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Moderator, Dr. A. A. Murphree.....Gainesville, Fla.  
Clerk, E. R. Simmons.....Gainesville, Fla.  
Treasurer, E. E. Stokes.....Campville, Fla.

#### ORDAINED MINISTERS

Moncrief, O. T.....Alachua, Fla.  
Butler, P. B.....Campville, Fla.  
Smith, J. M.....Waldo, Fla.  
Gibson, T. H.....Melrose, Fla.  
O'Kelley, N. B.....Gainesville, Fla.  
Ridenour, H. E.....Gainesville, Fla.  
Gable, Jno. F.....Gainesville, Fla.  
Hicks, W. B.....Waldo, Fla.  
Hartman, F. M.....Earlton, Fla.

#### LICENSED MINISTERS

Haymans, J. N.....Orange Heights, Fla.  
McClellan, Robt.....Gainesville, Fla.  
Hinson, Wm.....Hawthorne, 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-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION of the SANTA FE RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Hawthorne, Florida, October 18, 1921.

The Santa Fe River Baptist Association met in the Sixty-Fifth Annual Session with the Baptist Church at Hawthorne, on October 18, 1921. Association called to order by Moderator, Dr. A. A. Murphree. In the absence of the Clerk, P. B. Butler, E. R. Simmons was elected Clerk pro tem.

After devotional exercises, associational letters on membership were presented. Petitionary letters from Windsor and Island Grove were presented, asking for membership. Upon motion, the churches were received into the Association and messengers were given hand of fellowship.

Upon motion, the committee on "Digest of Letters" was appointed: H. E. Ridenour, N. B. O'Kelley, C. A. Williams.

Delegates were then enrolled as follows:

Alachua: B. W. Cato, C. A. Williams, C. W. Stephens, S. T. Fowler, W. H. Sealey.

Campville: B. C. Johnson, J. W. Craber, James Parker, Mesdames B. C. Johnson, J. N. Baker, P. B. Butler.

Eden: Mrs. M. C. Wiggins, Joseph Nobles, Tom Cox.

Eliam: L. Price, A. F. Torlay, T. H. Gibson, Mrs. H. F. Preston, Miss Cavie Jernegan.

Gainesville: N. B. O'Kelley, A. A. Murphree, Robt. McClellan, W. B. Harper, E. L. Johnson, E. R. Simmons, Wm. Hawkins.

Grove Park: W. N. Townsend, F. W. Capell, Mesdames W. N. Townsend, F. W. Capell, J. H. Edwards.

Hague: R. E. McColskey.

Hampton: C. E. Harper, John Parker, Mesdames C. E. Harper, John Parker.

Hawthorne: W. G. Weeks, J. O. Whitcomb, F. W. Tyson, Mesdames W. G. Weeks, J. O. Whitcomb, F. W. Tyson.

High Springs: J. T. Price, E. B. Godwin, J. R. Osteen, Mesdames J. T. Price, E. B. Godwin, P. C. Rivers, J. R. Hall, J. R. Osteen.

Ochwilla: F. F. Jerkins, W. G. Merriman.

Orange Creek: H. T. Engle, W. B. Rowe, L. T. Bates.

Orange Heights: James Ellis, J. N. Hayman, H. H. Thomas, Mesdames James Ellis, J. N. Hayman, H. H. Thomas.

Waldo: Joe DeSha, George DeSha, Mesdames J. McFadden, A. L. Stevens, J. L. McCauley, Joe DeSha, Geo. DeSha.

Windsor: L. R. Nichols, J. A. Townsend, J. J. Wilkinson, Mesdames J. A. Townsend, C. Nichols.

Visitors of our faith and order were extended a cordial welcome and the privileges of the floor of the convention.

Officers were elected as follows: Moderator, Dr. A. A. Murphree; Clerk, E. R. Simmons; Treasurer, E. E. Stokes.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

Temperance: Rev. T. H. Gibson, E. B. Godwin, J. N. Hayman.

Sunday Schools: C. A. Williams, E. B. Godwin, O. T. Moncrief.

Education: Dr. Jno. F. Gable, E. R. Simmons, E. E. Stokes.

State Missions: Rev. N. B. O'Kelley, C. R. Abstein, H. H. Thomas.

Home Missions: Rev. O. T. Moncrief, B. C. Johnson, W. B. Harper.

Foreign Missions: Rev. W. B. Hicks, W. W. Townsend, R. E. McColskey.

Publications: E. R. Simmons, Rev. H. E. Ridenour, Celia Abstein.

Nominations: A. F. Torlay, J. N. Hayman, Robt. McClellan.

Spiritual Condition of Churches: H. E. Ridenour, J. F. DeSha, L. R. Nichols.

Orphanage: Robt. McClellan, Joseph Noble, Miss Carrie Jernegan.

Deceased Ministers and Deacons: A. F. Torlay, Rev. H. E. Ridenour, Dr. N. B. O'Kelley.

B. Y. P. U.: E. E. Stokes, Rev. W. B. Hicks, Mrs. O. T. Moncrief.

Finance: J. O. Whitcomb, E. B. Godwin, W. G. Meriman.

Resolutions: Rev. O. T. Moncrief, Rev. Jno. F. Gable, W. B. Harper.

At 11:00 o'clock a. m., the introductory sermon was preached by Rev. W. B. Hicks.

After the sermon, the Association recessed until two o'clock p. m.

### AFTERNOON

The Association reconvened at two o'clock p. m., with prayer and song service.

Upon motion the order of business was suspended and reports were read. Report on Sunday School read by C. A. Williams, and discussed, and adopted.

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

"We recommend E. R. Simmons, E. E. Stokes, L. Price, G. M. DeSha, and E. B. Godwin, as the Executive Committee of this Association. We recommend Dr. N. B. O'Kelley be our Representative on the State Board of Missions. We recommend as delegates to the State Baptist Convention, Dr. A. A. Murphree, Rev. H. E. Ridenour, W. B. Hicks, J. W. Craber, W. E. Waits, F. F. Jerkins, R. J. Osteen, and Mesdames N. B. O'Kelley, C. A. Williams, J. F. DeSha, and H. F. Preston. We recommend as our delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention, Dr. N. B. O'Kelley and Rev. T. H. Gibson.

"We recommend that the Executive Committee select a meeting place for the next session of the Association and the time for meeting shall be Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1922.

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

"We recommend that the Clerk use all diligence in preparing and having printed and distributing the minutes."

Reports on State, Home and Foreign Missions were read and laid over until Wednesday morning. The Association then adjourned until 7:30 p. m., when Dr. S. B. Rogers delivered a very inspiring address on Missions and made a strong and earnest appeal for the support of this important work.

### WEDNESDAY MORNING

Devotional services conducted by Rev. T. H. Gibson. After the devotion the report on Education was discussed by Rev. Jno. F. Gable and Dr. A. A. Murphree, and adopted.

The tithing campaign was discussed by Rev. O. T. Moncrief and Dr. J. W. Mitchell. Upon motion Rev. H. E. Ridenour and Layman Thurman Futch were elected a committee to organize the churches of the Association for tithing campaigns. Upon motion of W. B. Harper it was voted to request each church in the Association to appoint



a committee to cooperate with the committee of the association in efforts to enlist tithers.

A Missionary sermon was preached by Dr. N. B. O'Kelley, and the reports on Missions which were read Tuesday afternoon were adopted.

Association recessed until 2:00 p. m.

#### AFTERNOON

At 2:00 p. m. devotional by Rev. W. B. Hicks. The report on Deceased Deacons and Ministers was read. Report discussed by Rev. H. E. Ridenour, Rev. T. H. Gibson, and E. R. Simmons, and adopted.

Report on Spiritual Condition of the Church was read. Rev. H. E. Ridenour and Rev. O. T. Moncrief discussed report, laying special emphasis and importance on prayer meetings.

Temperance report was read by Rev. T. H. Gibson. Discussed by E. B. Godwin and E. R. Simmons. E. B. Godwin, W. E. Waits, and E. E. Stokes were appointed on committee to memorialize County Judge.

The report on Orphanage was discussed by Dr. N. B. O'Kelley and Rev. H. E. Ridenour. Adopted.

Reports on Publications and B. Y. P. U. were read and adopted without discussion.

Treasurer's report was read and adopted.

The following resolutions were adopted:

"Whereas, Our Association Treasurer, Bro. E. E. Stokes, has so kindly cancelled the Association's indebtedness to him on shortage from time to time in the treasury;

"Therefore, be it resolved that the Santa Fe River Association extend its thanks to Bro. Stokes for his kindly act and its appreciation for his services in this office."

"Whereas, from year to year, our churches seek to follow the injunction of the Apostle 'given to hospitality'; and

"Whereas, the Hawthorne Baptist Church has so magnificently interpreted his grace during this 1921 session;

"Therefore, be it resolved that the Santa Fe River Association give to this church hearty thanks and expressions of appreciation for her kind hospitality."

Association adjourned to meet with the Baptist Church at Orange Heights on Tuesday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1922, at ten a. m.

A. A. MURPHREE, Moderator.

E. R. SIMMONS, Clerk.

## REPORTS

### REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

Any report on missions should bear directly on the Seventy-Five Million five year program. While we feel this to be true, State Mission work is the spring or fountain-head, making possible the larger program of the Southern Baptist Convention. Without the home-base of State missions the world-wide operations of the Southern Convention would be impossible. We have part and lot in that great work.

Our State Mission work is most encouraging. The Seventy-Five Million campaign increased our efficiency fully one hundred per cent. Our goal for this convention year is \$225,000 for all our mission and benevolent purposes, \$90,000 of this is proposed for state work, support of missionary pastors, aid to church buildings, enlistment work, Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. work in our state, and \$25,000 for Orphans' Home, \$42,000 for Christian education, and \$4,000 for aged ministers. Then we have before us the goal of \$40,000 for Foreign Missions and \$38,500 for Home Missions. This is a worthy goal. But the seven hundred and forty churches in our state, five hundred of which made pledges to the Seventy-Five Million campaign, and five hundred and sixty-nine of them sending offerings for missions to the office in Jacksonville, we can by earnest and prayerful effort as Florida Baptists reach this splendid goal by December.

Your committee is pleased to note the continuance of Enlistment work. The State Mission Board has had the past year five enlistment men in the field, well distributed over the state. This, we believe, will result in a quickened interest in many churches which have hitherto been negligent in the support of pastors and the mission cause. The enlistment work is very taxing on the men. We should remember them in prayer, as well as our secretary and his assistants.

The end hoped for and expected in the campaign is looming up—the salvation of souls. The increase in the number of conversions and baptisms was one of the main objects in the larger movement.

It is confidently believed that the largest number of baptisms will be reported at our next state convention ever in the history of Florida Baptists in one year.

Your committee feels that Florida Baptists have every reason to take courage and press forward. With a Baptist membership equal to 4% of the church membership of the

state, we should arise in the Spirit of the Master and go forward.

N. B. O'KELLEY,  
C. R. ABSTEIN,  
H. H. THOMAS,  
Committee.

#### REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

The Home Mission Board is properly a committee of men to whom has been committed the entire charge of this division of our missionary enterprise. Corresponding Secretary B. D. Gray is a bonded official, who has executive powers in directing activities, receiving and disbursing money contributed for this purpose. The Home Board is chartered under the laws of Georgia, works under its own by-laws, which are in accord with the Constitution of the S. B. C.

The purpose of the S. B. C. is to elicit, combine and direct the energies of the denomination in spreading the gospel.

Following instructions of the S. B. C. always, the Home Board has formed co-operative relations with the State agencies wherever feasible and desirable. A solidarity of thought is an outgrowth of this co-operation; achievements, impossible for State agencies alone, are fruits of this co-operation, and work within States has been undertaken where State Boards have failed to meet situations.

Our Mountain School System, 37 in number, valued at \$1,688,000.00, embracing seven States, reaches a people of similar habits of thought, life and occupation, and all reports show that these schools are serving to capacity. We would urge, however, that in some States the boys and girls of our plainlands are entitled to an equal chance to life-culture, and your committee urges that, within the near future, steps be taken to enlist the Home Board in establishing a Baptist Secondary School of the Academy grade somewhere within the bounds of this Association. Last year there were 173 candidates for the ministry, and 688 students converted in these schools.

Work among foreigners, Indians and negroes has advanced. Swedes, Italians and Spanish-speaking people in Florida, Indians in various States and negroes in the South, are all ministered to by the Home Board; but in the case of the negroes they co-operate with the Home Mission Board of the Negro National Baptist Convention. The Seaman's Institute, located in Jacksonville, rendering service to seamen that no other agency undertakes, is a Home Board work. Nineteen nationalities are represented in the Bible class.

The Baptist Sanatorium, combating tuberculosis, located at El Paso, Texas, has had extensive additions and improvements.

Church extension has taken a stride forward, the gifts and loans to churches for building purposes amounting to \$1,248,000.00.

The 75 Million campaign has made it possible to enlarge the enlistment work over 100 per cent, its co-operative missions 75 per cent, and the department of evangelism 50 per cent. Here the Home Board reports total additions to churches 77,377, of which number 45,092 came by baptism. The number of missionaries employed by the Board was increased last year to 1,656, the number of new churches constituted by them was 258, number built or improved 524, and the number of Sunday Schools organized 835.

A lot has been purchased in Havana, Cuba, for the erection of a Baptist College in that city; appropriations have been made for ample improvements and the erection of buildings for schools for Spanish-speaking students in El Paso and San Antonio, Texas.

A man has already been placed in charge of the large interests of Southern Baptists in Panama, under the care of this Board, and great good is expected from his work in our Baptist cause in that zone of varied nationalities and activities.

The Department of Evangelism is the greatest single agency for evangelism in the world. It has been cultivated and developed under Home Mission auspices to such an extent that our Baptist churches need not hesitate to solicit help from its men, for they are sound in the faith. But you committee would lay this body of Baptist Christians under lasting tribute to the man whose unnoted labors are the foundation stones—secrets of strength to our denomination in the years when pioneers in frontier missions were heroes worthy of immortal memorial.

Your committee urges continued fidelity to pledges made in the 75 million drive, that the work of Home Missions may continue to make advances in the economy of our Lord's world-wide plan to realize the vision of the prophet when "the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea."

O. T. MONCRIEF,  
B. C. JOHNSON,  
W. B. HARPER,  
Committee.



REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

It is with profound gratitude to Almighty God, that your committee on Foreign Missions, after careful study of the situation, makes the following report.

The past year has been full of surprising events and glorious achievements for Southern Baptists. The greatly increased contributions to the Board have enabled it to strengthen its work on all fields. Seventy-two new missionaries have gone forth this year to witness for Christ in the lands of darkness.

Of course this does not by any means fill all the requirements of the people starving for the Gospel in these darkened lands. We shall need the products of our Christian Schools to fill the ever increasing demand of the work and this should be an incentive to faithful giving of our money in order that the Board may ever have available the material to meet every emergency.

The Foreign Mission Board has given first attention to strengthening the old positions, reinforcing them that they may be strong in aiding the effort to push on into other fields whose doors have been jarred open by the World War. It is with great thanksgiving that we reflect upon the gigantic work undertaken by the Board in recent months. The old fields occupied by Southern Baptists were China, Japan, Africa, Mexico, Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay, Chile, and Italy. We have now added Palestine, Syria, Siberia, and of European territory, assigned by the London Conference, Spain, Jugo-Slavia, Hungary and Roumania, and that part of Russia known as the Ukraine with the territory east of it.

This truly is a wonderful task. We have undertaken to give the gospel of Jesus to approximately 2,000,000 black people, 475,000,000 yellow people and 4,000,000 brown people, and to a white population of 225,000,000. You will see by this that Southern Baptists have undertaken to evangelize peoples of religious faith with which we have not hitherto experimented. This we think in accord with our Master's Great Commission to preach the Gospel to all peoples and tribes and tongues.

We have the simple Gospel story to tell, and it will be interesting to watch the collision between the simple faith of the Baptists with the religions which have been so unyielding before other Christian bodies more ritualistic than ourselves.

Great achievement has been reached in cooperative relief work in countries where famine has prevailed, and the

cause of education has not been slighted but has been enthusiastically cared for to the great strengthening of our schools and colleges. Let us urge upon all of our churches the importance of paying their pledges promptly, as well as work to have those who are not now contributing anything, to have a part in the glorious work of bringing in our Master's Kingdom.

W. B. HICKS,  
 W. N. TOWNSEND,  
 R. E. McCOLSKEY,  
 Committee.

REPORT ON EDUCATION

While your committee rejoices in every forward movement for the building up of our institutions for higher education such as Stetson and the State University at Gainesville, we cannot but feel that more attention should be given to secondary schools in the State. These should form a connecting link between the lower grade schools and the colleges. Many of our young people of both sexes can never take college courses, and even if they do these feeders are necessary.

As a denomination we should be as liberal as possible in supplying the funds needed to carry out the plans of our Baptist leaders for Christian Education. The Southern Baptist Convention has an Educational Board located in Birmingham, Alabama, which has been constituted for the purpose of fostering denominational Christian Education.

The difference between secular, Christian, and ministerial education should be clearly seen by all. Certain prejudices held by some against the proper education of the negro should be overcome. Where he is wrong the only way to get him right is by Christian education.

The importance of Christian education should also be recognized from the fact that much of the result is determined by the nature of the material worked upon as well as the character of the education administered. It is still true that an ignorant thief may steal freight from a car while an educated thief will steal the whole railroad. The difference in Christian education is equally marked.

Fraternaly submitted,

JNO. F. GABLE,  
 E. R. SIMMONS,  
 E. E. STOKES,  
 Committee.

## REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS

It has been said that reading maketh a full man, writing an exact man, and conversation a ready man. It is an evident fact that the last two cannot be engaged in to any degree of success without the first. We cannot write or speak what we do not know. We obtain information, develop our minds, gain new thoughts and increase our capacity for service by reading and meditating upon the literary productions of our great men and women. Since knowledge is a means to power, we should give the more earnest heed to the exhortation of the apostle, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed". Since we have space to mention a limited number of publications, we shall begin with the dear and precious book, the Bible. We as church people know too little of the Bible. Many of us are too irregular and unsystematic in the study of God's word. There are interesting publications by our publishing houses that help us to better understand the Bible. In order that we might be fully acquainted with the work of our denomination it is necessary that we read the various tracts furnished by our Mission Boards. We also recommend that each Baptist family subscribe to and read the Florida Baptist Witness and The Home and Foreign Field. The various Sunday Schools helps by the Sunday School Board will be found worth while to every Sunday School teacher.

In these days of strange and false doctrines and of teeming multitudes averted to both Christianity and civic righteousness, we believe that the little book, "Making America Christian", by Masters, would be helpful to those who read it. We owe it to God and to the world to see that our children do not have unwholesome literature but that they have access to such publications as tend to make the world Christian.

E. R. SIMMONS,  
CELIA ABSTEIN,  
H. E. RIDENOUR,  
Committee.

## REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

We, the Committee, report that there have been many victories won against the whisky intoxication, but the worst problem is facing us now that has not been fully overcome, namely "Blind Tigerism" of the deadly poison commonly known as "Moonshine".

We urge all interested in the welfare of our young boys and men to talk less and do more toward the eradication of this evil in the bounds of the law, both in religious and political life—praying the Lord's will be done in all things.

This Association memorializes the County Judge with the urgent appeal that the utmost limit of penalties be assessed in every case convicted of violating prohibition laws.

T. B. GIBSON,  
E. B. GODWIN,  
J. N. HAYMAN,  
Committee.

## REPORT ON SPIRITUAL CONDITION OF THE CHURCHES

Your Committee on Spiritual Condition of the Churches is glad to report that the churches of our Association are on a high plain spiritually. Practically every church has had revival meeting some time during the year, which resulted in a great spiritual uplift, also the salvation of many precious souls. All churches have regular services and we rejoice at the progress of the Master's cause during the year.

H. E. RIDENOUR,  
J. F. DESHA,  
L. R. NICHOLS,  
Committee.

## REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Your committee begs to report that, pursuant to instructions given in resolution calling for its appointment, naming as one of its duties "the organization of an Associational Sunday School Convention, to meet yearly and have its own constitution and by-laws," a call was issued for such a convention to the held at the First Baptist Church, Alachua, Fla., on Friday night before, and extending through the fifth Sunday in May.

Your committee quotes the following paragraph from the letter sent to the various churches of the Association: "This convention is called for the purpose of reaching the churches and Sunday schools with a message of enlistment in this most important service of our church worship, and look to the discussion of the needs of all of our Sunday schools, seeking to find the means to minister to those needs. It will also be the expression of a desire on the part of the stronger schools to help the weaker, the wish to lend a helping hand to those who need it."

This organization was perfected by the election of C. A. Williams, president; I. W. Wesley, vice president; J. E. Turrlington, vice president; and E. B. Perry, secretary and treasurer.

The next meeting is to be held at the First Baptist Church of Gainesville, Fla., Friday before the fourth Sunday in May.

Your committee attaches hereto its letter of call and a copy of the constitution and by-laws.

C. A. WILLIAMS,  
E. B. GODWIN,  
O. T. MONCRIEF,  
Committee.

#### "Letter of Call

"Dear Brother:

"At the last meeting of the Santa Fe River Association, a committee was appointed for the purpose of organizing a County Baptist Sunday School Convention to meet at whatever time might be designated by the constitution and by-laws, to be adopted when organized.

"The Committee hereby issues the call for the Convention to be held with the First Baptist Church of Alachua, Florida, the first session to be held Friday night before, and extending through the fifth Sunday in May.

"This convention is called for the purpose of reaching the churches and Sunday schools with a message of enlistment in this most important service of our church worship, and look to the discussion of the needs of all our Sunday schools, seeking to find the means to minister to those needs. It will also be the expression of a desire on the part of the stronger schools to help the weaker, and the wish to lend a helping hand to those who need it.

"Will you kindly place this matter before your **Church and Sunday School Immediately**, and secure the attendance of as many of your people as possible?

"The program will be published in the county papers in due time, and if possible, a copy mailed to you, or they can be secured upon arrival at the place of meeting.

**"Don't forget it! Sunday School Convention at Alachua, Fifth Sunday in May (Friday and Saturday before). You will be expected. You will be needed. You will need what you will get. Don't forget it! Be there.**

"Fraternally yours,

"C. A. WILLIAMS,  
"E. B. GODWIN,  
"O. T. MONCRIEF,  
"Associational Committee.

#### "Constitution and By-Laws for Baptist Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Convention

"Article 1—This organization shall be known as the Santa Fe River Baptist Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Convention, and shall be under the immediate control of the churches co-operating with the convention.

"Article 2—Membership of this organization shall be composed of representatives from Baptist Sunday schools and B. Y. P. U. and Baptist churches having no Sunday schools or B. Y. P. U. These representatives shall be elected by the churches from which they come, other denominations being invited and welcomed. Privileges of members having no Sunday schools or B. Y. P. U. are described in a section of the by-laws.

"Article 3—The object of this organization shall be reading of reports from Sunday schools and B. Y. P. U., the mutual help coming from the personal contact with fellow-workers, exchange of ideas, the development of workers, the study of best methods of organization and teaching, the establishment of Sunday schools where no Sunday schools exist, the creation of better Sunday school atmosphere in the churches, the dignifying of the teaching force of the church, and the general uplift of all workers now struggling with our Sunday school problems.

"Article 4—Meeting: There shall be at least one meeting per year, a general meeting for the entire Association, and as many group meetings as there are groups of churches.

"Article 5—Officers: The officers of this organization shall be,

"1st. President elected from the Sunday schools and B. Y. P. U.

"2nd. Vice President for Sunday school where the convention is known as a Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. convention.

"3rd. Vice President where the B. Y. P. U. is a partner in the convention for the B. Y. P. U.

"4th. Secretary who shall keep all records.

"5th. Treasurer who shall perform all duties in keeping with the office.

"6th. Group Superintendents appointed by the President.



"7th. Superintendents of the following departments, all appointed by the president in conference with the two vice presidents; Home Department; Cradle Roll; Teacher Training; Elementary Training; Beginners; Primary and Juniors Organized Class; Intermediates; Seniors and Adults.

"Article 6—Reports: Each officer of the convention, elective or appointed, shall render a report to the convention in session. It shall be optional with the President whether it be written or verbal. All other officers shall render a written report, which shall be filed with the Secretary for recording.

"Article 7—Executive Committee: The President, the two Vice Presidents, the Secretary and Treasurer shall constitute the Executive Committee.

"Article 8—Amending Constitution: The Constitution may be amended in any way by two-thirds vote of the members present any one session.

**"Suggested List of By-Laws for the Santa Fe River Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Convention**

"Article 1—Election of Officers: All officers shall be elected by members present, representing Sunday schools and B. Y. P. U. A majority of members voting shall constitute election. It shall be optional with the body whether a nominating committee shall present names for office, or shall be presented by individuals from the floor. All elections by acclamation unless otherwise provided.

"Article 2—Method of Procedure: The Executive Committee shall provide a program for such meeting, or the President shall appoint a Program Committee. Where the B. Y. P. U. is a partner in the Convention, the program shall be equally divided between Sunday school and B. Y. P. U.

"Article 3—Voting: No one except representatives from Baptist Sunday schools and B. Y. P. U. shall vote. Representatives from churches having no Sunday schools or B. Y. P. U. shall have the privilege of the floor, but are not privileged to vote or hold office. All officers, elective or appointed, shall be representatives from a Sunday school or B. Y. P. U.

"Article 4—Group Meetings: The group meetings shall transact business pertaining to the group and no other groups.

"Article 5—Disbursements: No moneys shall be paid out of the treasury except by instruction of the body."

**REPORT ON ORPHANAGE**

The Orphanage of Florida Baptists is located at Arcadia, where they own and operate a very fine equipment. We congratulate our denomination upon the great success of this most worthy endeavor and under its present efficient management.

Our orphan children are being educated in the right Christian training and influence, as well as in many industrial and commercial lines, thus fitting them to take places of honor and usefulness.

There are at present over 100 boys and girls in the home. Last year's minutes of this Association give a detailed description of the plant which is supported by the Baptists of our State, through our churches and Sunday schools and B. Y. P. U.

Your committee heartily commends this great work as a foundation for future generations to enlarge and carry on. We also recommend a liberal support to the Home by all the churches of this Association.

ROBT. McCLELLAN,  
MISS CAVA JERNEGAN,  
JOE NOBLES,

Committee.

**REPORT ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS**

We find from the reports of letters representing fourteen of our sixteen churches, that fourteen of our members have preceded us to the Home Over There. Of this number there are two ministers, Rev. J. W. Smith and Rev. B. R. Mosely. We regret this loss, but are happy that their faith is in Him who doeth all things well. Words fail us when we attempt to speak of our fellowship with Bro. Mosely, and we humbly bow to the priority of his fellowship with God.

H. E. RIDENOUR,  
A. F. TORLAY,  
N. B. O'KELLEY,

Committee.

**REPORT OF W. M. U. OF THE SANTA FE RIVER ASSOCIATION**

Meeting called to order by the President, Mrs. J. R. Emerson of Gainesville. In the absence of the Secretary, Mrs. J. L. Grimes was appointed by President to take minutes of meeting.

Devotional services were conducted by Mrs. Margaret Gross. At roll call the following messengers were enrolled:

Mrs. C. A. Williams, Mrs. B. W. Cato, Alachua.  
Mrs. Margaret Gross, Mrs. N. B. O'Kelley, Mrs. I. Eads,  
Mrs. M. E. Finch, Mrs. J. H. Parrish, Mrs. J. L. Grimes,  
Mrs. D. R. Cox, Mrs. J. M. Ogilvie, Mrs. W. P. Carter, Mrs.  
W. B. Hawkins, Gainesville.

Mrs. J. R. Hall, Mrs. R. J. Osteen, High Springs.

Mrs. C. A. Ellis, Orange Heights.

Members reported in the Association, 158. Money raised for all purposes during year, \$1,799.51.

Waldo and LaCrosse were represented by letter. One Union reported an orphan supported by them.

Two G. A. R. and one Sunbeam Band reported in the Association.

The following officers and superintendents were elected: President, Mrs. J. H. Parrish, Gainesville; Vice President, Mrs. Margaret Gross, Gainesville; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. J. R. Hall, High Springs; Superintendents, District No. 1, Hawthorne, Mrs. Weeks; District No. 2, Mrs. C. A. Ellis, Orange Heights; District No. 3, Mrs. O. T. Moncrief, Alachua.

After some discussion it was voted to hold separate meetings from the Association, next one to be with the Gainesville W. M. U. on the first Tuesday after the first Sunday in October.

MRS. J. L. GRIMES,  
Secretary pro-tem.

#### REPORT ON B. Y. P. U.

We, your Committee on B. Y. P. U., are pleased to report that a majority of the churches have a good live B. Y. P. U. and that the past year has been one of the most successful we have experienced. Our young people have manifested greater interest in the work and greatly improved in the matter of rendering an interesting program as well as in spiritual development. There are several prospective ministers of the gospel among our B. Y. P. U. forces. We urge the brethren to encourage our young people in this important branch of the work.

E. E. STOKES,  
W. B. HICKS,  
MRS. O. T. MONCRIEF,  
Committee.

#### CAMPAIGN REPORT OF SANTA FE RIVER ASSOCIATION

Church	Pledge	Paid to Date
Alachua .....	\$4,200.00	\$1,993.48
Campville .....	275.00	136.85
Eden .....	180.00	127.11
Eliam .....	1,755.42	660.77
Gainesville .....	16,219.50	6,050.75
Grove Park .....	363.00	165.44
Hague .....	250.00	55.50
Hampton .....	25.00	191.70
High Springs .....	4,038.75	847.20
Hawthorne .....	1,930.00	709.63
LaCrosse .....		1.50
Ochwilla .....	175.00	96.53
Orange Creek .....	100.00	36.86
Orange Heights .....	537.75	245.01
Rochelle .....		100.00
Waldo .....	1,800.00	680.26
Windsor .....		2.80
Totals .....	\$31,849.42	\$12,101.39

S. B. ROGERS,  
Secretary Florida Baptist Convention.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

E. E. Stokes, in account with Santa Fe River Association:

October 21, 1920—Cash received for Santa Fe River Association .....	\$52.55
Dec., 1920—Check received from Waldo Church.....	5.00
June 6, 1921—Received from Alachua Church.....	27.24
July 31, 1921—Received from S. S. Convention at Hawthorne .....	6.91
July 31, 1921—Received from Ochwilla Church.....	2.00
	<u>\$93.70</u>
Nov. 10, 1920—Paid Association's Clerk.....	15.00
March 15, 1921—Paid Baptist Witness, printing minutes .....	63.00
July 8, 1921—Paid H. E. Ridenour for printing programs for S. S. Convention.....	4.46
Oct. 18, 1921—By balance.....	11.24
	<u>\$93.70</u>

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

Temperance, Mrs. O. T. Moncrief, Alachua; Sunday School, Prof. J. A. Bayless, Melrose; Christian Education, Rev. Thos. V. McCaul, Gainesville; State Missions, Rev. N. B. Plummer, Anthony; Home Missions, Rev. H. E. Ridenour, Orange Heights; Foreign Missions, Rev. Yarborough, Melrose; Publications, Rev. W. B. Hicks, Waldo; Spiritual Conditions of the Church, Rev. B. F. Carlton, Island Grove; Orphanage, B. W. Cato, Alachua; B. Y. P. U., Mrs. G. W. McCall, High Springs; Deceased Ministers and Deacons, B. A. Barrington, Hawthorne; Finance, E. E. Stokes, Campville; Nominations, W. E. Waits, Hawthorne; Resolutions, E. B. Perry, Hawthorne.

NUMERICAL REPORT 1921

NAME OF CHURCH	PASTOR AND POST OFFICE ADDRESS	CLERK AND POST OFFICE ADDRESS	Church Organized	Increase				Decrease				Membership	Net Increase	Net Decrease	WHAT SUNDAYS HAVE PREACHING
				By Baptism	By Letter	By Statement	By Restoration	TOTAL	By Letter	Erasures and Excl's	Deaths				
Alachua	O. T. Moncrief, Alachua	E. C. Pearson, Alachua	1897	1	1	1	3	1	16	3	4	168	1	16	All
Campville	P. B. Butler, Campville	J. W. Craber, Campville	1892	5	4	4	9	6	17	1	17	87	21	3d Sunday	
Eden	J. N. Smith, Waldo	B. F. Minton, Hawthorne	1902	22	6	6	34	5	40	5	45	157	15	3d and 4th	
Eden	T. H. Gibson, Melrose	K. M. Torlay, Melrose	1883	60	51	51	111	11	122	5	127	100	15	All	
Gainesville	N. B. O'Kelley, Gainesville	J. M. Ogilvie, Gainesville	1879	1	4	4	5	5	11	34	34	5	4	Third	
Grove Park	P. B. Butler, Campville	J. G. L. Silcox, Grove Park	1916	1	1	1	3	5	7	5	36	8	8	Third	
Hague	P. B. Butler, Campville	R. E. McGilkskey, Hague	1911	8	9	9	17	19	36	1	39	124	39	First	
Hawthorne	W. B. Hicks, Waldo	W. E. Adkins, Hawthorne	1891	12	6	6	18	4	22	1	23	186	13	1st, 2d, 4th	
High Springs	Supply	G. W. McCall, High Springs	1852	3	3	3	6	4	10	1	11	47	3	Second	
Ochwalla	J. M. Smith, Waldo	L. C. Bates, Hawthorne	1873	3	3	3	6	6	12	1	13	43	3	Second	
Orange Creek	F. E. Butler, Campville	B. A. Barrington, Hawthorne	1897	14	2	1	17	4	21	1	22	101	12	Second	
Orange Heights	W. E. Ridenour, Gainesville	J. N. Hayman, Orange Hts.	1897	14	2	1	17	4	21	1	22	101	12	Second	
Waldo	W. E. Hicks, Waldo	J. W. Wesley, Waldo	1853	14	6	6	20	1	21	1	22	216	17	1st and 3d	
Windsor	P. B. Butler, Campville	E. C. Wilkinson, Windsor	1921	1	6	6	7	1	13	1	14	20	8	Fourth	
			Totals	138	95	2	1236	89	21	14	124	1866	176	64	



## FINANCIAL TABLE

NAME CHURCH	Pastor's Salary	Buildings and Improvements	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Aged Ministers	Orphanage	Visiting Ministers	Associational Missions	Minutes and the Clerk	Miscellaneous	Sunday School Expenses	Near East Relief	Balance on Hand	TOTAL	Value of Pastor's Home	Value of Church Property	Total Value of Property
Alachua	1560.00	115.00	16.59							7.50	796.21	138.66			2633.96	2500.00	2000.00	22500.00
*Campville																		
Eden	10.00	15.00										12.00			37.00		1800.00	1800.00
Ellam	488.00	20.00								7.00	32.75	75.86			715.61		500.00	500.00
Gainesville	2100.00	175.46				20.82				10.00	633.92			762.48	3702.68	10000.00	1000.00	10000.00
Grove Park	10.00							2.00				8.00		9.00	29.00	10000.00	25000.00	35000.00
Hague	120.00														120.00			
Hampton	228.15	157.00	4.41	1.25	2.21			74.00		5.00	27.40	37.78		281.81	799.01	150.00	150.00	150.00
Hawthorne	600.00									5.00	55.25	33.65			693.90		1000.00	1000.00
High Springs	1100.00	754.00	10.00			8.75		125.00		5.00	227.38	115.26	246.52	364.26	2956.17	2500.00	2300.00	4800.00
Ochwilla	63.95									3.00		20.00			86.95		1000.00	1000.00
Orange Creek	120.00		9.34					1.64		2.55				15.43	148.96		200.00	1000.00
Orange Heights	150.00									5.00		37.35		18.68	211.03		2000.00	2000.00
Waldo	600.00							156.00		6.00		220.00			982.00		2000.00	2000.00
Windsor	100.80		7.25					3.15		1.25	4.75	21.95		1.25	140.40	1500.00	4500.00	6000.00
	7250.90	1236.46	47.59	1.25	2.21	20.82	8.75	451.79	2.00	57.30	1777.66	720.51	246.52	1432.91	13256.67	16500.00	62050.00	78550.00

\*Report misplaced.

