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Fifty-First Annual Session

OF THE

SANTA FE RIVER BAPTIST

ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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## SANTA FE RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

### OFFICERS.

Moderator..... R. B. Weeks..... Hawthorn, Fla.  
Clerk..... W. C. Foster..... Alachua, Fla.  
Treasurer..... J. F. Bunch..... Gainesville, Fla.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

R. B. Weeks..... Hawthorn, Fla.  
J. F. Bunch..... Gainesville, Fla.  
H. R. Alderman..... Melrose, Fla.  
A. W. Geiger..... Hampton, Fla.  
J. R. Parker..... LaCrosse, Fla.

### ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Association Called to Order, 10:00 a. m.
2. Reading Letters and Enrolling Delegates.
3. Election of Officers.
4. Introductory Sermon.
5. Invite Visiting Brethren to Seats.
6. Appointment of Committees.
7. Call for Reports of Standing Committees.
  - a Divine Service.
  - b Temperance.
  - c Sunday Schools.
  - d Education.
  - e Missions.
  - f Publications.
  - g Nominations.
  - h Spiritual Condition of Churches.
  - i Orphanage.
  - j Deceased Ministers and Deacons.
  - k B. Y. P. U.
  - l Finance.
8. Miscellaneous Business.
9. Adjournment.

*J. R. Parker*

### ORDAINED MINISTERS.

G. W. Riles	McMeekin, Fla.
N. T. King	Hampton, Fla.
J. W. Hilton	Hampton, Fla.
B. R. Moseley	Melrose, Fla.
W. C. Foster	Alachua, Fla.
S. B. Rogers	Gainesville, Fla.

### LICENTIATES

Robt. McClellan	Gainesville, Fla.
H. A. Fisher	Gainesville, Fla.

### CONSTITUTION.

1. This Association shall be called the Santa Fe River Baptist Association.
2. This Association shall be composed of Messengers from Baptist Churches, of which they must be members, maintaining the Gospel discipline, and they must present letters from their respective churches certifying as to their election as Messengers.
3. The object of this Association shall be the reunion of the churches, the promotion of the true Gospel, and the dissemination of Bible truth.
4. This Association shall meet annually, on the first day of which meeting it shall elect, by ballot, a Moderator, a Clerk and a Treasurer.
5. Any Baptist Church newly organized may become a member of this Association by letter petitioning for membership and giving information concerning organization and presbytery and by whom organized. Any church coming from another Association may become a member of this Association by presenting petitionary letter, accompanied by a letter of dismissal from the Association from whence it comes.

6. This Association admits the right of any of the churches comprising it to withdraw by application for a letter without assigning any reason for so doing. At the same time, this Association claims the right to withdraw from any church which departs from the principles of this compact by becoming heterodox in faith or disorderly in practice.

7. This Association shall be deemed an advisory council, and shall treat the churches composing it as independent bodies in all matters of self-government, and shall at no time interfere with their rights.

8. This Association shall have an Executive Committee of five, of which the Treasurer shall be a member ex-officio. The other four members shall be elected annually by the Association, no two members being from the same church. Three shall constitute a quorum for business. The Executive Committee shall elect its own chairman and secretary and have power to fill vacancies.

9. The Associational mission work shall be under the control and supervision of the Executive Committee, and all Missionaries shall make quarterly reports to them when called upon to do so.

10. All churches shall be entitled to two messengers for the first fifty members, and one additional messenger for each twenty-five additional members after the first and for the major fraction thereof.

11. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and disburse all funds of the Association, but only by the order of the Association or Executive Committee.

12. This Constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the Association by a two-thirds vote of the Messengers present.

## MINUTES.

HAMPTON, FLA., Oct. 25, 1907.

1. The Santa Fe River Baptist Association met at 10:15 a. m. today with the First Baptist Church, Hampton, in its fifty-first annual session.

2. The Association was called to order by R. B. Weeks, who conducted the devotional exercises.

3. Letters from seven churches were read by the Clerk, and delegates were subsequently enrolled as follows:

Alachua—W. C. Foster, Mrs. C. W. Stephens.

Campville—E. E. Stokes.

Eden—J. W. Hilton.

Eliam—B. R. Moseley, W. H. Lee, Miss Mamie Whitcomb.

Gainesville—Rev. S. B. Rogers, Mrs. S. B. Rogers, J. F. Bunch, J. L. DeLoach.

Hampton—S. M. Rowe, Ely Hicks, A. M. Williams, A. J. Nimmo.

Hawthorn—R. B. Weeks, Mrs. M. F. McFadden.

LaCrosse—T. R. Parker, F. M. Hartman.

Monteocha—W. A. Sparks, J. N. Vanlandingham.

Ochwilla—Collie Barrington, C. A. Clingman.

Orange Creek—Wm. F. Malphurs.

Orange Heights—

Perseverance—F. B. Rawls, J. G. Rawls.

Rochelle—Mrs. Rollins.

Waldo—Mrs. J. F. Todd, Mrs. E. W. Millican.

4. On motion it was ordered that the delegates as thus enrolled constitute the working force of this body.

5. The Order of Business was changed so as to let the election of officers precede the introductory sermon.

6. Officers were elected as follows: Moderator, R. B. Weeks; Clerk, W. C. Foster; Treasurer, J. F. Bunch.

7. The introductory sermon was preached by J. W. Hilton from John 11:28: "The Master has come."

8. The following visitors were recognized and invited to seats in the body: E. H. Rennolds, Sr., Secretary Florida Baptist State Convention and corresponding messenger from the Jacksonville Association; F. M. Hartman, corresponding messenger from the Central Association; G. W. S. Ware, from the Central Association; J. C. McRae, from the New River Association.

9. On motion report on Temperance was made the special order for 7:00 p. m. tomorrow.

10. The following committees were announced:

Divine Service—Delegates of Hampton Church and J. W. Hilton.

Temperance—J. F. Bunch, S. M. Rowe.

Sunday Schools—F. M. Hartman, J. L. DeLoach.

Education—S. B. Rogers, E. E. Stokes.

Publications—G. W. S. Ware, W. A. Sparks.

10. The Association adjourned until 2:00 p. m. today.

#### FRIDAY AFTERNOON MEETING.

11. The Moderator called the Association to order at 2:00 p. m.

12. Letter from Eliam Church was read by the Clerk.

13. Report on Sunday Schools was read by F. M. Hartman; discussed by F. M. Hartman, S. B. Rogers, E. H. Rennolds, Sr., W. C. Foster, J. F. Bunch, B. R. Moseley, and adopted as follows:

#### REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We are glad that all, or nearly so, of our churches have a Sunday school; but we fear that all do not take

the interest in the work that they should, although we find that the churches that take the greatest interest in this grand work are the most prosperous.

To our mind the Sunday school is the most efficient way of instructing our children, "who are the heritage of God," in the Bible, which teaches us the way of Life, of any institution that we have. If we could only get our people to realize this great truth we could do great work for God, and grand work for humanity and our church. Our children would come upon the scene with a greater zeal and power and interest in the great work of God, that of saving souls.

We, as your committee, would ask and recommend that our State Board, as soon as convenient, place in the field a man that will give his time to this great work, that of aiding our pastors and churches in organizing a Sunday school in every church and community.

F. M. HARTMAN,  
J. L. DELOACH,  
Committee.

14. Letter from Perseverance Church was read by the Clerk.

15. Perseverance Church having asked for a letter of dismissal from this Association to unite with the Central Association, the same was granted.

16. Montecocha Church asked for a letter of dismissal from this Association to unite with the Central Association, and the same was granted.

17. J. W. Hilton, for Committee on Divine Service, reported that G. W. S. Ware preach tonight, and B. R. Moseley at 11:00 a. m. tomorrow.

18. On motion the action of the Association making the report on Temperance the special order for 7:00 p. m. tomorrow, was rescinded and said report was made the special order for 7:00 p. m. today.

19. Adjourned until 7:00 p. m.

#### FRIDAY EVENING SESSION.

20. In the absence of the Moderator on account of

sickness, the Association was called to order by J. W. Hilton at 7:00 p. m.

21. After devotional exercises the Hawthorn letter was read by the Clerk.

22. The following committees were announced.

Missions--B. R. Moseley, A. J. Nimmo.

Nominations--J. F. Bunch, C. A. Clingman.

Spiritual Condition of the Churches--J. W. Hilton  
J. N. Vaullandingham.

Orphanage--E. H. Rennolds, Sr., F. B. Rawls.

Deceased Ministers and Deacons--Ely Hicks,  
G. Rawls.

B. Y. P. U.--Mrs. S. B. Rogers, Mrs. J. E. P.

Woman's Work--Mrs. C. W. Stephens, Mrs. M.  
McFadden, Mrs. E. W. Millican.

Finance--A. M. Williams, Colie Barrington, E. E.  
Stokes.

23. G. W. S. Ware preached to the Association from I John 4:8, "God is love."

24. M. M. Wamboit of the Jacksonville Association, and F. L. Higdon of the Presbyterian Church were recognized and invited to seats in the body.

25. Francis Warren, Assistant Superintendent Florida Anti-Saloon League, read the report on Temperance. The report was discussed by Francis Warren, E. H. Rennolds, Sr., B. R. Moseley, S. B. Rogers and adopted as follows:

#### TEMPERANCE REPORT.

The Anti-Saloon League is a federation of all churches with temperance societies and other organizations which desire the suppression of the saloon and are willing to co-operate according to the plans of the League, for the accomplishment of that result.

The League is in the strictest and truest sense omni-partisan and inter-denominational.

Every church and society in the federation is rightfully regarded as represented in and identified with the League.



The League aims at the present repression and ultimate suppression of the beverage liquor traffic.

The League favors all measures that secure advance toward the complete extermination of the beverage liquor traffic. Whatever will place such liquor traffic "in the way of ultimate extinction" and force it onward toward its doom, we consider advance.

Even to the question of license we are strictly opposed. By legalizing this traffic we agree to share with the liquor seller the responsibilities and evils of his business.

Every man who votes for high license or any license becomes of necessity a partner to the liquor traffic and all its consequences.

In addition to this, experience has shown that license is an entrenchment for the saloon from which it is exceedingly difficult to dislodge it.

Saloon license is not so much a burden upon the liquor seller as upon the liquor buyer, and the higher the license tax the more oppressive and cruel is the burden upon the patron of the saloon and upon his wife and children.

Saloon license is an entrenchment for the liquor traffic and the higher the license the deeper and stronger is that entrenchment, and the more potent is the saloon to resist all restrictive or prohibitive movements and to continue its destructive work.

The League does pursue a uniform policy and to favor high license at any point would weaken its efficiency in laboring for prohibition at all points.

We are heartily in favor and do adopt every plan that is right and tends to the ultimate extermination of the beverage liquor traffic.

The standard toward which all energy should tend is the creating of a public sentiment which will encourage, sustain, nominate and elect faithful public officers and hold to strict account the worthless and corrupt.

No permanent success is possible by taking law enforcement work out of the hands of the regularly constituted authorities who are elected, paid, and take oath to enforce law.

We as league men, ministers and church officials should not try to do the officers' work, but we should help and take advantage of every opportunity to see that such men are supported.

As a national organization, now being organized in 40 States, each State hard at work, calling elections, and then doing such work as will cause men to vote dry, we believe that national prohibition will finally be the outcome.

The work in our own State has met with such success in the past few months that we feel like we are among the States that will soon be numbered among the dry.

In the past six weeks four counties have decided in favor of the dry, two with an overwhelming majority and two with a very small majority, leaving today out of forty six counties, ten wet and thirty six dry, and three other counties hard at work.

While I am heartily in favor of working toward State prohibition, and legislate it if the opportunity presents itself, I am more in favor of voting every county dry, which can be done if the church, the ministers and the Christian people give to the Anti-Saloon League the support we ask of them and we will not ask any impossibilities.

We first ask you for your prayers; second, your vote, and we want that to be as you pray or it will not do you any good, your family or your neighbors any good, and it will be contrary to the wishes of God, and against righteousness.

Third, the privilege of coming to your church to present our work. Fourth, the privilege of asking your people for financial aid.

Is this asking anything out of reason? If not, will you as the ministers and delegates representing the churches in Santa Fe River Association, adopt our organization as your organization to fight the great evil?

And grant us this privilege of being your servants for righteousness and against unrighteousness?

26. Adjourned until 9:00 a. m. tomorrow.

#### SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

27. The Moderator called the Association to order at 9:10 a. m.

28. After devotional exercises minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

29. Committee on Publication reported through G.

W. S. Ware. The report was discussed by G. W. S. Ware, B. R. Moseley, W. C. Foster, S. B. Rogers, and adopted as follows:

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

Your Committee on Publications would report.

This is an age of publications. To carry on an aggressive warfare against sin and ignorance, truth should be published and carefully read. By publication we have, in easy reach, the combined thought of past ages. To entirely neglect this, is to be six thousand years behind our day. Life is too short for one mind to do what God has done by human mind as found in publications. Man is what he prefers to read. His literature indicates his character. Hence we would urge our pastors to introduce good books wherever possible, and urge our people to spend their money for good publications. Bible first, God's peerless book; then select publications until every home is graced with a library, every center table has the Southern Witness, Foreign Mission Journal and our Home Field.

G. W. S. WARE,  
W. A. SPARKS,

Committee.

30. Treasurer's Report was read by J. F. Bunch, and adopted as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

1906		RECEIPTS.	
Oct. 24	To balance last report		\$ 7 70
	Hampton		3 17
	Eden		1 20
	Campville		8 52
	Eliam		5 00
	Alachua		4 00
	Waldo		2 75
	Gainesville		5 00
	McMeekin		3 56
	Hawthorn		6 00
	LaCrosse		14 25
	Collection at Alachua		9 82
Dec. 31	To S. S. Convention at Eliam		28 65

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Feb. 4--To Hampton	2 65
Mar. 30--To remittance sent in direct	
June 30--To Rochelle	
Hawthorn	5 00
Orange Creek	2 80
Ochwilla	4 50
LaCrosse	6 00
Eden Ch. \$1.17, Eden S. S. \$1.00	2 17
Campville	2 00
Rochelle	5 50
Eliam	8 04
Monteocha	2 10
Hampton	2 85
Collection, Rochelle	12 26
Sept. 27--To Gainesville (Col.)	7 41
LaCrosse	4 17
Eliam	2 60
Alachua	3 00
Hawthorn	2 90
Hampton	2 00
Waldo	6 00
Rochelle	1 50
Campville (S. S.)	2 00
Ochwilla	5 25
Eden	1 00

\$193 35

1906	
DISBURSEMENTS.	
Oct. 21--By Clerk	\$ 15 00
W. C. Foster, attending State Board Meeting	14 50
L. D. Geiger, Treas.	22 44
Dec. 12--By Minutes, B. M. Heckard	20 00
1907	
Jan. 16--By L. D. Geiger, Treas.	28 65
Feb. 18--By L. D. Geiger, Treas.	2 65
July 8--By L. D. Geiger	52 25
Mar. 30--By L. D. Geiger, direct	

\$155 49

To balance \$ 37 86

J. F. BUNCH,  
Treasurer.

31. Report on Orphanage was read, discussed by E. H. Rennolds, Sr., B. R. Moseley, and adopted as follows:

#### REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

Pure and undefiled religion before God is this: to visit the fatherless and the widows in their affliction and to keep ourselves unspotted before the world. God has promised to be a father to the fatherless and a husband to the widow, but he uses men and women to carry out his purposes. So he commits to us the means to feed and clothe the fatherless ones. Shall we not be true to the trust?

No one of the agencies fostered by the Baptists of the State has aroused such a general interest of the brotherhood, or such a generous response to its appeals, as our Orphanage has.

It has, however, grown rapidly in the number of its inmates, and the needs of the Orphanage to feed and clothe its fifty-two orphans and provide additional equipment in buildings and furnishings is pressing and acute.

Spasmodic efforts at irregular intervals can never supply the wants of the little ones committed to our care, as food and raiment are things of daily need and must be met regularly and liberally.

We should never allow Brother Bean's larder or wardrobe to become empty nor even to allow its supplies in money and supplies in kind to run short.

Let us then keep the matter continually before our people that there may always be "meat in my house," as saveth the Lord. Only thus will we secure our Master's approving words, "Inasmuch as ye did it unto the least of these my disciples ye did it unto me."

Respectfully submitted,

E. H. RENNOLDS, SR.,

Committee.

32. Letter from LaCrosse Church was read by the Clerk.

33. S. B. Rogers read report on Education. The report was discussed by S. B. Rogers and adopted as follows:

## REPORT ON EDUCATION.

It is practically impossible for your committee to prepare a report upon Education as perhaps this question should be dealt with in religious bodies. There can be no doubting the fact that the main feature of the educational question claiming the attention of religious bodies, is religious education. And yet we are so interwoven in the common, or state school interest, by reason of the laws under which we live, that it is not possible to write intelligently upon the educational question without touching the secular side. And while there are some features of the common, or state school interest of which we may, and do, feel justly proud, yet there are some we may reasonably and justly fear.

However, your committee would earnestly urge upon the parents of our children the necessity of seeing to it that their children be given the very best advantages of the present opportunities offered them.

But we desire to especially urge upon our people the importance of taking advantage of the higher educational opportunities offered their children in our denominational schools.

Baptist people have ever opposed the union of church and state in any measure, political, educational or religious, hence our fathers are unusually active in establishing and maintaining religious schools for their sons and daughters. We can, therefore, point with no small degree of pride to the fact that in religious schools Baptists today stand in the lead among the American people.

It is the duty, and should be the pride, of every Baptist parent to see to it that their sons and daughters are matriculated in Baptist schools.

In this State we proudly claim two great schools standing for religious education—John B. Stetson University at Deland, and Columbia College at Lake City, Fla. John B. Stetson University, finely equipped, strongly manned, beautifully located, thoroughly impregnated with a religious atmosphere, offers advantages unexcelled; while Columbia College especially appeals to us. She is our ward, placed in our hands and laid upon our hearts by the mysterious workings of a kind Providence; we can afford to do no less than fill her spacious halls with our sons and daughters, and from

our abundance supply her every financial need. Her location is ideal, her facilities fine, her faculty the equal of any in the State, while her religious atmosphere is as refreshing as the dew of the morning.

The Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., is the training school for our young preachers, and we cannot too strongly insist upon the importance of our young preachers availing themselves of the superior advantages it offers. We desire also, to speak with pride and delight of the training school for women, which has just been opened in Louisville, Ky. To this a thousand of our good women can and should go.

Respectfully submitted,

S. B. ROGERS,  
E. E. STOKES

34. The Association then listened to a sermon by B. R. Moseley from Psalms 36:9: "For with thee is the fountain of life: in thy light shall we see light."

35. Letter from Orange Creek Church was read by the Clerk.

36. The Association then adjourned until 2:00 p. m. today.

#### SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

37. The Moderator called the Association to order at 2:15 p. m.

38. After singing and prayer the report on the Spiritual Condition of the Churches was read by J. W. Hinton. The report was discussed by J. W. Hilton, and adopted as follows:

#### REPORT ON SPIRITUAL CONDITION OF THE CHURCHES.

We, your Committee on the Spiritual Condition of the Churches, beg leave to report, that so far as we can ascertain the spirituality of the brotherhood is encouraging. The churches represented show an increase over last year (numerically, and from the financial report are becoming more and more interested in the great work of missions. Each church represented, with the possible exception of two, reports a Sunday school, where our boys and girls are taught the word of God and obeying the command of Christ, "Learn of me."

We are pleased to note that our pastors are making Jesus Christ the principal theme of the pulpit, for there is no other name given among men whereby man can be saved.

J. W. HILTON,  
Committee.

39. Report on Obituaries was read by the Clerk discussed by R. B. Weeks and E. H. Rennolds, Sr., and after amendment, was adopted as follows:

#### REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

We, your Committee on Obituaries, beg leave to report that so far as we have been able to ascertain there have been no deaths in our Association among our ministers during the past year; and only one death among our deacons, A. H. Henson, one of the constituent members of the Hawthorn Church.

The letters show the following deaths among the membership of the churches: Waldo Church, Mrs. J. J. Hicks; Hawthorn Church, Mrs. Floralla Dearing, Miss Cinda Christy, Miss Mattie Gay, Mrs. G. W. Riles; Gainesville, Gilbert Taylor, Mrs. N. J. Nobles; Campville, L. R. Joyner; Orange Creek, James E. Hayman; Hampton, W. L. Smith; Eden, Mitchel Baxley.

Respectfully submitted,

E. HICKS,  
J. G. RAWLS,  
Committee.

40. Report on Nominations was read and adopted as follows:

#### REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

We, your committee, recommend, first, the next session of the Santa Fe River Association be held with the Baptist Church at Waldo, beginning Friday, 10:00 a. m., before the fourth Sunday in October, 1908; second, that Rev. G. W. Riles preach the introductory sermon and Rev. W. C. Foster preach the missionary sermon; third, that R. B. Weeks, H. R. Alderman, T. R. Parker, A. W. Geiger and J. F. Bunch compose the Executive Committee for the ensuing year; fourth, that Rev. B. R. Moseley, Rev. J. W. Hilton, R. B. Weeks, E. E. Stokes and J. C. Barrington represent us as messengers to the next Florida Baptist Convention;



fifth, that Rev. B. R. Moseley be elected as our delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, and that Rev. J. W. Hilton be his alternate.

J. F. BUNCH,  
C. A. CLINGMAN,  
Committee.

41. Report on Woman's Work was read; discussed by S. B. Rogers, E. H. Rennolds, Sr., W. C. Foster, and adopted as follows:

#### REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

In looking over the reports of the Missionary Societies we are very much pained to learn that out of thirteen churches constituting the Association, there are only five societies that have been reported—Alachua, Eliam, Waldo, Gainesville, Rochelle. We are not in a position to say why these other churches have not sent in reports, but we earnestly hope to have each of these thirteen churches reported at our next annual meeting. We feel quite sure the Associational Vice Presidents have done their utmost to reach these churches.

The committee earnestly requests that each pastor impress upon the ladies of his church the importance of this grand and glorious work that is so much needed in the bounds of this Association. We pray God's richest blessing upon the Woman's Work in Florida.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. FIELDING,  
MRS. MILLICAN,  
MRS. STEPHENS,  
Committee.

42. On motion it was decided that hereafter this body appoint no committee on Woman's Work, but that we have reports from the Woman's Missionary Union direct, as auxiliary to this body.

43. Report on B. Y. P. U. was read; discussed by J. F. Bunch, S. B. Rogers, and adopted as follows:

#### REPORT ON B. Y. P. U.

There are only a few B. Y. P. U. organizations within the bounds of this Association, but they are very much alive and are doing fine work.

One new union has been organized since the last Association, making three in the Santa Fe Association. We recommend that the pastors and churches emphasize this work during the coming year, and that each church try to organize its young people and teach them to do the work of God.

The B. Y. P. U. has for its object the conversion of the young men and women of the community, and tries in every way possible to train them in the faith and service of the Master's kingdom. We feel sure that every pastor who has a B. Y. P. U. organization in his church will agree with us when we say that this is one of the most important and helpful branches of the church and that it is adding a great deal to its activity.

The Encampment plan is now being agitated in the B. Y. P. U. organization of our State and is meeting with much success. This will help the organization very much in every branch of its work, and we recommend that the churches help them to establish it.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. S. B. ROGERS,

MRS. TODD,

Committee.

44. Report on Finance was read and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Received for Minutes and Clerk: From Orange Creek Church, \$2.05; Perseverance Church, \$9.20; Alachua Church, \$4.00; Campville Church, \$5.56; Gainesville Church, \$5.00; Montechoa, 50 cents; Eliam, \$3.50; Hawthorn, \$5.00; LaCrosse, \$5.80; Waldo, \$2.35; Och-willa, \$5.41; Rochelle, \$5.00; Hampton, \$3.70.

Received from Montechoa Church for Associational Missions, \$1.75.

Total amount received and turned over to Treasurer, \$58.32.

E. E. STOKES,

A. M. WILLIAMS,

COLLIE BARRINGTON,

Committee.

45. On motion the Clerk was instructed to have three hundred copies of the Minutes printed and dis-

tributed among the churches, and that he receive fifteen dollars for his services.

46. I. W. Pinholster, corresponding messenger from the New River Association, was recognized and invited to a seat.

47. On motion it was ordered that our State Convention be requested to place a Sunday School Secretary in the field as soon as practicable.

48. The Association adjourned until 7:00 p. m. to-day.

#### SATURDAY EVENING SESSION.

49. The Association was called to order at 7:00 p. m. by J. W. Hilton.

After devotional exercises the report on Missions was read by the Clerk. Said report was discussed by E. H. Rennolds, Sr., S. B. Rogers, and adopted as follows:

#### REPORT ON MISSIONS.

There are so many things of very great importance these days that it is hard to say which is chief, but if the Lord of all be himself excepted, what can be more important than to do his will?

The very object of our Lord's death as our Redeemer on the cross, would be defeated if it could not be known . . . for how shall they hear without a preacher, and how shall they preach except they be sent?

Oh, let us send them. And if, as some say, this is God's work and we have nothing to do with it, then it is all God's work, and we need not preach or teach or give any admonition to any soul either at home or abroad.

Thank God we do not now have to *prove* missions. The doctrine is generally accepted. But let us not think the victory is complete just because our opinions are correct. We must be active, vigilant and progressive.

Brother Ware told us that love works. And if we think we love God and do not love our fellowmen enough to help them when they need, we are mistaken. The

word of God says, If we love not our brother whom we have seen, how can we love God whom we have not seen?

And surely love that is enlightened by God's word will seek the highest interests of its beloved. So then while we send the bread of this life to starving China let us also send them bread for their highest interests, even life eternal.

Go, ye swift ships; for what were ye made except to send the Gospel. Fly, ye fast trains, and speed the message and the messengers on their way. Let every modern invention help the good work on, and on, and on, until the flight of the balloon and the flash of electricity, the voices long silent, may be heard and all be telling the glorious news.

Thank God our organizations are already made. We have but to cheer them with our prayers and our contributions. Let us do this heartily and cheerfully, for God loveth a cheerful giver.

Be strong, ye young men in the B. Y. P. U.

Shine on, ye Sunbeams; toil on, ye Women's Societies; help, ye brethren, the poor brethren; preach, ye heralds of the cross, and soon shall heaven sing the harvest home. Some say that in this very generation the prophecy may be fulfilled: "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and his Christ."

Let us take the Home Field and the Foreign Mission Journal, and thus by the knowledge they impart let us walk in the light, for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth.

May we not ask our brethren to consider whether they ought not to give the tenth of their income, not as a Jewish law, but as a labor of love.

If this would be done there would be bounty in God's house, and this generation would know the Lord.

Respectfully,

B. R. MOSELEY,

A. J. NIMMO,

Committee.

51. The following resolution was read and adopted by a unanimous vote:

*Resolved*, That we extend our sincere thanks to the Hampton Baptist Church and other citizens of Hampton

and vicinity for their kind hospitality in entertaining this Association.

52. Adjourned until 10:00 a. m. tomorrow.

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION.

53. The Association convened at 10:00 a. m.

By previous arrangement, one hour was spent in a Sunday school mass meeting, presided over by S. M. Howe. E. H. Rennolds, F. L. Higdon, and W. C. Foster took part in the discussion.

55. The Association listened to a sermon by M. M. Wambolt from Rev. 21:1: "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away, and there was no more sea."

56. A collection for missions was taken amounting to \$19.10.

57. The Association then adjourned to meet with the Waldo Church Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1908, at 10:00 a. m.

R. B. WEEKS, Moderator.

W. C. FOSTER, Clerk.

PASTORS, CLERKS AND NUMERICAL STATISTICS

NAME OF CHURCH	PASTOR	CLERK OF CHURCH	CLERK'S POSTOFFICE ADDRESS	Church Organized - Year	Increase this Year				Decrease this Year				Net Increase	Net Decrease	What Sundays Have Preaching
					By Baptism	By Letter or State	By Restoration	Total Increase	Membership Last Year	By Letter	By Expulsion or	By Death			
Alachua	W. C. Foster	C. A. Williams	Alachua	1887	2	16	2	18	107	5	2	7	120	12nd and 4th	
Campville	J. H. Richardson	E. E. Stokes	Campville	1882	2	2	2	4	40	2	1	3	41	1st	
Eden	J. W. Hilton	H. McCrany	Grove Park	1902	18	3	2	21	36	1	1	1	38	3rd	
Eden	B. R. Moseley	E. B. Lane	Palman Hall	1859	1	3	3	7	129	9	9	9	127	4th	
Gainesville	S. B. Rogers	D. M. Tomkies	Gainesville	1870	28	59	1	88	227	15	2	17	260	Every	
Hampton	Z. A. Crumpton	Geo. W. Hicks	Hampton	1897	6	6	6	18	77	2	1	3	80	1st	
Hawthorn	J. H. Richardson	W. B. Adkins	Hawthorn	1853	18	2	1	21	137	5	5	10	148	2nd and 4th	
LaCrosse	S. S. Proctor	T. R. Parker	LaCrosse	1885	2	2	2	6	88	10	8	10	80	2nd and 4th	
Monteocha	Geo. W. Lareman	J. H. Vanlandingham	Monteocha	1886	6	2	2	10	15	2	2	23	2nd and 4th		
Ochwillis	B. R. Moseley	W. E. Hamontry	Hawthorn RD	1897	1	1	1	3	43	2	2	42	2nd and 4th		
Orange Creek	Wm. F. Malpburs.	W. B. Rowe	Lochloosa	1884	0	0	0	0	9	1	1	17	2nd and 4th		
Orange Melphis	Geo. W. Lareman	B. F. Minton	Campville	1887	0	0	0	0	80	0	0	80	2nd and 4th		
Rochelle	Z. B. Clark	A. J. Jones	Rochelle	1887	5	2	2	7	66	2	1	4	69	2nd and 4th	
Waldo	E. C. Green	J. J. Hicks	Waldo	1853	5	2	2	7	66	2	1	4	69	2nd and 4th	
Petersonance	G. W. S. Ware	J. G. Rawls	Alachua	1884	5	4	4	9	20	1	12	17	17	3rd	
Total					86	78	16	182	1058	52	14	12	78	104	



**SUNDAY SCHOOLS, WOMAN'S MISSIONARY AND OTHER SOCIETY STATISTICS**

SUNDAY SCHOOLS										WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY		OTHER SOCIETIES	
NAME OF CHURCH	NAME OF SUPERINTENDENT AND HIS P. O. ADDRESS	Number of Schools	Number of Pupils	Number of Teachers	Scholars Baptized	S. S. Expenses	Missions and Benevolence	Total Amount Raised	NAME OF PRESIDENT AND HER P. O. ADDRESS	Raised for Missions and Benevolence	NAME OF SOCIETY	PRESIDENT'S NAME AND P. O. ADDRESS	Raised for Missions and Benevolence
Alachua	H. J. McCollum, Alachua	1	80	7	17	50 00	453 00	103 00	Mrs. O. M. Futch, Alachua	\$ 47 00			
Campville	E. E. Stokes, Campville	1	25	2	2	5 00	7 43	12 43					
Hawthorn	Herbert Saunders, Hawthorn	1	29	6	10	8 50	8 50	8 50					
LaCrosse	W. H. Lee, LaCrosse	3	100	12	1	25 00	3 75	28 75	Mrs. Dollie Price, Melrose	21 00			
Monteocha	T. Torrey, Melrose	1	157	11		135 02		135 02	Mrs. Florence Walnwright, Gville	45 20			
Hampton	S. M. Rowe, Hampton	1	25	3		1 50		1 50					
Wrightsville	W. E. Waits, Hawthorn	1	40	5		20 00		20 00					
LaCrosse	H. C. Parker, LaCrosse	1	111	7		50 01		50 01					
Monteocha	W. A. Sparks, Monteocha	1	25	3									
Willa	M. A. Fowler, McMeekin	1	23	2									
Walden	S. C. Haymans	1	23	3									
Walden	G. M. Deshea, Waldo	1	45	5									
Walden	W. J. Carlyle, Alachua	1	28	3		13 30	10 06	23 36	Mrs. J. F. Todd, Waldo				
<b>Total</b>		15	712	69	22	317 33	474 24	791 57		\$114 10			\$21 56



