

Minutes
of the
Sixty-First Annual Session
of the
**Santa Fe River Baptist
Association**

Held with the
Alachua Baptist Church, Alachua, Florida
October 23, 24 and 25, 1917

Next session will be held with the First Baptist Church
at Gainesville, Florida, on Tuesday, Wednesday and
Thursday, before the Fourth Sunday in October, 1918

HONORARY OFFICERS

Hon. Moderator, R. B. Weeks-----Hawthorne, Fla.
Hon. Clerk, H. C. Sealey-----Alachua, Fla.

ACTIVE OFFICERS.

Moderator, Dr. A. A. Murphree-----Gainesville, Fla.
Clerk, I. S. Futch-----Alachua, Fla.
Treasurer, E. E. Stokes-----Campville, Fla.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Adams, B. L.-----Hawthorne, Fla.
Henderson, E. M.-----Waldo, Fla.
Hundley, W. T.-----Lake Charles, Fla.
Mosely, B. R.-----Hawthorne, Fla.
O'Kelley, N. B.-----Gainesville, Fla.
Ridenour, H. E.-----Gainesville, Fla.
Riles, G. W.-----Orange Springs, Fla.
Skinner, S. R., D.D.-----Alachua, Fla.

LICENSED MINISTERS

Barry, G. C.-----Gainesville, Fla.
McClellan-----Gainesville, Fla.

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 to be elected by their respective churches. Also all pastors of churches in the Association shall be members by virtue of their office. 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 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. All pastors of Churches of this Association shall be members of this Association by virtue of their office.

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 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 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.

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 we 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.

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.
 - o—Resolutions.
8. Miscellaneous Business.
9. Adjournment.

MINUTES
OF THE
Sixty-First Annual Session
OF THE
Santa Fe River Baptist Association

Alachua, Fla., Oct. 23, 1917.

The Santa Fe River Baptist Association met in its sixty-first annual session with the First Baptist Church of Alachua on October 23rd, 1917, at 10:20 a. m. After devotional exercises led by Pastor S. R. Skinner, the Association was called to order by Moderator R. B. Weeks. Rev. N. B. O'Kelley offered a resolution that a committee on "Digest of Letters" be appointed. Resolution adopted. S. R. Skinner, N. B. O'Kelley and H. E. Ridenour constituted this committee. They reported the following Churches and Messengers:

Alachua—Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Bell, I. S. Futch, C. A. Williams, C. W. Stephens, H. C. Sealey, Mrs. B. W. Cato, Mrs. S. R. Skinner and Mrs. E. C. Pearson.

Campville—E. E. Stokes.

Eden—Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Beck.

Eliam—L. M. Baldwin, L. Price, B. R. Mosely, W. H. Lee, A. T. Torley, Mrs. B. A. Chamberlin, Miss Edna Price.

Gainesville—R. E. Lee, W. M. Bullard, S. M. Mixion, H. E. Ridenour, E. R. Simmons, Dr. A. A. Murphree, Mrs. Brewton.

Grove Park—By letter.

Hague—R. E. McColskey, J. E. Minchin, J. W. Ford.

Hampton—By letter.

Hawthorne—R. B. Weeks, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Johnson.

Ochwilla—Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Merriman, Mrs. Ida Barrington.

Orange Heights—By letter.

Waldo—Mrs. W. T. Rives, Mrs. C. R. Sparkman.

On motion, the above Messengers constituted the working body of this session of the Association. Motion carried to defer election of officers till after dinner.

At 11:00 o'clock Rev. T. H. Jandon, of Tampa, in the absence of the appointee, preached the introductory sermon.

Committee on Divine Service was appointed by Moderator, consisting of pastor and deacons of the Alachua Church.

1:30 P. M. Tuesday

After devotional exercises led by Dr. Murphree, the Association was called to order by Dr. Murphree as Moderator Pro Tem.

Pastor Skinner delivered a welcome address in behalf of the Entertaining Church. Mayor Roberts welcomed the visitors in behalf of the citizens of Alachua. Pastor O'Kelley responded in behalf of the Messengers.

The Committee on Nominations reported as follows:

Moderator Dr. A. A. Murphree, Clerk I. S. Futch, Treasurer E. E. Stokes. Report adopted.

Motion carried that the pastor of the Alachua Church be instructed to cast the ballot of the Association for the nominees which was done and they were declared elected.

Committee on Divine Service reported that Rev. H. E. Ridenour would preach at 7:30.

A motion prevailed that the ladies be given Wednesday afternoon for their meeting.

The report on Temperance was read by N. B. O'Kelley. Report discussed by N. B. O'Kelley, S. R. Skinner and others.

A resolution by B. R. Mosely was carried as follows:

That a committee be appointed who shall have charge of the campaign for State-Wide Prohibition as constitutional amendment now pending. Dr. A. A. Murphree, N. B. O'Kelley and H. E. Ridenour were appointed, adjourned till 7:30 p. m.

7:30 P. M. Tuesday

After devotional and song service Rev. H. E. Ridenour preached an able sermon from I. Peter 3:15.

The members of the various committees were appointed. Adjourned till 9:30 tomorrow.

9:30 A. M. Wednesday

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

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Motion carried making the report on Education and Columbia College a special order for 7:30 at night.

Report on Foreign Missions read by L. A. Rawls. Report discussed by L. A. Rawls, S. R. Skinner and B. R. Mosely. Report adopted.

Report on Home Missions read and discussed by H. E. Ridenour. Report adopted.

At 11:00 a. m. Rev. N. B. O'Kelley preached the missionary sermon from I. Cor. 3:9.

3:30 P. M. Wednesday

Report on Religious Literature read by H. E. Ridenour. Discussed by H. E. Ridenour, B. R. Mosely, S. R. Skinner and Mrs. S. R. Skinner. Further discussion postponed till tomorrow.

Report on Deceased Ministers and Deacons read by H. C. Sealey and adopted.

Adjourned till 7:30 p. m.

7:30 P. M. Wednesday

After devotional exercises, the Association was called to order by the Moderator. Report on Education and Columbia College read by S. R. Skinner. Discussed by S. R. Skinner, H. E. Ridenour, L. A. Rawls and J. O. Harris, business manager of Columbia College. Report adopted.

Adjourned till 9:30 tomorrow.

9:30 A. M. Thursday

After devotional exercises, Association was called to order by Moderator. Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Report of Committee of Nominations read by C. A. Williams, and adopted.

Report on Spiritual Condition of Churches read by B. R. Mosely. Discussed by B. R. Mosely, S. R. Skinner, B. L. Adams, N. B. O'Kelley, H. E. Ridenour, R. B. Weeks and T. H. Jandon. Report adopted.

Report on B. Y. P. U. read by Mrs. Chamberlin. Discussed by S. R. Skinner, A. B. Canada and Mrs. S. R. Skinner. Report adopted.

Report on Religious Literature taken up for further discussion. Spoken to by A. B. Canada on support of Baptist Witness, and N. B. O'Kelley. Report adopted.

Preaching at 11:30 by L. A. Rawls from Isa. 1:3. A collection was then taken for Associational expenses.

A collection for B. R. Mosely amounting to \$18.67 was taken.

Report on Orphanage was read by E. E. Stokes. Discussed by H. C. Sealey, S. R. Skinner and N. B. O'Kelley.

Adjourned for dinner.

1:30 P. M. Thursday

Association called to order by Moderator at 1:30 p. m. Completion of report on Digest of Letters by S. R. Skinner. Report adopted.

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

Report on Finance read by L. Price and adopted.

Report of Committee on Resolutions read by L. A. Rawls and adopted.

Report on State Missions read by L. A. Rawls. Discussed by L. A. Rawls, B. L. Adams, S. R. Skinner, B. R. Mosely, T. H. Jandon and H. E. Ridenour. Report adopted.

Report of Committee on Sunday Schools read by E. R. Simmons. Discussed by E. R. Simmons, A. B. Canada, A. A. Murphree, S. R. Skinner and L. A. Rawls. Report adopted.

The chairmen of the various committees to report at next session was reported at this time.

Motion carried to allow clerk \$15.00 for services.

Minutes of today read and approved.

Association adjourned to meet with the Gainesville Church on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1918.

REPORTS

REPORT ON EDUCATION SANTA FE RIVER ASSOCIATION, 1917.

Education in our country in plans, methods and practices is divided into two systems, State and Denominational.

In the former, plans and purposes contemplate purely secular education, the development of mind, with whatever moral and spiritual training individual professors may chance to give, and with daily assembly for devotional services, which are usually entirely perfunctory, and are held because it is the custom to hold such services.

Now and then a president or a professor of fine Christian character is found in a state institution of higher learning, as in the case of the President of the University of Florida, and also the head of the Department of Education there.

But the tendency of the state colleges in general, are not toward spiritual development, often just the reverse.

The aims and purposes of the denominational colleges should be, and they usually are, to train the mind and with equal earnestness, the spiritual, to the end, that all education may have its foundation in faith in God, loyalty to Christ and full belief in the Bible. The denominational college that fails in any one of these particulars is disloyal to the purpose of true Christian education.

The world today is suffering from the lack of Christian training in education, which can be found nowhere except in a Christian denominational college. For generations the world has looked to Germany for authority in education; has sent her sons there for training.

There they have found no denominational schools; no training in Christian ethics. On the other hand that training has all been from the mate-

rialistic standpoint. Every argument is made from nature, and with them, God is not recognized in nature. Hence all of the finer sentiments of sympathy and humanitarianism, as taught by the Christian Religion, has been lost by them, and the atrocities being perpetrated by Germany at this time has shown a reversion to the type of the inhuman beast. A result of education of the mind and intellect without reference to the soul.

Those parents who have an opportunity to place their son or daughter in a denominational school, where religious training is one of its assets, yet deliberately send them to another school where none of this is possible, is running a great risk for his child's future, and may be responsible for that child's spiritual ruin. Every Baptist should send his child to his own denominational school, so long as that school offers the course of study he desires. It may cost a little more, in dollars and cents, but is worth much more than the difference in cost to the child's future welfare.

Columbia College is the only Baptist school in Florida, owned and controlled by Florida Baptists; it has a faculty abundantly able to teach young men and young women; it tolerates none of the teaching of "higher criticism"; it is founded on the Bible, and is loyal to the doctrines, policy and practices of the Baptist Denomination. It is ours; and whether we acknowledge the fact or no, every Baptist is a stockholder, and to that extent is responsible for its success or failure. It is our greatest denominational asset.

Hence we urge every true Baptist to support the college by sending his children there so long as they can get what studies they desire, and by contributing regularly and liberally of our means to its support.

We further recommend the support of our Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and recommend our young ministers, after completing their

course at Columbia College, to pursue a course in the Seminary, and our young women, who are to become missionaries, to continue their work of preparation in the Woman's Department of the Seminary.

S. R. SKINNER, Chairman,
A. F. TORLAY.

B. Y. P. U. REPORT

Your committee on B. Y. P. U. submit the following report:

The importance of the work of the B. Y. P. U. is now recognized by all progressive churches. Our young people more and more realize the value of the training they receive in striving for and maintaining the Standard of Excellence, and results are shown by their increased attendance at various church meetings, training classes and assemblies.

Our efficient secretary, Mr. W. W. Willian, is accomplishing great things through his untiring efforts with our young people. One associational institute was held this year at Alachua, but we regret that aside from Alachua and Melrose no other societies took advantage of it. A new society was organized, and another stimulated by that week's work with the secretary. We recommend that this work be continued in accordance with the resolution offered last year.

Among the fourteen churches we now have seven senior unions and three junior unions. We recommend that these unions read the marching orders as given weekly from the secretary in the Witness, also that the importance of the Bible Quiz be emphasized in all unions. This is made possible by the group plan, each group being assigned a part on which to report.

The social features are not to be neglected, as our young people need their pleasures directed by intelligent Christian supervision.

MRS. C. W. STEPHENS,
MRS. E. C. PEARSON,
MRS. B. A. CHAMBERLIN.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

So much has transpired in the last few years in favor of Temperance that a brief report can hardly touch the hem of the garment of Temperance. With deep gratitude to God we note the onward march of the cause of Temperance in our own fair state. The more stringent state laws passed by the recent legislature indicate a growing sentiment in favor of Prohibition. Recent local option elections have added more dry territory in our state. As to our nation and other belligerent nations now engaged in war, either total or restricted prohibition reveals the fact that rulers and leaders of nations now recognize the economic and moral value of prohibition. Your committee would therefore urge that all Christians and citizens be loyal in spirit to the cause of Temperance, and manifest their loyalty by voting at every opportunity for State-Wide, Nation-Wide and World-Wide Prohibition.

Respectfully submitted,
N. B. O'KELLEY,
L. PRICE,
ROBERT E. LEE.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, which board is located in Atlanta, Ga., has as its field the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention, Cuba, Isle of Pines and Panama. The main work of this board is co-operative. It co-operates with the State Boards of the several states, especially assisting the boards of states where Baptists are weakest. Thus enabling such states as Florida, Louisiana and others, where Baptists need more funds for state work than they are able to raise, to greatly enlarge their work. In Florida, for instance, the Home Mission Board contributes to our State Mission work as much as we ourselves contribute. Also in large cities like New Orleans, Galveston, Tampa and Baltimore, the board

greatly assists the Baptists in these and such other needy places, in meeting their needs, and also does a splendid work among foreigners in port cities. Tampa is one of these places.

Florida Baptists are appreciative of the Home Boards' assistance, and should lose no opportunity to assist the Home Board with sympathy and contributions.

R. E. McCOLSKEY,
H. E. RIDENOUR,
W. M. BULLARD.

REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

In humble and grateful acknowledgement of the goodness of God which has crowned the year, and in thankfulness to Him, your committee offers the following report: Your board has raised during the year closing May 30th, for all purposes \$961,970.48; of this 90.7 per cent. have actually reached the Foreign Field, and only 9.3 per cent for Home Expenses. We now have 458 churches with a membership of 47,161. We have 307 missionaries and 809 native workers. We also have 474 schools of all grades with an enrollment of 12,930 students. Last year our Medical Missionaries treated 67,556 patients, and during the same time there were 6,347 Baptisms. From the above statement we see that "The Lord has done great things for us whereof we are glad," but our need this year is perhaps the greatest in our history, with millions of men in the trenches calling for the TRUTH of the Gospel and non-professants hungering for it, together with the millions at home who are waiting to be taught the way of salvation, make this a day of great opportunity for Southern Baptists.

The support of our Missionaries must also be increased on account of the advanced prices of food-stuff, where \$600 would support a missionary two or three years ago, it will take \$750 now, and we should by all means make them comfortable.

The world war has done a great deal to advance the mission cause in other lands, in fact there has never been a time when the demand for Bibles and Testaments was so great as it is today. With factories running day and night they cannot supply the demands. With the Word of God in every land and in most of the homes of the earth, together with our missionaries to teach the way more perfectly, surely the knowledge of the Lord will cover the earth as the waters cover the sea, and hasten the day for the coming of the Son of God.

May our people respond to every call and supply every need for the glory of God and the uplift of all mankind.

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. RAWLS,
J. E. MINCHIN,
MRS. S. R. SKINNER

Committee.

REPORT ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS

Your Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons beg to report as follows:

The letters from the churches show that only two Deacons within the bounds of this Association have departed this life since our last meeting.

Deacon Z. M. Sanders of Hawthorne, and Deacon H. C. Parker of La Crosse.

We are grateful that others have been spared. And to we who remain, the work of the Kingdom is committed. Let us not be found indifferent to the call of the Master.

H. C. SEALEY, Chairman,
MRS. IDA BARRINGTON.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Received from S. S. Convention held with Orange Heights Church, Oct. 27-29, 1916	\$22.12
Received from S. S. Convention held with Hampton Church, Dec. 29-31	23.77
Received from S. S. Convention held with Waldo Church, April 27-30, 1917	32.17
Received from S. S. Convention held with Gainesville Church, July 27-29	12.00
Received from S. S. Convention held with Eden Church, September 28-30	22.18
Received from S. S. Convention held with Eden Church, public collection	8.54
Received from Robert McClellen, Gainesville, Dec. 8, for B. R. Moseley	10.00
Received from Hampton Church, Dec. 10, for B. R. Moseley	10.00
Received from Eliam Church, by L. A. Rawls, Dec. 9, for B. R. Moseley	5.00
Received from Henry L. Fowler, Lake Butler Church, Dec. 30	5.00
Received from Waldo Church, reported by E. M. Henderson Dec. 23, 1916	15.00
Received from Henry L. Fowler, Feb. 19, 1917	10.00
Received from J. N. Hayman, Orange Heights, Mch. 15	2.00
Received from L. Price, Eliam, March 24	7.00
Received from J. N. Hayman, Orange Heights, April 4	1.50
Received from R. B. Weeks, Hawthorn Church, May 6	25.00
Received from F. F. Jerkins, Ochwilla Church, June 26	5.00
Received from L. Price, Eliam Church, Sept. 30	3.00
Received from Henry L. Fowler, Oct. 11	10.00
Received from Eliam Church	10.00
	<u>\$239.28</u>
November 3, 1916, sent S. B. Rogers	\$22.12
January 2, 1917, sent S. B. Rogers	23.77
April 31, 1917, sent S. B. Rogers	32.17
August 3, 1917, sent S. B. Rogers	12.00
October 2, 1917, sent S. B. Rogers	22.18
October 2, 1917, sent S. B. Rogers for Columbia C.	8.54
December 9, 1916, sent B. R. Moseley	10.00
December 11, 1916, sent B. R. Moseley	10.00
December 9, 1916, sent B. R. Moseley	5.00
December 30, 1916, sent B. R. Moseley	5.00
December 23, 1916, sent B. R. Moseley	15.00
March 3, 1917, sent B. R. Moseley	10.00
March 16, 1917, sent B. R. Moseley	2.00
March 24, 1917, sent B. R. Moseley	7.00
April 5, 1917, sent B. R. Moseley	1.50
May 17, 1917, sent B. R. Moseley	25.00
June 27, 1917, sent B. R. Moseley	5.00
October 11, 1917, sent B. R. Moseley	3.00
October 11, 1917, sent B. R. Moseley	10.00
October 24, 1917, sent B. R. Moseley	10.00
	<u>\$239.28</u>

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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

Sent up by the churches-----\$37.89
Collection -----\$13.33

Total -----\$51.22

Respectfully submitted,

L. PRICE,
R. B. WEEKS,
E. E. STOKES.

CHAIRMEN OF THE COMMITTEES TO REPORT AT THE NEXT SESSION OF THIS ASSOCIATION

Temperance—Dr. S. R. Skinner.
Sunday School—C. A. Williams.
Education and Columbia College—E. R. Simmons.
State Missions—Rev. L. A. Rawls.
Home Missions—Rev. H. E. Ridenour.
Foreign Missions—Rev. E. M. Henderson.
Publications—E. B. Perry.
Nominations—L. Price.
Spiritual Condition of Churches—Dr. N. B. O'Kelley.
Deceased Ministers and Deacons—Geo. Wiggins.
Finance—A. F. Torley.
B. Y. P. U.—Mrs. S. R. Skinner.
On Resolutions—Rev. B. L. Adams.
Orphanage—Mrs. C. W. Stephens.

RESOLUTIONS

In view of our deep appreciation for the way in which we have been entertained in the church and in the homes of the good people of Alachua,

Be it resolved by the Santa Fe River Association that we express in some measure our apprecia-

tion by a rising vote of this body. Assuring each one who has so nobly assisted in our entertainment, that they shall be long remembered by us, the Messengers of the Association,

Be it further resolved by this body, that we pay in full or in part the expenses of our member of the State Board of Missions for his trips to and from the meetings of the State Board of Missions, and that our Treasurer be hereby instructed to pay such expenses on the presentation of the bill without any further action of this body.

Respectfully submitted,
L. A. RAWLS,
N. B. O'KELLEY.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

Our mission work is divided into three boards, Foreign, Home and State. The Foreign and Home Boards are dependent on the State Boards for the funds, apportioned to the various states, to be raised. So then State Missions or the State Board of Missions is the foundation of all missions.

"Beginning at Jerusalem," was the command for the first missionaries.

Our State Board today faces one of the most strenuous campaigns ever launched by Florida Baptists, with approximately \$27,000 to raise in the last sixty-five days of the convention year. The last Budget calls for \$35,000 for State Missions, and up to this time less than \$8,000 has been raised. The pay roll has been met only by borrowing money which must be paid with interest.

We have in Florida 711 Baptist Churches, 266 of which are without a home, which indeed is appalling.

Your committee would therefore recommend that our people organize to pay \$1.00 each to any struggling church trying to build a place of worship.

We have also 100 pastorless churches and a number of churchless pastors, which to us is a prob-

lem, to say the least of it. Yet with these conditions, we are sure that if every one will do their part, victory will be ours. Florida has 60,000 white Baptists and 50,000 negro Baptists, leading all other denominations in the state. Surely the Almighty God intended Florida for the Baptists, as evidenced by much water. Brethren, do your best for the State Missions these last sixty days of the convention year.

Respectfully submitted,
L. A. RAWLS,
MRS. C. W. STEPHENS,
W. H. LEE.

REPORT ON SPIRITUAL CONDITION OF THE CHURCHES

We believe that the spiritual condition of the churches in our Association, though far from being the highest, is yet encouraging. So far as we can learn, every church within our bounds has held special services for strengthening the brotherhood and the conversion of sinners. These efforts have been more or less successful. We regret to learn that the attendance on church services has not been perfect, owing in some places to joy-rides in automobiles, and sometimes to what is even worse than that—absolute indifference. We believe that all our churches have Sunday Schools and that they are usually fairly well attended.

No one word can describe these schools, for some have a high degree of efficiency, both on attendance and attention, while others are not so. We believe that all of our churches have prayer-meetings. Some of these are of the union kind. A few of our prayer-meetings are well attended, but not all.

In some cases the sisters would have regular and well-attended prayer-meetings if some of the brethren would come and lead them. The most of our churches contribute to missions, but very few do as much in that way as they ought. We hear very

little of complaint about the support of our pastors, and some have made generous advances to suit these hard times. Taken altogether, we do not think that personal piety is discounted among us. And we believe that though the times are hard, and the world war is on, and though the limitations of fallen nature are still in force, yet the trend is onward and upward to a higher and better life.

A lost world still gives a loud call to Christians that they make greater efforts after holiness in order that the erring may be guided aright instead of being led astray by the very people whom they are trying to follow. Out of the heart are the issues of life. And let us pray therefore for true hearts that our lives may be true.

And since our profession is of piety, let us recognize its chief concern, and for the glory of God and the good of men; under the onlooking of holy angels, and for the interests of future generations, let us be better men and women, by the strength of Him who giveth liberally to all who ask for wisdom and upbraideth not.

B. R. MOSELY,
H. C. SEALEY.

REPORT ON DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE

The publications your committee desires to bring before the Baptists of Florida are: The Baptist Witness, Home and Foreign Fields, Royal Service, and the Sunday School and the B. Y. P. U. Literature of the S. B. C. printed at Nashville, Tenn., and Baptists song books.

We especially commend the Baptist Witness for its sound doctrine, high ideals, pure tone and unifying influence, and urge that each home subscribe to its weekly visits.

Home and Foreign Fields is indispensable to every one that would keep abreast of the active life of our mission work. Royal Service fills a much

needed place, instructing in the principles of missions.

Our S. S., B. Y. P. U. and Sacred Music are as essential as the doctrines for which we stand and our Martyrs gather their life.

Therefore we earnestly ask that we, as a denomination, be true and loyal to our own publications.

Respectfully submitted,

H. E. RIDENOUR,
D. T. MERRIMAN.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE

Your committee begs to report the following:

The Baptists are to be congratulated in having a plant that is well equipped and admirably situated, and with building not only substantial, but buildings that present a creditable appearance, an adequate equipment for the needs of the inmates. There are ninety-five unfortunate orphan children in the home. The children are here surrounded by influence that tend to the upbuilding of Christian characters and that all except one are Christians, and are not only taught the tenets of Christian faith, but are instructed in the arts that will enable them to become useful members of society, and be able to earn their own livelihood when they leave the institution. The boys are given an industrial training, while the girls are instructed in the arts that will fit them to take care of the home.

For some time past the Orphanage has been hard pressed for funds to meet current expenses for the ninety-five children they have at present, and there were, some days ago, twenty-five more applicants that they were not able to take care of; in fact, they have been operating at a loss.

On next Sunday is Orphanage Day over the State. We trust that their financial needs will be supplied.

We further recommend that all moneys intended for the orphanage, whether personal contribution or

coming from our Sunday Schools or Churches, be sent direct to Rev. S. B. Rogers, of Jacksonville, in order that all objects sustained by us shall be on equal footing and receive equal credit.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT McCLELLEN,
MISS IDA PRICE,
E. E. STOKES,

Committee.

REPORT OF YOUR COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

We recommend E. B. Perry, E. E. Stokes, E. R. Simmons and E. C. Pearson as Executive Committee.

Rev. N. B. O'Kelley, E. M. Henderson, A. A. Murphree, H. E. Ridenour, L. A. Rawls, S. R. Skinner, and Messrs. L. Price, J. H. Parish and E. R. Simmons, and Mesdames C. W. Stephens and C. A. Williams as delegates to the State Baptist Convention, and Rev. N. B. O'Kelley for the Southern Baptist Convention.

And Rev. S. R. Skinner for member of State Board of Missions, and recommend that the Association help bear his expenses. We recommend that this Association hold its next session with the First Baptist Church of Gainesville, Fla., Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1918, and that Rev. E. M. Henderson preach the introductory sermon and Rev. S. R. Skinner the Missionary Sermon.

Respectfully submitted,

Your Committee,
C. A. WILLIAMS,
R. B. WEEKS.

PROCEEDINGS WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Santa Fe River Association met with the Alachua Church, October 24th, 1917, the Associational Superintendent, Mrs. S. R. Skinner, conducting the meeting.

Mrs. N. B. O'Kelley, of Gainesville, led the devotional service.

A cordial address of welcome was given by Mrs. T. Fowler, of Alachua, which was responded to by Mrs. B. A. Chamberlain, of Melrose.

Mrs. Skinner briefly reviewed the year's work, and called for reports from the societies to which response was made by Gainesville, Alachua and Melrose W. M. U.'s, Alachua Sunbeams, Gainesville Sunbeams and Gainesville Royal Ambassadors.

A nominating committee consisting of Mrs. N. B. O'Kelley, Mrs. C. A. Williams and Mrs. B. A. Chamberlain, renominated the old officers, which report was adopted. The Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$11.97, and it was voted that the expenses of the Associational Representative be paid to the State Convention as well as her expenses for work done in the Association.

Mrs. Rives, of Waldo, sang a solo, and a pleasing program was rendered by the Alachua Sunbeam Band.

Mrs. Bullard, of Gainesville, told of the advantages the circle plan had been to the Gainesville Society, and its application to smaller societies was discussed by several members.

A collection was taken amounting to \$7.37.

Dr. Murphree, Moderator of the Association, closed the session with prayer.

The attendance at this meeting was very good.

Mrs. C. W. Stephens, Secretary; Associational Superintendent, Mrs. S. R. Skinner, Alachua; Assistant Superintendent, Mrs. B. A. Chamberlain, Melrose.

W. M. U. AND SUNBEAMS

NAME OF SOCIETY	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Columbia College	Orphanage	Aged Ministers	Chipley Memorial	Training School	Other Purposes	Total
Alachua W. M. U. -----	\$35.85	\$11.95	\$ 7.00	\$16.00	\$ 1.10	\$ 2.65	\$ 3.00	\$12.00	\$27.00	\$116.55
Ellam W. M. U. -----	6.25	-----	-----	-----	2.75	2.35	-----	11.35	76.85	99.55
Gainesville W. M. U. -----	42.80	23.80	85.40	23.10	19.80	9.71	35.00	2.00	7.55	249.14
Alachua Sunbams -----	-----	-----	-----	-----	1.00	-----	-----	-----	1.00	2.00
Gainesville Sunbeams -----	.50	.50	.50	1.00	1.00	-----	-----	-----	-----	3.50

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

NAME OF CHURCH	PASTOR AND POSTOFFICE ADDRESS	CLERK AND ADDRESS	Church Organized						Membership Net Increase	Net Decrease	Pastor's Salary	For Building	Incidental and Improving	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Columbia College	S. B. T. Seminary	Ministerial Education	Aged Ministers	Orphans Home	Miscellaneous	Minutes and Clerk	Total	Value of Pastor's Home	Value of Church Property	Total Value of Property	SUPERINTENDENT AND ADDRESS	Number of Schools	Number of Pupils	Number of Teachers	Sunday School Expenses	Missions and Benevolence	Total for all Purposes				
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			By Baptism	By Letter or Statement	By Restoration	Total	By Letter	By Exclusion or Erasure																											Death	Total		
Alachua	R. Skinner, Alachua	E. C. Pearson, Alachua	1897	6	9	15	1	2	3	142	12	1st	8	820.00	16,627.31	74.43	812.65	39.80	32.24	8250.95	4.65	4.65	4.65	32.09	235.92	5.00	8,314.31	2,500.00	8,000.00	16,500.00	A. Williams, Alachua	1	175	14	142.48	84.67	8227.15	
Campville	P. H. Butler, Campville	E. E. Stokes, Campville	1892	2	1	3	6	105	2	80	12	First	120.00	120.00	45.00	5.00	45.00	15.00	10.00	9.15	1.60	3.00	293.70	2.00	147.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	E. E. Stokes, Campville	1	40	9	-----	-----	-----		
Eden	H. R. Riffenour, Gainesville	A. J. Shaw, Hawthorne	1892	2	1	3	4	5	1	6	105	2	Second	120.00	45.00	5.00	45.00	15.00	10.00	9.15	1.60	3.00	293.70	2.00	147.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	A. J. Shaw, Hawthorne	1	47	6	-----	-----	-----		
Ellam	L. A. Rawls, Lake Butler	A. F. Torley, Melrose	1858	7	1	8	2	4	6	170	2	2d and 4th	360.00	75.00	67.00	36.00	31.00	36.00	5.00	8.00	42.50	6.00	611.50	2.00	611.50	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	A. F. Torley, Melrose	1	74	8	16.32	52.99	89.31		
Gainesville	N. H. O'Kelley, Gainesville	D. M. Tomkie, Gainesville	1870	8	34	1	43	4	3	2	45	2	2d All	1,500.00	661.66	188.48	184.31	67.60	175.25	137.16	5.00	3.00	-----	2.00	144.30	10,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	A. A. Murphree, Gainesville	1	300	31	-----	-----	-----		
Hampton	Ray Walden, Lake City	G. L. Steok, Hawthorne	1916	1	6	7	3	1	-----	21	1	-----	85.00	-----	44.00	3.00	-----	15.00	10.00	7.00	-----	2.00	129.00	2.00	131.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	No report	1	24	5	-----	6.00	6.00		
Hawthorne	L. A. Rawls, Lake Butler	Geo. W. Hicks, Hampton	1891	1	4	5	6	2	3	11	114	6	3d	120.00	125.83	42.00	4.34	8.00	37.50	25.00	-----	-----	10.00	5.00	70.93	1.12	275.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	A. M. Williams, Hampton	1	45	8	-----	-----	25.00	
LaVonne	No report	W. R. Adkins, Hawthorne	1852	23	4	27	1	2	3	173	24	2d and 4th	600.00	-----	49.20	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----		
Hawthorne	H. L. Adams, Hawthorne	A. S. Fowler, Hawthorne	1873	1	1	-----	-----	1	1	57	-----	-----	-----	84.20	10.00	1.64	11.15	21.75	10.00	5.00	7.75	-----	3.02	164.54	800.00	800.00	800.00	800.00	800.00	800.00	800.00	800.00	800.00	800.00	800.00			
Orange Creek	No report	H. L. Adams, Hawthorne	1873	1	1	-----	-----	1	1	57	-----	-----	-----	84.20	10.00	1.64	11.15	21.75	10.00	5.00	7.75	-----	3.02	164.54	800.00	800.00	800.00	800.00	800.00	800.00	800.00	800.00	800.00	800.00	800.00			
Orange Heights	H. L. Adams, Hawthorne	H. A. Thigpen, Orange Hts	1897	4	1	5	-----	-----	-----	46	-----	-----	-----	125.00	25.00	-----	-----	15.00	-----	2.00	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----			
Waldo	E. M. Henderson, Waldo	J. F. DeSha, Waldo	1897	4	9	1	14	8	-----	156	6	1st and 3d	600.00	25.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	5.00	10.00	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----		
Total			1873	59	70	211	31	6	161	861	7241	52	19	Totals	\$4,328.02	\$7,299.92	\$520.11	\$264.11	\$177.43	\$220.24	\$626.61	4.65	9.65	40.65	74.01	\$1,358.82	45.14	\$11,054.79	\$13,200.00	\$43,198.00	\$56,398.00	Total	11	951	113	\$258.80	\$321.70	\$6805.00