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OF THE

Sixty-Second Anniversary

OF THE

Florida Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE

CONCORDIA BAPTIST CHURCH,

CONCORD, - - - - FLORIDA,

Tuesday and Wednesday, October 11 and 12, 1904.

MODERATOR—REV. F. M. WELLS, Alamo, Fla.

CLERK:
REV. FRANK W. CRAMER,
Tallahassee, Florida.

TREASURER:
O. B. HALL,
Concord, Florida.

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ANNOUNCEMENT.

The Sixty-third Anniversary of the Association will be held with the First Church, Perry, Taylor County, Florida, on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 3rd and 4th, 1905.

The introductory sermon will be preached by Rev. Frank W. Cramer.

Executive Committee, 1904-1905.

Rev. FRANK W. CRAMER, Rev. E. L. WELLS,
Rev. S. J. REVELL, Rev. L. A. ROBERTS,
Rev. W. L. SAVAGE.

CONSTITUTION

—OF THE—

FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE I.

This Association shall be known by the name of The Florida Baptist Association. The object of this Association shall be to conduct the work of missions, colportage, Sabbath School enterprise and other work that will tend to the spread of the Gospel.

ARTICLE II.

This Association shall be composed of white male members chosen by the representative church in its union, in the proportion of two members for each church of fifty or less, and one additional delegate for every twenty-five members over fifty. No church, however, shall have more than four delegates.

ARTICLE III.

The letters sent by the churches of each session of the Association shall express their respective members in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and dead since last session.

ARTICLE IV.

Believing it to be proper, on account of the diversity of opinion among men as to the import of Scripture contained in the Old and New Testaments, to declare our belief and understanding thereof, we therefore append our belief in twelve articles and present them; with our minutes, to the Baptist denomination.

ARTICLE V.

The Association, when convened, shall be governed by a regular and proper decorum. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the votes of the members present, who shall hold their offices until the next session of the body, and until their successors are elected. The Moderator shall preside at the meetings of the Association, and the Clerk shall record the proceedings thereof and prepare them for the press.

ARTICLE VI.

The Association thus organized shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage nor infringe upon the internal rights of any church.

ARTICLE VII.

Newly constituted churches may be admitted to this union on application by letter and delegates; and if, upon examination, found to be orthodox, shall be received by the Association and the right hand of fellowship extended to the delegates by the Moderator.

ARTICLE VIII.

The Association shall furnish the minutes of their proceedings in proportion to the funds sent up for that purpose by the churches.

ARTICLE IX.

The minutes of the Association shall be publicly read (and corrected, if necessary) and then signed by the Moderator and Clerk before adjournment.

ARTICLE X.

Any amendment of, or change in this Constitution may be made by the votes of two-thirds of the members present at the two regular successive meetings of the Association. All other matters of fellowship shall be decided by a majority of votes. In matter of fellowship the Association must be a unit.

ARTICLE XI.

The Association shall have power, first, to provide for the general union of the churches; second, to give the churches advice in matters of difficulty; third, to inquire into the cause of the failure of any church to be represented at the meetings of the Association; fourth, to withdraw fellowship from any church or churches in this union who shall violate the rules of the Association, or who shall depart from orthodox principles of the revealed word of God; fifth, to appropriate the money contributed and sent up to the Association as specified by said churches, and when not specified it shall be appropriated to promote the best interests of the Master's cause; sixth, to adjourn to any future time and place they deem most convenient to the churches in the union.

RULES OF DECORUM

—OF THE—

FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

1. At every meeting of the Association the Moderator shall call the members to order and cause the Clerk to read the minutes of the previous Association.

2. The Moderator shall preserve order, and shall speak on any point of order with reference to the other members, and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Association, when requested by any two members.

3. The Moderator shall put all questions distinctly in this form: "As many as are in favor (as the question may be) say 'Aye.'" And after the affirmative vote is taken, "As many as are of a contrary opinion say 'No.'" If doubtful which vote is in the majority, it shall be decided by rising and counting.

4. The Moderator shall appoint the committees, except in cases of appointment by ballot.

5. In all cases of ballot the Moderator may vote. In all other cases he shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided, or unless his vote given to the minority will make the division equal. In that case the question shall be lost.

6. When any member is about to speak in debate he shall rise and address the Moderator.

7. If any member, while speaking or otherwise employed, transgress the rules of decorum, the Moderator shall, or any member may, call him to order.

8. When two or more members shall rise at the same time, the Moderator shall decide who is first entitled to the floor.

9. No member shall indulge in unkind remarks in debate, nor shall any member speak more than twice on the same question without leave from the Association, nor more than once until every one choosing to speak shall have done so.

10. While any member is addressing the Association it shall be the duty of the Moderator to suppress all private discourse that may be entertained between the members, and require strict attention on the part of the members.

11. When a motion is made and seconded it shall be stated by the Moderator before debate.

12. Every motion shall be reduced to writing if desired by any member of the Association.

13. After a motion is made and seconded it shall be deemed in possession of the Association, but may be withdrawn at any time before being discussed or amended.

14. When a question is under debate no motion shall be entertained unless to amend it or to refer it to a committee, or for the previous question, or for adjournment.

15. A motion for adjournment shall always be in order, and decided without debate.

16. Any member may call for a division of a question when two or more distinct propositions are set forth, and when the substance will admit of division.

17. Motions and amendments may be referred to a committee at the pleasure of the Association.

18. Every resolution shall receive two statements or readings in the Association previous to its passage. The first shall be for information, and the second when the decision of the Association is to be made.

19. These rules may be changed or amended at any full meeting of the Association.

20. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer each day by the Moderator or some other member.

21. All queries shall be fairly stated in writing and approbated by two-thirds of the members present before they shall be acted upon.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

—OF THE—

FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Article 1. We believe in one only true and living God, and that there are three in the Godhead—the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.

Article 2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

Article 3. We believe the doctrine of particular and eternal election.

Article 4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

Article 5. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state in which he is by nature, by his own free will and ability.

Article 6. We believe that we are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

Article 7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

Article 8. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never finally fall away.

Article 9. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ; that nothing is baptism except immersion; that believers are the only subjects of this ordinance, and that none but baptized believers are entitled to partake of the Lord's Supper.

Article 10. We believe in a general resurrection of the dead and a general judgment.

Article 11. We believe that the punishment of the wicked shall be everlasting, and the joys of the righteous will be eternal.

Article 12. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances only such as are regularly called and have come under the imposition of the hands of the presbytery.

List of Churches, Pastors, Delegates and Clerks.

AENON, Leon County—Pastor Delegates: Rev. James Holland, Andrew Hartsfield, Albert Hartsfield. Clerk: W. R. Gray, Tallahassee, Fla.

ANTIOCH, Gadsden County—Pastor, Rev. S. J. Revell. Delegates: Chas. Blunt, Thos. Craven. Clerk: E. G. Richards, Wetumpka, Fla.

ARRAN, Wakulla County—Pastor, Rev. A. V. Reese. Delegates: Rev. J. E. Clemons, W. H. Eubanks. Clerk: J. S. Edwards, Arran, Fla.

BRISTOL, Liberty County—Pastor, Rev. S. J. Revell. Delegates: Clerk: E. H. Revell, Bristol Fla.

CARRABELLE, Franklin County—Pastor, Rev. E. L. Wells. Delegates: Clerk: J. L. Robinson, Carrabelle.

CHAIRES, Leon County—Pastor, Rev. Stephen Crockett. Delegates: Clerk: C. J. English, Chaires, Fla.

CONCORD, Madison County—Pastor, E. C. Trice. Delegates: Clerk

CENTREVILLE, Leon County—Pastor, Rev. A. M. Manning. Delegates Clerk

CONCORDIA, Gadsden County—Pastor, Rev. F. M. Wells. Delegates: Bryant Walsh, J. H. Darsey, F. M. Parrit, B. A. Kemp. Clerk: D. L. Maxwell, Concord, Fla.

CRAWFORDVILLE, Wakulla County—Pastor, Rev. A. V. Reese. Delegates Clerk: O. N. Harrell, Crawfordville, Fla.

CORINTH, Liberty County—Pastor Delegates Clerk

CORINTH, Taylor County—Pastor Delegates Clerk

EBENEZER, Jefferson County—Pastor Delegates: M. D. Colsom. Clerk: C. S. Hatchett, Pinhook, Fla.

EBENEZER, Leon County—Pastor, Rev. L. A. Roberts. Delegates: T. P. Barineau. Clerk: J. W. Simpson, Ben Haden, Fla.

ELIZABETH, Jefferson County—Pastor Delegates Clerk: C. W. Hamrick, Aucilla, Fla.

FLAT CREEK, Gadsden County—Pastor, Rev. F. M. Wells. Delegates: M. N. Smith, J. H. Tolar. Clerk: J. B. Fletcher, River Junction, Fla.

FORT BRADEN, Leon County—Pastor Delegates Clerk

GREENVILLE, Madison County—Pastor, T. J. Euans. Delegates Clerk: J. W. Bishop, Greenville, Fla.

HARMONY, Madison County—Pastor, Rev. R. F. Hacker. Delegates: Albert Reames. Clerk: N. W. Campbell, Harmony, Fla.

INDIAN SPRINGS, Leon County—Pastor Delegates Clerk: H. C. Billingsley, Lloyd, Fla.

LAKE ELLEN, Wakulla County—Pastor, Rev. J. E. Clements. Delegates: J. I. Langston, E. J. Reeves. Clerk: J. A. Whetston, Medart, Fla.

LAKE MYSTIC, Liberty County—Pastor, S. J. Revell. Delegates Clerk

MADISON, Madison County—Pastor, Rev. A. J. Reamy. Delegates: W. E. Took. Clerk: Thos. E. Hardee, Madison, Fla.

MONTICELLO, Jefferson County—Pastor Delegates Clerk: John M. Clark, Monticello, Fla.

MOSELEY HALL, Madison County—Pastor, Rev. E. Trice. Delegates Clerk: M. Leverette, Quitman, Ga.

MOUNT BEZAR, Wakulla County—Pastor, Rev. L. A. Roberts. Delegates: J. C. Whetston, Thos. Syfrett. Clerk: E. C. Roberts, Sopchoppy, Fla.

MOUNT ELON, Wakulla County—Pastor, Rev. L. A. Roberts. Delegates: M. F. Anderson, R. B. Langston, Noah Langston, J. W. Calvin. Clerk: R. B. Langston, Smith Creek, Fla.

MOUNT PLEASANT, Gadsden County, Pastor, Rev. C. L. Burns. Delegates: J. W. Smith. Clerk: H. R. Parramore, Mount Pleasant, Fla.

NEW HOPE, Jefferson County—Pastor Delegates Clerk

NEW PROSPECT, Madison County—Pastor Delegates Clerk: J. S. Rickler, Moseley Hall.

OAK GROVE, Madison County—Pastor, Rev. W. B. High. Delegates: L. B. Herring. Clerk: N. S. Frieo, Pinetta, Fla.

PERRY, Taylor County—Pastor, Rev. W. L. Savage. Delegates Clerk: J. O. Culpepper.

PROVIDENCE, Gadsden County—Pastor, Rev. F. M. Wells. Delegates: W. D. Richards, C. W. Blunt, Dan McColeman. Clerk: W. H. Dean, Adams, Fla.

QUINCY, Gadsden County—Pastor, Rev. E. L. Wells. Delegates: A. S. White. Clerk: W. E. Shelfer, Quincy, Fla.

SOPCHOPPY, Wakulla County—Pastor Delegates Clerk

SUNNY DELL, Gadsden County—Pastor, Rev. F. M. Wells.
Delegates: W. S. Timmons, S. S. Bentley. Clerk: W. S. Timmons, Quincy, Fla.

SUNDOWN—Pastor, Rev. Stephen Crockett. Delegates.....
Clerk: R. S. Shackelford.

TALLAHASSEE, Leon County—Pastor, Frank W. Cramer.
Delegates.....Clerk: J. W. Duval, Tallahassee.

MINISTERIAL DIRECTORY

—OF THE—

Ordained Ministers.

Abbreviations—"P." signifies Pastor; "W. C." Without Charge;
"C. C." Church Connection.

NAME.	WHERE LOCATED.	P. O. ADDRESS.
Beddie, C. M.	W. C. C. C. Bristol	Bristol, Fla.
Burns, C. L.	P., Mount Pleasant	Parramore, Fla.
Clements, J. E.	P., Lake Ellen	Ashmore, Fla.
Caraway, W.	W. C. C. C., Moseley Hall	Madison, Fla.
Cramer F. W.	P., Tallahassee	Tallahassee, Fla.
Crockett, S.	P., Chaires and Sunny Dell	Madison, Fla.
D'Laughter A. A.	W. C. C. C., Moseley Hall	Moseley Hall.
Hacker, R. F.	P., Harmony	Harmony, Fla.
High, W. B.	P., Oak Grove	Lake Park, Ga.
Holland, James	W. C. C. C., Aenon	Ocklocknee, Fla.
Manning, A. M.	P., Centreville	Mannington, Fla.
Reamy, A. J.	P., Madison	Madison, Fla.
Reese, A. V.	P., Arran & Crawfordville	Crawfordville, Fla.
Roberts, L. A.	P., } Ebenezer, Leon Co.	Spring Hill, Fla.
Revell, S. J.	P., } Bristol, Lake Mystic	Bristol, Fla.
Savage, W. L.	P., Perry	Perry, Fla.
Trice, E.	P., } Concord, Madison Co.	Tallahassee, Fla.
Wells, E. L.	P., Quincy and Carrabelle	Quincy, Fla.
Wells, F. M.	P., } Providence. Flat	Adams, Fla.

LICENTIATES.

NAME	CHURCH CONNECTION	P. O. ADDRESS
Anderson, M. T.	Smith Creek	Smith Creek, Fla.
Hartsfield, W. F.	Ebenezer, Leon Co.	Spring Hill, Fla.
Herring, T. J.	Oak Grove	Smith Creek, Fla.
Whetstone, J. A.	Lake Ellen	Medart, Fla.

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ANALYSIS OF MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS.

(See page 12.)

Membership reported last year	1,855
Add errors in last year's letter	14
Should have been	1,869
Increased by Baptism	229
Increased by Letter	74
Increased by Experience	10
Increased by Restoration	22
	335
Total	2,204
Decreased by Letter	66
Decreased by Exclusion	13
Decreased by Erasure	15
Decreased by Death	29
	123
Present membership	2,081
Reported last year	1,855
Increase	226

MINUTES

OF THE

Florida Baptist Association.

SIXTY-SECOND ANNIVERSARY.

TUESDAY MORNING SESSION.

1. The Association held its Sixty-second Anniversary with the Concordia Church, Concord, Fla., on October 11th and 12th, 1904.

2. At 10.30 o'clock the Association was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. F. M. Wells. Thirty minutes were spent in devotional service, conducted by the Moderator. Revs. W. L. Savage, S. J. Revell and Frank W. Cramer engaged in the service.

3. At 11 o'clock Rev. A. J. Reamy, who had been appointed the previous year to preach the introductory sermon being absent, Rev. F. C. Edwards, of Orlando, Fla., managing editor of the Southern Baptist Witness, preached the sermon. Text, Matthew, 6, 33. Theme, "The Christians Hope."

4. At 12 o'clock the Association adjourned for dinner, until 2 p. m.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

5. At 2 o'clock the Association convened for business, the Moderator in the chair. Sang hymn No. 599. The Moderator read Psalm 13, and prayer was offered by Rev. A. V. Reese.

6. In the absence of the clerk, Rev. Stephen Crockett, on motion Rev. Frank W. Cramer was elected clerk pro tem.

7. The name of each church was then called and the letters were brought forward and were read by Brn. W. L. Savage and O. B. Hall and the names of Messengers enrolled (see page -).

8. After the letters had been read and the messengers had been enrolled, the Association formally organized by electing Rev. F. M. Wells, of Alamo, Fla., Moderator; Rev. Frank W. Cramer, of Tallahassee, Fla., clerk, and Bro. O. B. Hall, of Concord, Fla., treasurer.

9. Visiting brethren were then invited to seats with us and extended the courtesies of the floor. Brn. F. C. Edwards, of Orlando,

and A. V. Reese, of Crawfordville, responded and were welcomed by the Moderator.

10. Upon the call for "Petitionary Letters," Rev. A. V. Reese, pastor of the church at Crawfordville, Fla., presented a letter from his church asking for admission into the Association.

11. The letter was then read by the clerk, and, on motion by Bro. A. S. White, the church at Crawfordville was admitted to membership in the Association. The Moderator gave the hand of fellowship to Bro. A. V. Reese as the pastor and representative of the church.

12. Upon invitation of the Moderator, Rev. F. C. Edwards, of Orlando, who was present representing the claims of the Southern Baptist Witness and the Florida Ministerial Assurance Association, presented these interests in a very admirable address.

13. The Moderator then appointed the following committees:

1. Committee on Temperance—Brn. L. A. Roberts, S. Timmons, J. L. Harris.
2. Committee on Woman's Work—Brn. A. S. White, S. S. Bentley, Andrew Hartsfield and Miss Jennie Spalding.
3. Committee on Periodicals—Brn. James Holland, W. H. Eubanks, Dan McColeman.
4. Committee on Bible Schools—Brn. S. J. Revells, M. J. Andrews, R. B. Langston.
5. Committee on Ministerial Education—Brn. W. L. Savage, J. W. Smith, Albert Reams, E. L. Reeves.
6. Committee on Foreign Missions—Brn. A. V. Reese, Noah Langston, H. C. Billingsley, W. D. Richards, Thomas Craven.
7. Committee on Preaching—The pastor and deacons of the entertaining church and Bro. Thos. Syfrett.
8. Committee on Condition of Churches—Brn. J. E. Clements, L. W. Colvin, Chas. Blount, W. E. Edwards.
9. Committee on Finance—Brn. W. D. Richards, R. B. Langston, H. C. Billingsley.
10. Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons—Brn. James Holland, C. E. Blunt, L. H. Tolar.

14. The following delegates to the State Convention were appointed: Brn. E. L. Wells, W. L. Savage, Frank W. Cramer, A. V. Reese, F. M. Wells, A. S. White, S. J. Revells, A. L. Roberts, J. E. Clements, James Holland.

15. Bro. W. L. Savage was appointed the delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in Kansas City, Mo., in May, 1905.

16. The Committee on Preaching announced that Rev. A. V. Reese had been appointed to preach at the evening service.

17. Miss Jennie Spalding, secretary of the W. B. M. U. of Florida, presented the work of that society in a very interesting address.

18. Adjourned to meet at 7.30 o'clock p. m.

TUESDAY EVENING.

19. 7.30 o'clock. Thirty minutes were spent in a devotional service conducted by Bro. S. M. Wells. Scripture reading, Ezekiel, 33, 1-11. Brn. Frank W. Cramer and F. C. Edwards took part in this service.

20. Sermon by Rev. A. V. Reese. Text, John 4, 35: "Lift up your eyes and look on the fields," Theme, "The work before us as an Association."

21. Adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock a. m. Wednesday.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

22. 9 o'clock. Association convened for business. A devotional service was conducted by the Moderator. Scripture lesson, Psalm 15. Prayer by Bro. A. S. White.

23. The letters from the Madison, Carrabelle, Moseley Hall, Concord, Greenville and Chaires churches were received. They were read by Bro. W. L. Savage and their delegates enrolled.

24. The minutes of Tuesday's sessions were read and approved.

25. Reports of Committees:

The Committee on Ministerial Education submitted the following report:

Your Committee would emphasize the great importance of a well-educated ministry. The age in which we live demands it. We would recommend it.

The John B. Stetson University, located at DeLand, Fla., offers special opportunity for our young ministers to secure that mental training which is so necessary to fit them for their great work.

Your Committee would urge all who feel themselves called of God to preach the gospel to acquire a literary education at our university.

The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, located at Louisville, Ky., offers fine advantages for professional training. We would urge our young men, after securing their literary course, to

enter this school for their professional course.

We also would urge all our churches to make regular offerings for the cause of ministerial education.

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. SAVAGE.
A. REAMS.
E. L. REEVES.
J. W. SMITH.

The report was discussed by Brn. W. L. Savage, Frank W. Cramer and F. C. Edwards, who asked that the Association join in prayer with Bro. Cramer that the Lord of the vineyard would send forth more laborers into his vineyard.

26. The Committee on Preaching reported the appointment of Bro. W. L. Savage to preach at 11 o'clock.

27. The report on Women's Work was submitted by Chairman A. S. White. The following is the report:

We hope that the time is at hand when the brethren can see more clearly and understand more fully the great importance of woman's work. The women have done a great and glorious work during the past year, even laboring as they have been compelled to under great disadvantages.

Brethren, let us endeavor to remove all obstacles and lend a helping hand; speak a word of encouragement, give of our money and be co-workers with them in the spread of the gospel.

They can do a work which it is not possible for us to do, and we should not let any opportunity to help them pass away unimproved by us.

We find that the W. B. M. U. of Florida has been vastly more successful since their organization last year. Their contributions amounted to \$2,384.57.

During the ten years of unorganized work they gave \$8,000.00, while during the ten years of organized work their offerings have amounted to, \$22,000.00. Pastors preach missionary sermons and get all your people to subscribe for the Foreign Mission Journal and Our Home Field.

Respectfully Submitted,

A. S. WHITE,
S. S. BENTLEY,
ANDREW HARTSFIELD,
MISS JENNIE SPALDING.

Report discussed by A. S. White, F. C. Edwards and Miss Jennie Spalding.

28. 11 o'clock. Sermon by Rev. W. L. Savage. Text: John

14; 6. Prayer by Rev. A. M. Manning.

29. Adjourned for dinner.

30. Benediction by Bro. L. Savage.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

31. 1:30 o'clock. Association convened for business. Sang hymn No. 180. Prayer by Brn. L. A. Roberts.

32. Report on Woman's Work adopted.

33. The Committee on Temperance submitted the following report through its Chairman, Bro. L. A. Roberts: We, your Committee on Temperance, believe that intemperance is one of the greatest evils of the age. It is one of the greatest hindrances to the work of the Church of the Lord Jesus. We would recommend to the churches composing the Florida Baptist Association that they discipline any member for manufacturing or selling as a beverage any wine, or any other intoxicating liquor. We are taught to touch not, taste not, or handle not the unclean thing. We are to live soberly and Godly in this present world.

Respectfully submitted,

A. L. ROBERTS,
W. S. TIMMONS,
L. B. HERRING.

Report discussed by Bro. L. A. Roberts, W. L. Savage, A. M. Manning, and adopted.

34. The Committee on Deceased Ministers submitted the following report:

Dear Brethren: We rejoice to report that during the past year none one of the members of this Association has been taken from us by death. God has graciously spared them to us another year. Let us praise His Holy Name.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES HOLLAND,
C. W. BLUNT,
J. H. TOLAR.

Report adopted.

35. On motion it was ordered that a blank leaf in the minutes of our Association be appropriately devoted to the memory of Bro. J. B. Adams.

36. The Committee on Periodicals submitted the following report:

Dear Brethren: Your Committee on Periodicals desire to submit the following report: First of all we urge an understanding and a more diligent study of the Bible itself on the part of our

members. "Ye search the Scriptures because ye think that in them ye have eternal life; and these are they that bear witness of Me."

We greatly fear that the Word of God is very much neglected by professing Christians today.

We believe greatly in the power of the printed page for good or evil according to the character of the page.

We rejoice in the abundance of good, wholesome and religious literature, which, because of its reasonable cost is accessible to all. We believe that every family should have at least one good religious paper making its visits to the home each week. We rejoice that as Florida Baptists we have one such paper known as the Southern Baptist Witness. We urge all our pastors that they make it their special care that this paper shall find its way into the home of each of their members.

We also recommend to our Bible Schools the use of the periodical published by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention at Nashville, Tenn., or of the American Baptist Publication Society at Atlanta, Ga. Also we would urge our churches to largely subscribe for and attentively read the Foreign Missionary Journal and the Home Field.

Respectfully submitted,
JAMES HOLLAND,
W. D. COLSON.

Report discussed by Rev. F. C. Edwards, after which it was accepted.

37. The Committee on Bible Schools reported through its Chairman, Bro. S. J. Revelis, as follows:

Your Committee on Sunday Schools beg leave to report the following: We notice from the reading of the letters that there were several of the churches that had no Bible School. We believe the Bible School to be one of the greatest means of imparting the knowledge of the Bible to the youth of our congregations as well as to the more aged. Strange to us is it that so many fathers and mothers are indifferent about the Bible School, when God's Word is the only means of their children learning God's Will, and concerning Jesus, their Saviour. The Bible School literature is very instructive. We are living in a day when the world is flooded with trashy and evil literature and the youth of our day is seeking knowledge. If we don't give them the good they will take the evil. We therefore would recommend that the churches which do not now have Bible Schools, organize such at once.

Respectfully Submitted,
S. J. REVELL,
R. B. LANGSTON,
M. L. ANDERSON.

After a discussion of the report by Bro. A. S. White and Frank W. Cramer it was adopted.

38. Report on Foreign Missions was presented by Chairman Rev. A. V. Reese.

The report is as follows:

The Lord has graciously blessed the work in the foreign field during the past year. The number of new missionaries sent out is greater than ever before and the contributions to support these missionaries are larger. The opportunity before us with respect to the Saviour's great command: "Go ye into all the World", is such as has never been presented before. This is an age of changes. Heathen customs are giving way before the advancing steps of Christian civilization. The Heathen is tiring of the old faiths and are ready to receive something better. This is therefore the time of all times to give them the gospel. We praise God that He has laid it on the hearts of His people to give so generously of their means to send the gospel abroad. But we feel to hide our faces in shame when we think of this amount as compared with what we ought to give. It is our heart's desire that this Association come to realize the great need of the foreign mission work and be inspired to undertake the performance of its full duty. Therefore we would recommend:

1. That the pastors and Bible school teachers furnish themselves with every available means of information concerning this great work, and that they give all diligence to instructing their churches and Bible schools.
2. That the pastors of the Association undertake to get their churches to contribute to the foreign work at least twice a year.
3. That this Association undertake the support of a native worker on the foreign field.

Respectfully submitted,
REV. A. V. REESE, Chairman of Committee.

Report adopted.

39. Committee on Condition of the Churches reported as follows:

We find a deeper spirituality seemingly pervading the churches of our Association than for several years past. Prayer meetings are now more regularly sustained, a spirit of fraternal love prevails and the missionary spirit is much better than ever before.

Respectfully submitted,
J. E. CLEMENTS,
J. W. CALVIN,
A. V. REESE.

Report adopted.

40. The Executive Committee reported verbally through its chairman, Rev. F. M. Wells.
Report adopted.

41. On motion, the Clerk was instructed to prepare and have printed an associational letter blank, in harmony with the statistical tables of the minutes and send the same to the various clerks of the churches composing the Association.

42. The following Brethren were elected as members of the Executive Committee for the ensuing year: Frank W. Cramer, L. A. Roberts, S. J. Revell, W. L. Savage and E. L. Wells.

43. The Treasurer, Brother J. R. Campbell, submitted his report which was read by the clerk and adopted.

44. The Finance Committee submitted their report, and it was adopted.

As this report appears in substance in the financial statistics, it is not thought necessary to insert it here.

45. The Missionary Reports of Brothers S. Crockett and E. Trice, were read and filed.

46. On motion, it was ordered to leave the matter of paying Brother E. Trice, Pastor at Moseley Hall, the sum of \$25.00, to the Executive Committee, to be adjusted according to their wisdom.

47. On motion the Treasurer, Brother O. B. Hall was ordered to pay the Clerk the usual amount for services rendered.

48. On motion, by Brother A. M. Manning, a vote of thanks was tendered to the members of the Concordia Church for their very kind, generous and hospitable entertainment, which has been so heartily enjoyed by the delegates.

49. On motion, by Brother L. W. Savage, it was ordered that the next session of the Association be held with the First Baptist Church at Perry, Taylor county, Fla.

50. On motion, Rev. Frank W. Cramer was appointed to preach the introductory sermon at the next session of the Association to be held at Perry, Florida.

51. The business of the Association having been completed a motion to adjourn *sine die* prevailed. Prayer was offered by the Moderator, and so the Sixty-Second Anniversary of the Florida Baptist Association closed.

J. R. CAMPBELL, IN ACCOUNT WITH FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, DR.

Oct. 1.	To balance from last year	7.50
	Received from Finance Committee the following amounts:	
	For Associational missions	104.75
	For State Missions	17.20
	For Home Missions	11.80
	For Foreign Missions	17.36
	For Orphanage	5.25
	For Sunday School Board	9.50
	For Minutes and clerk	26.60
	For aged ministers	1.45
	Collected at Association for missions	13.68
Nov. 7.	Received of Rev. F. M. Wells, for missions:	
	From Providence Church	7.48
	From Concordia Church	5.90
	From Flat Creek Church	6.45
	From Sunny Dell Church	3.80
	From Arran Church	3.00
Nov. 15.	From Harmony Church	9.00
Dec. 5.	Received of S. Crockett, from Sundown Church, for missions	.86
22.	Received of C. S. Hackett, from Ebenezer Church, for missions	1.60
Jan. 12.	Received of F. M. Wells, for Missions:	
	From Union Meeting Western District	11.43
	From S. J. Revells	1.00
	From Providence Church (pledge)	1.00
	From Aeon Church	.70
Feb. 28.	From Providence Church	5.32
	From Concord Church	4.00
	From Sunny Dell Church	1.47
	From Perry Church	5.00
Mar. 7.	From J. R. Campbell	.60
	Received from Rev. W. A. Bryan, for missions	2.57
Apl. 22.	Received of Rev. F. M. Wells, for missions:	
	From Sunny Dell Church	2.00
	From Providence Church	1.00
June 25.	From Western Union Meeting Association	10.25
July 7.	Received from Flat Creek Church, on pledge, for missions	2.75
14.	Received of W. S. Timmons, from Sunny Dell Church, on pledge, for missions	2.76

Aug. 4.	Received from William H. Dean, from Providence Church, for missions	6.00
9.	Received of Rev. L. A. Roberts, from Lake Ellen Union Meeting, Foreign Missions	18.50
Sept. 18.	Received of J. B. Fletcher, from Flat Creek Church, on pledge for missions	2.75
	Total received	332.29
	By amounts paid out	306.29
	Amount on hand	26.00

BY AMOUNTS PAID, CR.

Oct. 1.	Paid Rev. W. A. Bryan, on salary	\$54.13
	Paid Rev. S. Crockett, as clerk and postage	15.24
Nov. 7.	Paid Rev. W. A. Bryan, on clerk and postage	25.00
	Paid Rev. F. M. Wells, postage	.73
12.	Paid Rev. S. Crockett, postage on minutes	6.69
	Paid Rev. S. Crockett, on salary	5.25
	Paid Rev. Noble, Newspaper Union, for printing minutes	40.00
	Paid Rev. L. D. Geiger, Foreign and State Missions	62.56
Dec. 9.	Paid Rev. W. A. Bryan, on salary	38.87
Jan. 12.	Paid Rev. W. A. Bryan, on salary	18.86
	Paid Rev. F. M. Wells, postage	.22
Feb. 28.	Paid Rev. W. A. Bryan, on salary	15.70
Mar. 7.	Paid Rev. W. A. Bryan, on salary	2.00
15.	Paid Rev. W. A. Bryan, on salary	2.57
Sept. 1.	Paid Rev. L. D. Geiger, Foreign Missions	18.50
Oct. .	Paid Rev. S. Crockett, postage	.60
	Paid Treasurer, postage	.37
	Total	306.29

MINUTES OF THE WOMAN'S ASSOCIATIONAL
MISSIONARY MEETING, HELD IN CONNECTION WITH
THE FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, ON
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1904.

On Tuesday afternoon, at 2 o'clock, a Woman's meeting was held in the school house, opposite the church. Miss J. S. Spaulding gave an interesting and instructive talk on Missions, at the close of which, announcement was made for the annual business meeting of the Association to be held the following afternoon.

After a song and prayer on Wednesday afternoon, the women united in a Bible study on Woman's Work. The Vice-President then read a letter from Brother Willingham, Secretary of the Foreign Board, who sent words of greeting and encouragement to the women of the Association, telling something of the great work already accomplished by the women of the church, and what would be expected of them this year.

Work in the Indian Territory was next spoken of and a letter from Miss Perry, one of our Missionaries located in that field, was read by Mrs. A. S. White of Quincy.

An interesting report from one of our workers among the immigrants of Baltimore, was read by Mrs. Frank W. Cramer. A collection was then taken for the Bible Fund, which has been instituted in connection with this work, that the Word may be freely distributed among the immigrants.

Reports were read from the different Missionary Societies by the respective delegates, the following societies being represented:

Tallahassee Providence, Quincy, Moseley Hall, Madison and Carabelle. The records of the different societies proved that the women of our Association are not idle. More work, however, needs to be accomplished. More spirit and power, more knowledge and zeal are needed to make the woman's work of our Association more effectual and significant. More women need to be awakened and brought into active service. Amount contributed to Bible Fund and Foreign Missions, \$11.00.

J. B. ADAMS.

ASLEEP
IN
JESUS.

*I am the Resurrection
and the Life.*

