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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 in 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.

Articles 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.

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 voice 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 discourses 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 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 motion 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 approved by two-thirds of the members present before they shall be acted on.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS.

Harmony Baptist Church, Madison County, Florida:

Tuesday A. M., October 16, 1906.

The sixty-fourth Annual session of the Florida Baptist Association began at ten o'clock with devotional services conducted by Rev. F. M. Wells. An enrollment of Messengers was then made as follows:

Aenon—By Letter.

Antioch—By Letter.

Carrabelle—By Letter.

Chaires—C. J. English.

Concordia—F. M. Parritt, Walter Walsh.

Corinth—By Letter.

Crawfordsville—By Letter.

Ebenezer, Jefferson—W. W. Mabry, James Atkinson.

Ebenezer, Leon—L. A. Roberts.

Elizabeth—Wm. Hartsfield, B. F. Hamrick, Lawson Walker.

Flat Creek—J. C. Clark, M. N. Smith.

Harmony—N. W. Campbell, J. F. Reams, A. Reams.

Indian Springs—H. C. Billingsley.

Lake Ellen—By Letter.

Lake Mystic—By Letter.

Madison—R. T. Marsh, G. W. Tedder.

Monticello—S. Pasco, Stephen Crockett.

Mount Besor—Luther S. Hutchins.

Mount Elon—By Letter.

Perry—M. S. Stevens, W. B. Davis.

Providence—F. M. Wells, W. D. Richards, D. H.

Shepard.

Quincy—C. B. Wright.

Sundown—R. S. Shackelford.

Sunny Dell—J. S. Bassett.

Tallahassee—F. W. Cramer.

The election of officers being next in order, Rev. F. M. Wells was elected Moderator and Rev. Stephen Crockett, Clerk.

On motion, the program prepared by the Committee on Program was adopted.

Call for correspondents met with the following response: Rev. R. F. Hatcher, for Middle Florida Association.

Call for Petitionary letters was made and an application for membership was presented by the Vereen Church through Rev. F. W. Cramer. The church was admitted by vote of the Association and the Moderator extended the right hand of fellowship to Rev. F. W. Cramer as pastor of the church.

The following committees were appointed by the Moderator:

On Finance:—W. D. Richards, H. C. Billingsley, M. N. Smith.

On Deceased Ministers:—S. Pasco, J. C. Clark, F. M. Perritt.

On Condition of the Churches:—L. A. Roberts, Walter Walsh, N. W. Campbell.

On Temperance:—Luther S. Hutchins, D. H. Shepard, W. W. Mabry.

On Woman's Work:—R. T. Marsh, J. S. Bassett, J. F. Reams.

On Periodicals:—S. Pasco, Stephen Crockett, A. Reams.

On Sunday Schools:—R. T. Marsh, M. N. Smith, A. Reams.

On Foreign Missions:—F. W. Cramer, Stephen Crockett, L. S. Hutchins.

On Ministerial Education:—F. W. Cramer, S. Pasco, L. A. Roberts.

It was moved and adopted that the names of our Pastors' wives, who have passed away, be included in the report of the

Committee on deceased ministers and deacons.

Call for correspondents was renewed and responded to by the following named brethren: R. J. Carroll, D. Shepard, from the Middle Florida Association. Rev. E. H. Reynolds, Sr. Recording Secretary of the Florida Baptist Convention, and Rev. F. C. Edwards, representing the Southern Witness.

Rev. C. B. Wright, who was appointed to preach the introductory sermon not being present, the name of Rev. Luther S. Hutchins was substituted; and by vote of the Association, he was appointed to preach the introductory sermon. Devotional services were conducted and Rev. Luther S. Hutchins having read the ninth chapter of Second Corinthians, preached the introductory sermon based on the text found in Isa. 9:6: "And His name shall be called Wonderful." The Association adjourned for dinner.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

The session began with devotional service led by Rev. L. A. Roberts. Rev. C. B. Wright and Rev. M. S. Stevens, as new pastors were presented to the Association.

Bro. S. Pasco spoke in regard to the organization of the Sabbath school followed by Rev. F. W. Cramer and Rev. F. C. Edwards.

Rev. C. B. Wright read a paper on the Sunday School symposium. "Its superintendent" written by Bro. A. S. White and the subject was spoken to by Rev. M. S. Stevens and Rev. T. Marsh.

The subject, "Its Teachers and Teaching" was led by Rev. L. S. Hutchins, followed by Revs. R. T. Marsh, F. W. Cramer and Bro. S. Pasco. The discussion of the Home Department was omitted by vote of the Association.

Delegates to the State Convention were elected as follows: Revs. R. T. Marsh, F. W. Cramer, C. B. Wright, L. S. Hutchins, M. S. Stevens, Stephen Crockett, Bros. G. W. Tedder, W. B. Davis, H. C. Billingsley, S. Pasco, Prof. A. A. Murphree, Rev. A. V. Reece and J. W. Wheeler. The Association elected two delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention. Rev. F. W.

Cramer on the money basis, with Rev. M. S. Stevens as alternate; and Rev. R. T. Marsh with Rev. C. B. Wright as alternate.

Rev. F. M. Wells was on motion, appointed as a member of the Executive Committee with the following named brethren: Revs. Stephen Crockett, C. B. Wright, F. W. Cramer and Bro. G. W. Tedder. Bro. G. W. Tedder was elected treasurer for the ensuing year.

Bro. R. T. Marsh offered and moved the adoption of the following resolution:

That, at each session of this Association, the Moderator shall appoint the chairmen of standing committees to report at the following Annual session on the following objects: State Missions, Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Sunday Schools, Baptist Young People's Union, Temperance, Orphanage, Woman's Work, Ministerial Education, Periodicals and Aged Ministers.

In the event that any one of those chairmen shall die, move away, or in any way find himself unable to act as such appointee, the Moderator, as soon as he learns of such a fact, shall appoint another to take his place and notify the new chairman of such an appointment.

The resolution was discussed by many of the brethren. A motion to adjourn was made and the Association adjourned till 7:15 o'clock p. m.

TUESDAY NIGHT.

Devotional service was conducted by Rev. M. S. Stevens. Motion was made and seconded that this matter with reference to the resolution be laid over for a special hour in the morning at ten o'clock. By general consent, it was carried over. Rev. F. W. Cramer made an address on "The Problem of the Country Church." The Association was led in prayer by the Moderator. Rev. R. T. Marsh preached a sermon on Baptism from the text of scripture found in Mark 16: 16; Eph. 4: 5; Rom. 6: 4.

It was moved and adopted, that Rev. M. S. Stevens preach the Missionary sermon in case Rev. J. W. Wheeler should fail to arrive. The Association adjourned with the benediction.

by the Moderator.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION.

The devotional exercises were led by Rev. F. M. Wells. The committee on Temperance reported:

That there is an evil in our midst, known as intemperance, is a fact known unto each and every one of us.

That this evil is nothing else than that which degrades, disgraces and ruins all those that become entangled in the great arms of this devastating octopus, is also a fact with which we are all familiar with.

That a member of Christ's Church, who indulges in the use of intoxicants shows a weakness of faith and injures his influence as well as himself, physically, mentally and spiritually, is also a fact with which we are familiar.

That all evil should be attacked and fought against by all Christians and more especially by our leaders, is a fact in which we do not disagree. Therefore, knowing intemperance to be a sin, we deny our standing as Christians, should we not do all in our power to eliminate this destructive evil from out our lives and societies.

Having presented these undeniable facts as your Committee, we beg that it may be the voice of this entire body that, be it

Resolved, That we lovingly advise all the Churches to do all in their power to stamp this evil from out our land, and be it further

Resolved, That the Churches be advised, not to allow any member to uphold the evil in any form, either in the sale or use of intoxicants, and be it further

Resolved, That the Churches be advised not to allow any member to sign any petitions in favor of saloons or the evil in any form.

May it be known that, we, as workers together, do not sanction the maintenance of the evil of intemperance in any form or manner.

Respectfully submitted in brotherly love,

L. S. HUTCHENS

D. H. SHEPARD

W. W. MABRY.

Committee.

The report was responded to by Revs. R. T. Marsh, M. S. Stevens, E. H. Reynolds, Sr., F. W. Cramer, L. S. Hutchins, and Bro. S. Pasco.

By vote of the Association, speakers on the reports were limited to eight minutes. The resolution of Rev. R. T. Marsh was adopted. The report of the Finance Committee was rendered and was by vote of the Association, returned for completion.

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION

Was presented as follows: The great work of the gospel ministry is to first win men into right relationship with God, and then to lead the regenerated soul into the highest possible development.

This is the greatest and grandest work ever committed to man. No work is so delicate and eternal, as the task of the development of humanity, in heart, mind and spirit. The work of the gospel ministry embraces all this. To accomplish this work, preparation of the highest order is necessary.

This preparation on the part of the ministry, is now, as never before, being demanded by the churches. Knowledge and information is more general among the people today, than at any period in the past. This larger intelligence will most surely and rapidly increase with the passing years. The churches today very sensibly feel the impulse of this great movement. In response to it, they are calling more loudly than ever before for a trained and educated ministry.

If this need is to be met, then the young men who enter the ministry must possess this training and education. It so happens that not many young men are possessed of this world's goods, are called, or at least hear the call to enter the Chris-

tian ministry. For the most part those who feel called to preach the gospel are poor. If they are to receive the needed preparation they must have some assistance. In most cases it would be utterly impossible for them to secure this preparation without some assistance. They are worthy young men. Many of them have surrendered fine and bright worldly prospects, and have devoted themselves, with great cheerfulness and zeal, yielding to a life of humble toil and no little self-sacrifice, to this work, which, in the very nature of the case can never bring them anything of financial gain or profit. If they cheerfully and uncomplainingly make such a sacrifice as this, then it certainly is the duty of the Churches to help them in the work of their preparation. The churches must respond to this call of the Lord upon them for surely it is the Lord's call. We have in our own State, in the John B. Stetson University of DeLand, an institution of higher education, most favorably situated, and equipped to give our young men who are seeking this preparation, the finest possible opportunity to accomplish this work. At this present time, we have eight young men—and one of these from our own Association—in this institution, now preparing themselves for the work of the ministry.

We, as an Association, are especially obligated to engage in this work, and call upon our churches to more liberally and enthusiastically support the cause of ministerial education.

We also commend to all our churches the John B. Stetson University as an institution of liberal education, worthy our utmost confidence. We have great reason to congratulate ourselves that we possess, in this institution, a University that has no superior and few equals in all this Southland. We cannot too strongly urge the duty upon all our young men and women, who are seeking an education, to attend the John B. Stetson University.

We recommend that our young men, who are preparing for the work of the gospel ministry, after their graduation from college, attend the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, located at Louisville, Ky.

Respectfully submitted,
FRANK W. CRAMER
S. PASCO,
L. A. ROBERTS.

and being spoken to by Revs. F. W. Cramer, F. C. Edwards C. B. Wright, Stephen Crockett and Bro. W. B. Davis, was then adopted.

Rev. M. S. Stevens read Mark 16:15; Acts 1:8; Rom. 10:9. Rev. F. C. Edwards led in prayer. Rev. M. S. Stevens preached the Missionary sermon from the passages of Scripture named above. A collection for State Missions was taken which amounted to \$12.27. The Association adjourned with prayer by Rev. E. H. Reynolds, Sr.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Bro. Evans led in prayer. The report of Treasurer was received and adopted.

To The Florida Baptist Association:

Brethren:

Your Treasurer begs leave to submit the following report for this associational year:

RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR.

Oct. 11, 1905, From Association, all purposes.....	\$183.73
Oct. 18, 1905, From Quincy State Bank.....	244.20
Nov. 1, 1905, Harmony church, by Rev. Stephen Crockett, Associational Missions	1.60
Nov. 7, 1905, From Elizabeth Church, by A. C. Hamrick, Associational Missions	4.10
Jan. 11, 1906, Western Union, by Rev. A. V. Reese Foreign Missions	12.00
March 14, 1906, Sunny Dell Church, by W. S. Timmons, Associational Missions	2.55
June 15, 1906, Western Union, by Rev. A. V. Reese Foreign Missions	22.50
Aug. 1, 1906, Western Union, by Rev. A. V. Reese Foreign Missions	15.45
Oct. 1, 1906, Western Union, by Rev. L. A. Roberts Orphanage	10.00
Total Receipts	\$496.13

DISBURSEMENTS.

Oct. 16, 1905, To Rev. F. W. Cramer, postage	\$ 3.26
Oct. 30, 1905, To Rev. Stephen Crockett, clerk	15.00
Oct. 16, 1905, True Democrat, Minutes of 1904	30.00
Dec. 18, 1905, Rev. L. D. Geiger, Mis. and Orphanage	65.56
Jan. 8, 1906, Rev. L. S. Hutchins, Associational Mis'ry	25.00
Jan 11, 1906, Rev. L. D. Geiger, Foreign Missions	12.00
Feb. 7, 1906, Rev. L. S. Hutchins, Associational Mis'ry	25.00
Feb. 23, 1906, Rev. Stephen Crockett postage, express	5.64
Feb. 23, 1906, Herald Publishing Co., Minutes 1905 ..	16.26
Mar. 6, 1906, Rev. L. S. Hutchins Associational Mis'ry	25.00
Mar. 15, 1906, Rev. L. D. Geiger, Mis. and Orphanage	34.90
Mar. 30, 1906, Rev. L. S. Hutchins, Asso'n'l Mis'ry ..	25.00
June 15, 1906, Rev. L. D. Geiger, Foreign Missions ..	22.50
Aug. 1, 1906, Rev. L. D. Geiger, Home Missions	15.45
Oct. 5, 1906, Rev. L. D. Geiger, Orphanage	10.00
Oct. 11, 1906, Rev. Stephen Crockett postage85
Oct. 15, 1906, To Balance	174.71
Total	\$496.13

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. TEDDER, Treasurer.

The report of the Executive Committee was read and by common consent postponed for the present.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Dear brethren: Your committee has but little to report.

We held a meeting Nov. 15th at Tallahassee, and authorized Bro. L. A. Roberts to engage the services of Bro. Luther Hutchins for three-fourths of his time at a salary of \$25.00 per month. Brother Hutchins worked for us four months, but on account of failing health, was led to abandon the work the last of March. The general verdict of the Committee then was, not to try to do any more work for the present year.

as the year was half gone and available men were scarce.

Then another matter on which we want information, led the Committee to this decision. It seemed that there was no strategic points in our Association destitute of the gospel, and we deferred any further action till we could lay the matter before the Association, and get information in regard to it. And we would like to have this subject discussed. Is there any destitute point or points within our Association where we should send the gospel?

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. WELLS, Chairman.

G. W. TEDDER.

THE COMMITTEE ON PERIODICALS REPORTED.

The Committee on Periodicals respectfully submit the following report:

There is very little contained in the letters from the different churches upon this subject. It appears however, that the literature generally used in the Sabbath schools, is that published by the Baptist Sunday School Board, at Nashville, Tenn. The only denominational paper mentioned in these letters is The Southern Witness.

Every Baptist family should be well supplied with books and denominational papers and leaflets containing the weekly Bible lesson. There should be in every Sabbath school, a library of well selected books, that will afford profitable instruction in morality and religion, and the tenets of our Baptist faith. Every family should take The Southern Witness, the paper published by our State Convention. It is our denominational organ and its readers can nowhere else obtain so much valuable information relating to the progress of our cause through the State and the work going on in our churches. Baptist doctrines are ably discussed and maintained. Notices of our general meetings, and accounts of their proceedings are regularly published, and we hope that every effort will be made by our pastors to extend the circulation of this valuable

publication.

There are other Baptist papers published in our Sister States, which should be more generally read than they now are by our people. But, if only one paper is taken, it should be the Witness.

The children should also be provided for, not only in procuring for their use the leaflets and other lesson helps for use in our Sabbath schools, but also such weekly papers as are published by our Board. These papers are eagerly read by the younger members of the family and are instructive and entertaining. They aid the parents in their efforts to make the Sabbath an attractive day, for when this work is neglected, their children are apt to grow up with a prejudice against it as dull and wearisome. Such impressions are dangerous for they may adhere to a person through life and are often a hindrance to a proper observance of the Sabbath.

Attention is also directed to the Foreign Mission Journal and the Home Field, published by our respective Boards. If these were more generally read, a greater interest would be aroused in the cause of Missions.

The press is a valuable auxiliary in the different departments of our Church work, and in this day of larger opportunity, we should make liberal use of it in promulgating the teachings of our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ.

SAMUEL PASCO,

A. REAMS,

STEPHEN CROCKETT.

and was adopted, after being addressed by Rev. F. C. Edwards, Rev. F. W. Cramer and Bro. S. Pasco.

A number of brethren present, took part in the discussion of the report of the Executive Committee, and the same was then adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS WAS READ AS FOLLOWS:

Our dear heavenly Father loves a lost world—He "So loved the world"—not a part but all of it, that He gave His Son to die for it. To His people He has committed the loving task of telling the blessed story to those who have never heard of His dying love. "Go ye into all the world," is a command given to every Church of Christ, and to every Christian, and all are under solemn obligation to obey that command and to do every thing possible to give the gospel to every man. Obedience will bring His blessings upon us, disobedience his displeasure.

As a people we are entirely too self-seeking. We spend far more for our own selfish pleasure than we give for the destitute field of heathenism. As Southern Baptists we give on an average but little more than seventeen cents a year for Foreign Missions. We spend vastly more for tobacco than we do for the salvation of lost souls. Is this not a shame? If we were really consecrated to the blessed Master and filled with the loving Holy Spirit, this would not be, so let each one of our churches this year really and truly pray more for this work and then help our dear heavenly Father answer our prayers by giving more.

Thirty dollars will pay the salary of a native woman for one year. Is there a church within the bounds of our Association too weak to pay that amount and thus be represented on the foreign fields? Some of our churches might pay \$100.00 and thus support a native preacher, while others by the payment of \$600.00 could support a missionary. No better cause could engage our attention than this one.

The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is located at Richmond, Va. It is the agent of the Convention and does the work on the most economical basis. The cost of operation is not over ten per cent, the rest goes direct to the missionaries on the field. To-day the Board has in its employ 490 workers; 190 missionaries and 300 native workers. The number baptized last year was 2446. The

missionaries are very hopeful and enthusiastic. Great and favorable changes are taking place in foreign lands. In China, for instance, by royal edict, the Christian's Bible, in some provinces, is being studied as a text book. This is almost too wonderful to believe and yet it is true. It looks as though the Lord of the harvest is getting ready for a great ingathering.

Last year the Southern Baptists gave \$324,000.00 for foreign missions. We ought to give a half a million. We can do it. Every dollar of it is needed. The missionaries are simply begging for more workers. They must have reinforcements. New churches must be built. These in many places are simply a necessity. New and better schools are needed for the training of native workers who have been converted and have given themselves to the work of preaching the gospel to their fellowmen. Let us pray, give and work that these needs may all be supplied. Our pastors need to awake to the importance of missionary leadership on their part, that our people may be lead into larger service in this cause.

Let the pastors, by means of the Foreign Missionary Joournal, published by ur Foreign Missionary Board, at Richmond, Va., by missionary maps which may be secured at reasonable price from the same Board, and by tracts freely furnished, seek to educate our people in the missionary cause. A larger intelligence always means a larger service. The pastors here as well as at most every where else hold the key to the solution of the problem. We must not only know the Christ as our personal Savfour but we must make Him known to others and especially to those who have never heard of Him.

Let our pastors encourage the ladies in all our churches to organize Women's Missioary Circles. Let them see to it that the young people in their Unions carefully prepare programs for the monthly missionary conquest course and that the Juniors faithfully study the monthly missionary subjects. It would be a good thing to devote one of the regular weekly prayer services of the church, each month, to the study of and prayer for this cause. Then can the pastor, with hope of success urge his people to move systematic and larger giving to

this cause.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK W. CRAMER
L. S. HUTCHENS
STEPHEN CROCKETT

THE REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK WAS RECEIVED.

We your Committee find that four churches out of the 31 have reported a Woman's Missionary Society. The letters from these societies breathe the spirit of activity and hope.

We your Committee taking cognizance of the unmistakable Scriptural authority for the Woman's work and rejoicing in the great work they have done, earnestly urge pastors and churches to make faithful efforts to establish and maintain a wide awake Woman's Missionary Society in every Church in our Association.

R. T. MARSH, Chr'm Com.
J. S. BASSETT
J. F. REAMS

Both reports were adopted after having been discussed by a number of the brethren. The Committee on condition of the churches reported.

We find the spiritual condition of the churches improving, judging from the increase of baptisms over last year. We find also an increase in the finances. We find 118 increase over last year also \$14.41 over last year. The work along all lines seems to be progressing. Respectfully submitted,

L. A. ROBERTS
WALTER WALSH
N. W. CAMPBELL

The report of the Committee on obituaries was presented by the chairman, Bro. S. Pasco, and adopted with the proviso that a blank page in our minutes be left for inscribing the names of our deceased ministers and deacons, their wives and members mentioned in the letters.

The Committee on deceased ministers and deacons have examined the letters from the different churches in the Association and respectfully submit the following report:

None of our ministerial brethren have died during the year and but two of our deacons, Brother M. D. McColeman, of Providence Church, in Gadsden county and J. S. Dozier, of Sundown Church, in Madison county.

Brother McColeman was a devoted servant of God. He was an earnest worker in the Sabbath school and for many years was superintendent of the school at Providence, which was largely sustained by his faithful efforts. He has left behind him the record of a well spent life and his memory will long be cherished by his brethren.

Brother Dozier met his death as the result of a sad accident. He was in the full vigor of manhood, a useful citizen, a pillar of the Church a true and sincere friend, a consistent Christian. His death has left a void in the community which will be felt seriously by those with whom he used to associate and with whom he labored in the Master's cause.

At the last meeting of the Association the death of Bro. Trice was reported. Since then, the beloved partner of his joys and sorrows, and labors, has followed him to the better land.

Brother Trice was one of our pioneer preachers; he ministered to many of our small weak churches and his labors often called him from home. We sometimes fail to appreciate the hardships and privations of the wives of these faithful servants God upon whom the responsibilities of the home rest, while the head of the family is thus absent. Sister Trice met all these responsibilities and supported the hands of her husband during a long and useful life. In her quiet surroundings she did her full duty and bore her burdens and trials bravely and patiently, looking to her heavenly Father for strength and guidance. When the sad end came she was ready to go, in the full hope of a glorious resurrection and is now enjoying the reward of a righteous life.

While the members of the Association sympathize with

the families of these dear departed ones, it will always be pleasant to remember that they made preparation for the life beyond the grave while they were in health and strength. Let their lives be an example to those who are left behind and may we all heed the warning, "Be ye also ready" when the summons comes.

SAMUEL PASCO

J. C. CLARK

F. M. PERRITT

THE REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS WAS PRESENTED AND ADOPTED.

We your Committee find after examination of 19 church letters in our hand that, 11 have Sunday schools with a total membership of 623 and 32 baptisms, while 8 churches reports no Sunday schools, and 12 churches are not heard from by letter. We are much gratified that 11 out of 31 churches have schools. We believe every church in the Association can have a Sabbath school and beg that those who have no school, will at once effect plans and have one. Many of our churches may not be able to have preaching more than once or twice per month, but every church can meet every Sabbath and work for the salvation and edification of the community. We respectfully urge our pastors and churches to see that a faithful effort be made to organize schools in their respective churches where there will be real active effort for the advancement of Christ's kingdom, even while the pastor is at work elsewhere. We suggest that the Sunday school libraries have some such books as "Teachers' and Teaching" and "Superintendent" by Trumbull.

Respectfully submitted,

R. T. MARSH, Chr'm Com.

M. N. SMITH

C. A. REAMS.

THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE MADE THEIR REPORT AS
FOLLOWS AND THE SAME WAS ADOPTED.

Report of the Finance Committee. We your Committee on Finance beg leave to report the following contributions for this Associational year:

Minutes and Clerk	\$27.05
Associational Missions	54.65
State Missions	34.33
Home Missions	22.50
Foreign Missions	22.32
Orphanage	14.40
Ministerial Education	1.00
Education General	1.00
Aged Ministers	3.00
Total	\$180.25

W. D. RICHARDS,
H. C. BILLINGSLEY,
M. N. SMITH.

Bro. G. W. Tedder, R. W. T. Marsh and Rev. M. S. Stevens, were appointed as correspondents to the Middle Florida Association. A motion prevailed that any brother, a member of our body, visiting other Associations shall be authorized to represent our Association as a correspondent. Rev. R. T. Marsh was appointed correspondent to the Suwannee Association. A motion prevailed that the Moderator appoint a committee on program for next year; and the following named brethren were appointed:

Rev. F. W. Cramer, Bro. S. Pasco and Rev. R. T. Marsh.

Motion was carried that the next association be held with the Flat Creek Church.

By a rising vote, the thanks of the body were tendered to the brethren and sisters of the Church and community for their generous hospitality.

Motion was made and seconded that a standing committee

on the Duties of Churches to their Pastor, be appointed which motion prevailed.

Motion prevailed that the Clerk be paid the usual sum of fifteen dollars for his services.

The Association adjourned with prayer by Rev. M. S. Stevens.

The Moderator appointed the following brethren as chairmen of the respective committees to report at the next Association.

State Missions, Stephen Crockett; Home Missions, F. W. Cramer; Foreign Missions, R. T. Marsh; Sunday Schools, S. Pasco; B. Y. P. U., F. W. Cramer; Temperance, M. S. Stevens; Orphanage, G. W. Tedder; Woman's Work, W. B. Davis; Ministerial Education, C. B. Wright; Periodicals, A. V. Reese; Aged Ministers, S. J. Revels; Obituaries, L. A. Roberts; Duty of the Church to its Pastor, M. S. Stevens.

Owing to the heavy downpour of rain only six persons were present at the closing service of the Association on Wednesday night, and the minutes are given by the clerk pro-tem

WEDNESDAY EVENING SESSION.

At 7:15 p. m. the Association met according to adjournment. Bro. Samuel Pasco led in devotional service, reading the 32d Psalm. Prayer was offered by Bro. R. T. Marsh.

After devotional service, and in the absence of the Moderator, on motion by Bro Marsh, Bro. Samuel Pasco was elected Moderator Pro-tem.

On motion, and in the absence of the Clerk, Rev. Frank W. Cramer was elected Clerk Pro-tem.

On motion by Brother R. T. Marsh, who was to deliver an address on Baptist Young People's Union, and seconded by Bro. Frank W. Cramer, who was to speak on Junior Work, because of the very inclement weather and the consequent small audience present, the regular program of this evening's session was dispensed with.

On motion it was ordered that the Moderator be authorized

to prepare a list of the chairmans of the standing committees as provided for in the resolution offered by Bro. Marsh and passed this morning's session and give them to the Clerk for printing in the minutes.

On motion by Bro. J. C. Clark, seconded by Bro. J. S. Bassett, it was declared to be the sense of the delegates present that this evening's session was one of the most pleasant and spiritual of all the sessions of the Association.

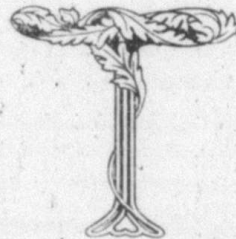
Opportunity was then given for a free expression of thoughts and feelings of the delegates present concerning the session of the association. Brethren R. T. Marsh, J. C. Clark, and J. S. Bassett, and Frank W. Cramer spoke very tenderly of the sweet fellowship enjoyed throughout the entire Association, and of the appreciation of the kindness of the entertaining church. Bro. B. F. Goodman, a member of the Harmony Church, spoke of the joy and gladness which the church enjoyed in having the Association meet with it, of his own individual joy and blessings which he had experienced.

On motion, the minutes of this evening's session were read and approved.

After a very kind and loving address by Bro. Samuel Pasco, and prayer by Bro. Frank W. Cramer, the Sixty-Fourth Annual meeting of the Florida Baptist Association adjourned by singing the hymn, "God be With You Till we Meet Again," and the giving of the parting hand.

SAMUEL PASCO, Moderator Pro-Tem.

FRANK W. CRAMER, Clerk Pro-Tem.



Our Honored Dead

"These are they which came out of great Tribulation and have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

MRS. EZEKIEL TRICE, Widow of REV. E. TRICE,
Tallahassee.

DEACON M. D. McCOLEMAN, Providence.

DEACON J. S. DOZIER, Sundown.

M. A. GATLIN, RACHEL GATLIN, Antioch.

WM. G. MAXWELL, MRS. MARTHA SHELFER, MRS.

DORA POPPELL, Concordia.

MRS. VALENT ATKINSON, Corinth.

MRS. FANNIE HARRELL, Crawfordville.

JAMES W. HINES, Indian Springs.

S. A. PARAMORE, MRS. FLORIDA L. MOSELEY, MRS.

G. W. WALKER, Madison.

MRS. E. S. BUDD, Monticello.

MRS. B. J. ADAMS, Perry.

JOHN FLETCHER, Providence.

MRS. H. A. JACKSON, Vereen.

"Therefore are they before the throne of God."

CHURCH

CHURCH	PASTOR	CLERK	P. O. ADDRESS	By Baptism	By Letter or Statement	By Restoration	By Letter By Expulsion or Erasure	By Death	Membership This Year
Acnon	W. D. Simpson	W. E. Gray	Tallahassee, Fla.	1	1	1	3	59	
Antioch	S. J. Revels	E. g. Richards	Wetumpka, "	11	2	1	3	2	426
Arden									
Carrabelle	J. W. Wheeler	J. L. Robinson	Carrabelle, "	16	6				127
Chaires	Stepnen Crockett	C. J. English	Greenville, "	1					19
Concordia	Luther S. Hutchins	D. L. Maxwell	Concord, "	8	4		3	19	
Corinth (L)		Name not given		3		4	1	1	30
Corinth (T)									
Crawfordville	A. V. Reese	C. C. Harrell	Crawfordville "	1	2	1	2	1	15
Ebenezer (J)	J. T. Montgomery	C. S. Hatchet	Drifton, "	9	3		1	1	50
Ebenezer (L)	L. A. Roberts	L. G. Roberts	Spring Hill, "	1					21
Elizabeth		C. W. Hamrick	Aucilla, "	7	3		1	156	
Flat Creek	F. M. Wells	J. B. Fletcher	River Junction, "	19			1	1	81
Fort Braiden									
Harmony	Stephen Crockett	N. W. Campbell	Lamont, "	1	1		7	16	1 90
Indian Springs	Stephen Crockett	F. M. Bunker	Lloyd, "					1	12
Lake Eden	J. E. Clements	J. A. Whetston	Medart, "					1	57
Lake Mystic		E. H. Levels	Bristol, "	2			4	1	61
Madison	R. T. Marsh	J. J. Conway	Madison, "	7	9	1	5	3	127
Monticello	Stephen Crockett	J. M. Clark	Monticello, "		8		1		31
Moseley Hall									
Mt. Besor	L. A. Roberts	S. C. Roberts	Sopchoppy, "	5	4		1		50
Mt. Elion	J. E. Clements	E. J. Langston	Smith Creek, "		2		1	1	48
Mt. Pleasant									
New Prospect									
Perry	M. S. Stevens	J. O. Cuipepper	Perry, "	17	12	1	2		1 165
Providence	F. M. Wells	W. H. Dean	Alamo, "	19	1	2	5		2 215
Quincy	C. B. Wright	W. E. Sneifer	Quincy, "	7	13		5		3 92
Sandown	R. F. Hacker	R. S. Shackelford	Ebb, "						12
Sunny Dell	F. M. Wells	W. S. Timmons	Quincy, "	6	1				58
Tallahassee	F. W. Cramer	Joseph Duval	Tallahassee, "	19	21	2	21		1 165
Vereen	F. W. Cramer	G. E. Weldon	Vereen, "	7				1	18
TOTALS				167	93	9	57	24	27 2010

General Statistics

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Fort Braiden									
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Indian Springs	Stephen Crockett	F. M. Bunker	Lloyd, "					1	12
Lake Eden	J. E. Clements	J. A. Whetston	Medart, "					1	57
Lake Mystic		E. H. Levels	Bristol, "	2			4	1	61
Madison	R. T. Marsh	J. J. Conway	Madison, "	7	9	1	5	3	127
Monticello	Stephen Crockett	J. M. Clark	Monticello, "		8		1		31
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Sunday School				Woman's Missionary Society		Other Societies		
CHURCH	NAME AND ADDRESS OF SUPERINTENDENT	NAME AND ADDRESS OF PRESIDENT		NAME OF SOCIETY	NAME AND ADDRESS OF PRES.			
		Raised for Missions and Benevolence						
Aeron	E. D. Andrews, Tallahassee.	1	25	Mrs. A. D. Starkey, Madison, Fla.	257 25	B. Y. P. U.	Miss Andy Walker	
Carrabelle	E. R. L. Moore, Carrabelle.	1	88					
Concordia	Arthur Peavey, Concord.	1	25	Mrs. M. S. Stevens, Perry, Fla.	207 35	B. Y. P. U.	W. L. Weaver, Perry	
Crawfordville	A. V. Rees, Crawfordville.	1	120					
Elizabeth	S. Howell, Aucilla.	1	40	Mrs. C. Kennedy, Quincy, Fla.	72 51	B. Y. P. U.	H. W. Marshall, Tallahassee	
Flat Creek	H. Smith (Sec.) River Junction.	1	37					
Lake Ellen	E. Clements, Midat.	2	30	Mrs. W. H. Rugey, Tallahassee, Fla.	79 81			
Lake Mystic	W. Todd, Madison.	1	71					
Madison	Pasco, Monticello.	1	25	Mrs. M. S. Stevens, Perry, Fla.	207 35			
Monticello	L. Laughton, Sopchoppy.	1	40					
Mr. Besor	V. L. Weaver, Perry.	1	110	Mrs. C. Kennedy, Quincy, Fla.	72 51			
Perry	S. White, Quincy.	1	60					
Providence	A. A. Murphy, Tallahassee.	1	70	Mrs. W. H. Rugey, Tallahassee, Fla.	79 81			
Quincy	W. A. Hammond, Vero.	1	44					
Tallahassee		1	7					
Vero		1	44					
TOTALS		17	555		617			

