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MINUTES

OF THE

Fifty-Eighth Annual Session

OF THE

SANTA FE RIVER BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH THE

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

HAWTHORNE, FLORIDA

OCTOBER 23, 24 AND 25, 1914

CONSTITUTION.

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

2 This Association shall be composed of Messengers of Baptist churches 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 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 baptised 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 epistles 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 Lords' 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 qualifications for partaking of same are regeneration, baptism, fellowship and unity and doctrine.

Art. 13 We believe that no minister has the right to admin-

ister 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 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.

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.

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.

MINUTES

Hawthorne, Fla., October 23, 1914.

The Santa Fe River Baptist Association met in its Fifty-eighth Annual Session with the Hawthorne Baptist Church at Hawthorne, Fla., October 23, at 10.45 A. M. After Devotional Exercises led by Rev. G. W. Riles the Association was called to order by Moderator R. B. Weeks, with H. C. Sealey as Clerk.

The Moderator called for letters from the several Churches. Revs. Cloar and Riles were appointed to read letters.

Alachua Church—Delegates: H. C. Sealey, Mrs. J. F. Futch. Miss Rila Fowler.

Gainesville Church—Delegates: Bros Robt. McClellan, Mrs. J. W. Walter, Mr. and Mrs. Bullard, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Wynn, J. W. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Bullard, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Wynn, Bro. H. A. Fisher, J. R. Hudson, Bro. J. H. Parrish and wife, E. A. McCloskey, Mrs. R. Wilson, Mrs. J. M. Taylor, Miss R. Wilson, Mrs. Laura Turbeville.

Campville Church—Delegates: Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Craber, E. E. Stokes.

Eliam Church—Delegates: E. B. Perry, L. Price, Hiram Fortner, H. G. Alderman, Rev. B. R. Moseley, Miss Dollie Price, Leacy Fortner.

Hawthorn Church—Delegates: Rev. G. W. Riles, Bros. R. B. Weeks, W. E. Waits, Mrs. R. B. Weeks, M. A. McFadden, R. E. Johnson, Miss Hattie Hawthorn.

Visiting brothers and sisters were invited to seats in the body. The appointee not being present, Rev. J. J. Cloar was invited to preach the introductory sermon.

The Association adjourned to 1:30 P. M. It was announced that dinner would be served on the grounds and all were invited to remain.

1:30 P. M.

Association called to order by Moderator after Devotional Exercises by Rev. E. M. Henderson. Call for letters from other churches.

LaCrosse Church—Delegates enrolled, Bros. D. M. Wilson and T. R. Parker.

Rochelle Church—Delegate: Bro. John Berry.

Hampton Church—Delegates: Mrs. Miller, Sisters W. B. Alexander, Emma Hicks, George Anderson and Lessie Brown.

Ochwilla Church—Delegates: Bros. W. G. Hicks, B. A. Barrington, Mrs. W. E. Hammontree.

Waldo Church—Delegates: Bros. G. M. DeSha, C. R. Sparkman, Miss Edna Kite, J. L. McCauley, Rev. L. A. Rawls, Miss Johny Eliason.

In response to a call for visiting brethren and sisters A. P. Montague, President of Columbia College, Rev. W. A. Ferrell of Starke, Rev. E. M. Henderson and our honored Secretary, Mrs. Peelman, answered.

Call for election of officers resulted in R. B. Weeks as Moderator, H. C. Sealey, Clerk, and E. E. Stokes, Treasurer.

Moved that the B. Y. P. U. have from 6:30 to 7:30 for their exercises, after which Rev. W. A. Ferrell will preach, beginning at 7:30.

Call for report of standing committees.

Treasurer's Report.

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RECEIPTS

Oct. 26—To Balance on hand	\$ 2.75
Oct. 26—Received from Association.....	55.10
Oct. 26—Received from Ochwilla for W. D. Nowlin.....	1.25
Oct. 26—Received from Alachua for W. D. Nowlin.....	3.00
Nov. 29—Received from Convention, Hampton.....	31.22
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March 29—Received from Convention, LaCrosse.....	33.75
May 29—Received from Convention, Orange Heights.....	41.40
Aug. 29—Received from Convention, Eden.....	28.61

\$197.08

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DISBURSEMENTS

Oct. 26—Paid H. C. Sealey, Clerk	\$ 15.00
Nov. 17—Paid S. B. Rogers	20.10
Dec. 5—Paid S. B. Rogers.....	28.22
1914	
Jan. 13—Paid Herald Publishing Co.....	30.00
March 3—Paid S. B. Rogers.....	33.75
June 2—Paid B. R. Moseley.....	6.09
June 9—Paid S. B. Rogers.....	35.31
Aug. 4—Paid W. D. Nowlin, Witness.....	3.25
Sept. 9—Paid S. B. Rogers.....	22.81
Sept. 9—Paid E. E. Stokes.....	5.80

\$200.33

Oct. 23—By Balance.....\$ 3.25

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

Minutes of the day read and approved.

Our Hon. Secretary, Dr. S. B. Rogers, being present it was

arranged for him to preach at 7:30 instead of Rev. Ferrell, as it was the only time for him to be heard in regard to his work.

Association adjourned to 9 o'clock A. M. Saturday, 24th.

Saturday, 9:00 A. M., Oct. 24th, 1914.

Association met at 9:00 a. m. After Devotional Exercises led by Rev. Montague the Association was called to order by Moderator R. B. Weeks.

Call for report of committees.

Report on Orphanage was read by T. R. Parker. Discussed by Bros. T. R. Parker, D. M. Wilson and others and adopted as follows:

Report On Orphanage.

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

We find that the Baptist State Orphanage at Arcadia is growing rapidly under the management of Supt. Trice. There are eighty-five children in the home. In the last few months a fine new home for the superintendent's family has been finished, thus making room for several more children. The children are well trained. They have their own schools, prayer meetings, B. Y. P. U's., etc. The boys are taught farm work, carpenter work, etc., while the girls are being trained for much domestic work, house work, vegetable canning, fancy and plain sewing. Their financial needs at this time are heavy. Some of the most urgent being furnishings for the rooms just vacated by the superintendent's family in order that more children can be admitted. We recommend that all churches make donations for support of same, as they have to be fed, clothed, and educated. Then likely we are training some of the boys for the ministry, another of the State's needs.

Respectfully submitted,

T. R. PARKER,

MISS EMMA HICKS,

Committee.

Letter from Eden Church read and delegates enrolled, to wit: O. A. Wiggins, R. M. Terrell, Clarence Beck, E. E. Wiggins.

Report on Education read by E. M. Henderson, to be discussed at 11 o'clock by Rev. Montague of Columbia College.

Letter from Orange Heights read and delegates enrolled, to wit: J. N. Hayman, L. H. Hall.

Report on Home Missions.

Report on Home Missions read by Rev. G. W. Riles. Discussed by Rev. Rile sand Secretary S. B. Rogers and adopted as follows:

Home Missions embrace the work done by the Southern Baptist Convention in all the Southern States and Cuba, for which we have a Board whose secretary, Rev. B. D. Gray, is located at Atlanta, Ga., who is very efficient, faithful and Chris-

tian-like. But notwithstanding his faithfulness he needs the co-operation and financial support of every Baptist and liberty loving citizen of the world, for only through Christianity can "Peace and Good Will to Man" be established on earth.

Respectfully submitted,
 G. W. RILES.

Report on B. Y. P. U.

Report on B. Y. P. U. read by Rev. L. A. Rawls, discussed by Secretary S. B. Rogers, D. M. Wilson and E. R. Simmons, and adopted as follows:

We, your committee on B. Y. P. U. work in the Santa Fe River Association, find that out of fourteen churches only five have B. Y. P. U's., only two of which have, together with their senior work, Junior Unions.

We note that this report corresponds in numbers with the report of last year, the only difference being that whereas Alachua has discontinued her B. Y. P. U. work, Orange Heights has organized a Union.

Fully realizing that at the present time there is a greater demand for trained workers than at any other time in the history of the church, and believing the B. Y. P. U. to be especially helpful in this line, we recommend that as far as possible the pastors and members of every church give more time and thought to the training of their young people and that our young people avail their's cause.

Respectfully submitted,
 HARRIET N. HAWTHORN,
 AVICE WALKER,
 MRS. C. R. SPARKMAN.

Report on Education.

Association adjourned to 1:30 for services at 11 o'clock. The time selected for discussing the report on Education having arrived, discussion of the subject was delivered by A. P. Montague and S. B. Rogers.

Your Committee on Education respectfully submit the following report.

Collection and subscription for Columbia College, to-wit:	
Alachua Church will try to raise.....	\$20.00
Rev. J. J. Cloar	10.00
LaCrosse Church	5.00
Orange Heights Church.....	5.00
Waldo Church	10.00
Eliam Church	10.00

TOTAL\$60.00

People, in the present age, often form the wrong conception of culture. The modern version renders it as something entirely aloof from the mass of humanity; as something that even despises the rude customs and manners of the uneducated. But

culture in its highest, in its purest, in its noblest sense is free from prejudice, hatred and strife. It is filled with sympathy, love and acts of kindness. To my mind Matthew Arnold struck the keynote when he gave the world the idea that culture involves a deep desire for pure knowledge, a moral and social passion for doing good, for relieving human misery, and the desire to make the will of God prevail. This kind of culture is service, and the possessor of it has been educated.

This culture for service should be given every young man and every young woman in the State of Florida. Our parents should be so interested in the future welfare of their children that they will put forth every effort to properly educate them. As Baptists, we want our boys and girls so educated that they will not only be of service to our fellow-men, but above all, to our God. This kind of education is offered to our young people in Columbia College at Lake City. Our College stands firm on Baptist faith and principles, and offers thorough courses in the School of Liberal Arts, School of Education, Preparatory School, Business School, School of Music, School of Expression, and School of Art.

Yet, Columbia has certain needs which we should and must relieve. There is a debt of several thousand dollars which must be cancelled. Again, we need money for current expenses. Our State Colleges each receive from \$30,000 to \$75,000 yearly from the State in addition to the amount paid by the students. Other Colleges have large endowments. Columbia has practically no endowment and receives no State aid. To meet our current expense we must have each year \$6,000. This amount could be easily raised if each church would do its part. We recommend that Columbia College be put on our financial docket for an annual contribution.

This year we have twelve young men in College preparing to preach the Gospel and two young women preparing to go as foreign Missionaries. A number of these students have yielded to the call of God and are attempting to prepare for His service under great financial difficulties. We should and must, as God's servants, support them with our finance.

We call attention to the Department of Education which has recently been established in Columbia College. It is the purpose of this department to prepare our young people for public school teachers.

We recommend that every Baptist church in this Association and every church in the State, if possible, strive to have a representation in the student body of Columbia College.

E. M. HENDERSON,
 MRS. L. W. JACKSON,
 G. M. DESHA,

Committee.

Saturday, 1:30 P. M., Oct. 24, 1914.

Association called to order by Moderator after Devotional Exercises led by Bro. E. R. Simmons.

Report on Temperance read by E. R. Simmons. Discussed by Bros. E. R. Simmons, D. M. Wilson and Sister Peelman, and adopted as follows:

Report on Temperance.

We, your Committee on Temperance, believe that no subject should be considered more carefully and more prayerfully by this Association than temperance. It is as broad as the universe and of vital importance to every man, woman and child.

We believe that the greatest form of intemperance is the use of intoxicating liquors. "Wine is a mockery." Recent investigations of some of our State prisons have revealed the fact that more than seventy-five per cent of the inmates are excessive users of alcohol, or descendants of such. The same is in a great measure true of the asylum for the feeble-minded at Vineland, N. J.

Believing that he that is without guilt should be first to cast a stone, we recommend and insist upon total abstinence on the part of our brethren and sisters, and that they endeavor to teach same to their children, both male and female.

We believe in prohibition wherever man is found. We believe the old cry, "prohibition don't prohibit," to be untrue and a weapon of the wicked one.

We believe the argument, "we need saloons to help our town," to be unscriptural. "Woe unto him that buildeth a town with blood and establisheth a city by iniquity. Behold it is not of the Lord. Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, that putteth the bottle to him that he may make him drunken also."

We recommend that this Association continue to fight the liquor business until this enemy is conquered, then watch and pray. We are rejoicing over the recent victories for temperance in other States. We pray that the time will soon come when our own dear people will vote as they pray.

E. R. SIMMONS,
E. E. STOKES,
E. W. WARD.

Report on Foreign Missions.

Report on Foreign Missions read by L. A. Rawls. Discussed by Rev. L. A. Rawls, and adopted as follows:

There can be no doubt in the mind of the faithful student of the Scriptures that Christ intended His religion to be the religion of the whole world. Such passages of Scripture as these need no comment, "For God So Loved the World," "I Came to Save the World," "I am the light of the world." So then, if God loved the world and Christ came to save it, it is the duty of everyone who has taken on Christ to support the cause and thereby shine for Him in every country that has not accepted His teachings. For the great commission has come down through all ages, "Go Ye Therefore and make disciples of all nations." "As the Father hath sent me even so I send you." Thank God many of our best men and women have heard the call and obeyed in going. Now shall we sit idly by and hear the cry of these worthy missionaries, together with the call of the heathen themselves to "come over into Macedonia and help us," and not respond to their cry?

We have these calls from almost every country on earth, and the reports that come from these fields show us that Christ

has not forgotten his promise, "And lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the world."

If we would only look out on the field today and see all Europe in the midst of the greatest struggle the world has ever known, I believe that even the enemies of Foreign Missions would cry out "All the world for Jesus," and every need would be supplied for the advancement of His cause in Europe and the uttermost parts of the earth.

The reports from China, Africa, Japan, Italy, Mexico, Brazil and Argentina, show that we have on these fields 278 missionaries, 635 native workers, 380 churches, 833 out stations, 29,991 members, and baptised 5,252 in the past 12 months.

The slogan for all the associations throughout the South are, "A weekly or monthly contribution from every Baptist church in every association in every State in the South."

May God hasten the day when every Christian shall adopt this slogan, and thereby bring peace, "Universal Peace," to all nations of the world, and this can only be done by preaching Him whose peace passeth all understanding into the hearts of the heathen.

Let us remember that James said: "Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only." Then God wants workers. Will you hear the many reports made to this body and return home filled with indifference? Or will you obey the call to duty and return home and really do things in your churches that will count for Christ in all the world?

We would urge that every delegate subscribe to the Foreign Mission Journal, read it, and go with their prayers and money into those fields to take the world for Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. RAWLS,
W. E. HAMMONTREE,
Committee.

Report on Woman's Work.

Report on Woman's Work was read by Mrs. L. W. Jackson. Discussed by Mrs. Peelman and others and adopted, as follows:

With gratitude we report progress along all lines of Woman's Work. "The Lord giveth the word; the women that publish the glad tidings are a great host."

Missionary programs and Mission Study classes are increasing knowledge.

Education in prayer has led to deeper spirituality and tithing to regular and proportionate giving. Our literature is better than it has ever been. "Our Mission Fields" has been succeeded by "Royal Service," a splendid monthly magazine. Mrs. E. Van Hood has published a history of the W. M. U. of Florida. The W. M. U. gave for all purposes last year \$10,000. Their moneyed aim this year is \$12,000.

The special seasons of prayer have been well observed. A number of new societies have been reported. The growth of our women in constructive ability is apparent. In our own Association the Superintendents have endeavored to strengthen

the work along all lines and have organized two new societies.

Respectfully submitted,

E. M. HENDERSON,
MRS. L. W. JACKSON,
MRS. J. R. EMERSON,
MRS. E. W. MILLICAN,
Committee.

Report on Sunday Schools.

Report on Sunday Schools read by Mrs. Maud Miller. Discussed by D. M. Wilson and others and adopted as follows:

We, your committee, on Sunday Schools, beg to submit the following report:

In looking over the reports of the various churches of this Association for this year we find that all churches have Sunday School but Rochelle.

We think it important that all churches maintain and support a Sunday School, for we believe that it is there that the child receives his most lasting impressions of service for the Master.

We believe that in selecting the officers of a Sunday School there should be much consideration and forethought. The Superintendent should not only be an earnest, consecrated Christian, but should be the most capable and wide-awake man in the Sunday School.

We further believe that the teachers should be carefully selected and should by all means be those who have given their hearts to Christ, and we recommend that they be members of our denomination.

We beg further to submit the following recommendations:

First—That the Sunday School be graded where practical.

Second—That contests be encouraged, thereby creating an enthusiasm, and then in the meantime make the Sunday School so interesting that at the end of these contests the enthusiasm will not die but will have developed into deeper interest.

Third—That parents attend Sunday School more and by so doing set an example that absolutely cannot be set otherwise.

Fourth—That a Training Class be held at least once during each year.

Fifth—That by all means each Sunday School should organize a Teacher's Meeting, the teachers and officers meeting, once a week, where they can talk and pray over the perplexing problems that arise in all Sunday Schools.

Sixth—That special days be observed.

Seventh—That Sunday Schools distribute the surplus literature among convict camps or other needy places.

Eighth—That all the Sunday Schools in our Association revise their polls and report only active members.

We beg to further recommend that the Sunday Schools have more showing at the Union Meetings, and that they select delegates to these meetings who will go and serve after they get there, and that each Sunday School send a written report to these meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

T. M. WILSON,
MRS. IDA BARRINGTON,
MRS. MADA MILLER.

Report on Publication.

Report on Publications read by Bro. E. E. Stokes and adopted, as follows:

We, your Committee on Publications, submit the following:

That we have some of the best periodicals, journals, Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. 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 once each week at Arcadia, Fla., which is indispensable to every Baptist of the State, and should be read and paid for by them. Not only taken, but the teachings thereof lived and practiced by us. We have also the Home and Foreign Missionary Journals published by the Home Board at Atlanta, Ga., and Foreign at Richmond, Va., showing uses that are being made of the money contributed for the Salvation of the world.

We would also recommend the Christian Index of Atlanta, Ga., and Texas Standard, published at Dallas, Texas.

Respectfully submitted,

E. E. STOKES.

Report on Finance.

Report on Finance read by W. E. Waits and adopted, as follows:

Hawthorn	\$4.00
Alachua	5.00
Gainesville	5.00
Orange Heights	2.25
Eaden	2.75
Hampton	1.60
LaCrosse	4.00
Waldo	2.60
Elham	3.60
Campville	2.50
Ochwilla	2.23
Rochelle50
Hague	2.00
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W. E. WAITS,
D. M. WILSON.

Report on Nominations.

Report on Nominations read by Rev. L. A. Rawls and adopted, as follows:

Ex-Committee—Bros. R. B. Weeks, E. E. Stokes, Robt. McClellan, George DeSha, E. E. Perry.

Delegates to State Convention—H. J. McClellan, L. Brice, F. F. Jerkins, G. W. Hicks, E. R. Simmons, Rev. L. A. Rawls, W. E. Waits, E. E. Stokes, A. F. Torley, Mrs. W. M. Bullard.

Member State Board—Rev. J. J. Cloar, Gainesville.

Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention—Rev. E. M. Henderson.

We recommend that the next meeting of the Santa Fe Association meet with the LaCrosse Church, Friday at 10 o'clock, before the Fourth Sunday in October, 1915. Rev. E. M. Henderson to preach the introductory sermon at 11 o'clock.

E. B. PERRY,
ROBT. M'CLELLAN,
A. F. TORLEY.

Report on Deceased Ministers and Deacons.

Report on Deceased Ministers and Deacons read by Rev. L. A. Rawls and adopted, as follows:

We, your committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons, beg to report that none of our Ministers and Deacons have been removed from us for, which we should praise God.

Respectfully submitted,

L. PRICE,
LANER A. WEEKS.

Report on State Missions.

Report on State Missions was read by Rev. J. J. Cloar. Discussed by Rev. Cloar and others and adopted, as follows:

There is no greater or more important task than that of State Missions. Everything in the Kingdom depends at some point on a successful and adequate State Mission policy. The work of our State Mission task includes, among many other things, the planting of churches, winning the lost, uplifting the churches of our State, fostering the great currents of denominational life in our State, and leading our churches into wider currents of world conquest. State Missions is the stem of the tree, from which grow all missions and benevolence. State Missions is the hub of our denominational bridge. Our convention instructed the work, laid out on the following basis:

State Missions	\$ 35,000
Church Building	20,000
Home Missions	11,000
Foreign Missions	11,000
Columbia College, current expenses	6,000
Orphans' Home	12,000
Aged Ministers	1,000
Total	\$118,000

Up until a few days ago only \$60,092.71 had been given. We have now 77 missionaries working in every Association in the State. These men are dependent upon their monthly checks to pay for what their families have already consumed, and we cannot afford, as honest men, to allow these honest men to be embarrassed by failing to pay. We in Florida are not the only State that is feeling the financial depression, but in every Southern State distress signals are being sent out in behalf of State Missions. Florida, as a mission field, grows with each day. Our cities present a appalling problems. The rural work demands help

as never before. Florida's appeal grows more pathetic with each succeeding cell. This cry for help should stir every Baptist to a determination to do or die. Our Baptists of the North do not appreciate State Missions as they do Home Missions and Foreign Missions. As a consequence they report 34,000 decrease in their membership since 1910. This is no time to whimper over effects of the European War, but to address ourselves to the task assigned to us by our Master in our own State.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. CLOAR,
HATTIE HAWTHORN,
MRS. W. M. BULLARD.

Report on Spiritual Condition of Churches.

Report on Spiritual Condition of Churches read by B. A. Barrington. Discussed by Chairman and others and adopted, as follows:

Your Committee respectfully report that so far as they can learn we have reason to rejoice at the condition of the most of our churches.

And yet we realize that improvements are in order and are to be expected from all Christian people. The command is to grow, and surely nothing is good enough that can be bettered.

We are glad to observe that some of our churches which seem to be orderly and progressive are yet dissatisfied with their condition and say they feel as though they are doing but little for the Master.

We can but see in this a hopeful sign, and we commend to our churches all available progress, and to our pastors all the means they can use to keep all the members busy.

We do not know of any exception that all of our churches have had protracted meetings upon which God has bestowed his blessings and souls have been saved.

Respectfully submitted,

B. A. BARRINGTON,
MRS. M. GEIGER,
H. A. FISHER.

Resolution to Churches read and adopted.

Report of Waldo W. M. U.

Report of Waldo W. M. U. read and adopted, as follows:

We hold regular meetings on Friday after first Sunday. Hour for meeting, 2 o'clock in afternoon. President, Mrs. W. C. Beach; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. W. V. Paschall. Membership, ten. The average attendance, seven. Our dues are ten cents a month. The members give cheerfully to every call that is presented. We have met regularly up to July, then it was voted that we have vacation for two months. Our next and last, Oct. 9.

Our apportion this year was \$16, this being the amount the committee felt as much as we would possibly be able to do. I am glad to state that in making up the year's report: we find we have given more than three times as much, to wit:

State Missions	\$10.00
Home Missions	5.00
Foreign Missions	5.00
Columbia College	5.00
Chipley Membership Fund	5.00
Box For Orphanage	29.69
Worn-Out Ministers	1.00
Cash Given This Year For Missions	31.00
We Have Also Given For Repairs on Waldo Baptist Church	1.00
On Building of Hague Baptist Church	1.75

Making a Grand Total of\$63.44

Minutes of the W. M. U. at the Association.

Hawthorn, Oct. 24, 1914.

Annual report for Association Superintendent of W. M. S. read and adopted, as follows:

Song, "Hark Ten Thousand Voices."

Prayer—Mrs. Peelman.

Paper, "Love"—Mrs. Jackson.

Song, "The Woman's Hymn."

Roll Call. Four societies responded with delegates.

Song, "The Morning Light Is Breaking."

Paper, "The Orphanage"—Hampton.

"How to Conduct a Successful Missionary Society"—Gainesville Superintendents and Secretary, re-elected.

Mrs. Gross, Mrs. McCloskey and Mrs. Stephens elected to meet with the Superintendents and Secretary to draft a Constitution and By-Laws to be submitted at next Union Meeting.

Dismissed by Mrs. L. W. Jackson.

EMMA HICKS,
Association Secretary.

Chairmans of the Various Committees to Report at Next Session of the Association.

Chairmen of the following committees to report at the next meeting of the Association to be held at LaCrosse:

Temperance—D. M. Wilson.

Sunday Schools—J. F. Futch.

Education—E. R. Simmons.

State Missions—Rev. J. J. Cloar.

Home Missions—J. L. Norris.

Foreign Missions—E. M. Henderson.

Publication—Rev. L. A. Rawls.

Nomination—T. R. Parker.

Spiritual Condition of Churches—H. J. McCollum.

Orphanage—Rev. S. R. Skinner.

Deceased Ministers and Deacons—L. Price.

B. Y. P. U.—Mrs. L. W. Jackson.

Woman's Work—Mrs. H. J. McCollum.

Finance—H. C. Parker.

Resolution to Churches Offered by the Association.

Whereas, It is commonly reported among us that doctrines inimical to Baptist interest, especially that of mission progress, is being preached in some of our churches,

Therefore, Be it Resolved by the Santa Fe Baptist Association in convention assembled; That we most respectfully request, and earnestly appeal to all churches composing this body, to use due diligence in selecting their pastor, and to see to it that such pastor is sound on this most cardinal of Baptist doctrine and Christian hope.

Resolution of Thanks.

Be it Resolved by this Association that we extend to the good people of Hawthorne our heartfelt thanks for their hospitality to us during this session of the Association.

Respectfully Submitted,

H. C. SEALEY.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Rev. J. J. CloarGainesville, Fla.

Rev. B. R. MoseleyMelrose, Fla.

Rev. L. A. RawlsWaldo, Fla.

Rev. S. R. SkinnerAlachua, Fla.

Rev. E. M. HendersonCampville, Fla.

Rev. G. W. RilesHawthorn, Fla.

LICENTIATES.

Robt. McClellanGainesville, Fla.

H. A. FisherGainesville, Fla.

J. L. NorrisLaCrosse, Fla.

Chairmans of Standing Committees For the Next Association.

Chairmen of the different Committees appointed by Moderator to report at the next meeting of the Santa Fe River Association, to meet with the LaCrosse Church at 10 o'clock a. m. on Friday before the Fourth Sunday in October, 1915, to-wit:

Temperance—Bro. D. M. Wilson.
Sunday—Bro. J. F. Futch.
Education—Bro. E. R. Simmons.
State Missions—Rev. J. J. Cloar.
Home Missions—Rev. J. L. Norris.
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Report of Committee on Divine Service.

Rev. L. A. Rawls to preach at 7:00 p. m. tonight, Rev. E. M. Henderson at 11 o'clock Sunday. Sunday School Rally at 10 Sunday morning.

Association adjourned to 10:30 Sunday a. m.

Saturday night an able sermon was delivered by Rev. L. A. Rawls to an attentive audience.

Sunday Morning, 10:30 A. M.

Sunday School Rally conducted by Supt. Waits. Interesting talks by Rev. E. M. Henderson, D. M. Wilson, T. R. Parker, Mrs. Peelman and others.

Association met at 10:30 a. m. Sunday and was called to order by moderator.

Letter from Hague Church read and Delegate J. D. Brown enrolled.

Moved and adopted that the Clerk be paid \$15.00 for his services, and to have the minutes printed as early and cheap as possible.

A talk from H. C. Sealey on the B. M. A. A.

The missionary sermon was preached at 11 o'clock Sunday

to a crowded house by Rev. E. M. Eenderson, after which a collection was taken for State Missions amounting to \$18.21.

The Association adjourned after singing "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," and the parting hand given, to meet with the Baptist Church at LaCrosse on Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1915.

R. B. WEEKS, Moderator.
H. C. SEALEY, Clerk.

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