

onded and carried.

Duet-Mary Fay Kornegay & Patsy Graham, Istachatta, with

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piano accompaniment by Mrs. Retta Petteys. Inspirational address 'Have Faith In God'-Dr. E. D. Solomon. Hymn-"My Faith Looks Up to Thee" Benediction-Rev. Fletcher Weston

MORNING SESSION - October 19

Meeting called to order by Moderator Weston.

Hymn — "I Am Thine O Lord"

Devotional and Frayer-Rev. W. H. Jennings

Moderator Weston introduced the following new Pastors and visitors: Rev. W. J. Hand, Jr., Wahoo, as a new Pastor in our Association; Rev. Isom Beasley, past Moderator of this Association and Rev. Eugene Baxley from the Marion Association.

Report on Relief and Annuity-Moderator Weston

At this point, Moderator Weston askel the clerk to act as Moderator.

Rev. Weston moved that the report be accepted.

Dr. Solomon, Rev. Thirlwell and Rev. Casteel addressed this

Rev. Weston's motion seconded and report adopted as given. Report of Evangelistic Campaign and Simultaneous Revival-Rev. O. G. Hall.

Report adopted as given.

Moderator Weston reported that there is a balance of \$8.60 carried over from the simultaneous revivals.

Rev. O. G. Hall moved that we, with this \$8.60, start a fund for the planning and promotion of our simultaneous Revival Campaign in 1951. Motion seconded and carried.

Report on Brotherhoods-Bro. L. F. Fore

Report adopted as given.

Hymn - "At The Cross"

Address on Brotherhoods-Bro. L. K. Edwards, Jr.

Report on Bible Society-Rev. W. J. Hand, Jr.

Report adopted as given

Report on W. M. U .- Mrs. Wm. B. Thirlwell assisted by the following members of the official W. M. U. family:

Mrs. M. K. Langston speaking on Enlistment.

Mrs. W. K. Jenkins speaking on Reports.

Mrs. Pierce Kimbrough speaking on Stewardship.

Mrs. D. H. Stringfield gave Stewardship report.

Mrs. W. T. Lamb speaking on Mission Study.

Mrs. Fannie Scofield speaking on Training Schools.

Mrs. J. H. Hughes speaking on Childrens' Home.

Mrs. Retta Pettys speaking on Margaret Fund.

Mrs. M. K. Langston speaking on G. A.

Mrs. Pearl Jones speaking on Relief and R. A. Mrs. M. K. O'Dell speaking on Community Missions, Miss Loula O'Dell speaking as District Superintendent. Report adopted as given. Hymn - "He keeps Me Singing" Inspirational Address-Dr. E. D. Solomon Dismissal Prayer—Rev. F. L. Tuttle LUNCH

AFTERNOON SESSION - October 19

Session Called to order by Moderator Weston Hymns — "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" and "To The Work" Devotional — Rev. Wm. B. Thirlwell

Address on Temperance-Bro. Fred T. Barnett

Business Session:

Clerk's Report—Bro. G. H. Stapp Report adopted as given

Treasurer's Report-Bro. G. H. Stapp

Report adopted as given

Obstutary Report—Rev. G. W. Kinard, Mrs. Wm. B. Thirlwell and Mrs. V. V. Voelker. Report adopted as given

Budget Committee Report—Rev. V. V. Voelker

Report adopted as given.

Resolutions Committee Report—Rev. Wm. B. Thirlwell

Report adopted as given.

Time Place and Preacher Committee Report—Rev. O. G. Hall Report adopted as given.

Rev. Thirlwell moved that length of Associational meetings be determined by the executive committee.

Motioned, seconded and carried.

Nominating committee report—Rev. J. Paul Kessler

Report adopted as given.

Rev. Weston presented our new Moderator for the coming year. Rev. Wm. B. Thirlwell and presented him with the gavel. Bro. Thirlwell requested that Bro. Weston preside over the remainder of the session.

Motion by Rev. Walter Pollard that the Evangalistic committee be given the power of appointing others to help them, if

needed. Motion seconded and carried.

Rev. Wm. B. Thirlwell, chairman of the Constitution and bylaws Committee, moved that the report of this committee be deferred for one year.

Motion seconded and carried.

New Business:

Bro. G. H. Stapp asked the body if they wished the State Calender of events published in the minutes of this association.

Rev. J. Paul Kessler moved that we do not publish the State Calender in the minutes.

Motion seconded and carried.

Bro. Stapp presented an application from Rev. J. D. Bowen to the Committee on Ministerial Education of Stetson University, recommending Bro. Bowen be given the usual aid in his training.

Rev. O. G. Hall moved that this association recommend Bro

Bowen. Motion seconded and carried.

Bro. W. K. Jenkins moved that this association make up and publish a calender of activities for the coming year.

Motion seconded and carried.

Moderator Weston presented the gavel to Moderator Thirlwell. The body gave a rising vote of thanks to Rev. Weston for the good work that he has done as Moderator.

Response of acceptance by Moderator Thirlwell.

Hymn — "Blest Be The Tie That Binds" Closing Prayer—Rev. Fletcher Weston

Session Adjourned

NEWLY-ELECTED OFFICERS OF ASSOCIATION (As Reported by Nominating Committee)

Moderator: Rev. Wm. B. Thirlwell, Brooksville Vice-Moderator: Rev. O. G. Hall, Wildwood

Clerk-Treasurer: G. H. Stapp, Oxford

W. M. U. President: Mrs. Wm. B. Thirlwell, Brooksville

S. S. Supt.: W. K. Jenkins, Inverness T. U. Director: M. A. Dugger, Oxford Choristor: L. F. Fore, Wildwood

Pianist: Mrs. Charles Clayton, Wildwood

Trustees:

Baptist Bible Institute: Rev. G. W. Kinard, Webster

Assembly Ground: Rev. W. D. Hand, Jr., Wahoo; Rev. V. V. Voelker, Oxford; Dr. G. R. Creekmore, Brooksville; J. H. Priest, Eden and R. E. Seckinger, Wildwood.

Evangelistic Committee: Rev. Fletcher Weston, Istachatta; Rev.

J. D. Bowen, Eden and Rev. O. G. Hall, Wildwood.

Representative To Home Mission Board: Rev. W. J. Pollard, Floral City.

Associational Music Director: Robert Outlaw, Linden

REPORT OF TIME, PLACE & PREACHER COMMITTEE

Rev. O. G. Hall

Time: October 24-25, 1950 Place: Wahoo, Florida Preacher: Desso Bowen Alternate: C. A. Crosby

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Rev. Wm. B. Thirlwell

The Educational Imperative

The importance of education does not have to be argued anywhere. "Education is the chief defense of our country." Jesus said, "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." It has been said, "The cultivated mind is the guardian genius of democracy. It is the only dictator that free men acknowledge and the only security free men desire." Therefore, if we are to save democracy, it will be through Christian Education. The church, the home, and the Christian college must give to the world not only educated leaders, but Christian statesmen. This is the MUST in education today. He that governs well leads the blind; but he that teaches the way of Christ gives them eyes.

Field

We have carried the work of Christian Education to every association of our state, with special rallies and many conferences, setting forth the aims and high purposes of this growing department. Preaching and teaching, coupled with counseling, and assisting in working out church problems has been at the center of our work.

Stetson University

STETSON UNIVERSITY had 2615 enrolled last year. Out of this number, there were 118 ministerial students, with an equal number preparing for full-time Christian service.

This fiscal year, the University paid out in operating expenses. \$1,348.297.30. Of this total, the Florida Baptist Convention

contributed \$43,332.35.

This past year, the University was able to provide tuition assistance to 300 students. This group included ministerial students, sons and daughters of Florida Baptist ministers and missionaries, and future leaders of Florida Baptist churches who were not entitled to assistance under existing scholarships, but who required tuition concessions in order to enable them to attend college. Students from the Florida Baptist Children's home receive full tuition. The total cost of this assistance amounted to \$62.917.29 in grants during the past year.

In addition to these tuition concessions, the college provided work for approximately 223 future church leaders (or their

wives) at an expense of \$47,076,27.

Appreciation

Six hundred and seventy-seven (677) churches have had a part in making possible the Religious Center Building and gifts to Stetson University. Trustees, faculty members, students and friends have contributed. It was a glorious sight to see the Stetson bus loaded with our choicest young men and women going out to the churches week after week with a message warming the hearts of our people with the needs for a Religious Center. This effort has paid off and we congratulate the students who have made so great a contribution.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (1) That every church observe Stetson Week, Jan. 22-29, 1950.
- (2) That we urge our people to make a visit to our campus of Stetson University.
- (3) That we send our sons and daughters to Stetson.
- (4) That we place Stetson in our wills.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION THE EDUCATION COMMISSION For Report On Christian Education 1949

Including Facts From 1949 Report of Chairman Charles Johnson

Southern Baptists have an investment of \$115,131,099.45 in three seminaries, 29 universities and senior colleges, 23 junior colleges, eight academies and a missionary training school. This investment is in the form of buildings, equipment and endowment. Since only approximately one-third of this amount consists of endowment, the investment is not as secure as it will be when endowment funds are made at least equal to the value of the physical equipment. But the investment in buildings and endowment can scarcely be compared with the values that must result from the expanding influence of Christian teaching in our Baptist schools.

Enrollments For 1948-49

Total enrollments for 1948-49 in the seminaries, universities and senior colleges were larger than for the preceeding year, while enrollments in the junior colleges and academies were lower than in 1947-48. The total enrollment in all types of Southern Baptist institutions of learning reached an all-time high of 54,979 for the twelve months. Veteran enrollment represented approximately 33% of total enrollment in the seminaries and senior colleges, 14% in the junior colleges and 6% in the academies.

Total Enrollments

| Seminaries and Training Schools | 2,832 |
|----------------------------------|--------|
| Senior Colleges and Universities | 39.278 |
| Junior Colleges | 10.808 |
| Academies | 2,061 |
| Total | 54,979 |

It is heartening to report that there is an increase in the number of minesterial students in seminaries, colleges and universities and junior colleges. Only the academies showed a decrease. In all types of our schools, including the academies, there in an increase this year in the number of volunteers for special religious work.

Ministerial Students and Volunteers

| Ministerial Students | Volunteers |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| Seminaries | 258 |
| Colleges and Universities 3,399 | 1,421 |
| Junior Colleges 1,196 | 485 |
| Academies 216 | 33 |
| Total 6,571 | 2,197 |

Milestones of Progress

Approximately 80% of our Southern Baptist senior colleges are members of either the Southern Association of Colleges or the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. Three Southern Baptist colleges were admitted to the Southern Association during the past year, as follows: Howard Payne College in Texas, Union University in Tennessee and Gardner-Webb College in North Carolina.

Nineteen of the 29 senior colleges are conducting campaigns for buildings, 14 are conducting campaigns for endowment. During the last year the campaigns conducted according to these varying plans have resulted in substantial improvement in buildings and in increased endowment.

BAPTIST BIBLE INSTITUTE

Rev. Wm. B. Thirlwell

God has graciously blessed this institution during the past twelve months. It is rapidly taking an important place n our denominational life. Plans for the immediate future call forwide expansion. The needs are great. We must advance if we answer the challenge which faces us.

Our Lova'ties

We would reaffirm our loyalty to Christ, the virgin-born Son of God and all-sufficient Savior, to the Bible, God's inerrant word, and to the worldwide missionary program of Southern Baptists. The school takes every opportunity to emphasize our whole denominational program. This is done through chapel talks, through special events, and by bringing to the campus each year outstanding denominational leaders.

Missionary Emphasis

With the coming of Dr. J. T. Williams, head of the missions

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department, the Baptist Bible Institute will become more and more of a missionary training center. For thirty-five years Dr. Williams was an active missionary in China and for some time a director of the program there. These experiences give him an unusual background for emphasis on missions. He will direct special missionary days in the institute, will bring missionary speakers and conference leaders to the campus and also will answer calls to speak on missions throughout the state.

Nine Graduates, 1949

Most of the nine graduates of last session are continuing their training in college and seminary. The others are doing full time pastoral service.

A Strong Faculty

The faculty of Baptist Bible Institute for this season is composed of strong men and women. They have attracted Southwide notice, and their work with us is bringing students from many sections of the South and from northern states.

Student Enrollment

106 students have enrolled this year, and others are coming right along. Our enrollment is far ahead of this period last year.

Among the students are some of the Seminole Indians. This institute can render most valuable service to the Seminoles by training their leaders. We are happy that the curriculum in the Baptist Bible Institute, though on a level of high efficiency, is elastic enough to take in these and all others who wish to come for training. We are especially preparing leaders for rural, village, and town churches, thus meeting perhaps the greatest challenge among Southern Baptists today.

Church Secretarial Work

Because of constant demand for church secretaries who can also help with educational and music programs in the churches the Baptist Bible Institute has put into its curriculum a course in church secretarial service. In this we teach typing, shorthand, business English and spelling. Charges for this course are the same as for others offered by the institute, and the work is becoming very popular. Both men and women recognize their need of this training.

Correspondence Courses Planned

It is our purpose to have a course in Bible study and one in evangelism offered through correspondence. These courses should be ready within the next few months. All who are interested in one or both of them will please write Baptist Bible Institute, Box 552, Lakeland.

rancial Support

This is a faith venture. The Bibie Institute has never had support from a strong budget and yet has carried on its work without creating a debt for operating expense. Gifts from individuals and from churches have made this work possible through the years. By agreement with the State Mission Board the school will canvass for funds this year in only seventeen (17) associations of Peninsular Florida. These 17 include: Alachua, Gulf Stream, Indian River, Lake County, Marion, Miami, Orange Blossom, Palm Lake, Pasco, Peace River, Pinellas, Santa Fe River, Seminole, South Florida, Southwest Florida, Tampa Bay, and Wekiwa. It was stated in the State Mission Board meeting, however, that if other associations, churches, or individuals outside of these associations wish to help with the program, they would be perfectly free in doing so. The institute's operating budget for 1948-49 was \$34,000.00. For the year 1949-50 it is \$43,000.00. The school operates very economically, thus giving full value for every dollar invested. Student costs are kept at a minimum so that all who wish to study here may have the privilege of doing so. This school is not operated for profit and because of this fact it does need the prayerful support of its friends.

\$100,000.00 Expansion Program

The Baptist Bible Institute has grown gradually for six years without a special campaign for money. It has now become necessary, however, to provide for pressing and urgent building and equipment needs. In May of this year the board of trustees voted to launch a campaign for \$100,000.00 to meet these demands. Of this amount Eakeland is raising \$50,000.00, or one-half of the total. The 400 churches in the given territory outside of the city of Lakeland are asked to provide the other \$50,000.00. Dr. Robert G. Lee, President of the Southern Baptist Convention, gave his personal check for the first thousand dollars, and he strongly urges all to support this most worthy institution with their gifts. Success in this expansion program at this time will produce fruit for the glory of God for many years to come.

We would urge an interest in your prayers. Please remember us when you pray. Call upon us for any service which we may render.

REPORT ON THE FLORIDA BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME TO THE ALACHUA ASSOCIATION FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1949

Rev. J. Paul Kessler

Our Children's Home has had a good year. The cottage for the little children has been finished and all the children have been moved from Arcadia to Lakeland. This cottage, like all the others, was constructed to cut down on repairs through the years. There are no porches or other attachments to the building that might be a source of constant expense. The walls of the Administration building have been brought up to floor height, the fill dirt for the floor has been hauled in and they are now ready to proceed with finishing the building. They hope to have it completed by January 1950.

With the completion of the Administration building there will be eleven buildings on the property in Lakeland. Five of these are cottages for children. The others are for utility purposes. 'i nep need a chapel and two cottages immediately. These buildings would complete the first unit of the institution and would allow us to care for more than 150 children.

They maintain a farm and a dairy. They have about fifteen acres of good loam soil that they use for grove and farming. They also have 120 acres of pasture land, forty acres of which has been planted to improved pasture grass.

The children attend the public schools of Lakeland. Three of our girls and one boy graduated from high school last year. Two of the girls took jobs; one went in training at the Baptist Hespital in Tennessee, and the boy is in school at Florida State University at Tallahassee.

Our children attend church and Sunday school at the First and the Southside Baptist churches of Lakeland.

We gave assistance to 157 children last year: but we were not able to help all who needed the services of the Home. The addition of two cottages would enable us to add forty children to the number we are helping now. The cottages are badly needed.

You will be asked for a special offering this Christmas to erect buildings at the Home. Let us urge you to give liberally to this worthy cause. Jesus said, "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these my bretheren, ye did it unto me." The writer of proverbs tells us, "He that hath pity on the poor lendeth to the Lord; and that which he hath given will he pay him again."

REPORT ON PUBLICATION

Rev. J. P. Bennett

Publications: The act of publishing or making known any printed matter.

The public press is far the oldest and possibly the least expensive way of putting our cause and purpose before the people. Even in the face of this fact we see very little effort being put forth in that direction.

We do not believe the Editorial personel are to be given as

much of the blame as the churches of the various denominations.

We believe that our daily and weekly newspapers and our monthly magazines would be glad to dedicate all space necessary to carry a reasonable amount of publicity to keep the general public reminded of existence of an all wise God, an ever loving Saviour and abiding Holy Spirit.

This form and amount of publicity could be obtained at very low cost, if any at all, if God's people would go after it with as much interest and determination as people go after publicity who are concerned and interested in the material things of the world.

Then we have the radio which is much more expensive, however we are getting more publicity through that channel than

any other.

Then another opportunity that we are not taking the necessary advantage of is the publicity which could be of untold service to others and at the same time enjoy many rich blessings and that is the "Sign Board" type of publication. We go into the average town or rural community and we usually find the church by asking a resident "Where is the Church?"

Everything else is receiving plenty of publication via the "Sign

Board," "Hand Bill" and "Box Holder" plan.

In the last chapter of Mathew Jesus said "go ye into all the world," etc.

How must we go? Anyway we can.

Where must we go? Everywhere we can.

What must we do? Tell the people.

People of God will we wake up and use our opportunities of publication?

How long halt ve between two opinions?

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

Rev. J. D. Bowen

We note with deep concern the increase in the amount being spent by the American people for alcoholic beverages, the amount for 1948 being \$9,640,000,000— an amount equal to nine dollars for every minute since Jesus was born in Bethlehem. Converted into silver dollars, and laid flat on the ground, edge to edge, the amount would make a line 228,000 miles in length, or more than nine times around the globe. We also note with alarm the fact that Florida has practically doubled its per capita consumption of alcoholic beverages during the past few years, and that for 1946-47, our per capita consumption of hard liquor was 2.26 gallons, while the national average was 1.58 gallons.

Your Executive Secretary has spoken to thousands of adults and young people in churches and schools during the past year. and has adv.sed Sunday School teachers and other leaders through correspondence and personal interviews regarding the best materials available for promoting an adequate narcotics education program. Our office is circulating two picture films, free of rental charges, "Liquid Lore" and "Where Does It Get You?"

Our office has assisted the drys in various counties in having enacted by Boards of County Commissioners of County ordinances, zoning church, school and residential areas against the sale of alcoholic beverages. We have also assisted in securing the passage of county and city ordinances banning the sale of

beer on Sunday.

We have cooperated with Good Citizenship Leagues in various counties in securing legislation and law enforcement with respect to the liquor traffic. We would urge ministers and laymen to support the efforts of United Florida Drys to establish Good Citizenship Leagues in each county, for the development of a higher sense of civic responsibility, for a stricter enforcement of the law and for the mobilization of the Christian forces of the

state of social action against the liquor traffic.

We are happy to report that the vicious measure known as House Bill No. 725 and Senate Bill No. 431 did not get favorable action from the legislature. This Bill would have placed all liquor revenue into a pension fund for old folks, blind persons and dependent children, and if any surplus existed, it would have been paid into the state treasury for the county school fund. The Bill provided that if any county voted dry, no part of this pension fund would go to the dependent classes in that county. We want to thank the ministers and laymen who sent their written protests to the members of the Legislature against the passage of this measure.

We report with regret that House Bill No. 583, making the Sunday law apply to beer saloons, and House Bill No. 596, making the 2500 feet law apply to beer saloons, outside incorporated towns and cities, were reported unfavorable by the House Committee on Business Regulations, to which they were referred. No one in or out of the Legislature gave one valid reason why beer saloons should be exempted from the operation

of the Sunday law and the 2500 feet law.

Four local option elections have been held in the state during the past year. Wakulla County voted to remain dry by the small majority of 11. Hamilton County voted to stay dry by a majority of 563, the vote in favor of closing the saloons two years ago being only 56. Highlands County, dry throughout its entire history, voted wet on August 13, 1948, by a majority of 433. Since a majority of those voting declared their preference for the package store, no liquors will be served over the bar in that

county. Highlands County is the first dry county to vote wet in recent years.

DeSoto County voted to stay wet on April 26, 1949, by a majority of 324. A brillant campaign, under the able leadership of Rev. L. T. Fagan, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Arcadia, was conducted by the drys, and despite the loss of the election, much useful information was disseminated throughout the county. The drys of Bay County, under the efficient leadership of Rev. C. A. Bedsole, pastor of the Millville Baptist Church (Panama Ci.y), presented a petition to the Board of County Commissioners, containing 4484 names—800 more than required by law, for calling a local option election. Since the Supervisor of Registration refused to certify the result of his check of the dry petition, no election was called. The drys of Bay County will continue the fight for a dry county.

We deplore the indifference among the citizens of Flor!da respecting the liquor situation. Look for a moment at some of our sister southern states! Tennessee has 88 dry and only 7 wet counties, and last year Knox County, including the large city of Knoxville, voted dry by a majority of 5507. Ninety-four of 120 counties in Kentucky have voted dry. North Carolina has 75 dry and only 25 wet counties, and more than a dozen counties have outlawed the sale of beer and wine during the past year, Rutherford County by a majority of 14 to 1. Seventy per cent of the counties in eight southern states are dry, while Florida has

48 wet counties and only 18 dry counties.

Shall we admit that the fathers and mothers in Tennessee, Kentucky, North Carolina and other southern states are more deeply concerned over the eternal welfare of their children than the fathers and mothers of Florida? May God give us courage to redouble our efforts during the coming year in the fight against John Barleycorn.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

Rev. V. V. Voelker

Southern Baptists have mission work in thirty geographical areas. In seven of these areas work is at present carried on by nationals without missionary personnel; three of these are in Communist Europe, three in Communist China and the other in Moslem Trans-Jordan. The Foreign Mission Board has 689 active missionaries under appointment, working in 119 mission centers.

Seventy-three missionaries were appointed in 1948; forty-six additional appointments were made between January 1 and May 31, 1949. Missionaries are stationed in four new areas: Guatemala, Venezuela, Formosa, and West China. Also, Costa Rica with two missionaries was transferred from the Home Mission

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Board to the Foreign Mission Board on May 1, 1949.

Several new centers have been opened, including Paysandu, Uruguay; Valparaiso, Chile; Barquisimeto, Venezuela; Zurich, Switzerland; Guatemala City, Guatemala; Beirut, Lebanon;

Taipeh, Formosa; Wuwei, West China.

Among the foreign mission highlights are: a missionary doctor's success in securing a license to practice medicine in Paraguay, making possible establishment of Southern Baptists' first hospital in South America; a missionary couple sent to Paraguay for Russian-speaking people; purchase of Southern Baptists' first missionary airplane, for use in interior Brazil: rehabilitation of China and Japan from the destruction of the war; an international theological seminary opening in Switzerland this fall; extensive work in Nigeria and the Gold Coast.

The healthy condition of Baptist work abroad is evident in national Baptist conventions organized within the year and in the extensive work of older national organizations. The Colombian-Venezuelan Convention was organized in February this year; the China Baptist Convention, for the first time bringing Baptists from the whole of China into one organization, was formed in November 1948; and the Uruguayan Convention was formed in June, 1948. The value of such national organizations is demonstrated in countries where national Baptists are holding Southern Baptist work together without missionary aid.

In response to an undercurrent of insistence, Secretary M. Theron Rankin, early in 1948, proposed an advance program calling for an annual budget of \$10,000,000 and a total staff of 1750 missionaries. This grew into the Southern Baptist Advance Program presented to the Convention in Oklahoma City in May launching a campaign for advancement all along the line, from the local church to the world mission fields, based on the principle of a fifty-fifty division of the collection plate dollar.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

Rev. V. V. Voelker

The annual report of the Home Mission Board to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Oklahoma City, May, 1949, revealed a successful year in evangelism with 46,351 conversions. There were 741 missionaries serving during the year with an additional group of 287 student summer workers giving three months service.

Direct missionaries distributed 48,336 copies of the Bible and Gospel portions and 1.776,704 pages of tracts. The magazine, Southern Baptist Home Missions, had a circulation of 116,000. Mission study books, sold through the book stores, numbered 127.000.

There were 281 new missions opened during the year, 53

among the language groups, 129 in city missions, and 99 in the western states. The report showed 245 new churches constituted and 54 revived, 23 among the language groups, 98 in the city missions program, 33 in rural work, and 90 in the western states. There were 54 churches revived in rural areas.

The Home Mission Board's participation in the Cooperative Program for 1949 is 161/2 per cent of Southwide distributional funds. A large part of the operating budget is provided by Woman's Missionary Union in the March Week of Prayer

offerings for home missions.

Departments of home mission work include: church building and loan, radio, Southern Baptist chaplains, general field workers, work among the Negroes, and departments of education and publicity, Jewish work, evangelism, summer student missions, co-operative missions, (city missions, rural church program, western mission program, mountain missions), and direct missions (Cuba, Canal Zone, Panama, Indians, Spanish-Mexicans, Cubans in the states, French, Italians, Chinese, Japanese, language groups, deaf, mission centers, rescue missions).

STATE MISSIONS REPORT

Rev. E. C. Cowan

State Missions is the home front worldwide missions. No structure can be stronger than the foundation upon which it rests. A weak State Missions program will mean a weak World Missions program. There can be no harvesting until the "seed corn" is planted. Watering and keeping alive the spirit of worldwide missions is the task of State Missions. This is tremendously important, because our worldwide missions program is so complete. ly bound up in the success of State Missions.

State Missions strengthens the mission stream at its fountainhead. It builds missions, establishes new churches, and develops a mission-conscious attitude. A stream cannot rise higher than its

combined sources.

State Missions institutions are vital factors in the life of the whole denomination. These organizations are basic in training preachers, missionaries and denominational workers. And while the churches are giving an ever increasing amount of mission money, our schools are busy turning out preachers, missionaries, lawyers, doctors, nurses and Christian statesmen to take the place of those who have fallen in the ranks. Read Isaiah 54:2. If our tent of expansion becomes larger than the stakes of State Missions can support, the result will be a collapse of the whole super-structure. During this associational year of 1948-49, our Cooperative

Program funds have been divided 50-50. Florida's 50 per cent is divided between institutions, ministerial education and field missions as follows:

| Ministerial Education (through Stetson) | 02% |
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| Stetson University | 14% |
| Florida Baptist Children's Home | 16% |
| Field Missions | 68% |
| Total | 00% |

Field Missions includes the following:

Sunday School, Training Union, Baptist Student Union, Music-Brotherhood, Department of Christian Education, Cooperative Missions, Pastoral Aid, Help to new missions and new churches, Benevolent Aid, Florida Baptist Foundation, Repairs and Equipment and Maintenance of Equipment, Employees' Retirement and Hospitalization, Ministers, Ministers' wives and church workers' retirement, Annuities and Interest Budget, United Florida Drys and National Temperance Movement, Miscellaneous Budget, such as:

a. Tracts and Posters

b. State Mission Day Expense

c. Florida Baptist History

d. Moving Expense of Employees

e. Convention President's Travel Expense

f. Convention Expenses (committee meetings, etc.)

g. Contigent Fund (unforseen expense)
 h. Publication of Florida Baptist Witness

Each year Southern Baptists observe a "special" day known as State Missions Day. Our plea is for you and your church to observe State Missions Day October 23, 1949. Give your people an opportunity to make a worthy State Missions offering which is desperately needed. Can we depend on you?

P. S. Send all Mission funds promptly to 218 W. Church

Street, Florida Baptist Building, Jacksonville 2, Florida.

HISTORICAL EVENTS

BROOKSVILLE: Church Auditorium rebuilt and enlarged. The church building was re-dedicated on June 5, 1949.

HEBRON: Our pastor, Rev. Wayne Johnson, was called April 4, 1949.

INVERNESS: Rev. Lays Frink has accepted this church's call, and will move onto the field about November 1, 1949.

ISTACHATTA: Sunday School rooms finished and dedicated on our annual homecoming day, March 11, 1949. Rev. Walter Pollard gave the dedicatory prayer.

LINDEN: Our new pastor, Rev. C. A. Crosby, was called on December 16, 1948.

WAHOO: We have built new Sunday School rooms this year.

THE TRAINING UNION REPORT

Rev. W. J. Pollard

Having divided our service to God through four distinct unions, together with the cooperative program, the Southern Baptist Convention has given to the local church the most unique and outstanding opportunity ever offered in the history of any church.

Well rounded and well balanced, free from equivocation, giving direction to a local church work that is conductive to a

uniform church program for Christ.

The purpose of the church is to reach them, teach them, train them, and put them to work in the vineyard of the Lord. Experience has taught us that Christian education is a prerequisite to the salvation of the soul. This experience has led to the establishment of real church schools to teach the word of God which now is responsible for 85 per cent of all the converts of our Baptist Churches. This is what our Sunday School is doing.

The purpose of the Brotherhood is to gather the energies of our men behind the program of the church and to utilize the great talents and experiences they possess for the spreading

of the gospel.

The purpose of the WMU is to teach and use the missionary energies of our fine Baptist women in mission work of the church. What a fine job they are doing.

The purpose of the Cooperative program is to give a uniform and systematic plan of giving for an all around the world

missionary program.

The purpose of the Training Union is to provide a vocation school in the heart of our church to train its members for active duty by actually doing. We have set up an organization by which every member of the training union has a part in real training for specific work in the church. Every member doing a job for efficient church training. We cannot afford to miss the real purpose of the Training Union Work.

I. Program Theme For 1950

Theme: "In Christ Is God's Everlasting 'Yes' "

Scripture: "Jesus Christ... was not Yes and No; but in him it is always Yes. For all the promises of God find their Yess in him." (2 Cor. 1:19-20 RSV)

Aim for 1950: To Help Us to Find in Christ God's Provision for ALL of Life's Needs.

Song: "The Solid Rock"

Every program in each union will be centered on this unique

theme. Training Union members will be blessed by the twerve months of study.

II. Training Union Gains In Florida

| Number of churches in Flor Number churches with Train | | 8 | 949 97 98 | 1948 882 665 | Gain 15 33 |
|--|------|---------|-----------------|--------------------|------------------|
| | 1949 | , , | | 1948 | Gain |
| Uni | ions | Enroll. | Unions | Enroll. | Gain |
| Number of Story Hours 7 | 44 | 8,928 | 612 | 7,344 | 132 |
| Number of Junior Unions 8 | 350 | 11,900 | 756 | 10,587 | 94 |
| No. Intermediate Unions 8 | 326 | 12,390 | 728 | 10,920 | 98 |
| No. Young People's Unions 6 | 336 | 9,540 | 559 | 8,385 | .77 |
| No. Adult Unions 8 | 31 | 14,127 | 709 | 12,053 | 122 |
| General Officers | | 2,792 | | 2,704 | |
| TOTALS | 387 | 59,677 | 3364 | 51,990 | 523 |

III. Training Union Information About Alachua Association

| Number of churches in Association | 20 |
|---|-----|
| Number with Training Unions | 15 |
| Number of churches without Training Union work | 5 |
| Number of Adult Unions | 16 |
| Number of Young People's Unions | 8 |
| Number of Intermediate Unions | 10 |
| Number of Junior Unions | 9 |
| Number of Story Hours | 9 |
| Does assoc. have associational Training Union organization? | Yes |

REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOLS

W. K. JENKINS

The Alachua Association of Sunday Schools was reorganized in January, 1949, in the Floral City Baptist Church. At this meeting much of the Associational work was done which should have been done in October, 1948. Leaving the Associational work exactly three months behind schedule, the balance of the year's work was carried out on time. Eastern group meetings were held in February, March, May, June and August, Western group meetings were held in the same months. Eastern group attendance was best at Coleman with 66 in attendance; Western group attendance was best at Istachatta and Eden with 71 in attendance in both instances. The five mass meetings were attended by an average of 64 per meeting. The first meeting at Floral City was one of the best because of the sincere desire of those present to re-establish the SS work. Out of 20 churches in this association, the following churches failed to contribute anything at all to the Associational Sunday School work: Wahoo, Oxford and Pleasant Hill failing to attend a single meeting during the year. Two or three other churches contributed but very little toward the cause, but on the whole we have found the churches willing and ready to cooperate in the effort to carry out the program as set out by our Southern Baptist Convention.

It was a privilege of the writer to attend each and every meeting of both groups—10 in all, also four mass meetings as well as eight planning meetings. I want especially to thank Bros. T. W. Harrison and C. V. Sellers, group leaders, and Bro. R. E. Seckinger, associate superintendent, for their loyal support in carrying out the program, and for assistance in planning the meetings, ect. To all of the pastors who have cooperated by taking on the program parts and assisting otherwise, as well as the superintendents who have any part in making the work go. I also say THANKS. To those who have not yet had any part I urgently request that they make plans now to assist your new Associational Superintendent in attaining the goals as set forth in our meeting in Wildwood last September 20th, or as may be received from time to time from our state headquarters. It has been a pleasure to have this opportunity to serve.

We have had he pleasure of starting one new Sunday School and with this SS we now have 100 percent representation in our churches, proving the statement that any church that is large enough to have church is large enough to have a Sunday School. From this office this year there has been ovr 600 letters written anl mailed in interest of Sunday School work—minutes of each meeting with the program for the next meeting, etc. Stencil for program, paper, envelopes and postage have cost \$25.00, a total of 1574 miles has been driven attending the various meetings and in visitation in connection with the Sunday School program.

REPORT OF THE RELIEF AND ANNUITY BOARD

Rev. Fletcher Weston

The reoprts reviewing the work of the Relief and Annuity Board presented to the Board in its annual meeting in Dallas on March 9th clearly showed 1948 to be a year of splendid achievement in service rendered and in increased assets.

Officers of the Board were re-elected: Dr. Wallace Bassett, president; Dr. Walter R. Alexander, executive secretary; Dr. R. S. Jones, associate secretary; Mr. Orville Groner treasurer-

The total income fo 1948 was \$3,888,740.40, with total benefits amounting to \$1,292,341.84. Total assets of the Board as of December 31st, 1948, were \$15,094,093.60.

There were 2,297 new certificates issued in all the plans of the Board, 774 of them being in the Ministers' Retirement Plan. The Widows' Supplementary Annuity Plan is now in force in all the states of the Southern Baptist Convention with the exception of two: Florida and Tennessee; and Florida will probably qualify for participation in this plan within a few days.

There is much need for greater promotion in all of the states. As yet, there are too many pastors and lay workers who do not have the protection the Board offers. Every person gainfully employed in denominational work, whether pastor, missionary, employee of state or southwide board, institution or agency, and every lay worker such as educational director, church secretary, janitor, etc., should be enrolled in one of the plans fostered by the Board, that when retirement age is reached or ill health impairs, there may be some income provided by membership in one of the plans.

The relief department paid out \$237,252.09 to 1,385 beneficiaries. In nine states more money was spent for relief than was received for relief in those states. We urge every church in the association to follow the Calendar of Denominational Activities of the Southern Baptist Church and take a fellowship offering, preferably at the observance of the Lord's Supper, or at such time as is convenient for the church. Unless this is done no increases can be granted in 1949 and few names can be added to the roll.

REPORT OF THE EVANGELISTIC COMMITTEE

Rev. O. G. Hall

The group in February, 1948, met in Center Hill, where a simultaneous revival was slated for the first two weeks in April.

The following churches participated in the Mass Meeting at Bushnell: Wildwood, Coleman, Sumterville, Bushnell, Istachatta. Indian Hill, Floral City, Hebron, Homossassa. Center Hill, Eden and Webster. Two weeks later Inverness held theirs.

We urge that our whole Association plan that every church will cooperate with all the other churches in the Southern Baptist Convention east of the Mississippi in 1951.

REPORT ON EVANGELISM

Rev. O. G. Hall

Evangelism is the one word which probably more fully expresses our task than any other word we could use. This IS our business. It is the great task assigned to us each and all, by the Great Commission. This task is too big for the pastors alone, or the Sunday School alone, or a department of the Florida Baptist Convention. We must all join hands here if we are to worthily accomplish this work.

In order to do the job at hand, we must get the feel of it, catch the spirit of it. Our goal for Florida in 1949-50 is "One

Baptist For Each Ten Resident Church Members." That brings it home to the smallest church or mission. Please go back to your church and ask them to vote in church conference to accept this goal and write to Rev. Clifford Walker, 218 West Church Street, Jacksonville, that you have set your goal at a certain number.

In order to help the pastors and workers catch the spirit of this thing, a State-Wide Evangelistic Conference has been planned for January 10-12, 1950, at the First Baptist Church, Jacksonville. The out-of-state speakers thus far enlisted are Dr. R. G. Lee, Dr. J. B. Lawrence, Dr. Roland Q. Leavell and Dr. S. F. Dowis. Programs will be mailed to the pastors as soon as they are ready. It would be a wonderful gesture if the churches would provide in their budgets for their pastor's expense to this conference.

We would like to suggest that you vote in this meeting of your association to participate on an associational-wide basis in the Simultaneous Crusade. East of the Mississippi River beginning on Easter Sunday, 1951. The effective carrying out of this tremendeus program will require at least one full year for organization and preparation. Let us demonstrate to all that "Christ is the Answer."

BROTHERHOOD REPORT

L. F. Fore

The Baptist Brotherhood is the fastest growing organization in Baptist life. This statement is based on statistics gathered and published by Porter Routh, statistician of the Southern Baptist Convention. On a convention-wide basis, in the past two years the number of Brotherhoods has more than doubled and the number of men enrolled is up 125 per cent.

In Florida, the work has kept pace. In the last twelve months there have been nearly one hundred new Brotherhoods set up, and the total enrollment as shown by the churches this fall is expected to be increased by about 50 per cent in this one year alone. This year has also seen the coming of Mr. George E. Linney as associate in the state Music-Brotherhood Department. C. A. Holcomb, secretary of this department states that Mr. Linney is winning his way into the hearts of the men in a noble manner. Since Mr. Liney is proving to be so fine in Brotherhood work, he is now spending very little time on music, but practically all on Brotherhood. Mr. Holcomb spends most of his time on music, but, of course, gives general supervision to all activities of the department. Both of these men will work some of the time in both fields of work, but each will have his specialty.

In our own association, we have at the present time 4 Brother-hood organizations with approximately 88 men enrolled. This is a gain of 3 organizations, and none in enrollment.

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MUSIC REPORT

MINUTES

L. F. Fore

"Music hath charms to soothe the savage beast." "Music is the

universal language of mankind."

These two quotations may seem far apart in their meanings, but let us give our interpretations. The first statement points out the fact that music can be used, and many times is used, to soothe the savage beast of sin, and cause men and women to come to know the Savior who will cleanse them of their sins. Millions of people through the centuries have been saved through soul-lifting music. Millions of others have had the way prepared for the spoken word by it. When Christian people lift their voices to God through music, their hearts are welded into a fellowship of eternal and infinite proportions.

The music program of Florida Baptists, and of Southern Baptists, is aiding scores of churches in having God-honoring and Soul-lifting music. The Music Training Course has been broadened. Many new tracts and pamphlets on music have been published, and are available, free of charge, from our State Brotherhood Department. Many schools of music have conducted by workers from this department in every section of the state.

One of the principal objectives of our state department this coming year is to establish in each association a music committee to promote good church music in every church. Our association is asked to elect each year an Associational Music Director through whom our state men might work. This annual meeting of the Association is the time to do this. Together with the one this association chooses, the state director will plan a meeting of representatives of each church to discuss plans for reaching every church with help for its music program.

REPORT ON AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

Rev. W. D. Hand

In every missionary advance, the Bible goes forward first !--This principle has been demonstrated throughout the whole course of Christian missions. It is a basic factor in all planning for an Advance Program for worldwide missions.

If the people of the world are to know Christ -- the one hope of men and nations -- they must have the Bible. It is the one pri-

mary source of knowledge of Him.

Today -- when millions of people around the world are turning to the Bible as never before and when there is a severe shortage of missionaries in many fields-- Bible distribution is more than ever a "must." The Bible is the missionary's chief tool. The Bible itself is a missionary. It can go where the human missionary cannot go, stay when he must leave, and keep on working in a man's heart.

Providing the Bible for worldwide mission work is an essential

missionary task.

Every man must have the Bible in his native tongue if the Word of God is to speak to his heart. Someone must translate it into his language, publish it and send it to him, wherever he may live.

In most countries of the world, the income of the people is so low that they cannot afford even the bare cost of the printed Scriptures. Someone must help those who can pay only a part of

the cost and the many who cannot pay at all.

The American Bible Society, a missionary non-profit organization, supported by gifts, serves as that "Someone." It aids in Bible translation, publishes the Scriptures without note of comment, and distributes them, without profit and usually below cost, for use in mission work around the world.

Working in cooperation with the churches and the denominational mission boards, the Society serves every form of South-

ern Baptist work, at home and abroad.

During 1948 the American Bible Society distributed at home and abroad nearly 10 million volumes of Scriptures; in its World Emergency program, reached a total of nearly 20 million volumes of Scriptures in 8 and one-half years distributed to service men, prisoners of war, displaced persons and civilian populations in Europe and Asia.

It provided needed printing machinery, paper and binding materials for producing large quantities of Scriptures in Ger-

many and Japan on a self-help basis,

1949 opportunities call for an Advance Program of Scripture

distribution.

In today's "uneasy peace" the heart of all mankind is gripped by fear that we will not be able to control the destructive forces set loose by our own inventive genius. Men are realizing that the Bible presents the only real answer to the needs of men and nations, and are earnestly seeking the Word of God.

Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields, for they are white already to harvest. There are many fields where the returns are great, Japan, Germany, China and South and Central America. But it is a race against time. Today's hungry-hearted eagerness for the Word of God may not last indefinitely; opposing forces

are at work.

In 1948, Southern Baptist churches gave \$106,739 to the American Bible Society; total gifts to the Society from churches of all denominations amounted to \$922,192. Increased gifts will be required to provide for urgent needs for missionary advance throughout the world. Please send gifts to your Baptist State Headquarters office, marked "for the American Bible Society." Any amount is to small for this great work.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1949

By G. H. Stapp

| Bank Balance October 1, | 1948 | \$763.89 |
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RECEIPTS:

| Adamsville | 3.00 |
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| Brooksville | 146.64 |
| Coleman | 5.00 |
| Coleman | 36.98 |
| Eden | |
| Floral City | 23.11 |
| Hebron | 2.00 |
| Homosassa | 10.00 |
| Indian Hill | 12.00 |
| Inverness | 60.00 |
| Istachatta | 20.86 |
| Lecanto | 5.00 |
| Lecanto | 5.00 |
| Linden | 60.08 |
| Oxford | 09.96 |
| Pleasant Hill | 3.60 |
| Sumterville | 5.00 |
| Webster | 5.00 |
| Wildwood | 85.00 |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | 498.83 |

PAYMENTS:

| W. M. U | 100.00 |
|---------------------------------|----------|
| Printing Programs | 13.00 |
| Clerk | . 70.74 |
| Printing Minutes | 130.46 |
| Associational Missionary | 60.00 |
| Training Union | 10.91 |
| Stationery | . 14.50 |
| TOTAL PAYMENTS | |
| NET GAIN FOR THE YEAR | |
| Bank Balance September 30, 1949 | \$863.11 |
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DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS.

| General Fund | 543.44 |
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| Assembly Ground Fund | ,319.67 |
| TOTAL FUNDS ON HAND | 863.11 |

REPORT OF BUDGET COMMITTEE

By Rev. V. V. Voelker

| Printing Minutes | \$140.00 |
|----------------------|----------|
| Clerk, Postage, Misc | |
| Moderator | 75.00 |
| B. T. U | 100.00 |
| Sunday School | 75.00 |
| W. M. U | 75.00 |
| Brotherhood | |
| TOTAL | |
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We recommend that this budget be raised by each Church giving two and one-half (2½) per cent of general offerings.

One account is transferable to another should the necessity require and upon the approval of the Executive Committee.

We recommend that levies be paid each quarter on the first Monday after first Sunday of quarter.

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

By Rev. Wm. B. Thirlwell

1. We, as New Testament Churches, have a divine commission to perform colossal tasks. To be simply qualified to carry on in mighty fashion for God, we must be undergirded with supernatural power. Therefore, we would urge our people to pray for the release of spiritual power that the forces of righteousness might prevail.

2. There are two enemies in our land that are polluting, defiling and robbing our people of virtue, character and life. They are God's enemies and destroyers of men. We urge our people to unite in one concerted effort to outlaw these major evils from our counties—namely, gambling and liquor.

3. We seriously urge all our people to come at once to God's plan for supporting the whole Gospel in the whole world—the tithe and offerings. Every Baptist a Tither; Fifty-fifty by 1950; that the world may know. We urge our churches to adopt a definite plan looking toward this attainment in each church.

4. Resolved: that the gratitude of the Association be expressed to the First Baptist Church of Oxford, its able pastor, Rev. V. V. Voelker, the committee on entertainment, the ladies who presided over the meals so graciously.

5. Resolved: that thanks be expressed by the Association for the good reports given, and for the inspiring messages by our State workers.

6. Resolved: that we extend our deepest sympathy to those whose loved ones have made their departure since last we met.

7. Looking to the improvement of the quality of the music and singing in our churches of the Association, we recommend that we elect an Associational-wide Singing School during this year.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS

President: Mrs. W. B. Thirlwell, Brookvsille

Young People's Leader: Mrs. Gus Schultz, Brooksville

Vice President: Mrs. M. K. Langston, Bushnell

Secretary-Treasurer: Mrs. W. K. Jenkins, Inverness

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Stewardship: Mrs. P. K. Kimbrough, Jr., RR3, Brooksville

Mission Study: Mrs. W. T. Lamb, Sr., Center Hill Training School: Mrs. Fannie Schofield, Inverness Children's Home: Mrs. W. J. Hughes, Bushnell

Publicity: Mrs. W. E. Crum, Bushnell

Margaret Fund: Mrs. Retta Petteys, Nobleton Community Missions: Mrs. W. M. O'Dell, Oxford

Relief: Mrs. Pearl Jones, Wildwood

Members at Large

Mrs. C. A. Crosby, Linden Mrs. Edward Sparkman, Sumterville Superintendents: (1.) Mrs. T. J. K. Funderburk, Nobleton, (2) Mrs. C. W. Kinard, (3.) Miss Lula O'Dell, Oxford.

REPORT ON W. M. U.

Mrs. Wm. B. Thirlwell

Throughout the associational year the complete corps of officers and chairmen of the Alachua Woman's Missionary Union have been zealously at work. Executive sessions have been well attended and the plans there made have been pursued with success from quarter to quarter in every department.

We started the year with thirteen active societies and in April Sumterville asked for help in organizing, Mrs. E. S. Haney and Mrs. Wm. B. Thirlwell met with them, taught the Year Book, and organized the fourteenth society in the association.

Regular quarterly meetings have been held. January's meeting at Brooksville was honored by having Mrs. R. L. Lassiter, new state president, teach the Year Book. During the noon hour presidents, vice-presidents, secretaries, and associational and local chairmen of stewardship, mission study, community missions, Training School, Children's Home, and publicity met at ten private luncheons to discuss and plan their work.

The April meeting at Bushnell, arranged by Mrs. E. S. Haney, was entirely a home talent program and proved most

informative and helpful.

The Youth Rally Day held at Coleman in July demonstrated the progress and abilities of our auxiliaries. This excellent program was arranged by Mrs. Gus Schultz, Young People's Leader, and used Sunbeams, R. A.'s, G. A.'s, and Y. W. A.'s from over the association...

Our fall meeting, which usually precedes this meeting, has

been set for November 3 in order that the association might take advantage of the demonstrations used at the Leadership Conference held this month at Clearwater. Five women from the association attended this conference.

The President and Young People's Leader attended the leadership session last November at Miami and the president attended the state W. M. U. Convention at Daytona in March.

There has been progress at almost every point this year, 14 as against 13 societies, 335 members as against 278, 122 tithers, same as last year, subscriptions to Royal Service and The Witness are up, and there was a substantial increase in the seasons of prayer offerings: State Missions \$197.55. Home Missions \$394.40, and Foreign Missions \$326, 83, and the sum of \$510.03 given to other mission causes.

OUR 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 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 or major fraction thereof, in excess of fifty.
- 4. The Officers of the Association shall be the Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk-Treasurer. Also the Presidents of the Sunday School, W. M. S., B. T. U. and Brotherhood.
- 5. The Executive Committee of the Association shall be the above-named officers, together with all resident pastors in the Association.
- 6. The Moderator shall preside over the sessions, keep order, take a vote on all questions properly presented and perform such other duties as are usual to such officer. The Clerk shall keep a 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 record of all monies received: pay out upon the instruction of the body and make an itemized report of some to the Association at 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 at 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.
- 8. 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 from the Association upon due notice to the body.
- 12. Any church failing to report to the Association, neither sending representatives or 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 a two thirds vote of the body in session.

REPORT OF OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Rev. C. W. Kinard

"In Loving Memory Of Our Deceased"

Since we last met our heavenly father in his divine wisdom has called from our midst several of our brothers and sisters who have been our co-laborers in the Master's Work. This afternoon we desire to pause in loving memory of their inspiration and companionship and to renew our dedication to our saviour's kingdom.

The clouds separate us from them. Their faces are seen by us no more, but their deeds live and shall live to bless the world as long as time shall last, and some day well who are his children shall see them in the glory of that life which is clothed in morality, where the ravages of time no more will separate us from fellowship with them, where sin and disease have no power. We lovingly dedicate this page to their memories and commit them to the loving care of an all wise Father until the dawning of that eternal day when we shall join them.

In Memoriam



OUR HONORED DECEASED MEMBERS

ADAMSVILLE: Mrs. Mary Peavy

BROOKSVILLE: Mrs. J. K. Lewis, Mr. Frank P. Newell, Mr. John T. Mould, Mrs. Tempa Lee, David L. Hedick.

CENTER HILL: Mrs. Lilly A. Jones.

EDEN: Mrs. Priscilla Cason.

HEBRON: Mrs. Grace Garrett.

INVERNESS: Mr. Donald Lloyd.

ISTACHATTA: Mr. F. E. Pearsall.

LECANTO: Mr. Harmon Riggs.

LINDEN: Mr. N. Merritt.

OXFORD: Mr. Lloyd Bailey.

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| Oxford | Λ | 1889 | 4 V. V | Voelker, Box 116. Oxford | | 15 | 2 | 15 1 | | 85 244 | 1 | 17 | Yes | Yes |
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| ALACHUA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION STATE OF FLORIDA R YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1949 ciational Superintendent: W. K. Jenkins | nuda | John Millsap, Coleman | 3 E. | mer G. Hay | A. B. Jones, Center Hill. | George V. Sellers, Coleman | E. W. Parks, Brooksville | ` | J. A. Fillman, Rt. 2, Brooksville | Andrew Goodman, Homosassa | Clarence Register. Bushnell | W. K. Jenkins, Inverness | Mrs. Retta Pettys. Nobleton | W. M. Wilder, Lecanto- | John W. Qutlaw, Center Hill | Juddy Perry, Box 114, Oxford | - | | 17 | | R. E. Seckinger, Wildwood | TOTALS |
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TABLE C - TRAINING UNION

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TABLE D - WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

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| Center Hill | Mrs. Lydia Lamb, Center Hill | | | 1 | - | | - | e | 14 | - | 12 | | 14 | 43 | | , |
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| Eden | Miss Myrtle Dick, Brooksville | | | 1 | - | | 1 | 7 | 10 | : | 14 | | | 47 | | 1 |
| Floral City | No W. M. U. | | · · | | 1 | | : | | | : | | | | | | : * |
| Hebron | Mrs Gertrude McCall, Brooksville | | | 1 | | | | | 13 | | | | | 13 | | * |
| Homosassa | No W. M. U. | | | | *** | - | | | | | : | : | | | | 1 |
| Indian Hill | No W. M. U. | | | | | | | | | | : | | | i | • | : 0 |
| Inverness | Mrs. R. H. Martin, Inverness | | | 1 | - | | - | | 4 | | 12 | | 77 | = : | • | 0 0 |
| Istachatta | Mrs. J. C. Graham, Istachatta | | | 1 | | | | - | 10 | | : | | | 2: | 21 | 0 |
| Lecanto | Mrs. Ella Barnes, Lecanto | | | 1 | | | | - | 11 | | | | | = : | • | • |
| Linden | Mrs. Myrtle Iley, Center Hill | | | 1 | | | | ٦, | 21 | : | | | | 17 | | 7 |
| Oxford | Mrs. G. C. Perry, Box 114, Oxford | • | | 3 | - | | - | 2 | 22 | | 9 | | 18 | 46 | 10 1 | - |
| Pleasant Hill | No W. M. U. | | | | **** | | : | 1 | :: | : | | | | | | : |
| Sumterville | Mrs. J. A. Tompkins, Sumterville | ? | | 1 | - | 1 | : | - | 16 | | | | | 16 | | 1 |
| Wahoo | No W. M. U. | | | 1 | | 1 | : | ! | 1 | : | 1 | : | | :: | | : 0 |
| Webster | Mrs. G. W. Kinard, Webster | | | 1 | 1 | | - | 8 | 13 | | - | | | 38 | | 6 |
| Wildwood | Mrs. Dolly Fore, Rt. 1, Wildwood | | | 3 1 | - | - | - | 7 | 44 | 2 | 15 | 12 | 17 | | 57 6 | 99 |
| | | TOTAL | | 19 1 | 6 | 2 | 8 | 35 | 344 | 5 | 103 | 21 | 91 5 | 564 3 | 370 236 | 98 |

TABLE E — BROTHERHOOD WORK-BUILDING

| | | BROTHERHOOD | RHOOL | 0 | BUILDING | כיז | GOALS | 3 |
|---------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------------------|-------|-------|-----------------|
| ALA | ALACHUA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION | | | | | | p | |
| | STATE OF FLORIDA | | | | | | Hie | u u |
| FOR YE | FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1949 | | Held | S'10 | ch olud olud side | | un a | iation w Y |
| Associational | nal President, Loy Waldron, Wildwood | јјше п | | Past | Chui Chui | Chur | Co-op | Assoc on suc |
| Churches | Presidents of Men's Brotherhoods | | Meet | Value Resid | Pasto | | Progr | Goal |
| Adamsville | No Brotherhood | The second second | | | 200 | | | |
| Bushnell | No Brotherhood | | | 6,000 | 000'09 | 1,597 | 1,570 | 120 |
| Center Hill | | | | 3,500 | 4.000 | | 120 | ! |
| Coleman | | | | | 6,000 | | 125 | 100 |
| Floral City | R. Wimberley, Brooksville | 22 | 22 | | 16,149 | | | |
| Hebron | | | | | 8,000 | | | |
| Homosassa | | | | | 1 900 | | 197 | |
| Indian Hill | No Brotherhood | | | | 500 | | | |
| Inverness | J. Fred Hair, Inverness | 17 | 12 | 7.000 | 20,000 | | 009 | 09 |
| Lecanto | No Brotherhood | | | | 5,000 | | ł | |
| Linden | H D Outlaw Ir Center Hill | • | 2 | | 2,500 | | 10 | |
| Oxford | Brotherhood | 10 | 67 | 4 000 | 19,000 | | 750 | 20 |
| Pleasant Hill | No Brotherhood | à | | | 1,500 | | 2 | 2 |
| Sumterville | No Brotherhood | | | | | | | |
| Wanoo | No Brotherhood | | | | 5,000 | | | |
| Webster | otherhood | | | 3,000 | 11,000 | | | |
| Wildwood | Lebby Fore, Rt. 1, Wildwood | 37 | 40 | 15,000 | 65,000 | | 6,500 | 09 |
| | TOTALS | 98 | 98 | 46.000 | 241,549 | 1,597 | 9.762 | 410 |
| | | Control of the second second second | The second second | | | | | - |

TABLE F — GIFTS FOR LOCAL WORK OF CHURCH

| Church Debt Cotal Local Expenses | 36 | 1,196 27,867 | | | 128 1,977 | | | 1,659 | 099 | 80 | 9,123 | 30 1,988 | | | 1.949 6,274 | 50 273 | 23 606 | 9 100 | 2.100 |
|--|--------------------------------|--------------|------------|-------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------------|--------|-----------|------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|---------|------------------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|-------|
| Sayment on | | _ | _ | _ | | | | | | | | | | 741 | | | | | |
| Revival Expense and Pastoral Supply | 116 | 378 | 164 | 44 | 190 | 190 | . 23 | 78 | 120 | | 445 | 73 | | 50 | 545 | | 72 | 43 | - |
| ocal Mission | C 14 1 1 1 1 | 100 | 30 | | 99 | | 15 | 20 | | | 305 | 11 | 31 | 78 | 109 | | 13 | | |
| literature, Song Book, et | 44 | 1,555 | 427 | 117 | 143 | 324 | 90 | 342 | | | 298 | 152 | 86 | 74 | 184 | 20 | 94 | | |
| New Buildings | | 20,089 | | | 120 | 625 | | 70 | | | | 712 | | | | | | 325 | |
| Maintenance Church Property | | 123 | 350 | 32 | 45 | | 6 | 13 | 180 | | 3,892 | | 23 | | 966 | | - 2 | | |
| Cher Salaries | , | 785 | 158 | | | 12 | | | | | 180 | | 36 | | 144 | | | | |
| Sastor's Salary For Year | 777 | 3,600 | 2,600 | 1.920 | 1,235 | 1,820 | 814 | 1,135 | 360 | 80 | 3.090 | 1.010 | 360 | 1.530 | 2.348 | 203 | 403 | 1,820 | |
| Fotal Gifts Recorded, A Offerings and Groups | 1,035 | 25,613 | 5,067 | 2.014 | 3 072 | 3,425 | 1,155 | 2,088 | 720 | 108 | 10,216 | 2.315 | 685 | 2,743 | 7,256 | 277 | 673 | 2,161 | |
| dinds on Hand Reginning of Year | 88 | 2,596 | 438 | 331 | 298 | 199 | 10 | | | 28 | 271 | 115 | 86 | 16 | 3,107 | 17 | 27 | 47 | |
| ALACHUA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION STATE OF FLORIDA FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1949 Associational Treasurer: G. H. Stapp, Oxford Churches Treasurers | C. D. Cole, R. F. D., Wildwood | 101 | s Bevelle, | . Knight | m | James Snow, Brooksville | | 7.7 | | Mrs. Joanna Knight, Bushnell | 02 | Mrs. Retta Pettys, Nobleton | Mrs. | Charlie Parish, Linden | C. H. Stapp, Oxford | Mrs. E | J. B. Hogans, Sumterville | Mrs. Maude Rivenback, Bushnell | |
| ALACHUA STA' FOR YEAR EN Associational T | Adamsville | Brooksville | Bushnell | Center Hill | Coleman | Eden | Floral City | Hebron | Homosassa | Indian Hill | Inverness | Istachatta | Lecanto | Linden | Oxford | Pleasant Hill | Sumterville | Wahoo | |

- GIFTS FOR ALL MISSIONS, EDUCATION, ORPHANAGES, ETC. TABLE G

| | ALACHUA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION STATE OF FLORIDA | | snois | oissiM | oissiM | | | i Gitt | spitals | τ λ: | noissi | od.ma | |
|--------------|--|-----------------|--------|--------|--------|----------------|-----------------|--------|---------|-------------|--------|--------|-------|
| FOR | FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1949 | Progr Budg | siM | əte | ome | snoi | March Committee | Tota | oH o | inuu | M 10 | I IIV | pund |
| | Associational Missionary: | | nal | sp | H pa | | | ,98, | t pa | | l st | otal | |
| Rev. | Rev. Theo. Farr, 607 E. Rich Ave., Deland | erati Inifie | ciatio | gnate | enste | gnate grant | ols, e | eueų | gnate | or an | I GIL | T br | |
| Churches | Clerks of Churches | Coop J vo | oss , | isəO | its9() | | | qıO | giaaQ | | Fota | Girai | |
| Adamsville | Mrs. John Millsap, Coleman | 12 | | | 25 | | - | 26 | | | 63 | 1,036 | |
| Brooksville | m | 1,256 | 147 | 80 | 99 | 100 | 131 | 41 | | 120 | 1,941 | 29,766 | |
| Bushnell | Miss Almarine Woodard, Bushnell | 244 | 35 | 49 | 74 | 101 | | 63 | | 4 | 999 | 4,433 | 893 |
| Center Hill | ie C. Knight, C | 107 | | | | | 4 | | | | 107 | 2,344 | |
| Coleman | . V. Sellers, Box 8 | 74 | | 18 | 19 | | | 17 | | | 128 | 2,105 | 1,265 |
| Eden | inda Jone | 182 | 40 | 22 | 3 | | | 128 | | 46 | 421 | 3,415 | 254 |
| Floral City | Jimmie Knight, | 87 | 18 | | 5 | 3 | | 31 | | 17 | 161 | 1,112 | 52 |
| Hebron | Mrs. Gertrude McCall, Brooksville | 54 | | 2 | ¢4 | 2 | | 32 | 9 | 214 | 312 | 1,972 | 118 |
| Homosassa | rew Good | . 10 | | | | | 10 | 30 | 10 | | 09 | 720 | |
| Indian Hill | 5 | 10 | | | | | | | | | 10 | 90 | 35 |
| Inverness | R | 476 | 09 | 17 | 27 | 58 | 270 | 111 | 119 | 114 | 1,152 | 10,275 | 212 |
| stachatta | Carrie M | 148 | 21 | 9 | 8 | | 42 | 53 | | | 254 | 2,242 | 188 |
| Lecanto | E | 10 | | 19 | 5 | 2 | 6 | 2 | | | 44 | 707 | 89 |
| en | Linden | 15 | | 25 | | | | | | | 40 | 2,743 | 66 |
| Oxford | - | 747 | 20 | 20 | 24 | 80 | 6 | 6 | | 22 | 86 | 7,256 | 3,107 |
| leasant Hill | Ethel Johnson, Rt. 1 | | | | | | | | 14 | | 14 | 287 | 7 |
| Sumterville | Ma | 99 | | | | | | 2 | | | 61 | 199 | 33 |
| Wahoo | Maxine Rivenback, Bushnell | 4 | | 15 | | | | | | | 19 | 2,207 | |
| Webster | A. | 13 | | 19 | 13 | 16 | | 99 | | | 117 | 3,288 | 568 |
| Wildwood | Mrs. A. H. Toole, Wildwood | 3,093 | 22 | 7 | 51 | 127 | 140 | 414 | 28 | 341 | 4,276 | 14,346 | 2,189 |
| | IATIOT | 0022 | 400 | 000 | 000 | 400 | 611 | 000 | 1 | , 400 | 10000 | | 0100 |