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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 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 dismission 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 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 qualifications 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 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.

CHURCH COVENANT.

Having been as we trust brought by Divine Grace to embrace the Lord, Jesus Christ, and to give ourselves wholly unto Him, we do now solemnly and joyfully covenant with each other to walk together in Him with brotherly love to His glory as our common Lord. We do, therefore, in His strength, engage that we will exercise a Christian care and watchfulness over each other and faithfully warn, exhort and admonish each other as occasions may require. That we will not forsake the assembly of ourselves together. But will uphold the worship of God and the ordinances of His house. That we will not omit closet and family religion at home nor neglect the great duty of religiously training of our children and those under our call for the service of Christ and the enjoyment of Heaven. That as we are the light of the world and the salt of the earth, we will seek Divine aid to enable us to deny ungodliness and every worldly lust and to walk circumspectly in the world that we may win the souls of men. That will cheerfully contribute of our property according as God has prospered us for the maintenance of a faithful evangelical ministry among us for the support of the poor and to the spread of the gospel over the earth. That we will in all conditions, even till death, strive to live to the glory of Him, who hath called us out of darkness and His marvelous light.

OFFICERS.

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

MINUTES.

LaCrosse, Fla., Oct. 22, 1915.

The Santa Fe River Baptist Association met in its Fifty-Ninth Annual Session with the First Baptist Church at LaCrosse, Fla., Oct. 22, 23 and 24 at 10:40 a. m. After Devotional Exercises led by Rev. N. B. O'Kelley of Gainesville, the Association was called to order by R. B. Weeks, Moderator, and H. C. Sealey, Clerk.

Visiting Brethren and Sisters were invited to seats in the Association—responded Rev. Benj. Urton from Harmony Association, Rev. T. F. Hendon, the efficient Secretary of State Missions.

Moderator called for Letters from the several churches. Atachua—Letters and Delegates, to wit: Rev. S. R. Skinner, H. C. Sealey, H. J. McCallum, J. F. Futch, S. Hainsworth, and Mrs. C. A. Williams.

Association recessed for Introductory Sermon 11 o'clock; the appointee, Rev. E. M. Henderson, being absent Rev. Benj. Urton was appointed to preach. Text John 3-16. After service the Association adjourned to 1:30.

Association called to order by Moderator 1:30 p. m.

Call for Letters. Responding by letters and Delegates:

Campville Church—J. W. Craber, B. C. Johnson and E. E. Stokes.

Eliam Church—Robt. Cason, G. T. Torlay, E. B. Perry, L. Brice.

Gainesville Church—Rev. N. B. O'Kelley, R. E. Lee, Robt. McClellan, E. D. Wynn, Sisters E. D. Wynn, W. M. Bullard and J. R. Emerson.

Hampton—E. J. King, Mrs. Effie Hicks, Rev. L. A. Rawls, J. A. McDowal, A. M. Williams.

Hawthorne—Delegates, Mrs. G. W. Riles, G. L. Whitmon, R. B. Weeks, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Peacock.

Orange Heights—Delegates, J. W. Hayman and H. H. Thomas.

Orange Creek—H. C. Hayman and H. G. Pagett.

Rochelle Church—Delegate, Miss Mary Perry.

LaCrosse Church—Delegates, D. M. Wilson and G. W. Parker.

Hague—Delegate, R. E. McColskey.

Motion that the Delegates enrolled constitute the Association.

Election of Officers—Results in the election of R. B. Weeks, Moderator, H. C. Sealey, Clerk, and E. E. Stokes, Treasurer.

Report Publication, read by Rev. L. A. Rawls, Rev. T. F. Hendon, Rev. N. B. O'Kelley and Bro. Lee. Report adopted.

Report on Orphanage read by Chairman, Rev. S. R. Skinner. Discussed by Rev. S. R. Skinner, Rev. T. F. Hendon and H. C. Sealey.

Treasurer's report read and adopted.

Committee appointed by Moderator, Divine Service—L. Brice, T. R. Parker and D. M. Wilson.

Report of said Committee—Rev. T. F. Hendon to preach at 7 p. m.; Rev. N. B. O'Kelley at 11 o'clock Saturday, 23.

Association adjourned to 9 a. m. Saturday, 23, 1915.

Minutes read and adopted.

R. B. WEEKS, Moderator.

H. C. SEALEY, Clerk.

7 p. m.—Sermon by Rev. T. F. Hendon, from 2 Cor. 5-17.

Saturday Morning.

Association called to order by Moderator.

Devotional Exercises—Led by Rev. S. R. Skinner.

Reading of Minutes of Friday afternoon; Minutes adopted.

Report of Executive Committee—Read by E. E. Stokes; report adopted as read.

Report on Foreign Missions read by Chairman, Rev. N. B. O'Kelley, and discussed by Chairman and adopted.

Repeated call for Letters.

Eden Church by Letter and Delegates—Delegates: Samuel Shaw, Geo. Wiggins, Miss Marie Shaw and Luther Cochren.

Waldo Church—Delegates: T. J. DeSha, G. M. DeSha, Sisters McCaulie and McFaden.

Report on Temperance read by Rev. E. R. Skinner by request of Chairman, D. M. Wilson, discussed by Rev. S. R. Skinner, Rev. Benj. Urton, D. M. Wilson; report adopted.

Report on Sunday Schools read by Chairman J. F. Futch; discussed by Rev. Benj. Urton, J. F. Futch and others. Recess for 11 o'clock. Rev. N. B. O'Kelley delivered able sermon to attentive audience. Adjourned to 1:30 p. m.

After a sumptuous dinner on the grounds, furnished by the good ladies, the Association called to order by Moderator. Divine service led by Bro. Perry.

Call for Reports of Committees.

Report on State Missions read by Chairman, S. R. Skinner, and discussed by Chairman and Rev. T. R. Hendon and the work of the State Board outlined and explained. Report adopted.

Report on Nomination read and adopted.

Report on Deceased Ministers and Deacons read and adopted.
 Report on Education by Chairman E. R. Simmons. Discussed by Chairman and others. Report adopted as read.
 Report on Spiritual Condition of Churches, read by L. A. Rawls, chairman; report adopted.

Report of Committee on Divine Service.

Rev. L. A. Rawls to preach at 7 p. m.
 Sunday School at 3:30 p. m.
 Rev. T. F. Hendon to preach Missionary Sermon at 11 o'clock Sunday, 24th.
 Rev. S. R. Skinner at 2 p. m.
 7 p. m.—Able sermon by Rev. L. A. Rawls to attentive audience.

Association adjourned to 9 a. m., Sunday, 24th.

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

Sunday, 9:40 a. m., Oct. 24.

Association called to order by Moderator, after Devotional Exercises led by Bro. H. C. Parker.

Call for Report of Committees.

Report of Committee on Finance read by Bro. H. C. Parker, and report \$35.25 sent up for Associational purposes; report adopted.

Report on B. Y. P. U. read by Rev. L. A. Rawls; report adopted.

Discussed by Revs. Rawls and Henderson.

Report on Home Missions; report read by Rev. L. A. Rawls; discussed by Rev. T. F. Hendon and Rev. L. A. Rawls; report adopted.

Resolution of Thanks offered and adopted by the Association.

Talk by H. C. Sealey on B. M. A. A.

Recess for 11 o'clock. Service by Rev. T. F. Hendon. An able sermon to a crowded House on Missions and a collection of \$18.25 for Missions and Associational purposes.

Association called to order by Moderator.

Minutes read and adopted.

Resolution by the Association to have the Church Covenant printed in the Minutes.

Resolution to Churches offered by the Association read and adopted:

The Association adjourned to meet with Ellam Church at Melrose on Tuesday before the fourth Sunday in October, at 10 o'clock prompt. After song the parting hand was given after a pleasant and profitable Association.

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

Chairmans of Various Committees to Report at Next Session of the Santa Fe River Association, to-wit:

Temperance—Rev. S. R. Skinner.
 Sunday Schools—H. C. Parker.
 Education and Columbia College—E. M. Simmons.
 State Missions—Rev. L. A. Rawls.
 Home Missions—Rev. E. M. Henderson.
 Foreign Missions—Rev. N. B. O'Kelley.
 Publication—A. J. Nimmo.
 Nomination—T. R. Parker.
 Spiritual Condition of Churches—Robt. McClellan.
 Orphanage—H. C. Sealey.
 Deceased Ministers and Deacons—Samuel Shaw.
 Finance—L. Price.
 B. Y. P. U.—Mrs. S. R. Skinner.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

R. B. Weeks Hawthorne, Fla.
 E. B. Perry Melrose, Fla.
 E. E. Stokes Campville, Fla.
 Robt. McClellan Gainesville, Fla.
 G. M. DeSha Waldo, Fla.

Resolution by the Association.

Resolved, That each church in the bounds of this Association make an effort to get the churches to take honorary membership in the B. M. A. A. by subscribing 5 or 10 per cent to each member, which would be the means of raising a respectful amount, feeling that nothing should take precedence over this cause, as none more worthy. Who is more worthy than a minister's family where he has given his life to the Lord's work?

Respectfully submitted,

H. C. SEALEY.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

Report on State Missions.

"Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea." These are words which came direct from the lips of Jesus. They were words of command to his disciples of whatever nationality or community in which they may be found, and in whatever age they may live. Therefore they apply directly to every church and to every member of every church within the bounds of this Association. Our obligation then is not only to our own community but also to our entire State.

Florida has many problems peculiar to itself. Because of her fertile fields and salubrious climate, her soils in some parts adapted to the production of crops equal or superior to the

States just to our North; her sub-tropical climate and soils farther South, and her great play-grounds about her coasts and lakes and rivers are continually beckoning to those of less favored places to come and make this their home. And they are coming from every nation, State and clime. They are bringing with them almost all of the false doctrines taught in every community in our nation. Will the people, to whom God has given the whole truth, set quietly by and let error be taught, even to our own children? God forbid!

Villages and towns are springing up almost over night. In such places the gospel should be preached. In many of the places where opportunities are golden, it can only be preached, at the present time, by the help that we can give. This we have attempted to do. Seventy-six men have been commissioned this year to labor in as many fields, with the promise that their support, wholly or in part, would be borne by the more highly favored. How have we kept this promise? We have neglected this important matter to these closing days of the year, with the result that these same men have been asked to wait, to do without, till our brethren would come to the rescue. With heroic self-sacrifice, following the example of their Master, not one has left his post.

Now, therefore, we recommend that every church represented in this body be asked to contribute regularly, either weekly or monthly, throughout the year to this cause. Let us remember that the divine command is, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," but "How can they preach except they be sent?"

Respectfully submitted,

S. R. SKINNER,
MRS. W. M. BULLARD,
BENJ. URTON,
Committee.

Report on Nominations.

We, your Committee on Nominations, recommend for Executive Committee Bro. R. B. Weeks, E. B. Perry, E. E. Stokes, G. M. Desha, Robt. McClellan.

For delegate to S. B. C., L. A. Rawls.

For delegates to State Convention, Revs. N. B. O'Kelley, E. M. Henderson, L. A. Rawls, Bros. E. B. Perry, H. J. McCallum, R. E. McColskey, W. E. Waits, H. C. Parker, A. J. Nimmo, A. F. Torlay, J. N. Hayman.

For Member of State Board of Missions, S. R. Skinner.

We recommend that this Association meet with Eliam Church of Melrose, Florida, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, before the Fourth Sunday in October, 1916.

Respectfully submitted,

L. PRICE,
T. R. PARKER.

Report on Deceased Ministers and Deacons.

We, your Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons, beg to make the following report: We find that we have lost none of our standard bearers during the past year for which we should praise God.

Respectfully submitted,

L. PRICE,
G. L. WHITCOMB.

Report on Education.

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

We believe that education is a development, a growth, a preparation for service. "Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations; spare not, lengthen thy cords and strengthen thy stakes." We believe that complete education enables one to be a better citizen and render more efficient service. It increases the power for usefulness and ability to serve. Such an education means physical, mental and spiritual development. It is no longer necessary for our boys and girls to go to other States to receive such training. The majority of our public school teachers belong to the army of the cross and reverence God and the Bible. Let us continue to fight until the remaining skeptics are banished from our teaching force. Our Baptist institution, Columbia College, stands as a great bulwark of Baptist faith and principles. We are pleased to report the steady substantial growth of Columbia College and recommend that as far as possible our people patronize and support it.

Let us give our children the best educational advantage possible. Help them to lighten their burdens through life, help them to enlarge the place of their tent and strengthen their stakes that they may be strong soldiers in taking the world for Christ, our Savior.

We would suggest that our libraries be supplied with wholesome reading, such as will teach our peculiar doctrine.

Respectfully submitted,

E. R. SIMMONS,
J. F. FUTCH,
G. L. WHITCOMB.

Report on Spiritual Condition of Churches.

We, your Committee on the Spiritual Condition of the Churches, would state that so far as can be seen from the reports from the churches, that the Spiritual Conditions are not what we would hope for. As there has been quite a decrease in the number of confessions and we would heartily recommend to the churches of this Association a live, wide-awake prayer service to make our people more spiritually minded.

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. RAWLS,
G. M. DESHA,
C. R. SPARKMAN,
Committee.

Report on Home Missions.

Home Missions is the foundation stone of all missions. "Ye shall be my witness," says the Master, beginning at Jerusalem. We must take care of the home base which is the base of supplies. Our Home Mission Board, located at Atlanta, Ga., is the base of operations of our Southern Zion. The territory consists of the Southern States and the Island of Cuba.

The Baptists of Florida are asked by the Home Mission Board to raise \$8,000 of the \$450,000 which the Southern Baptist Convention in session at Houston, Texas, in may apportioned to the States within its bounds. We recommend that every mem-

ber of the Association get in touch with the great books and inform themselves in regard to its operations, and in order to do this we recommend that each member as far as possible subscribe for the "Home Field," the organ of the Board, published in Atlanta, Ga.

Respectfully submitted,
G. W. PARKER,
L. A. RAWLS,
SAMUEL SHAW.

Report of Committee on Finance.

We, your Committee on Finance, beg to make the following report:

Hawthorne	\$4.00
Alachua	5.00
Gainesville	5.00
Orange Heights	1.25
Eaden	2.75
Hampton	2.50
LaCrosse	3.00
Waldo	1.00
Eliam	4.00
Campville	2.50
Ochwilla	
Hague	2.00
Rochelle25
Orange Creek	2.00
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L. PRICE,
H. C. PARKER.

Report on B. Y. P. U.

We, your Committee on B. Y. P. U. work find that out of fourteen churches in this Association only four have B. Y. P. U.'s. We would earnestly request our pastors to urge their young people to organize and help them in their work. Realizing the great need of trained workers let us press this work, to better fit our young people for taking the place of the older ones as they are fastly passing out.

We would not recommend a B. Y. P. U. field worker in this financial crisis but urge our pastors to take up the work in their churches and talk for it in our fifth Sunday meetings and other places.

Respectfully submitted,
L. A. RAWLS,
MRS. J. L. McCAULEY.

Report on Orphanage.

In our Orphanage at Arcadia, if properly supported, we have a distinct asset to our denomination whose influence and power will never decrease, but on the other hand will grow with the years. The value of this asset will grow because in this orphan's home we have an institution in which many homeless

children are given a home. A home in the purest sense. With Superintendent Trice at the head, with his splendid corps of assistants, these children soon learn to know what a real home is. With the advantages of school, the girls learning all things necessary to make them real home-workers, or being taught to be self-supporting in various suitable occupations; the boys are given elementary preparation so they may later complete them for professions or trades, according to their several inclinations. And best of all being taught the "Way of Life." Many of these will in years to come take their places as leaders in the respective churches into which their lives will be thrown.

We said in the beginning, if properly supported. Surely there are none so void of sympathy that they are unwilling to assist in the care of the homeless. Many would help if they only knew. There are now 94 children in the home and many more applicants. The present weekly expense is \$188.75. This will be increased as more are admitted. In our State we have 681 Baptist churches. If each church should give five cents per day the income would be \$238.35 per week. Many churches are doing much more than this. But alas! A majority of our churches are doing nothing. Let every church put the orphanage on her weekly budget and let us strive that five cents per day be our minimum. By doing this we may receive the blessing contained in our Savior's words, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Respectfully submitted,
S. R. SKINNER,
E. B. PERRY,
R. E. Lee.

Resolution of Thanks.

Resolved, that the thanks of this Association are due and are hereby tendered to the members of the LaCrosse Baptist Church and citizens generally for their kind and generous hospitality which was so lavishly bestowed upon us during our stay amongst them and we pray the best blessings of our kind Heavenly Father to bless and prosper them in all the works they undertake for the Master, and His Kingdom.

Respectfully submitted,
BENJ. URTON.

Report on Foreign Missions.

The present condition of the world emphasizes as never before that the peoples of the earth need the simple New Testament religion.

Our Foreign Mission work is an effort on our part to give to the nations of the world such a religion—the religion of Jesus Christ.

In this effort we seek to obey our Lord's last Command: Go, make Christians of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Doubtless there are present those who remember when our people were praying for open doors. We must now pray for open hearts and open purses. For the doors are wide open and the Macedonian cry is still sounding across the seas: "Come over and help us." The wide open doors, the awakening of new Christian nations, their seeking for truth and the paths of peace challenge the Christians to give them the New Testament religion.

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Our Foreign Mission Board, located at Richmond, Va., is composed of eighteen local members and eighteen State members, one from each State co-operating with Southern Baptist Convention. Through this Board we are doing Mission work in Italy, Brazil, Mexico, Argentina, China, Japan and Africa. In these countries we have 382 churches with 819 out-stations; 33,584 church members, 442 Sunday Schools, with nearly 24,000 scholars. There are 8,833 students in Mission Schools, 384 are in training for the Ministry. There are 300 missionaries with 651 native workers on these fields. Baptisms last year, 5,190. It is very needful that every church and every member consider earnestly the needs of the regions beyond and make Foreign Missions a real part of our regular and systematic giving.

Respectfully submitted,
N. B. O'KELLEY,
E. B. PERRY,
Committee.

Report on Temperance.

We, your Committee on Temperance, believe that no subject of political uplift and moral reform should engage the attention of right thinking people more than Temperance.

Liquor is God's worst enemy and the Devil's best friend; an enemy to the church and home.

Liquor never made a man more a man, but only helps the brutish nature and makes a man more like a hog.

We are glad to state that during the past 12 months that prohibition has gained rapidly and men are more and more falling into line with the temperance forces.

The passage of the Davis package law in our own State is a great step forward in Florida, but the thing that should engage our attention most at this time, is the Blind Tiger element that is menacing our villages and towns and leading our boys away.

May God hasten the day when our people shall open their eyes and see that we may have the courage to stand for the right and fear no evil.

Respectfully submitted,
D. M. WILSON,
E. E. STOKES.

Report on Sunday Schools.

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools beg to offer the following report:

In many of our churches the teaching service of the church is coming more and more to be emphasized. To teach the gospel is as much a part of the great commission as to preach the gospel. Hence, no church can fully carry out the commission of our Lord where there is no Sunday School. By a close study of the life of Christ we find that he devoted a large part of his time in teaching, and at the close of his ministerial career he commanded his disciples as follows:

"Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." We find that the Apostolic churches gave attention to the teaching service of the church as we read that there were in the church at Antioch certain prophets and teachers. Hence, no church can be in line with the life of Christ and the work of the early churches where there is no Sunday School.

Your committee calls attention to the fact that much progress has been made in the Sunday Schools of this Association during the past year. Several schools have been re-organized and graded. Quite a number of superintendents, teachers and others have taken normal training and are prepared to do more efficient work.

We think it important that every Sunday School should have an ideal toward which it should strive. The higher the ideal the better the school. Below we would call attention to some of the things toward which the wide awake Sunday School should strive:

1. It should sustain the right relation to the church. Then, the superintendent should be elected by the church and report to the church.
2. The teachers should not only be Christians and members of the church, but they should be willing to teach and know how to teach.
3. The school should be graded in order to obtain the best results.
4. The music should be good, lively and worshipful.
5. There should be a teachers' weekly meeting for the study of the lesson.
6. There should be a Teachers' Training Class for the preparation of the teachers.
7. The library should be supplied with the very best books; and provision made for the use of the books.
8. A well-organized Sunday School is organized for a purpose: to save the lost, to promote Christian growth and development, to give the right ideals of life, to increase the knowledge of the Bible.

Respectfully submitted,
J. F. FUTCH,
H. C. PARKER,
Committee.

Report on Publication.

We, Your Committee on Publications, wish to commend to this body all publications of the Sunday School Board of The S. B. C. because of their purity and because of financial returns from the Board to the other causes pastored by our denomination.

While the Baptists of Florida do not own nor control any denominational paper we would urge all Baptists to subscribe for and read The Baptist Witness, published at Arcadia, Fla.

We would further recommend The "Foreign Mission Journal," of Richmond, Va., The "Home Field," of Atlanta, Ga., and The "Royal Service," published by the W. M. U., Baltimore, Md.

We desire also to warn our people of the dangerous literature commonly circulated by agents, such as are published by Russel and other deceivers, and as a safeguard, let your literature be stamped "Baptist."

Respectfully submitted,
L. A. RAWLS,
ROBT. McCLELLAN,
A. F. TORLAY.

Treasurer's Report.

1914. RECEIPTS.

Oct. 24—To Cash Received from Association	\$56.84
Nov. 29—To Cash Received from Convention Held at Eliam	17.70
Jan. 30—To Cash Received from Convention Held at Alachua	30.99
May 30—To Cash Received from Convention Held at Waldo	38.80
Aug. 30—To Cash Received from Convention Held at Ochwilla	27.32

Oct. 22, Total\$171.65

1914. DISBURSEMENTS.

Oct. 25—Paid H. C. Sealy, Clerk	\$15.00
Oct. 25—Paid E. E. Stokes, Due from over-paying	3.25
Oct. 25—Paid S. B. Rogers	8.59
Dec. 1—Paid S. B. Rogers	17.70
1915.	
Jan.—Paid Gainesville Sun for Minutes	30.00
Feb. 6—Paid S. B. Rogers	30.99
June 2—Paid S. B. Rogers	38.80
Sept. 1—Paid S. B. Rogers	27.32

Total\$171.65

Our Honored Dead.

Alachua Church—Miss Ruby Futch.

Eliam Church—J. B. Price, Sisters Addie Baldwin, Elvie Thompson, Mary Ford.

Gainesville—J. C. Witherspoon, J. B. Mixson, Mrs. Ovie Kite, Mary J. Wells, Mrs. F. E. Tomkies, Mrs. Willie Rush, Mrs. A. V. Harville, G. W. Weeks.

Hampton Church—F. H. Dover.

LaCrosse Church—Miss Lula Sloan, Mrs. D. V. Mainec.

Orange Heights Church—Bro. Ben. Tillman.

Waldo Church—Mrs. Alice Thigpin, Hiram Prescott.

Pastors, Clerks and Numerical Statistics

Name of Church	Pastor and Post Office Address	Clerk and Post Office Address	Church Organized—Year	Increase this Year			Decrease this Year					What Sundays Have Preaching		
				By Baptism	By Letter or Statement	By Restoration	Total Increase	By Letter	By Expulsion or Exsurre	By Death	Total Decrease		Membership this Year	Net Decrease
Alachua	S. R. Skinner, Alachua	C. A. Williams, Alachua	1897	81	6	24	5	1	6	128	6	181	1	First and Third
Campville	E. M. Lewis, Waldo	T. F. Touley, Melrose	1897	3	3	5	9	4	22	43	17	3	5	Second and Fourth
Eliam	L. A. Rawls, Hampton	A. J. Shaw, Hawthorne	1859	1	1	5	9	1	33	117	3	6	6	Every Sunday
Eden	S. R. Skinner, Alachua	D. M. Tomkies, Gainesville	1902	1	1	4	23	4	35	493	35	7	7	Second
Gainesville	N. B. O'Kelley, Gainesville	Geo. W. Hicks, Hampton	1870	24	16	2	2	1	1	129	4	5	4	Second and Fourth
Hampton	E. M. Henderson, Waldo	W. B. Adkins, Hawthorne	1891	1	5	5	5	2	10	40	10	1	1	First
Hawthorne	S. R. Skinner, Alachua	W. W. Jones, Hague	1853	4	5	13	7	1	9	71	9	4	4	Second and Fourth
Hague	S. R. Skinner, Alachua	T. R. Parker, LaCrosse	1911	6	5	1	1	1	2	66	6	1	1	Fourth
LaCrosse	A. J. Pinholster, Brookton	R. Thigpin, Orange Heights	1855	6	6	5	5	1	2	56	6	6	6	Second
Orange Heights	L. A. Rawls, Hampton	W. B. Roe, Orange Creek	1873	6	6	5	4	1	0	54	13	1	1	Second
Orange Creek	J. H. Morton	W. E. Hammonree, Hawthorne	1873	6	6	5	4	1	0	36	13	1	1	First and Third
Ochwilla	Benj. Urton, Tyler	J. L. Norris, LaCrosse	1858	3	3	1	1	1	2	26	13	1	1	Second
Rochelle	J. L. Norris, LaCrosse	E. J. Myers, Rochelle	1858	3	3	1	1	1	2	26	13	1	1	First and Third
Waldo	E. M. Henderson, Waldo	J. F. DeShaz, Waldo	1853	5	5	1	1	1	2	139	13	1	1	First and Third

Societies and Their Officers.

Name of Society	President	President's Post Office Address	Contributed for Missions and Benevolence
B. Y. P. U.....	George Bell.....	Alachua.....	\$.....
B. Y. P. U.....	E. E. Stokes.....	Campville.....	
B. Y. P. U.....	E. R. Simmons.....	Gainesville.....	20 00
Junior B. Y. P. U.....	Lucious Rivers.....	".....	
W. M. S.....	Mrs. J. R. Emerson.....	".....	192 12
* Sunbeams.....	Clarice Bowie.....	".....	* 5 00
§ Royal Ambassadors	Mrs. N. B. O'Kelley.....	".....	§ 3 00
B. Y. P. U.....	Jas. Whitcomb.....	Hawthorne.....	
B. Y. P. U.....	Miss Mollie Hall.....	".....	1 44
B. Y. P. U.....	Elmer Crosby.....	Waldo.....	12 00

* Orphanage.

§ Home Missions.