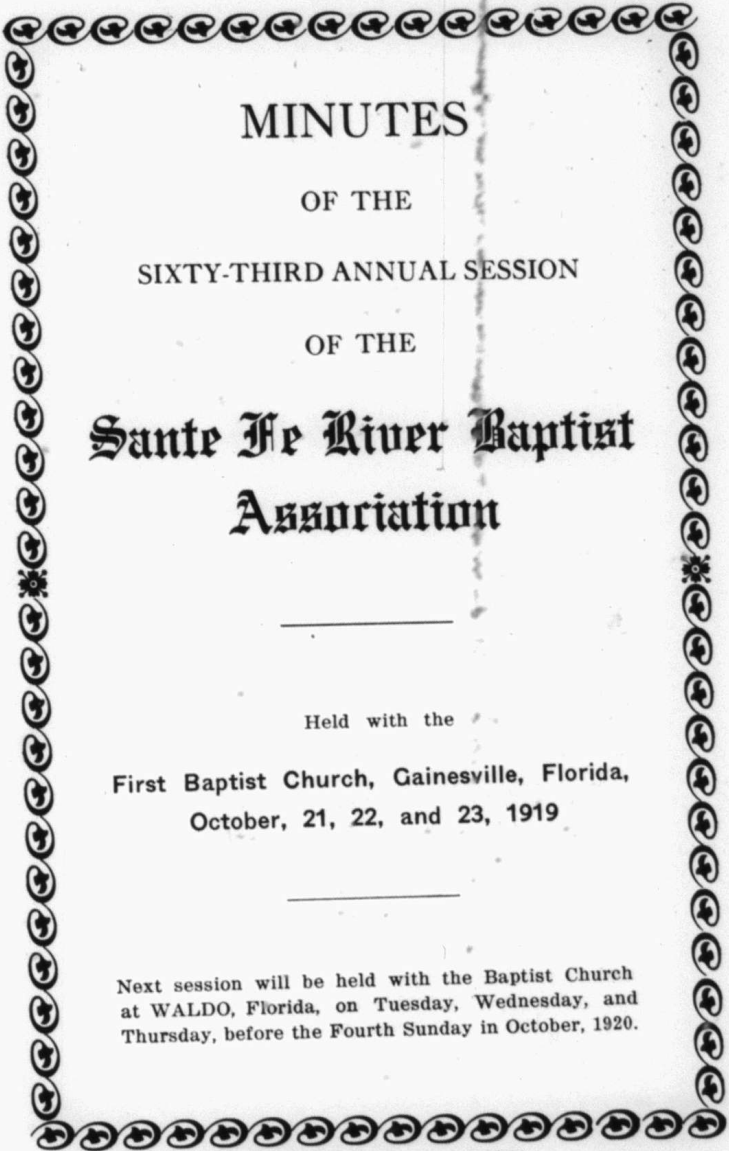


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Hon. Clerk, H. C. Sealey.....Alachua, Fla.

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Ridenour, H. E.....Gainesville, Fla.
P. B. Butler.....Campville, Fla.
W. B. Hicks.....Waldo, 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 the 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 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-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION
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SANTA FE RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Gainesville, Florida, October 21, 1919.

The Santa Fe River Baptist Association met in its Sixty-Third Annual Session with the First Baptist Church at Gainesville, on October 21, 1919, at 10:30 a. m. After a short talk by the Pastor, Dr. N. B. O'Kelley, the Association was called to order by the Moderator, Dr. A. A. Murphree. The body was led in Prayer by Rev. O. T. Moncrief.

On motion a committee on "Digest of Letters," with Dr. N. B. O'Kelley as chairman, was appointed. The following churches and messengers were reported:

Alachua: C. A. Williams, Mrs. C. A. Williams, Mrs. Futch Stephens, B. W. Cato, I. S. Futch, E. C. Pearson, J. E. Haynesworth, J. F. Futch.

Campville: Rev. P. B. Butler, E. E. Stokes, J. W. Craber, Mrs. B. C. Johnson.

Eden: Joe Nobles, B. F. Minton.

Eliam: L. Price, G. L. Torlay, R. A. Perry, Mrs. Seiglar, Mrs. Simmons, Mrs. Calvin Perry, A. F. Torlay, J. J. Simmons.

Gainesville: Dr. A. A. Murphree, J. E. Waugh, Mrs. W. M. Bullard, Mrs. Lois Tucker, Robt. McClelland, Mrs. D. M. Tomkies, Dr. N. B. O'Kelley, Rev. H. E. Ridenour.

Grove Park: F. W. Capell, W. N. Townsend.

Hague: R. E. McClosky, C. Tyson, J. W. Ford.

Hampton: Mrs. A. C. Hicks, A. C. Hicks, Mrs. E. E. Hardin.

Hawthorn: E. L. Johnson, Mrs. E. L. Johnson, W. G. Weeks, Mrs. W. G. Weeks, R. B. Weeks, Rev. B. L. Adams, G. L. Whitcomb, Mrs. G. L. Whitcomb.

Ochwilla: By Letter.

Orange Heights: J. N. Hayman, Mrs. J. N. Hayman, H. H. Thomas.

Orange Creek: H. T. Ergles, Omer Ergles, W. B. Roe.
Rochelle: Mrs. Rollins.

Waldo: G. M. DeSha, Mrs. G. M. DeSha.

A motion was adopted that the delegates present from the various churches should constitute the membership of this body.

The messengers and visitors were welcomed in behalf of the church and the City of Gainesville by the pastor, Dr. N. B. O'Kelley, and the Moderator, Dr. A. A. Murphree.

The Association then went into the election of officers for the ensuing year, with the result that Dr. A. A. Murphree was unanimously re-elected Moderator and Rev. P. B. Butler, of Campville, was elected Clerk.

The next order of business was the appointment of the various committees as follows:

COMMITTEES:

Foreign Missions: Dr. N. B. O'Kelley, Mrs. Calvin Perry, F. W. Capell.

Publications: R. E. McColsky, Mrs. W. G. Weeks, Mrs. Chas. Sparkman.

Nominations: I. S. Futch, E. L. Johnson, Mrs. G. L. Whitcomb.

Spiritual Condition of Churches: Dr. N. B. O'Kelley, Rev. H. E. Ridenour, Rev. W. B. Hicks.

Deceased Ministers and Deacons: Rev. H. E. Ridenour, W. G. Weeks, Robt. McClelland.

Finance: A. F. Torlay, Jos. E. Waugh, Mrs. E. D. Wynn.
B. Y. P. U.: Miss Sue Simpson, Mrs. C. A. Williams, Rev. P. B. Butler.

Resolutions: C. A. Williams, R. B. Weeks, B. F. Minton.
Temperance: Rev. W. B. Hicks, Mrs. W. M. Bullard, Mrs. J. E. Haynesworth.

Sunday Schools: C. A. Williams, Jos. E. Waugh, J. J. Simmons.

Education: E. P. Simmons, Mrs. J. J. Simmons, A. F. Torlay.

State Missions: Rev. O. T. Moncrief, R. B. Weeks, W. N. Townsend.

Home Missions: Rev. H. E. Ridenour, C. A. Williams, Jos. A. Parrish.

Orphanage: Mrs. C. W. Stephens, Mrs. N. B. O'Kelley, R. E. McColsky.

On motion the hour of 3:30 p. m. was fixed to hear the report from the Committee on Education.

The hour of eleven having arrived the splendid introductory sermon was delivered by Rev. H. E. Ridenour.

Adjourned for dinner, and the delegates were invited to the cottage at the rear of the church, where a most bountiful dinner was enjoyed.

Afternoon.

After devotional services led by Rev. W. B. Hicks the body was called to order by the Moderator.

A matter of unfinished business was called up by the Moderator, this being for the election of a Treasurer for the Association, with the result that the Clerk was instructed to cast the ballot for the re-election of Bro. E. E. Stokes, of Campville; this was done.

The report on Education was called for, and was read by the chairman of the committee on education, Bro. E. R. Simmons, of Gainesville. The report was discussed in a most able manner by Dr. Lincoln Hully, President of Stetson University.

After the address of Dr. Hulley, Mrs. H. C. Peelman, of Jacksonville addressed the Association in behalf of Woman's Work, especially as that work concerns the mighty task in the 75 Million Dollars Campaign.

The report on State Missions was called for and was read by Rev. O. T. Moncrief. On motion discussion of this report was deferred until 8 p. m.

Adjourned till 8 p. m.

On reassembling, the report on Home Missions was read by Rev. H. E. Ridenour. This was followed by reading the report on Foreign Missions by Dr. N. B. O'Kelley.

Following the reading of these reports the Association listened to a most powerful address delivered by Dr. S. B. Rogers, Corresponding Secretary of the Florida State Baptist Convention. Dr. Rogers discussed the 75 Million Dollar Campaign now on in its broadest sense, and said that this campaign covered all phases of the mission work, both Home, State and Foreign. This address will long be remembered by all present.

After this adjournment was taken till 9:30 a. m. Wednesday.

Wednesday Morning.

After devotional services led by Rev. P. B. Butler the Association was called to order by the Moderator.

The report on Temperance was called for and was read by Rev. W. B. Hicks. It was discussed by Rev. W. B. Hicks, Dr. A. A. Murphree, Rev. H. E. Ridenour, Rev. P. B. Butler and others. Report was adopted.

On motion the Moderator was requested to draw up a resolution memorializing our State and County Officials in regard to the enforcement of the present prohibition laws.

Report of the Committee on Sunday Schools was read by the chairman of the committee, C. A. Williams, of Alachua. This report was discussed by C. A. Williams, and others. Report was adopted.

A motion was unanimously carried instructing the Executive Committee to take under advisement the employment of a Sunday School Expert, to work in the bounds of the Association and Alachua County; this report was afterwards supplemented by empowering the Executive Committee in the employment of a Sunday School Expert, at the same time to look to this man's ability as an evangelist, so that the weak churches as well as Sunday Schools may receive strength.

As a matter of further effort along the line of temperance, the following resolution was offered by Dr. A. A. Murphree, which was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Santa Fe River Association deeply regret the apparent lawlessness in the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquor and

Resolved further, that the representatives of the fourteen churches in this Association urge our County and State officials to redouble their efforts to stamp out the "moonshine" distilleries and the illegal sale of intoxicants. To this end the messengers of this Association pledge their unqualified co-operation and support.

Resolved further, that copies of these resolutions be furnished the daily papers of Gainesville, the Sheriff of this County and to other officers of the County and State directly concerned.

The report on Orphanage was read by Mrs. C. W. Stevens and on motion, after discussion, was adopted.

A motion was adopted asking Bro. Trice, Manager of the Orphan's Home at Arcadia, that in future when in need of funds, and in appealing to the churches for help,

to ask the churches to send the funds through Dr. Rogers' office at Jacksonville, as that is the legitimate and regular way through which help may reach the Orphanage.

Report on the Spiritual Condition of the churches was read by Dr. N. B. O'Kelley, chairman of the committee, and after discussion by Dr. O'Kelley and others, was adopted.

Miss Sue Simpson, chairman of the committee on B. Y. P. U. work, read the report of the committee on this important work. After some discussion the report was adopted.

The hour of 3:30 p. m. was set apart to discuss the W. M. U. work. Adjourned for dinner.

Wednesday afternoon.

After prayer by P. B. Butler, the Association was called together by the Moderator.

The chairman of the Finance Committee, A. F. Torlay, submitted the report of that committee, which on motion was adopted.

The following report of the Committee on Nominations was read and adopted:

We recommend the following named as the Executive Committee of this Association: E. E. Stokes, E. R. Simmans, L. Price, G. M. DeSha, and Rev. H. E. Ridenour.

We recommend that Drs. N. B. O'Kelley, and A. A. Murphree, and Revs. H. E. Ridenour, W. B. Hicks, P. B. Butler, O. T. Moncrief, and Mesdames Chas. Sparkman, C. W. Stephens, O. T. Moncrief, and N. B. O'Kelley, be our Delegates to the State Baptist Convention: That Dr. N. B. O'Kelley and Rev. W. B. Hicks be the Delegates from this Association to the Southern Baptist Convention. We recommend Dr. N. B. O'Kelley as the member of our body on the State Board of Missions, and that the Association bear his expenses.

We recommend that this Association hold its next session with the Church at Waldo, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday before the Fourth Sunday in October, 1920.

We recommend that the Clerk of the Association be paid \$15.00 for his services, and that the cost of printing the minutes be paid by the Treasurer of the Association.

Report on deceased Ministers and Deacons read and adopted.

Committee on Resolutions read its report, which on

motion was adopted. Following is the report: We wish to extend our deep appreciation of the way in which we have been entertained in the church and in the homes of the good people of Gainesville, and

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Santa Fe River Association, that we express our appreciation 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. On adopting the report a rising vote was taken.

Read and adopted the report on Publications. This report was discussed by a number of the Delegates, and the unanimous verdict was that the Florida Baptist Witness should be in the home of every Baptist in the State.

Following this, the Womans' Missionary Union held its meeting, which was largely attended, and a number of interesting talks were given by the members. Following these talks a most interesting address was delivered by Rev. Frank Fowler, who is back in this country on a vacation, after fifteen years of work as a missionary to the Argentine Republic.

On motion the Executive Committee was asked to arrange for an itinerary for a committee of campaign speakers for the 75 Millions the Southern Baptists have determined to raise. This committee of speakers will be sent out by Dr. Rogers after he has been notified that the itinerary has been arranged.

The business of the Association having been finished, the body adjourned to meet with the Church at Waldo, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday before the Fourth Sunday in October, 1920.

REPORTS.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

Since the opening of our Orphanage in 1904, its growth as a benevolent institution has made steady progress. The property now consists of eighty acres of land within the corporate limits of Arcadia, twenty acres of this is in lawn and playground, on which we have three brick two-story buildings, a superintendent's home, and separate frame buildings for the laundry, cannery, smoke-house and barn.

An eight-acre orange grove is just beginning to bear, twenty-two acres are under cultivation, and thirty acres used for pasture. The Maxey Memorial Babies building was completed and dedicated this year, and a Memorial Hospital building is in course of construction.

The Orphanage family consists of one hundred and eight children and eight helpers. A school with two teachers is maintained in the home and all children from six years old and up attend school. They are taught to be self-supporting and are not supposed to leave the home till they can take care of themselves.

Religion is an essential part of their training, and aside from the daily religious services of the home they attend Sunday School and preaching at the First Baptist Church in Arcadia.

The Orphanage is dependent upon the gifts of friends for its support, and Baptists of Florida can do no better work than to fill every building they can erect with orphan children, where all the elements of a true home are combined, with literary and industrial training, and from which they may go forth useful Christian citizens.

Mrs. C. W. STEPHENS,
Mrs. N. B. O'KELLEY,
Mrs. R. E. McCOLSKY,
Committee.

Chairmen of the Committees to report at the next session of this Association.

Temperance: Rev. W. B. Hicks; Sunday Schools: C. A. Williams; Education: E. R. Simmons; State Missions: O. T. Moncrief; Home Missions: Rev. H. E. Ridenour; Foreign Missions: Dr. N. B. O'Kelley; Publications: H. E. McColsky; Nominations: I. S. Futch; Spiritual Condition of Churches: Dr. N. B. O'Kelley; Deceased Ministers and Deacons: H. E. Ridenour; Finance: A. F. Torlay; B. Y. P. U.: Miss Sue Simpson; Resolutions: C. A. Williams; Orphanage: Mrs. C. W. Stephens; W. M. U.: Mrs. C. A. Williams.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your committee on Temperance, beg leave to report, That the mighty forces which have been at work during the years have succeeded in gaining a signal victory

against the greatest evil of the age, namely, the Liquor Traffic.

The State of Florida has gone from a semi-wet and a semi-dry state to a bone-dry state by vote of its people with a majority of 8,242, and on January 1, 1919, the Legislature passed a most stringent enforcement law, putting into effect the new prohibition amendment.

It is with pride and joy that we note on Thanksgiving evening at 6 o'clock Florida fell into line for national prohibition, and stands on the roll as the fifteenth state to line up for ratification of the Federal amendment.

While we are gratified with the splendid success we have achieved over the great curse of the Liquor Traffic yet we are conscious that there are other vices prevailing among us that must be stamped out and we can not afford to allow our determination to grow less, while one of them remain to menace our Christian civilization.

We hold as evils the promiscuous sale of cigarettes and tobacco to minors, pool halls and race tracks, and we would be pleased if our Legislature would pass such laws as would exterminate these evils.

We also deplore the illicit sale of intoxicating drinks in our state and would call upon our united forces to do all in their power to prevent it. Moral battles are never completed and christian men and women must watch at every turn of the road, for the enemy is wary; he will not stay his hand in his effort to regain his lost hold upon us.

We should now unite our efforts with those of the Anti-Saloon League and the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and press the battle until the whole world shall be free from the reign of rum.

The ratification of the prohibition amendment to the constitution is the result of more than twenty-five years of effort on the part of the Anti-Saloon League.

This is the greatest victory for moral reform in America since our nation was born. An equal essential task of prohibition forces is to secure from Congress and the states proper enforcement legislation, and the crystallizing of public sentiment in the wet districts for complete enforcement of the law. With prohibition assured for this nation, the American Anti-Liquor forces should redouble their efforts for the bigger task of world prohibition.

W. B. HICKS, Committee.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sunday Schools wishes to submit the following report:

The importance of Teachers Training graded Sunday Schools and graded lessons has been discussed in the past associations and we feel that it is very important to continue our effort to enlarge and advance along this line, believing the Sunday School to be the best agency our church has for preaching and teaching and training the masses that we ought to be more efficient and use greater efforts than we are using to impress spiritual truths and the importance of acceptance of Jesus as their Savior upon the pupils.

It is claimed that there are thirteen million children in the United States out of Sunday School, and we believe this to be the greatest opportunity for the laymen in winning the world for Christ—we wish we could impress our church members and churches. The importance of saving these millions who know not God and who will be lost unless some one teaches them God's word. How can they be saved if they do not hear of God and how can they hear if some one does not teach them? For it is through the teaching of God's word that we are led to accept Jesus as our Savior.

REPORT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

One of the most outstanding facts of our day is the increased interest in Christian Education. The great war has taught us the imperative necessity of the right kind of education. A great authority on German education has declared that in there had been a score of Christian Colleges in Germany the war would not have occurred.

The perpetuity of Christian civilization, the spread of Christianity, the leadership of our denomination and the welfare of our boys and girls demand that increased emphasis be placed upon Christian Education. Christian Education is the only type that will enable us to render the greatest amount of service for the good of humanity and for the glory of our Divine Teacher who has taught us through the apostles of old to study, to show ourselves ap-

proved unto God, workmen that need not be ashamed, rightly dividing the work of truth.

Our Southern Baptists are awake to the gravity of the situation. We have schools and colleges scattered through the South. These have done and are still doing a great deal of good work, but they have been handicapped for lack of funds and system. Several years ago the Southern Baptist Convention established an Education Commission, which has done good work along the lines of enlightenment and enlistment.

At the Convention last May a great forward step was taken. A campaign was launched to raise Seventy-Five Million Dollars in five years. Christian Education is to receive 20 million of this amount. Every dollar of it is needed, and every Baptist should do his dead level best to make the campaign a glorious success. The reports are most encouraging.

At the same meeting of the Convention an Education Board was established and located in Birmingham, Ala. Dr. J. E. Dillars is Acting Corresponding Secretary.

The Board maintains an office, which is a clearing house on Baptist Education. Here is gathered the literature from all the schools, reports of all similar boards and commissions, questionnaires, revealing the exact status of institutions of learning and such an assemblage of materials as enables one to become conversant with conditions in the educational world.

We are glad to be able to give a favorable report of Christian Education in our own State. Despite the progress in this great cause, it has been retarded the past two years on account of the great war. The prospects are brighter for a strong system of Christian Education in Florida today than ever before. God has caused a great awakening among Florida Baptists. We are pleased to report that the control and management of Stetson have been made satisfactory to the Florida Baptist Convention, that the said university is one of the greatest institutions of the Southern Baptist Convention, and that we, as a denomination, will support it liberally and in the spirit of loyalty.

Florida Baptists are rallying to the support of the Baptist \$75,000,000 campaign. Florida's quota is one million dollars. Two Hundred Ten Thousand of this, or 21 percent, will go to education, including John B. Stetson Univer-

sity; Ministerial Educational South Wide Institutes; Margaret Fund; Bible Fund; Current expense; scholarship, endowment and enlargement of W. M. U. training schools, Louisville, Kentucky.

We recommend that our association place itself on record as supporting the educational plans of the Southern Baptist Convention.

We further recommend the careful selection of reading matter for our children, especially that we place in their hands such religious literature as will teach the principles of faith once delivered to the saints.

Respectfully submitted,

E. R. SIMMONS,

A. F. TORLAY,

Mrs. J. J. SIMMONS,

Committee.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Baptists in the State of Florida are facing today the challenge of the Apocalyptic vision: "Behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it." Upon its threshold is written the word "opportunity," and overhead the word "obligation." If one pass into the opportunity he necessarily assumes an obligation; and this is the condition that confronts the Baptist constituency of this State today. The question on thousands of lips is: "Shall we be able to meet it?" The fellowship of millions of Baptists in the Southland call to us to answer with one voice: "We shall be able," and to realize it under the inspiration of the Apostolic thought: "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

State Missions is the second of the Scriptural divisions given to Christ's followers (Act 1:8) and has the sanction of a direct command from His own lips. As Baptists, therefore, claiming to be thoroughly Scriptural, we must be careful about our claims unless we are willing to back them by deeds, for He says: "Ye are my disciples if ye do whatsoever I command you." The mere incorporation of the subject into our "articles of belief" has no force except there be the performing of the deed, for the Book tells us that "faith without works is dead."

Besides, we must consider the needs that are apparent. We shall not be permitted to blind ourselves to the fact

that the local needs are to be taken care of just as earnestly as the needs of the remote sections of our great mission field, for they are just as important and insistent. As the Baptist State Mission Board of Florida is, at this time, pooling its interests with the others in the 75 Million Campaign, your committee takes the privilege of appending hereto the following facts:

The Needs of State Missions are Imperative.

There are in the territory of our Southern Baptist Convention about thirteen million unsaved white people who have reached the age of accountability. This fact alone will indicate the needs of the State Mission Boards.

"In this territory we have 3,391 towns of 200 or more inhabitants in which there are no Baptist churches or meeting houses."

"We have seventy-four county seats without churches or meeting houses. This practically is an average of five county seats for every State co-operating with the Southern Baptist Convention without a Baptist church organization."

"We have forty cities in which we are now doing State Mission work. In every one of them practically what we are doing is mere touching the selvage of the garment. Our cities everywhere are outgrowing our religious population."

"We have now 1,524 missionaries employed by our State Boards and are in dire need of adding 1,000 more men and women to this force at the very earliest date possible."

We shall, therefore, be compelled to make our plans large.

Our State Board has had placed upon it the task of raising, not only the money for the support of the work in Florida, but the raising of the funds for the Home and Foreign Missions, Aged Ministers' funds, funds for the Orphanage, and funds for schools and colleges and seminaries, in which our men and women of the future are to be trained for leadership and work in the Kingdom's affairs, and for carrying on the work more largely and more gloriously than we who are building the foundation, which at this time is more necessary than the building itself. Missionaries must be supported in the State; churches must be helped to pay their pastors a better living support; church houses must be built and the people who are prosperous must help those who are struggling. Our workers in office and field are to be made to feel that they have the

fellowship of the whole Florida Baptist force in entering the great opportunity and their loyal co-operation in sharing and discharging the obligation.

Thus shall we share in the strengthening of the cords at home, setting the stakes further out for the spreading of the tent, and finally going forth to the utmost bound of the earth to get the last man for our Lord.

O. T. MONCRIEF, Chairman.
R. B. WEEKS,
W. N. TOWNSEND.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The territory of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention embraces territory of said Convention, Cuba, Isle of Pines, and Panama.

Its mission is saving the lost, and functions between State and Foreign Missions, being vitally connected with both.

Its working force consists of 1498 workers backed up by a constituency of 3,000,000 Baptists.

These workers have supplied 5106 stations, delivered 142,293 sermons, maintained 32 schools and colleges, with 5190 students, made 302,480 visits, developed 92 pastoral fields, conducted 2719 workers conferences, called out 1035 volunteers for the Ministry and Missions, built and improved 505 houses of worship, baptized 38,582, organized 634 Sunday Schools, operating in our Mountain Schools, enlistment work, evangelism among foreigners, negroes, Indians in Cuba and Panama, also the Publicity Department and our Sanitoriums.

Notwithstanding the great work that has been done in this department by this mighty host of workers, with success that should enthuse every Baptist and should inspire them to greater service, there remains yet a mighty work to be accomplished.

We have in the bounds of our Convention 13,000,000 unsaved whites, and 10,000,000 negroes, 3321 towns without a Baptist Church, 74 county seats, 4000 homeless churches, 2000 noncontributing churches, and 19,633 inefficient churches, and a population of 800,000 Mexicans.

These conditions show that our efforts of the past have been inadequate, but the present aim and effort of our Convention is to arise to the occasion, and meet the de-

mands. Therefore a call for an enlarged band of willing workers, and a budget of \$12,000,000 for the ensuing five years, is the program that is being propagated.

As it is imperative that Home Missions walk hand in hand with State and Foreign Missions, we your committee, recommend that, we the Santa Fe River Association composed of its several churches, with its constituent members, accept our place in the great \$75,000,000 program, and pledge ourselves to give a faithful accounting.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. C. A. WILLIAMS,
JAS. H. PARRISH,
H. E. RIDENOUR,

Committee.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16.

Our Savior's last command to us is to go and preach that message to the world.

We have been awakened by the terrible shock of a world-war to the fact that we have been too slow and negligent in pressing out to the uttermost parts with the message of God's love and His saving grace through Jesus Christ. A disturbed and restless condition at home and abroad rebuke us for our past neglect, and they challenge us for today and the future. The Holy Spirit of God is moving the hearts of Southern Baptists. Our eyes are being opened to our duty to our Lord and our fellow-men, and to our ability by reason of our members and our God-given wealth. The Government Bureau gives our membership in the United States as about equal to if not exceeding any other denomination. In Florida we out-number any other body of Christians by several thousands. The Lord wants numbers to count for Him. Moved by the Holy Spirit we are undertaking in the 75 Million Five Year Program, a task among us that must be stamped out, and we can not afford to allow our determination to eliminate these evils, grow-somewhat worthy of our strength and ability. Twenty million is to go for Missions abroad among the nations that greatly need a true Biblical, Evangelical Christianity.

And our faith and practice as Baptists will meet the world conditions today as no other denomination. The world is trying to turn democratic. Sixty thousand Florida Baptists could give their quota of one million in one year, if they would, and be the richer and happier for so doing. It would be an average of only sixteen and two-thirds dollars each. And we have five years in which to do it. May the Holy Spirit lead every Baptist to do his duty. We, therefore, urge that every church and every member of our churches will work and pray to this end, that our people everywhere may be a unit in heart, and in giving. For the Lord never gave us so large an opportunity as he has given us today. We will be unworthy of great things if we fail to do our duty or make use of the privileges the Lord has laid at our doors.

N. B. O'KELLEY,
Mrs. CALVIN PERRY,
F. W. CAPELL,

Committee.

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

The Preacher, in Ecclesiastes, tells us that "of the making of books there is no end," and your committee feels constrained to caution our people against substituting for the Book any of the books that are being made now, and to urge a more systematic study of the Bible, in preparation to meet the issues confronting the churches today.

In addition, we commend to your earnest consideration all of the publications of our various Boards, such as Mission Study books, doctrinal books, tracts and papers.

Particularly do we urge our Sunday Schools to use the regular class and graded literature from our Nashville publishing house.

We urge very Baptist family to subscribe to Home and Foreign Fields, and to the Baptist Witness, our own state organ.

We urge our good women to use largely the literature to be obtained from their own publishing house in Baltimore and to subscribe in large numbers to Royal Service.

We submit that this is necessary to our becoming an informed people for meeting the issues of the day and enlarging ourselves for greater service to God through our denominational work.

R. E. McCQLSKY, Chairman.

REPORT ON SPIRITUAL CONDITIONS IN THE CHURCHES.

Your committee on the spiritual condition in the churches with sadness of hearts reports that information shows a very low spiritual, then has been a decrease in the membership of the churches, a falling off in the number of Baptists. We may find a reason for this on account of the disturbed conditions produced by the Influenza Epidemic. Some of the churches have been and a few are still pastorless. These are seeking pastors, and there seems to be a desire on the part of our membership return to a better spiritual. We earnestly recommend that pastors co-operate with pastorless churches in securing pastors, and that we all seek a closer fellowship and co-operation in evangelism throughout our Association. We earnestly hope and pray that co-operation in the 75 Million Campaign will deepen the spiritual life of all our churches.

N. B. O'KELLEY,
Mrs. SIMMONS,
Mrs. CAPELL,

Committee.

REPORT ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

We, your committee, find by reference to church reports, that eighteen of our members have passed to their eternal reward; of which number, one is Deacon, E. B. Perry, of Eliam Church, Melrose, Florida. While our loss is their great gain, our prayers and sympathy go out to their loved ones.

Respectfully submitted,
W. G. WEEKS,
H. E. RIDENOUR.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We, your committee on Finance, beg to report that the amount sent to the Association for Minutes and Clerk by the several churches is as follows:

Alachua	\$5.00
Campville	6.00

Eliam	4.50
Gainesville	5.00
Grove Park.....	4.00
Hampton	3.00
Hawthorne	5.00
Orange Heights.....	5.00
Ochwilla	2.75
Orange Creek.....	2.30
Hague	2.00
Eden	2.00
Waldo	5.00
Rochelle	1.00
Total.....	\$52.55

B. Y. P. U.

Your committee beg leave to submit the following report on B. Y. P. U. work:

We regret to report no new Unions this year. The importance of the work is beyond question. We are expecting a marked improvement in this branch of our church work in the coming year. Our young people need just the training which is given in the B. Y. P. U. to fit them for work in the church.

The following churches have Senior B. Y. P. U's.:
Alachua, Eliam, Gainesville, Hawthorne, Waldo.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Sue Simpson.

REPORT OF THE W. M. U. OF THE SANTA FE RIVER ASSOCIATION FOR 1919.

The W. M. U. of the Santa Fe River Association met with the Gainesville Church October 22, 1919.

The devotional was conducted by Mrs. J. E. Turberille of Gainesville. A cordial address of welcome was given by Mrs. J. E. Parrish to which response was made by Mrs. C. A. Williams.

The election of officers resulted in election of Mrs. C. A. Williams of Alachua, president, Mrs. J. R. Emerson, of Gainesville, vice-president, Mrs. C. W. Stephens, Alachua, Secretary and Treasurer.

A grouping of the churches was made, and the groups

to which Superintendents will later be appointed are as follows:

Group 1: Waldo, Hampton, Campville, Melrose, Orange Heights. Group 2: Hawthorne, Ochilla, Eden, Grove Park, Orange Creek. Group 3: Gainesville, Hague, Alachua, La-Crosse, Rochelle.

The Treasurer's report showed expenses of the year \$6.20 and a balance in the treasury of \$11.08.

After a short program, our Argentine Missionary, Rev. F. R. Fowler, told of some phases of his work in that country. But two societies made reports and during the coming year we hope for more societies and a better co-operation among all.

Mrs. C. A. WILLIAMS, President,
Mrs. C. W. STEPHENS, Secretary.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

E. E. STOKES, In Account with Santa Fe River Association.

Dec. 12, 1918. Received from D. S. Futch.....	\$21.75
Dec. 12, 1918. Received from Campville church....	2.50
March 3, 1919. Received from Eden church, B. R. Mosley.....	10.00
March 20, 1919. Received from Gainesville church, B. R. Mosley.....	3.40
SANTA FE RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION	
March 25, 1919. Received from Gainesville church, B. R. Mosley.....	27
March 30, 1919. Received from Convention at Hampton	25.00
June 30, 1919. Received from Convention at Eliam	16.00
July 22, 1919. Received from Gainesville Church B. R. Mosley.....	42.57
August 30, 1919. Received from Convention at Hawthorne	6.82
September 23, 1919. Received from Gainesville Church, B. R. Mosley.....	42.49
Total.....	4.00
Total.....	\$174.53

January 3, 1919.	Paid I. S. Futch, Clerk.....	\$15.00
March 12, 1919.	Paid B. R. Mosley.....	10.00
March 21, 1919.	Paid B. R. Mosley.....	3.40
April 5, 1919.	Paid B. R. Mosley.....	10.00
April 15, 1919.	Paid Pepper Publishing Co., Minutes	29.84
May 24, 1919.	Paid B. R. Mosley.....	15.00
July 14, 1919.	Paid S. B. Rogers.....	42.57
July 22, 1919.	Paid B. R. Mosley.....	6.82
September 6, 1919.	Paid S. B. Rogers.....	37.90
September 23, 1919.	Paid B. R. Mosley.....	4.00
Total.....		\$174.53

Submitted,

E. E. STOKES, Treasurer.

NUMERICAL REPORT, 1919.

Name of Churches	Pastor and Post Office Address	Clerk and Address	Church Organized	Increase		Decrease		Sunday
				By Baptism	By Restoration	By Letter	Erasures & Excl's.	
Alachua	S. R. Skinner, Alachua	E. C. Parrson, Alachua	1897	2	2	1	1	All
Campville	F. B. Butler, Campville	E. E. Stokes, Campville	1899	1	1	1	1	1st Sunday
Eden	F. B. Butler, Campville	A. D. Minion, Hawthorne	1892	2	2	1	1	3rd Sunday
Ednam	N. B. O'Keller, Gainesville	G. L. Tomkins, Gainesville	1892	1	1	1	1	2nd and 4th Sunday
Gainesville	R. E. Parnell, Campville	R. E. Siscox, Hawthorne, R. 4	1870	1	1	1	1	All
Grove Park	W. C. Armstrong, Lake Butler	Miss Emma Hicks, Hampton	1916	2	2	1	1	2nd Sunday
Hague	W. B. Hicks, Waldo	W. B. Adkins, Hawthorne	1911	1	1	1	1	2nd Sunday
Hampton	B. R. Moseley, Hawthorne	R. A. Thigpen, Orange Heights	1891	1	1	1	1	2nd and 4th Sunday
Hawthorne	H. E. Ridenour, Gainesville	I. W. Wesley, Waldo, Fla.	1892	3	3	2	2	2nd Sunday
La Cross	E. D. Boyer, Cirra		1885	8	8	3	3	2nd Sunday
Ochavilla			1873	16	16	3	3	2nd Sunday
Orange Creek			1897	10	10	1	1	2nd Sunday
Orange Heights			1897	10	10	1	1	2nd Sunday
Rochelle			1853	10	13	4	4	2nd Sunday
Waldo	W. B. Hicks, Waldo		1853	10	13	4	4	2nd Sunday
Total			45,48	93	49	14	22	115
				16	7	38	12	43
				47	8	47	8	43
				4	8	38	18	4
				4	17	4	17	4
				146	72			

FINANCIAL TABLE.

Name of Churches	Pastor's Salary	Buildings and Improvements	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Columbia College	S. B. T. Seminary	Ministerial Education	Aged Ministers	Orphan Home	Miscellaneous	Minutes and Clerk	Total	Value of Home Pastor's Home	Value of Church Property	Total Value of Property
Aachua.....	1287.50	37.70	210.17	77.87	80.24	296.14	2.05	4.10	9.97	50.10	197.78	5.00	2,364.32	2,500.00	20,000.00	22,500.00
Campville.....	110.00		10.00			34.50					20.00	6.00	179.50	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,800.00
Eden.....	120.00										10.00	2.00	132.00	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,100.00
Ellam.....	360.00	50.00	83.69	69.28	72.02	81.50		5.00	60.23	114.75	114.75	4.50	905.97	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Gainesville.....	1800.00	12.85	324.32	337.28	57.44	356.90	18.00	50.90	145.69	2,715.43	4.00	4.00	79.50	10,000.00	25,000.00	35,000.00
Grove Park.....	40.00									4.50	5.00					130.00
Hague.....	92.00		26.60		15.10	29.50				27.50	30.31	3.00	224.01	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Hampton.....	600.00	413.81	7.68	10.72	128.79		.09	1.32	.13	23.31	72.18	5.00	1,263.03	2,600.00	2,600.00	2,600.00
Hawthorne.....	80.00								10.00		15.00	2.75	205.50	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
La Cross.....	180.00		5.95	7.00	20.00	54.00			5.00		22.00	5.00	175.42	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Ochwililla Creek.....	37.00	16.09									152.00	1.00		1,000.00	3,650.00	4,090.00
Orange Heights.....																
Rochelle.....																
Waldo.....	380.00															

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Name of Churches	Name and address of S. S. Superintendent	No. Schools	No. Pupils	No. Teachers	% Expenses	Missions and Benevolence	TOTALS for all purposes
Alachua.....	P. A. Williams, Alachua, Fla.....	1	100	11	\$108.70	\$87.30	\$187.30
Campville.....	E. E. Stokes.....	1	50	8	12.00	12.00	24.00
Eden.....	G. A. Wiggins.....	1	60	6	8.00	8.00	16.00
Ellam.....	A. F. Torlay, Mcirose.....	1	70	5	56.73	144.06	205.00
Gainesville.....	A. A. Murphree, Gainesville.....	1	254	27	205.04	307.24	512.28
Grove Park.....	G. F. Silcox, Grove Park.....	1	20	6	9.00	9.00	18.00
Hague.....							
Hampton.....	A. M. Williams, Hampton.....	1	43	6	9.21	14.10	23.31
Hawthorne.....	W. C. Weeks, Hawthorne.....	1	55	10	25.80	30.41	56.21
Ochwililla.....							
Orange Creek.....							
Orange Heights.....	H. H. Thomas, Orange Heights.....	1	40	5	15.00	10.00	25.00
Waldo.....							
TOTALS		11	1,000	111	\$1,087.70	\$873.30	\$1,871.30

W. M. U.

State Missions	20.15	2.45	1.30	50.15
Home Missions	52.50	7.45	1.30	61.25
Foreign Missions	52.50	7.45	1.30	61.25
Columbia College	47.90	4.74	1.30	53.94
Orphanage	10.00	10.00		20.00
Aged Ministers	18.60	18.60		37.20
Chipley Memorial	17.90	17.90		35.80
Training School	23.60	23.60		47.20
Other Purposes	22.10	22.10		44.20
TOTAL	1073.58	3.02	1.30	1077.90

SOCIETIES AND OFFICERS.

Name of Society	President	Address
Alachua B. Y. B. U.....	Prof. L. Golden.....	Alachua, Florida.
Campville B. Y. P. U.....	E. E. Stokes.....	Campville, Florida.
Ellam B. Y. P. U.....	R. A. Perry.....	Hawthorne, R. F. D. 2.
Gainesville B. Y. P. U.....		Gainesville, Florida.

Alachua W. M. U.
 Ellam W. M. U.
 Gainesville W. M. U.
 Hampton W. M. U.

