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Officers

Moderator, R. B. Weeks, Hawthorn, Fla.
 Clerk, H. C. Sealey, Alachua, Fla.
 Treasurer, E. E. Stokes, Campville, Fla.

Executive Committee

R. B. Weeks, Hawthorn, Fla.
 S. M. Rowe, Hampton, Fla.
 E. B. Perry, Melrose, Fla.
 J. F. Futch, Alachua, Fla.
 E. E. Stokes, Campville, Fla.

Order of Business

- 1 Association Called to Order at 10:00 a. m.
- 2 Reading Letters and Enrolling Delegates.
- 3 Election of Officers.
- 4 Introductory Sermon.
- 5 Inviting 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 State Missions.
 - f Home Missions.
 - g Foreign Missions.
 - h Publication.
 - i Nominations.
 - j Spiritual Condition of Churches.
 - k Orphanage.
 - l Deceased Ministers and Deacons.
 - m B. Y. P. U.
 - n Finance.
- 8 Miscellaneous Business.
- 9 Adjournment.

CONSTITUTION

1 This Association shall be called the Santa Fe River Baptist Association.

2 This Association shall be composed of Messengers of Baptist Church of this Association, maintaining the Gospel discipline. Such messengers are to be elected by their respective Churches. In case any of the messengers or their alternates so elected, fail to attend Association at its own discretion can seat any other member of that church as Messenger, until the pro rata share of messengers of that Church has been supplied.

3 The object of this Association shall be the re-union 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.

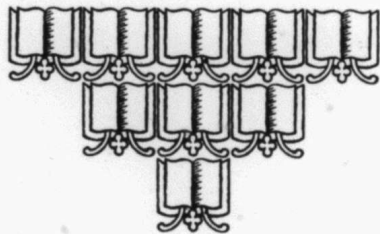
Three shall constitute a quorum for business. The executive committee shall elect its own chairman and secretary and have power to fill vacancies.

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 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.



ARTICLES OF FAITH

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

Art. 2 We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the inspired Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

Art. 3 We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

Art. 4 We believe that man is elected to salvation through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and is justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

Art. 5 We believe in man's inability to save himself from the fallen state from which he is, either by nature or by his own free will.

Art. 6 We believe that man must repent to God alone for the sins he has committed.

Art. 7 We believe in the doctrine of regeneration by the Holy Spirit.

Art. 8 We believe that sanctification is the progressive work of the Holy Spirit, according to the will of God, whereby we are made partakers of His Holiness, through the continued use of the appointed means, the Word of God, self-examination, self-denial, watchfulness, prayer, and the practice of all godly exercises and prayer.

Art. 9 We believe that all saints shall persevere in grace and never finally fall away.

Art. 10 We believe that a Gospel church is a company of Christ's Baptized believers, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel; observing the ordinances of Christ; governed by His laws and exercising the gifts, rights and privileges invested in them by His word; that its only spiritual officers are bishops or pastors, and deacons, whose qualifications, claims and duties are defined in the epistle to Timothy and Titus.

Art. 11 We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion in water of a believer in Christ; by one duly qualified to administer the ordinance.

Art. 12 We believe that the Lord's Supper is a provision of bread and wine, representing Christ's body and blood, partaken of by the members of the Church assembled for that purpose, and that the scriptural qualification for partaking of same are regeneration, baptism, fellowship and unity and doctrine.

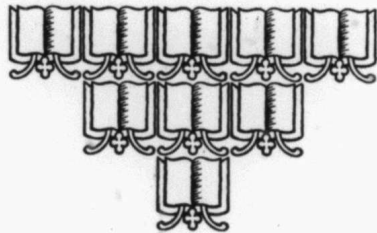
Art. 13 We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances only such as are called, and have come under the imposition of hands of the presbytery.

Art. 14 We believe in the general resurrection of the dead, and a general judgment.

Art. 15 We believe the punishment of the wicked everlasting, and the joys of the righteous eternal.

Art. 16 We believe the first day of the week is the Lord's Day, is a memorial of Christ's resurrection and should be kept holy, by the observance of all the means of grace both private and public, and by abstaining from all secular labor, except works of mercy and necessity.

Art. 17 We believe in the second coming of Christ, and that when He comes He will raise the dead from their graves, and judge the world righteously, appointing to the wicked endless sorrow, and to the righteous endless joy.



MINUTES

Melrose, Florida, Oct. 24, 1913.

The Santa Fe River Baptist Association met in its Fifty-seventh Annual Session with the Eliam Baptist Church at Melrose, Fla., October 24, 25, and 26, 1913. The Association called to order by the Moderator, Bro. R. B. Weeks, and H. C. Sealey as Clerk, after devotional exercises by Rev. L. A. Rawls.

The Moderator called for Letters from the several churches, to-wit:

Alachua, Delegates—H. C. Sealey, H. J. McCallum, S. T. Fowler, and Mrs. C. A. Williams.

Hague—Bro. T. J. Ham; Sisters Zealy Mott and Josie Capell.

Eden—Bros. Z. M. Sanders, Samuel Shaw, R. M. Terrell, G. L. Silcox, Bro. Nobles, and Miss Annie Nobles.

Waldo—Rev. L. A. Rawls, Bro. R. M. Wiggins, Sisters E. W. Milican and J. M. Ogilvie.

Eliam—Bros. L. Price, L. M. Baldwin, G. T. Tarley, W. H. Lee; Sisters Sarah Perry, Mrs. Huffman.

Gainesville—Rev. J. J. Cloar and Bro. E. R. Simmons.

Hawthorne—Bro. R. B. Weeks, Rev. G. W. Riles, Mrs. G. W. Riles, Mrs. R. B. Weeks, Bros. E. W. Ward and R. E. Johnston.

Hampton—Bros. G. W. Hicks, W. F. Holstrum, Mrs. J. H. Edwards and Miss Emma Hicks.

Motion to defer permanent organization until after noon, and in the absence of Rev. J. J. Cloar, the appointee, Rev. G. W. Riles, was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon. The Association adjourned to 1:30 p. m.

11 o'clock sermon; text, II. Cor., 5:20-21.

Announced that dinner would be served on the grounds and a general invitation extended to all.

Friday Afternoon Session, 1:30 P. M.

After song, and prayer by Rev. J. J. Cloar, Association called to order by the Moderator.

Call for Letters.

Gainesville by letter and delegates, Rev. J. J. Cloar and E. R. Simmons.

Ochwilla by letter and delegates, Bros. F. F. Jerkins, W. E. Hammontree, W. G. Weeks, M. A. Fowler, Mrs. W. G. Weeks, Miss Mary Hammontree.

Campville—Bros. John Parker, B. C. Johnson, Mrs. B. C. Johnson, Mrs. Flora Sherouse.

Rev. L. A. Rawls and Rev. G. W. Riles appointed by Moderator to read the letters from the different churches and delegates enrolled.

Election of officers: Bro. R. B. Weeks as Moderator; H. C. Sealey, Clerk; and E. E. Stokes, Treasurer.

Visiting brethren and sisters invited to seats in the body: Rev. A. P. Montague, D. D., President Columbia College, Lake City; Sister H. C. Peelman, Secretary Woman's Missionary Work.

Call for Petitionary Letters: Orange Heights Church responded by letter and delegates, to-wit: Bros. H. Thomas and Fred Hall, and was received into the Santa Fe Association and the right hand of fellowship extended to delegates by the Moderator.

Next, filling out the various committees which the Moderator appointed at the last session of the Association. The committees are as follows:

Temperance—R. M. Williams, L. M. Baldwin, H. H. Thomas.

Sunday Schools—J. F. Futch, Mrs. E. W. Millican, Beddia Mott.

State Mission—H. J. McCallum, T. J. Horn, E. W. Ward.

Home Missions—Rev. L. A. Rawls, F. F. Jerkins, Mrs. J. H. Edwards.

Foreign Missions—Rev. J. J. Cloar, Fred Hall, T. R. Fowler.

Publication—G. W. Riles, Mrs. J. M. Ogelvie, Mrs. C. A. Williams.

B. Y. P. U.—Sisters Stella DeSha, Sarah Perry, Josephine Capell.

Education—E. R. Simmons, Z. M. Saunders, W. E. Hammontree.

Orphanage—G. T. Torley, Mrs. G. W. Riles, Mrs. E. W. Ward.

Nominations—W. H. Lee, T. R. Fowler, Mrs. Nettie Huffman.

Spiritual Condition of Churches—L. Price, Rev. J. J. Cloar.

Deceased Ministers and Deacons—E. E. Stokes, Rev. J. J. Cloar, A. F. Torley.

Finance—E. B. Perry, W. H. Lee, E. E. Stokes.

Divine Service—Rev. L. A. Rawls and deacons of church.

President A. P. Montague was called on to give a talk on Columbia College and its progress, and a request that the

Moderator appoint a committee of seven to be known as the Columbia College Student Committee, to solicit students for the college, to-wit:

Rev. L. A. Rawls, chairman, Waldo, Fla.; Miss Rila May Fowler, Alachua, Fla.; Bro. T. R. Parker, Lacrosse, Fla.; Bro. E. R. Simmons, Gainesville, Fla.; Mrs. Edwards, Hampton, Fla.; Miss Clara Sherman, Hawthorne, Fla.; Bro. W. H. Lee, Melrose, Fla.

After which an earnest appeal was made by Rev. Montague, President of Columbia College, for funds to be used in assisting ministerial students who are preparing themselves for the ministry. Responded to-wit:

Alachua	H. J. McCallum	\$25.00
Gainesville	J. J. Cloar	25.00
Eliam	Rev. L. A. Rawls	10.00
Waldo	Rev. L. A. Rawls	10.00
Campville	E. E. Stokes	5.00
Hawthorn or	R. B. Weeks	5.00
Hampton	G. W. Hicks	5.00
Ochwilla	Frank Jerkins	5.00
Hague	T. J. Hamm	2.50
Orange Heights	— Hall	2.50
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	Cash contribution	\$95.00
	TOTAL	5.00
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Report of Committee on Divine Service. Rev. Montague to preach at 7 p. m.

Report on Temperance by Chairman R. M. Williams. Report adopted. To be discussed later.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Brethren, we, your Committee on Temperance, desire to submit the following report:

No more important subject claims the attention of the association than temperance, because it has to do with the welfare of the home, church and State.

It has been said that every question has two sides. Not so with the liquor question, which has only one side—the bad side.

The liquor traffic fastens and carries the black banner over every known vice. It has to do with the little petty, as well as the boldest crimes committed. It is a thief and a liar. It has murdered some of the very giants of intellect, martyrs for the prohibition cause. We might mention with others, Carmack of Tennessee, who was murdered by the liquor traffic.

It steals and corrupts elections. It makes men lie and corrupt courts. It jingles the burglar's key. It cocks the highwayman's gun. It whets the assassin's knife. It robs the widow of her only son. There's no good to come from a bad source. You cannot get clean water through a filthy sponge.

It stands for all that is bad and against all that is good. It has been said the stall-fed bachelor priesthood is the source of the white-slave traffic; that we question not, and if true we know the liquor traffic has joined hands in wedlock and produced an off-spring whose picture is enough to make the devil blush at its sight. And right here we beg to differ with our brethren who says there are many stand-points and angles from which to consider the liquor question. Not so. There's no compromise between right and wrong, truth and error. No man can ride two horses at one and the same time when they go in opposite directions.

This doctrine that is preached that boys and girls have to sow their wild oats is of the devil, and often produces crops that are bitter to harvest in after years. As you sow, so shall you reap. *Yes, of the same kind and more of it.

There is no harm in the snake egg in the egg state, but hatch and mature it and it will be a reproduction of the old mother snake.

True enough is the old adage, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

In going through channels you will see danger signals, buoys, bells and lights, and oft times they are placed in line. The seamen know when they keep the signals in line they are in the channel. Parents, keep the signals in line, steer the old ship in the channel of truth and right. There's an over-production of criminals coming in the present generation for the lack of authority in the home. You turn loose a boy that never knew authority in the home and he will not know and recognize the authority of the State.

There are too many cigarettes going about with a little something on the end of them. We should put forth greater efforts to produce a generation of men and women to take the place of drunkards and cigarette fiends.

Train our boys and girls to have high ideals and lofty ambitions.

A ship leaving port and going to sea without a destination in view is everlastingly at sea. You cannot reform the old drunkard whose system is so thoroughly saturated with alcohol that he is at all times ready to explode, and puts so much stress on his personal privileges that he has a right to get his liquor through any source he can, get drunk and kill

his wife and children. Away with the fussy stuff produced by the liquor traffic called reason and argument of personal privileges and of raising the standard of the saloon—doing away with the dives, etc. You had just as well tell about the honest thief, the truthful liar, and the sober drunkard.

Now, we wish to make special mention of the agencies that are doing so great and rapid work in exterminating this awful demon—the liquor traffic.

The W. C. T. U. has done a noble work, and the time of reaping is already here. The Anti-Saloon League, whose influence is felt the world over and has the liquor trusts trembling. Earthquakes, we dare say, would fail to give them such a shaking up.

The walls are being pulled down, the stronghold broke loose when the Kenyon-Webb bill was passed over Taft's veto, and the high courts passed on the constitutionality of it. This is the greatest victory ever won. We must not stop here, but march on down the firing line and shoot with deadly aim.

R. M. WILLIAMS,
L. M. BALDWIN,
H. H. THOMAS,

Committee.

Association adjourned until 9 a. m. Saturday, 25th.

R. B. WEEKS, Moderator.

H. C. SEALEY, Clerk.

Services at 7 p. m. by Rev. Montague; text: Rev. 11:15, to attentive audience.

Saturday, October 25, 1913—10 A. M.

After song and prayer led by Rev. Montague, Association called to order by the Moderator.

After reading and adopting minutes of yesterday (Friday), called for reports of committees.

Report of Committee on State Missions read by Chairman H. J. McCallum. Report adopted, to be discussed later.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

In laying out the work for this year the Board designated forty thousand dollars as the amount to be expended for this work. From the latest advices obtainable, we had raised only about twenty-eight thousand dollars, leaving a balance of approximately twelve thousand dollars yet to be raised before the close of the year.

This Committee earnestly pleads that the members of this Association give this matter earnest prayer and full consideration, and upon returning to their respective churches, most earnestly insist upon their church waking up to the re-

sponsibility resting upon it and to discharge this responsibility by seeing that a creditable collection be taken and sent in during the month of November.

It might be well to mention some of the things that have been done with your contributions during the past months.

We have helped to support 74 missionary pastors, helped to maintain preaching in 128 places, helped to build 98 places of worship, assisted about 400 Sunday Schools to more efficient work, assisted in the education of 14 ministerial students, assisted the orphans' home and 75 orphan children, and contributed to the support of 12 aged ministers.

While we are proud of what has been accomplished, we see ahead of us an opportunity for a much broader field of usefulness. This State has been enjoying a period of unusual development along material lines. Large fortunes have been made in a surprisingly short time, and the wonderful stories of our achievements have started the world looking this way. Transportation men tell us that we will have the heaviest travel in this State this year that we have ever had. If this be true, we must prepare to take care of the people who come to us.

While a great many of these who come to us will be of the Christian faith, many more will probably come with very little, if any, religious convictions. Now, these people must be Christianized by us or they will tend to heathenize us. Which shall it be? We say most emphatically, Christianize them.

In order to do this we must raise a larger amount of money than we have this year, and your Committee suggests that members of this Association go home with a determination to enlarge the work in their respective fields, and make 1914 a banner year for State Missions.

H. J. McCALLUM, Chairman.

T. J. HAMM,

E. W. WARD,

Committee.

Debate on Temperance reopened. Discussed by H. J. McCallum and E. R. Simmons.

State Missions reopened. Discussed by Rev. J. J. Cloar and Bro. H. J. McCallum, on the conditions today in Florida. Report adopted.

Report of Committee on Divine Service.

Moved and carried that the 11 o'clock sermon be dispensed with in order to have more time to discuss matters of importance.

Report on Home Missions read by Chairman Rev. L. A. Rawls. Ably discussed by chairman.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The founders of the Republic desired that this should be a Christian nation. They set forth their ideas in many of the earlier state papers. They refused to bolster up religious institutions by the state patronage. History has justified their wisdom, and now the oppressed of every nation look to America to show the way to better things. We have tried and know of a truth that "Righteousness exalteth a nation." But our best efforts have been imperfect.

We also know that "Sin is a reproach to a nation." Of 94,000,000 people in America, only about 21,000,000 are members of any evangelical body.

Of 31,000,000 people in the Southern Baptist Convention territory, fewer than 11,000,000 are members of evangelical bodies.

There remains a large task of pioneer mission work in our territory. After all the successful efforts of Home and State Missions, scores of communities in many States do not have the gospel message.

Southern Baptists are confronted by an immense vitalization task. Thousands of churches are without resident pastors, with only once-a-month preaching, are finding themselves inadequately taught and trained to meet the pressing needs of today.

The work of the Home Board is not only to place the gospel in destitute fields, but one of its great missions is to "Teach them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you," and this is the daily work of the pastors kept at these places by our Home Board.

One of the urgent needs of our Home Board today is a church building loan fund. Listen! We have three thousand unhouses churches in our convention territory, with thousands of others in buildings that are not adequate to their needs, appealing to us for help. Brethren, shall we sit down content and see our sister church sink for want of the help that you and I can give, and not go to her rescue? Every Baptist church should wear mourning until this million-dollar church building and loan fund has been raised. Then the helpers of today will be helpers tomorrow. Brethren, awake to help the homeless churches and the Christian homes.

With 20,000,000 people in the South who make no profession of religion, and 10,000 churches that contribute nothing to general benevolence, and 17,000 that have services only once per month, we can see that there is plenty to do, and if the Christian spirit does not dominate American society,

what we are will speak so loud that the heathen cannot hear what we say. Let us speak to the heathen by deeds at home and he will hear our men in his own native land.

The growth of home mission interest has been very marked in the last ten years. The receipts have increased about 300 per cent, baptisms 270 per cent, additions to churches 340 per cent. Our Board has carried 24 evangelists and 1,387 missionaries. These have preached 184,258 sermons, made 571,671 religious visits, baptised 26,935 converts, received by letter and otherwise 23,109, constituted 222 churches, built and improved 418 houses of worship, organized 660 Sunday Schools, distributed 24,772 Bibles and Testaments, during the year closing May 1st, 1913. "And yet there is room."

Brethren, our Home Board is leading Southern Baptists in a worthy way in the great work of saving the South, and they need the co-operation of every Baptist church and individual. Your Committee commend it and its work to the prayers and liberal support of the churches in this Association

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. RAWLS,
MRS. J. H. EDWARDS,
F. F. JERKINS,

Committee.

Report on Foreign Missions read by chairman, Rev. J. J. Cloar, and ably discussed by Rev. J. J. Cloar. Report was adopted.

(Copy of report not furnished to printer.)

Report of Committee on Education read by Chairman E. R. Simmons. Discussed by Bro. E. R. Simmons and Rev. J. J. Cloar. Report adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee on Education respectfully submit the following report:

We believe that ignorance is one of our worst personal enemies, and that a trained mind is a requisite to the greatest success in any vocation. The Bible teaches us that a wise man uses knowledge aright. If the old adage, "the first impressions are most lasting," is true, then why not begin the foundation properly. We would recommend that as far as possible teachers of Christian character be selected for our public schools. Begin at home and in the primary grades to prepare boys and girls for life's service.

Never before in the history of the world has there been so great a demand for educated men and women. In our progressive age the farmer, the mechanic, the commercial

man and leaders in any branch of the church should be trained both in the science and art of doing things.

As we are especially interested in Baptist influence, we recommend that our libraries contain wholesome Baptist literature, that every family in the Association read our denominational paper, the Witness, and that as far as possible we avail ourselves of the advantages and opportunities afforded by our training schools for the various branches of the church work.

We would suggest that our young people be instructed in our principles of faith and we insist that our young church members be trained to support the church.

We further recommend that our people support and patronize Columbia College, our worthy exponent of Baptist faith and principles, founded for the instruction of our young men and women in liberal arts, business methods and the Bible. This institution is entering upon its seventh successful year, with a faculty representing our best colleges, and composed of men and women selected because of their peculiar fitness for the work. In Columbia College we have thirteen young men preparing to preach, and two young women preparing for the foreign mission fields. Ten of these students are receiving help from their churches. Let Santa Fe River Association rally to their support and have a part in this good work.

There are other colleges in our State doing excellent work, but Columbia is our college, and let us assist the worthy president in every possible way to lead from victory unto victory.

E. R. SIMMONS,
Z. M. SANDERS,
W. E. HAMMONTREE,
Committee.

H. C. Sealey made a very earnest appeal for assistance for Rev. B. R. Moseley, who is in bed suffering from an attack of paralysis, with the result that a collection amounting to \$30.00 was taken up. Upon being advised of the fact, Bro. Moseley requested that his sincere thanks be returned to the brethren and the Association.

RESOLVED, 1st. That each church in the Santa Fe Association be requested to contribute a sum equivalent to one-tenth of their pastor's salary for the support of Bro. Moseley while sick. 2nd. That a committee of two be appointed—L. Price and E. Baldwin—to see after the needs of Bro. Moseley's family, and see after collecting and receipting for same, and take charge of amount collected today for the

benefit of Bro. Moseley and family.

Respectfully submitted,
J. T. TARLEY.

Association adjourned until 2 o'clock p. m.
1:30 p. m., Ladies' W. M. S. met and devotional exercises were led by Mrs. Edwards.

REPORT ON W. M. S.

Melrose, Oct. 25, 1913

Meeting opened by devotional exercises led by Mrs. Edwards.

Hymn, "Rock of Ages."

Scripture, Passages from Rev. and Phil.

Prayer, Mrs. Edwards.

Mrs. B. A. Chamberlin elected secretary pro tem., and Mrs. H. S. Miller press reporter.

Papers regarding our work were read by delegates.

Meaning of the Jubilate, Melrose.

Outline of "In Royal Service," Hampton.

Looking forward to the future work of the W. M. U.

Our duty to our community and how to fulfill it,

Alachua.

Mrs. J. H. Edwards of Hampton and Mrs. H. J. McCallum of Alachua were elected superintendents.

Mrs. H. C. Peelman gave a most inspiring address.

Adjourned for lunch hour. Met at one and heard reports from six societies.

Respectfully submitted, Mrs. B. A. Chamberlin.

Association called to order at 2 p. m., after song and prayer led by Rev. G. W. Riles.

Call for report of committees:

The Committee on Publications made the following report, which was adopted after discussion by Chairman Rev. G. W. Riles and others:

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

We, your Committee on Publications, submit the following: That we have some of the best periodicals, journals, and Sunday School literature, published by the Southern Baptist Convention at Nashville, Tenn., and by the American Baptist Publication Society at Atlanta, Ga.; also our State organ, The Florida Baptist Witness, published at Lakeland, Fla., which is indispensable to every Baptist of the State, and should be read and paid for by them. Not only that, but the teachings thereof lived and practiced by them. We have also The Home and Foreign Mission journals published by the Home Board at Atlanta, Ga., and Richmond, Va., showing what uses are being made of the money con-

tributed for the salvation of the world. We would also recommend the Christian Index, of Atlanta, Ga., and Texas Standard, and as many others as you can take and pay for.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. RILES,
MRS. J. M. OGILVIE,
MRS. C. A. WILLIAMS,
Committee.

The Committee on Sunday Schools made the following report, which was adopted after discussion by Chairman H. J. McCallum and Rev. L. A. Rawls.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Christian character is not just a happen-so, but the result of training; and the quality of character is determined by the kind of training that the character has been subjected to.

The Sunday School has been established as a department of church work whose special duty it is to direct the minds of the pupils along the line of Christian development. The Sunday School has too long been regarded by many as a separate institution from that of the church, but we are glad to note that the churches are realizing the importance of making the Sunday School one of their agencies in the establishing of the truth in the minds of the people.

In order to secure the best results, the officers of the Sunday School should be elected by, and held accountable to the church. It should be officered by men and women whose religious convictions are sound and in accordance with New Testament teachings. The teachers should be willing and capable of instructing the pupils and should possess those qualities that inspire confidence and respect.

The school should be graded.

There should be a training class, which should study and adopt the most modern methods. And in this connection we would suggest that the Sunday School Manual of the Southern Baptist Convention be placed in the hands of each teacher, where a training class is impractical, and they be requested to study same.

The membership of the Sunday School should consist of the entire membership of the church.

No member of the church should consider himself too old to attend Sunday School. We recommend that special days, such as Rally Day, Childrens' Day, Bible Day, and Mothers' Day, be observed. If they are, you will find your school taking on new life. Above all, strive to do those things that will tend to build up, strengthen and sustain Christian char-

acter. Respectfully submitted,
 H. J. McCALLUM, Ch'm.
 MRS. E. W. MILLICAN,
 BEDDIA MOTT,
 Committee.

Report of Treasurer E. E. Stokes read and adopted.

REPORT OF TREASURER

Oct. 29, 1912	Rec'd from	Finance Com.	\$72.04
Nov. 5, 1912	" "	H. C. Sealey, Alachua	8.50
Dec. 29, 1912	" "	Com. at Waldo	26.74
Mar. 30, 1913	" "	" " Alachua	21.07
June 30, "	" "	" " LaCrosse	20.52
Aug. 31, "	" "	" " Hawthorn	37.88
Aug. 31, "	" "	Orange Heights	8.20
Sept. 20, "	" "	Hawthorn (Bal. on Min.)	2.00
Oct. 6, "	" "	Eliam (Bal. on Minutes)	2.00
Oct. 8, "	" "	LaCrosse (Bal. on Min.)	1.00
Oct. 18, "	" "	Campville (Bal. on Min.)	1.10
Oct. 24, "	" "	Ochwilla (Bal. on Min.)	1.25
	" "	Hampton (Bal. on Min.)	1.50
	TOTAL		\$203.80

Oct. 26, 1912	Paid	H. C. Sealey, Clerk	\$15.00
Nov. 1, "	"	S. B. Rogers	10.42
Jan. 1, 1913	"	S. B. Rogers, Rochelle	8.50
Jan. 1, "	"	S. B. Rogers, Rochelle	16.62
Jan. 1, "	"	S. B. Rogers, Com. at Waldo	26.74
Mar. 31, "	"	W. D. Nowlin, Minutes	30.00
Mar. 29, "	"	S. B. Rogers, Com. at Alachua	21.07
July 1, "	"	S. B. Rogers, Com. at LaCrosse	20.52
Sept. 1, "	"	S. B. Rogers	37.88
Aug. 31, "	"	for Or. Heights church (L. A. R.)	8.20
Sept. 22, "	"	W. D. Nowlin, Bal. Min., Hawth.	2.00
Oct. 13, "	"	W. D. Nowlin, Bal. Min., Eliam	2.00
Oct. 13, "	"	W. D. Nowlin, Bal. Min., LaCrosse	1.00
Oct. 13, "	"	W. D. Nowlin, Bal. Min., Campv'le	1.10
	TOTAL		\$201.05
	BALANCE ON HAND		\$2.75

The Committee on Spiritual Condition of the Churches made the following report, which was adopted after discussion by Rev. L. A. Rawls and others:

REPORT ON SPIRITUAL CONDITION OF THE CHURCHES.

We, your Committee on the Spiritual Condition of the Churches, beg to report that while there is spiritual life in all of our churches, that there is room for advancement

along this line. Our churches have not had the needed revivals this year that we have had heretofore. Some of them have no pastors nor services. Others have only supply pastors, while others have the needed services.

While the spirituality of the churches could and should be increased, we should not criticize, but Christianize and take to a throne of grace by our prayer. And we as Christians should go back to our homes to lead our churches to do greater service for our Master.

Respectfully submitted,
 L. PRICE,
 J. J. CLOAR,
 Committee.

The Committee on Nominations made the following report, which was adopted after being read:

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS

We the committee on nominations beg leave to make the following report.

We nominate for Executive Committee: R. B. Weeks, Hawthorn; Dr. W. J. Williams, Waldo; E. B. Perry, Hawthorne; E. E. Stokes, Campville; Thadeus Parker, LaCrosse

For delegate to Southern Baptist Convention, Rev. L. A. Rawls, Waldo.

For delegates to the Florida Baptist Convention, H. J. McCallum, L. Price, L. A. Rawls, P. H. Lee, G. W. Hicks, E. R. Simmons, G. W. Riles, T. M. Cauthen, F. C. Hall, Robert McClellan.

For member of State Board, Rev. J. J. Cloar.

We recommend that this Association meet on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday before the 4th Sunday in October hereafter. We recommend that the next session of this Association meet with the Hawthorne church.

W. H. LEE,
 T. R. FORTNER,
 MRS. NETTIE HUFFMAN,
 Committee.

The Committee on Orphanage made the following report, which was adopted after being read and discussed:

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

We, your Committee on Orphanage, submit the following report:

We find the Orphanage at Arcadia is growing and is well managed. It is deserving of and should have the regular can recommend nothing better than the organization of a B. Y. P. U., for there we get the training that excels all others. Aside from the Senior work, we recommend the Junior

support of all Florida Baptists.

One of the needs in the Orphanage is a home for the Superintendent, which is greatly needed. With 70 or more children, they need food, clothing and bedding, which we as Baptists can furnish and should do it with joy.

G. T. TORLEY,
MRS. G. W. RILES,
MRS. E. W. WARD,
Committee.

Report of Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons read and adopted.

REPORT ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS

We your committee find from the church letters that our beloved deacon, Bro. Chas. Hammontree of Ochwilla church, has been removed from our midst.

We also find that among our honored dead are:

Joseph Chesser and William Terrell of Eden church.

Mrs. Harriet McMeekin of Ochwilla church.

Mrs. Nettie Lumpkin of Waldo church.

Mrs. B. F. Dyess and Mrs. F. F. Paulling of Hawthorne church

Mrs. Mollie Newby of Hampton church

J. T. McMillan and, Mrs. M. M. Hudson of Gainesville church

Respectfully submitted.

E. E. STOKES,
J. J. CLOAR,
A. F. TORLEY.

The Committee on B. Y. P. U. made the following report, which was adopted after being read:

REPORT ON B. Y. P. U.

We, your Committee on B. Y. P. U., find that out of 14 churches there are only 5 that have B. Y. P. U.'s, two of which have, together with the senior work, Junior Unions. According to this there are 8 real live churches that have no B. Y. P. U.'s, therefore are without the aid which a B. Y. P. U. can render.

One of the greatest questions before the churches of today is the training of our young people. A church without a trained membership cannot do effectively the work which God has given us. Therefore, let every church take more interest in the training of its young people.

The B. Y. P. U. has a work that no other organization can do. To all churches having an untrained membership we Unions.

Respectfully submitted,
SARAH PERRY,
JOSEPHINE CAPELL,
Committee.

The Committee on Finance made the following report, which was read and adopted:

REPORT ON FINANCE

We, your finance committee, find that there has been sent up from the different churches of the Santa Fe River Association the following amounts.

Alachua	\$5.10
Campville	2.50
Eliam	3.00
Eden	2.75
Gainesville	5.00
Hague	1.00
Hampton	(Balance on minutes) 1.50
Ochwilla	3.25
Orange Heights	1.00
Hawthorn	4.00
Waldo	4.00

TOTAL 33.10

Three churches not reported, Orange Creek, Rochelle and LaCrosse.

Monies reported, but not paid in 1.50
CASH ON HAND 31.60

E. E. STOKES,
E. B. PERRY,
W. H. Lee,
Committee.

Committee on Divine Service made the following report: Rev. G. W. Riles to preach at 7 p. m., and Rev. L. A. Rawls to preach Missionary Sermon at 11 a. m., Sunday.

Chairmen of the various committees appointed by Moderator to report at the next annual meeting of this Association, to-wit:

Temperance, E. R. Simmons, Gainesville.

Sunday Schools, Fred Hall, Orange Heights.

State Missions, Rev. J. J. Cloar, Gainesville.

Home Missions, G. W. Riles, Hawthorn, R. F. D. 2.

Foreign Missions, L. A. Rawls, Waldo.

Publication, E. E. Stokes, Campville.

B. Y. P. U., Miss Hattie Hawthorn, Hawthorn.

Education, W. H. Cassels, Gainesville.

Orphanage, W. H. Lee, Melrose.

Nomination, E. B. Perry, Hawthorn, R. F. D. 2.

Spiritual condition of churches, R. M. Williams, Waldo.

Deceased ministers and deacons, L. Price, Hawthorn, R.

F. D. 2.

Finance, W. E. Waits, Hawthorn.

Association adjourned until 9:30, Sunday, 26.

R. B. WEEKS, Moderator.

H. C. SEALEY, Clerk.

Sunday, 9:30 A. M.

After devotional exercises, the Association was called to order by the Moderator.

Minutes of yesterday's session read and adopted.

Lacrosse Baptist Church represented by letter and \$2.50 for Association fund.

Resolution of Thanks by H. J. McCallum.

Resolved that we hereby tender our thanks to the Eliam Baptist church and the good people of this community for their kind hospitality in entertaining this Association. Especially do we tender thanks to the ladies for the bountiful spread furnished Friday and Saturday and Sunday.

Respectfully submitted, H. J. McCallum.

Ordered, the Clerk be paid \$15.00 and have 300 Minutes printed.

Association adjourned to meet with Hawthorne Baptist Church on Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1914.

At 11 o'clock Sunday an able Missionary Sermon was preached by Rev. L. A. Rawls to a large and attentive congregation, after which a collection for Missions, amounting to \$21.00, was announced.

Announced that dinner would be had on the grounds.

H. C. SEALEY, Clerk.

Financial Statistics

The following amounts have been paid this year and include amounts from S. S., W. M. S. and other societies.

	Pastor's Salary	Other Objects	Furnishing and Building	Incidental and S. S. Expenses	For Visiting Ministers	Columbia College	Associational Mission	State Mission	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	For Minutes and Clerk	For Home Expenses, Total This Year	Value of Pastorium	Value of Church Property	Total Value of Property
Alachua	360.00			44.78					50.00	35.36	24.41	5.10	404.78	2500	1500	4000
Campville	150.00							10.00				2.00	165.50		1500	1500
Eden	120.00		14.50		26.75		2.00			2.00		2.75	167.00		800	800
Eliam	300.00	48.00		40.00	40.00	9.27	10.00	34.35	10.00		25.68	3.00	475.95		1000	1000
Gainesville	1500.00	750.00	2500.00	479.22		11.00		437.93	231.59	217.38	43.71	5.00	14059.22	12000	23000	35000
Hampton	140.00	22.75				1.00		13.90	2.00	5.00	15.75	1.50	205.90		1000	1000
Hawthorne	360.00		53.90	39.62				22.00	53.00	30.00	4.75	4.00	574.27		2900	2900
LaCrosse												2.50	2.50		1000	1000
Orange Creek															300	300
OrangeHeights	125.00		100.00					5.60				1.50	225.00		700	700
Rochelle												4.00	891.31	700	800	1500
Waldo	444.00			23.00		87.70		36.25	26.17	12.25		2.00	181.97		800	800
Ochwilla	74.75						8.83	1.22		54.60	13.04	1.00	190.31		150	150
Hague	120.00				44.66	1.00		11.75	2.00	2.00	5.20					
TOTAL	3673.75	820.75	2667.50	626.62	111.41	99.97	20.83	573.00	356.75	358.59	139.54	34.85	17542.71	15200	35450	50650

Paid on Old Debts: Gainesville, \$2425.
 For Purchasing Property: Gainesville, \$6000.
 For Repairing and Improving: Campville, \$3; Gainesville, \$400.
 For Ministerial Education: Hague, \$1.
 For Charity: Gainesville, \$37.25.
 For Aged Minister: Gainesville, \$6.75; Hampton, \$2; Hague, \$2.70.

Sunday School, W. M. S. and B. Y. P. U. Statistics.

	SUNDAY SCHOOLS						W. M. S.		B. Y. P. U.		
	Name of Superintendent	No. of Schools	No. of Pupils	No. of Teachers	S. S. Expenses	Missions & Benevolences	Total Amount Raised	Name of President	Raised for Missions and Benevolences	Name of President	Raised for Missions and Benevolences
Alachua	C A Williams,	1	115	9	83.03	9.55	92.75	Mrs C W Stephens	74.74	Mrs H J McCallum	24.17
Campville	E E Stokes	1	56	7	6.03	5.84	11.24			E E Stokes	
Eden	*Samuel Shaw	1	40	7	7.50	3.00	10.50				
Eliam	§W H Lee	1	76	9	34.81	4.11	60.53	§Mrs B A Chamberlin	40.70		
Gainesville	W H Cassels	1	241	20	163.22	58.68	227.67	Mrs J H Parrish	197.81	J A Thackston	62.65
Hampton	H B Wiggins	1	35	6	17.58		17.58	Mrs J H Edwards	24.50		
Hawthorne	E L Johnson	1	76	9	31.09		31.09	Mrs M A McFadden	12.50	Miss Hattie Hawthorn	15.87
LaCrosse	R E McColsky	1	35	6	10.02		16.57	Mrs W B Roper	13.70		
Hague	H C Parker	1	N	O				R E P O R T			
Orange Heights	Fred Hall	1	64	8	N O			R E P O R T			
Rochelle	No Report										
Waldo	G M DeSha	1	101	10	89.00		107.60	Mrs J L Henley	63.05	J M Oglevie	29.29
Ochwilla	*W G Weeks	1	32	4	N O			R E P O R T			
Orange Creek	No Report										
TOTAL		12	871	95	442.28	81.18	572.76		247.00		131.98

Unless otherwise noted the name of the church is also the P. O. address of the officers.

(*) Post Office, Hawthorne, R. F. D.

(§) Post Office, Melrose.

Pastors, Clerks, and Numerical Statistics

Church	Pastor	Clerk and P. O. Address	Church Organized	Increase This Year			Membership Last Year	Decrease This Year			Membership This Year	Net Decrease	Net Increase	What Sundays Have Preaching		
				By Baptism	By Letter or Statement	By Restoration		Total Increase	By Letter	By Expulsion or Erasure					By Death	Total Decrease
Alachua	J J Cloar	C A Williams, Alachua	1897	1	1		120	1	1	2	120	1		First and Third		
Campville	E M Henderson	J H Parker, Campville	1882	1	1	2	34	1		1	33	1	2	First		
Eden	E M Henderson	G L Silcox, Grove Park	1902	19	4	1	24	78	2	2	98	4	20	Third		
Eliam	L A Rawls	A F Tarley, Melrose	1859	3	2		5	173	2	2	174	2	3	Second and Fourth		
Gainesville	J J Cloar	D M Tomkies, Gainesville	1870	5	34		39	432	4	1	2	7	449	32	Every Sunday	
Hampton	E M Henderson	G W Hicks, Hampton	1891	4	7		11	90		1	1		99	1	10	Second
Hawthorne	J J Cloar	W B Adkins, Hawthorne	1853		3		3	152	3	2	5		151	2		Second and Fourth
LaCrosse		T R Parker, LaCrosse	1885					54					54			Fourth
Orange Creek		W B Roe, Lochloosa	1865					20					20			
Orange Heights	L A Rawls	Fred Hall, Orange Heights	1913	24	37								61			Second and Fourth
Rochelle		W W Roberts, Rochelle	1886					28					25			
Waldo	L A Rawls	J F DeSha, Waldo	1853	2	4		6	165	35		35	136	29			First and Third
Ochwilla	B R Mosely	W E Hammontree, Hawthorne	1873					67	3	2	5		62	5		Second
Hague	E M Henderson	W H Jones, Hague	1911	11	3		14	29					41	14		Fourth

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