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OFFICERS

Moderator—O. T. Moncrief ----- Alachua, Fla.
Vice Moderator—H. C. Peoples ----- Lake Butler, Fla.
Clerk—E. B. Berry ----- Hawthorne, Fla.
Treasurer—E. E. Stokes ----- Campville, Fla.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Bevis, R. D. ----- Melrose, Fla.
Cleveland, J. A. -----
Davis, J. A. ----- Callahan, Fla.
Hayman, J. N. ----- Orange Heights, Fla.
Hacker, J. D. ----- Haggie, Fla.
Hicks, W. R. ----- Waldo, Fla.
Hinson, W. A. ----- Hawthorne, Fla.
McCaul, T. V. ----- Gainesville, Fla.
McMichen, W. A. ----- Waldo, Fla.
Moncrief, O. T. ----- Alachua, Fla.
Phillips, L. ----- Waldo, Fla.
Plummer, N. B. ----- Anthony, Fla.
Ridenour, H. E. ----- Lake Butler, Fla.
Smith, J. M. ----- Waldo, Fla.
Wood, E. A. ----- Hawthorne, Fla.
West, W. B. ----- High Springs, 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 members 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.

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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 informaton 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 to be composed of one member from each church in the Association, the officers of the Association being ex-officio members. These members, aside from the ex-officio members, shall be elected annually by the churches and their names inserted in the Church letters sent to this Association. The Executive Committee shall elect its own chairman and secretary, and shall have the oversight of the Association work in the period between the annual meetings, and shall have power to fill vacancies on failure of Churches to appoint.

9. The Association 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

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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 Words 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;

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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.

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

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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—Education.
 - d—State Missions.
 - e—Home Missions.
 - f—Foreign Missions.
 - g—Publications.
 - h—Nominations.
 - i—Spiritual Condition of Churches.
 - j—Orphanage.
 - k—Deceased Ministers and Deacons.
 - l—Sunday Schools.
 - m—B. Y. P. U.
 - n—W. M. U.
 - o—Finance.
 - p—Resolutions.
 - q—Tithing.
8. Miscellaneous Business.
9. Adjournment.

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CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES TO REPORT AT NEXT
SESSION OF THE ASSOCIATION

Baptist Brotherhood	A. A. Murphree
Baptist Children's Home	C. A. Williams
B. Y. P. U.	Frazier Rogers
Christian Education	E. R. Simmons
Foreign Missions	Rev. A. B. West
Finance	E. E. Stokes
Home Missions	Rev. E. D. Jackson
Nominations	J. E. Turlington
Obituaries	H. L. Fowler
Publications	H. H. Simmons
Resolutions	Rev. L. Phillips
Spiritual Condition of Churches	Rev. W. B. Hicks
State Missions	Dr. T. V. McCaul
Sunday Schools	S. W. Williams
Temperance	H. C. Martin
W. M. U.	Mrs. I. W. Wesley

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GAINESVILLE, FLA., OCT. 27th, 28th., 29th., 1925

The Sixty-ninth Annual Session of the Santa Fe River Association convened with the First Baptist Church, Gainesville, Fla., Tuesday, October 27th.

The devotional services were conducted by the Moderator, Rev. O. T. Moncrief who read 3rd. Chapter 2nd. Cor. and in a few brief remarks stressed three thoughts. Look to God, Look to Self and to The Task Before Us, after which Dr. Bullen lead in prayer.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Dr. T. V. McCaul pastor of the entertaining Church gave the welcome address to which Rev. R. D. Bevis, pastor Melrose church, responded.

On motion the printed program as prepared by the program committee was adopted with such alterations as the body might deem wise.

On motion the following committee was appointed by the chair to prepare a digest of church letters, R. D. Bevis, L. Phillips and Bro. Bullard.

Dr. McCaul introduced and read a letter from the Mic-anopy church asking admission into our Association. On motion the church was accepted and given the hand of fellowship. Also Brother H. C. Peeples of the Sardis Baptist church read a letter from that church also asking admission into our Association which was on motion accepted and properly welcomed.

The Association proceeded to the election of officers as follows:

Moderator—O. T. Moncrief, Alachua, Fla.

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Vice-Moderator—H. C. Peeples, Lake Butler, Fla.

Clerk—E. B. Perry, Hawthorne, Fla.

Treasurer—E. E. Stokes, Campville, Fla.

The hour for the annual sermon having arrived Rev. W. B. West who was to have preached was present but being indisposed by a recent operation, asked to be excused and Rev. W. B. Hicks proceeded to preach from the text I John 3:2 Subject, Divine Sonship.

The following new pastors and visitors were recognized by the body, E. A. Wood, Pastor at Hawthorne; W. B. West, Pastor at High Springs and R. D. Bevis; Pastor at Melrose, Dr. Bullen, representing the State Board, Dr. Caudel representing the Baptist Witness and Mrs. Harrell representing the Woman's work.

After Dr. Bullen's mention of the serious illness of Mrs. S. B. Rogers, on motion of Brother E. A. Wood the body unanimously voted to send a telegram to Dr. Rogers expressing our sympathy in this hour of uncertainty, and the Clerk was instructed to send the message.

A motion was made and carried to take an offering to pay for printing programs. On motion the body adjourned for luncheon.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

The session opened with the Moderator in the chair. Rev. H. E. Ridenour conducted a brief devotional during which he read I Peter 1 and commented on same, after which prayer was offered by Brethren DuBose and Proctor.

The report of the W. M. U. was presented by Mrs. W. N. Fielding and after discussion by Mrs. Fielding and Mr. Harrell the report was adopted.

The B. Y. P. U. report was called for and read by E. B. Perry. And after extended discussion the report was adopted.

A motion was then made and carried that this Association declare the B. Y. P. U. Convention dissolved and recognize the B. Y. P. U. Federation as an auxiliary to the Association, provided that body declares itself an Associational organization

On motion of Rev. W. B. Hicks all the Unions outside of this Association belonging to the Federation be invited to

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become associate members, and enjoy all the privileges of the Federation, but make their annual reports to the Association to which they belong.

All business for the afternoon being disposed of and some time left before time for adjournment, Dr. McCaul suggested that the time be given to Dr. Caudel and Dr. Bullen. Dr. Caudel spoke in the interest of the Baptist Witness, after which Dr. Bullen spoke in the interest of the Florida Centennial Building fund. After prayer by Dr. Bullen the body adjourned.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

The devotional service which was conducted by Rev. W. B. Hicns was opened by singing "Standing On the Promises" followed by prayer led by Rev. L. Phillips. The twenty-seventh Psalm was used as the basis of a few brief remarks in which he led us to realize a new God's protecting care for His own, after which Dr. C. M. Britain led in prayer.

The Association was called to order for business by the Moderator. The minutes of the previous day were read and approved. Dr. Brittain then stated that he hoped that this Association would follow the example of the other Associations of the State in appointing a committee to form an Associational budget after which on motion of W. B. Hicks this matter was placed in the hand of the Executive Committee.

The reports on State, Home, and Foreign Missions were then presented and read. On motion discussions were deferred until the eleven o'clock hour when Dr. Brittain brought a stirring message in which he earnestly and forcefully presented the needs of the different boards and asked that the pastors and delegates go back to their respective churches and urge their people to do their best for the organized work. By unanimous vote the reports were adopted.

Dr. T. V. McCaul then proposed the following, which was passed by a standing vote: In the light of the serious and perilous financial situation that faces our Missionary and benevolent work in the state at home and abroad and in the light of the fact our Association has not raised its apportionment for the associational year; Be it resolved that we the pastors and delegates here present, do solemnly promise that we will see that a canvass of our churches is made next week

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and our people requested to give the money necessary to meet the full apportionment of our association for the past year.

On motion the report of the Evangelistic Brotherhood by Dr. Murphree was substituted for the report on publication in the afternoon program.

On motion the body adjourned for luncheon.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

The afternoon devotional was conducted by Rev. W. A. McMichen of Waldo, who read 1st. Psalm using as a theme "Launch Out Into The Deep."

The Moderator then called for the report on Sunday schools which was read by Rev. R. D. Bevis. Rev. W. B. Hicks then asked to be allowed to present the report of the Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. convention which was read by H. E. Ridenour and on motion was appended to the S. S. report. Report adopted.

On motion of W. B. Hicks, the offering was taken to defray the expense of printing programs. Amount of offering \$8.58. At this time invitations were extended by the Hawthorne and Lake Butler Churches to entertain the Association in 1926. The hour having arrived for the presentation of the report on the Evangelistic Brotherhood, a motion prevailed to dispense with all other business and hear the report.

On motion of H. E. Ridenour the report was unanimously adopted. The Moderator then called upon the laymen to express themselves in regard to the Brotherhood to which there were many hearty and encouraging responses.

The report on Finance was made by E. E. Stokes which showed a deficit of \$24.96. On motion the report was adopted. H. E. Ridenour announced that the necessary amount of money to purchase a Ford car for Bro. Frank Fowler, a Missionary in Argentina, had been raised and sent to him.

Adjournment.

THURSDAY MORNING

The morning Devotional Service was conducted by H. H. Simmons of Archer.

The Moderator then called the body to order after which

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the minutes of Wednesday's sessions were read and approved. The report on Publications was read by the Clerk and on motion was adopted without discussion.

The report of the committee on Nominations was read by E. A. Hickson and adopted without discussion.

The report of the committee on the Digest of Church Letters was presented and read by L. Phillips who discussed same. Report adopted.

The report on Temperance was read by H. C. Peeples. After discussion by H. C. Peeples, E. A. Wood and Bro. Smith, the report was adopted. The report on Obituaries was read by R. D. Bevis and on motion report was adopted.

The report on Christian Education was read by Dr. T. V. McCaul. After discussion by O. K. Armstrong the report was adopted.

The report on the Orphanage not being ready the committee was instructed to prepare and send same to Clerk for printing. On motion of R. D. Bevis the Clerk is to be paid \$25.00 for his services.

Invitations were then called for to entertain the Association in 1926. On motion of H. C. Peeples, Lake Butler's invitation was accepted by a unanimous vote.

At this time the following were recognized as new pastors in the Association: Rev. Cleveland, Rev. L. Phillips and Rev. J. A. Davis.

On motion of T. V. McCaul the executive committee was instructed to try to secure church letters from churches not reporting at this Association, and to apportion the shortage in the Treasury among the different churches and ask each church to pay its apportionment.

On motion of T. V. McCaul the Moderator and Clerk were authorized to revise all lengthy reports in a manner that will be in keeping with our finance.

The Association adjourned with prayer by Rev. Smith.
O. T. Moncrief, Moderator,
E. B. Perry, Clerk.

Our Dead

- Mrs. H. D. Baxley ----- Campville, Fla.
 Mr. Joseph Plummer ----- Gainesville, Fla.
 Mr. J. R. Emerson ----- Gainesville, Fla.
 Mr. M. M. Malpus ----- Gainesville, Fla.
 Dr. J. T. Bishop ----- Gainesville, Fla.
 Mrs. J. J. Simmons ----- Melrose, Fla.
 Mrs. H. R. Alderman ----- Melrose, Fla.
 Mr. A. F. Torley ----- Melrose, Fla.
 Mr. W. L. Long ----- High Springs, Fla.
 Miss Nellie Bexley ----- High Springs, Fla.
 Mrs. Effie Smith ----- Hampton, Fla.
 Mrs. Harriet E. Hawthorne ----- Hawthorne, Fla.
 Mr. W. G. Weeks ----- Hawthorne, Fla.
 Mr. John Croft ----- Lake Butler, Fla.
 Mrs. Mary Edwards ----- Micanopy, Fla.
 Mr. J. M. Ciyatt ----- Micanopy, Fla.
 Mr. N. B. Mott ----- Micanopy, Fla.
 Mr. E. E. Stephens ----- Micanpoy, Fla.
 Mr. R. S. Longbottom ----- Waldo, Fla.
 Mr. Oscar B. Hicks ----- Waldo, Fla.
 M. S. Snowden, ----- Windsor, Fla.

ASSOCIATIONAL REPORT OF HOME MISSIONS

The Home Mission Board presented its eightieth annual report to the Southern Baptist Convention last May in Memphis, Tennessee. Eighty years of service by this board since its organization in 1845 constitute a real romance in Home Missions. Through many vicissitudes and steady and unvarying purpose for the salvation of the lost and the up-building of the Kingdom in our Southland, the Home Mission Board presents an unbroken history of fidelity and spiritual conquest.

It has been for Southern Baptists the one great constructive, co-operative and unifying agency. It has been the foster-mother of our weaker enterprises, the founder and support of thousands of our churches and the forerunner of most all our State Conventions and a stimulating factor in their organization and progress.

The Board in its report presented a significant comparison as follows:

1845-1903, Money raised, \$1,500,000.00; Missionaries, 10,586; Stations, 39,973; Baptisms, 82,742; Churches organized, 3,649, 1903-1924, Money raised, \$1,231,659.99; Missionaries, 27,468; Stations, 72,829; Baptisms, 642,492; Churches organized, 4,724.

For the last twenty years the advance in Home Missions has been at times remarkable and always continuous and healthy. It reached its highest point in 1920, the first year of the 75-million campaign. Since that time the advance has ebbed but chiefly to the falling off in receipts, the Board has made severe and drastic retrenchment in many phases of its work. In some instances such severe retrenchment has brought the work to the verge of calamity. The Board has had to stand still in the face of countless calls and unvented opportunities. Fields ripe for the harvest have cried out for the sickle of the reaper and the Board has not been able to thrust adequate efficient men into harvest fields to garner the grain.

At the recent annual meeting, in June, on account of the heavy and burdensome debt, the Board had to still further retrench. Enlargement on the debt was called for in every direction:

First, in an increase of forces; second, in better equipment. The Board has need for at least fifty capable young women and as many more in the field at home and a half a dozen young women for Cuba.

In equipment the needs are even greater. For school buildings in El Paso, Texas, and Havana, Cuba; the enlargement and better equipment of our thirty mountain schools; at least fifty chapels in the homeland and Cuba and Panama. The greatest need of the Board just now is a mighty increase in financial receipts to lift the heavy burden of debt and prepare for the recovery of lost ground and to enter new fields that are white unto harvest.

Notwithstanding the retrenchments made, the Board presents a year of wonderful results:

With 1,077 missionaries, they report 49,219 weeks of labor; 2,381

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churches and stations; 144,087 sermons and addresses; 30,027 additions by baptism; 4,896 by letter; total additions 50,354; 210 churches constituted; 355 church houses built or improved; 608 Sunday Schools organized; distributed 12,995 Bibles and Testaments.

The Home Mission field was never so great and urgent as now. To save our own land is a condition of saving the lost in distant lands. Home Missions furnish the great base of supplies for the work at home and afar.

Let's remember the Board and all its work in our prayers and come with greater liberality in our gifts.

Respectfully submitted,
J. L. Norris, L. A. Wynn, H. E. Roberts.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

This department of our work is the burden bearer of all. State Missions has always constituted a real base of supplies. Out of the limited funds at its disposal it gladly shares with any and all departments. This agency has faithfully stood by every denominational activity and has always spent its last dollar and last ounce of strength to see that none should suffer when it was possible to give relief. Not only that, but it has willingly and cheerfully gone into debt when necessary to furnish the front lines with the sinews of war.

In the beginning State Missions was almost wholly confined to the support of our missionaries, missionary pastors of weak and struggling fields, and in a limited way, to the aid of churches erecting their houses of worship. It has now come to pass that the State Board is not only charged with these duties but also of purchasing sites on which to build houses, fostering the Sunday school, B. Y. P. U., and W. M. U. organizations, contributing largely of its income to the support of the Children's Home, aiding students in our schools and seminaries and even of being a general collection agency and clearing house for our southwide boards.

It is the ambition of State Missions to help provide a Baptist church for every community in the state with an adequate house of worship, a capable pastor with a living salary and the church well organized, with every member enlisted and every department functioning. More than 400 of our churches in Florida were organized directly through the influence of the State Mission Board and many of our strongest churches today are fruit of the labors of some state missionary.

The past year has been one of splendid success. From the report made to last state convention we cull the following facts and figures: The State Board employed for whole or part time service 82 men, and is now aiding 142 churches and mission fields in pastoral support. Our missionaries reported 1,120 baptisms; 1,015 received by letter, and 102 by restoration, making a total of 2,225 received into the churches on our mission fields. The missionary pastors collected for missions \$7,603.23 and for church buildings \$17,555.34.

Last year Florida contributed for Home Missions \$34,821.01 and to Foreign Missions \$37,644.34. For our aged ministers through the

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Annuit Board state missions contributed \$3,754.43 and to ministerial education \$7,528.85.

Within the state the Mission board contributed to church buildings \$8,055.63 besides purchasing several valuable sites not included in these figures. This Board contributed to Stetson University \$29,565.25 and the Board, together with other agencies, contributed to the Children's Home \$35,191.74.

To the Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. departments State Missions contributed last year \$7,268.47 and to Woman's Work \$4,585.67. For missions proper out on the field the Board spent \$29,101.81.

In view of the fact that we have in Florida 102 homeless congregations and possibly more than 100 churches without pastors, and congregations calling for help and the gospel message, and thousands of people pouring into our state on every train and highway, making it exceedingly difficult for us to take care of the spiritual needs of Florida with our present forces, we call upon our people to stand by the State Mission Board and support it loyally with their prayers, their influence and their money.

Our test today is greater than ever before and every church in this Association and our state is urged to do its very best for the on-going kingdom through our organized work. Let us remember that when we give to state missions we are helping to evangelize our own state, and when we neglect state missions we are making the task laid upon us by our Master increasingly heavy for the small proportion who are working at it.

In conclusion we urge our churches to support our State Mission Board in every possible way and help it in its work of evangelization and training to the end that Florida may become a Christian State from which will flow streams of gospel influence that will uplift the whole world.

Respectfully submitted,
I. W. Wesley, T. V. McCaul, C. A. Williams, Com.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

God has blessed our work abroad. Last year was a triumphant year. The fact that our Missionaries baptized 12,135 people into the membership of our churches on our foreign fields is an achievement which should set our hearts aglow with joy.

Our educational institutions have made rapid progress together with all other departments of the work. It makes us sad to turn from such triumphs to call attention to the embarrassment of the Board of Foreign Missions. This Board reported at the last Southern Baptist Convention a debt of one million two hundred fifty thousand dollars. This trouble is not a lack of territory, the doors are open; nor is it a call for workers—we are now holding back more than one hundred volunteers who are ready to go. It seems that the hour has arrived in which we can pray as never before in behalf of our Foreign Mission situation.

Respectfully submitted,
E. A. WOOD, W. B. HICKS A. B. WEST.

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REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Your committee submits the following facts furnished by the Education Board of our Convention as the report on Education.

1. The Sixth Annual Report of the Education Board of the Southern Baptist Convention called attention to:

(a) The resignation of W. C. James as Secretary of the Board, and the election of J. W. Cammack to the office on October 1, 1924.

(b) the following encouraging figures about our schools:

Schools	Students	Property & Endowment
1900—65	11,130	\$ 7,506,091
1914—114	21,210	19,979,763
1919—119	27,000	27,856,264
1925—118	38,000	48,000,000

(c) The number of Baptist Colleges in the South to become fully accredited by the highest standardizing agencies, increased from three to thirteen in the past five years, with the prospect of five others being added to the approved list in 1925.

(d) The Southern Baptist Convention has been conducting a highly successful evangelistic work among the Indians of Oklahoma for over half a century, but has been doing nothing to educate, in a Christian school, religious leaders among the Indians. The Education Board has acquired school property worth over \$75,000, and is conducting a Baptist School and Orphanage for Indians at Okmulgee, Oklahoma. Caring for Indian orphans and training religious leaders among the converted Indians is a very important part of our Christian program. There is urgent need of scholarship funds of \$50.00 each to help care for a deserving boy or girl for nine months.

2. The Education Board arranged with the 118 Baptist Schools in the South to have a special religious service in each school at 12:00 o'clock on Wednesday, April 15th. After careful preparation these services were held at the same hour all over the South, with very definite results.

(a) Scores of students at that hour professed faith in Christ.

(b) Several hundred definitely committed themselves for special religious work.

(c) Over 20,000 students and faculty members agreed to try earnestly this summer by personal work to lead one or more persons to accept Christ. The Education Board was instructed by the Southern Baptist Convention to take steps to have a course in Stewardship introduced in all our schools.

3. The Education Board owns and operates a Southwide Summer Assembly at Ridgecrest, North Carolina. The program extends from June 16th to September. This is the place for Baptists to come from every quarter and get better acquainted. In addition to making it a place where "Recreation is Capitalized For Christ," every phase of religious activity of Southern Baptists is discussed from week to week by our ablest men and women from the South and North. \$45,000 has been spent in improvements to the property this season, and several hundred thousand more will be added in the next few years. Beginning in 1926, a Boys' Camp and a Girls' Camp will be conducted

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for six weeks. Full information may be had by writing any time during the year to the Southern Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest, North Carolina. The Education Boards owns property there consisting of 950 acres of land, hotel and auditorium and other buildings valued at \$450,000. Southern Baptists now constitute the most numerous single religious organization of evangelical Christians in the world and we need many leaders trained in our Baptist Colleges to make efficient our large numbers.

DeWitt Jackson, J. W. Norman, T. V. McCaul, Committee.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

Your committee has had opportunity to make a canvass of the conditions in our Association, and shall treat the subject in a general way. The definition of the word temperance, as we have it, is "moderation of the indulgence of the natural appetite; sobriety; abstinence from intoxicants."

From the first, our enemies of the great cause of prohibition say we must drink a little, curse a little, dance a little and we are supposed to be temperate; but we choose to stress "sobriety, abstinence from intoxicants." We find that in olden times an army and a kingdom were lost, and Israel was destroyed through drunkenness. We must and pray that we, as a nation, a state or even an Association will never have to suffer such a defeat. Therefore, be it resolved by the Santa Fe River Association, that we muster all our forces, namely: churches W. M. U.'s, B. Y. P. U.'s Sunday schools etc., and put them in full training to fight this monster evil intemperance in all its forms, some of which are illicit distilling and selling, under the well known name "bootlegging," exacting and demanding of our officers that they cease winking at and cajoling those who practice these things.

Our reason for reaching a climax with our young people is that we feel sure that right here is a great work they may do. Our young people can play the heroic part by preaching, teaching, pleading and inspiring to the end that all followers of the Lord Jesus will be free from all connection with the terrible curse. We do not believe that anyone is in the liquor business for the love of the cause, but like Demetrius, the silversmith, who made shrines for the goddess, Diana—it is "the love of money, the root of all kinds of evil." Then, again, our people realize that the men or women who buy from these vendors are accessories before and after the fact.

Respectfully submitted,

H. C. Peebles, H. C. Martin, G. W. Parker.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS

A report on periodicals would not be confined to the state paper, but begin at the source of all Christian information, the Bible, which is the source of information concerning God and his relations to mankind. The lack of Bible knowledge at the junior age, is an evident fact that our Baptist people have not the proper conception of their duty and privilege in reading and studying the Scriptures. Many of us pride ourselves that the Bible is our only rule and authority for practice, but few read their instructions. Your committee, therefore, rec-

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ommends that each one examine himself or herself in regard to this matter and make a definite program of daily Bible reading.

To supplement our Bible, we recommend the use of our S. S. periodicals as helps and interpretations, where much that we read is obscure. By these helps we may systematize our study of the Word, which must always be first and above all.

We may also lay hold upon our missionary journals as helps to the proper interpretation of the Word, as these lead our minds beyond our own surroundings to those we are called to carry this Word. Our Home and Foreign Fields and Royal service make a combination hard to be improved upon, and the reading of these journals will be illuminating upon the work of Baptists at home and abroad, and such reading should inspire our churches to greater efforts in carrying out our Lord's great commission.

The Baptist Witness is coming more and more to be the medium of informing Baptists of conditions and need in Florida, and it should be supported in such manner as will make it the ideal paper that so many Florida Baptists want it to be. We recommend that the Witness be included in the church budget of each of our churches of this Association, so that each family in each church may have a copy each week.

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. Harper, E. C. Long, James Wilkerson.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

It is gratifying to your committee on Sunday Schools to report that each of our eighteen churches of the Santa Fe River Association have and maintain a Sunday School. These schools, in accordance with all available information to your committee, are in a condition that we might term healthful. There are enrolled in these eighteen Sunday Schools around two thousand pupils.

We wish to note the progress of our Sunday Schools. To-day in Santa Fe River Association we have more and better trained teachers, more enthusiastic officers. The number of teachers taking training and the number holding Normal Course diplomas has increased. It seems that the officers of Sunday Schools have become more awakened to the purpose and aims of our Sunday Schools in their relation to the Kingdom's service, have taken on renewed interest and have realized more fully the duties, privileges, and opportunities that this organization affords.

In regard to standardization, your committee finds that Santa Fe River Association cannot yet boast of a standard Sunday School; although around fifty per cent of our schools are graded. Your committee does not mean to say that it is necessary that a school be what is known as "standard" in order to be a good school and do good work. However, your committee does believe that to standardize a school will make a good school better, and help a school, very much, that is defective. We note that several schools of our Association have met all requirement for standardization during the past year with the exception of one or two points. Schools reporting this are: Waldo, Alachua, and Eliam at Melrose, others not reporting may have done this also. The report of these show that the point most difficult to make is the required number of Bibles in the school.

This committee wishes to remind us of the all important work of the teacher in the Sunday School. While we feel that our teaching force is in better condition than previously, still this position occupies such an important place in the school, that there is further room for improvement and we urge further progress in this particular. Your committee feels that the following should be a qualification of every teacher in our Sunday Schools: First of all, the teacher should know God. Second, we believe the teacher should know the pupil. Third, we believe the teacher should know the Bible. Fourth, we believe the teacher should know something of the method of teaching. Fifth, the teacher should know and keep in mind the aims and purposes of the Sunday School. Teacher-training for the above purposes is provided by our denomination, and the work has become available for all teachers. We are glad to report that several of our schools have held teacher training classes during the year, and that these have resulted in much good. Many have attended Summer Assemblies, coming back enthused.

The motto of our Sunday School work should be "progress." We have accomplished much for the Master's cause through the Sunday School. The field is limitless. Let us have more teacher training during the ensuing year, let us have some schools that we can report standard at our next Association, and let each of our Sunday Schools have at least one or more members in our Summer Assemblies next year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. Bayless, Chairman, W. R. DuBose, Mrs. E. R. Simmons.

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. Y. P. U. CONVENTION

The fourth annual session of the Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Convention was held with the Lake Butler Baptist church on May 30 and 31, 1925. Seventeen of the eighteen churches in the Association reported. Owing to the growth of Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. work, and for the sake of greater efficiency, a motion was made and carried, that the two departments be separated.

The Sunday School work was organized with Rev. W. B. Hicks as President, and Rev. H. E. Ridenour as Secretary and Treasurer. The B. Y. P. U. work was organized with Rev. E. A. Wood as President and Mrs. L. O. Rivers as Secretary and Treasurer.

The B. Y. P. U's. of the Association were divided into three groups as follows: Group One, Lake Butler, Hampton, Waldo, Orange Heights, Eliam and Campville. Group Two, Eden, Ochvilla, Windsor, Hawthorne, Grove Park, Orange Creek and Island Grove. Group Three, Rochelle, Gainesville, Archer, Hague, Lacrosse, Alachua and High Springs.

During this session many important phases of Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. work were ably discussed by laymen, pastors and State workers, and we believe resulted in much good to our Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. work.

(Signed.)

Rev. W. B. Hicks, Pres.
H. E. Ridenour, Sec.-Treas.

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REPORT ON B. Y. P. U. WORK

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

During the past year three Unions have been organized in the Santa Fe River Association, two Seniors and one Junior. The Seniors located, one at Oehwilla, the other at Monteocha and the Juniors at Wa-do. Two churches having Senior unions during the year, report none now.

Of the eighteen churches in the Association, sixteen have Senior unions, four have both senior and junior, and the Gainesville church reports three senior unions, one intermediate and one junior. This is the only church in the Association that enjoys the distinction of an Intermediate Union.

We deplore the fact, that out of a total of twenty-five unions in the Association only one is reported as being A-1 and there is practically no increase over the enrollment one year ago.

The Alachua County Federation of B. Y. P. U.'s, organized three years ago held on the 25th of October, 1925, its regular quarterly session with the Eliam Baptist Church of Melrose at which six of the ten Unions of the Federation were represented. Instead of the usual denominational program, a representative from each union was asked to present a paper on the following questions: "Are we carrying out the purpose of the Federation?" And how can we make county organization more effective?"

Each union presented reasoned and many helpful suggestions were made which we believe when put into practice will give a greater impetus in service. The discussions culminated in a motion "that a committee composed of one representative from each Union, to convene meet in Gainesville at a special meeting in the near future, to make plans for a more effective organization, and carry out the organizing and circulation among its members of its constitution and by-laws. This motion was voted on favorably by the body.

Your committee on B. Y. P. U. work, year stressed the importance of work with our junior boys and girls. With this object in view the Federation has elected a Junior leader with an assistant, whose duty it is to try to organize junior unions where possible.

We believe the Federation when properly fostered and encouraged by the churches and pastors of this Association will prove a most valuable asset to our B. Y. P. U. work, therefore we recommend that the churches and especially the pastors give it their hearty cooperation and that all the B. Y. P. U.'s in this Association that are allowed to do so become members.

Respectfully submitted,

E. B. Perry, Chairman, S. W. Williams, M. W. Lindsey.

REPORT ON SPIRITUAL CONDITION OF THE CHURCHES

The spiritual condition of the churches, in the opinion of your committee, depends upon the attitude of the membership toward all of the organized work of the denomination.

So far as we have information, the churches are in a healthy state

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of progress. Our people stand united on the fundamentals of the faith.

The churches as a whole have entered heartily into the plan of the unified budget, and most of them have raised their quota for missions as well for all home expenses.

The reports show a healthy increase in the membership as a result of special meetings. The Sunday School work has been of special interest in many churches; study courses for special training of teachers have been conducted by the pastors and others.

The Sunday School Convention held at Lake Butler in May was a success in every way. The churches showed a fine spirit of co-operation and most all were represented.

The B. Y. P. U. of our association is in most healthy condition and the result of the work has rendered some strong workers for other departments of the church.

The Laymens work is assuming new impetus in the organization of the Evangelistic Brotherhood. This organized force of voluntary consecrated busy men has done very effective work in the various ways.

Many destitute places have been supplied, services have been held for pastors absent on their vacation. Their work has been very acceptable wherever they have gone.

Your committee would recommend that every church co-operate in this fine effort on the part of our men and that we do not cease our efforts until every church may have such an organization or have members affiliating with such organization.

Respectfully submitted

J. M. Smith, J. E. Turlington, J. O. Whitcomb, Committee.

REPORT ON THE EVANGELISTIC BROTHERHOOD

The parables of the sower, of the good samaritan, of the talents, teach, among other important lessons, Christ's condemnation of useless, indifferent persons. "Ye shall be witnesses of me in Jerusalem and in Samaria and the uttermost parts of the earth." The obligation is upon every professed Christian to serve in promoting the Kingdom, to be witnesses for Christ.

The churches have too long relied upon the ministers of the gospel and a very few faithful and active helpers to carry on the work of the churches.

Desiring to be more active and useful witnesses, the laymen of some of our churches propose a gospel brotherhood to be fostered by this association. The purpose of this brotherhood is not to supplant the laymen's movement anywhere, but in groups of three or four, as gospel teams to go to churches in the Association, or elsewhere, to testify for God and urge the unsaved to accept Christ as their Savior and Lord; to encourage a larger service and more active cooperation of all men in our churches, and to serve the pastors in their noble efforts to extend the gospel to the unsaved.

If these purposes commend themselves to this body, we ask that the Association recognize the Evangelistic Brotherhood as an organization and encourage its activities in our churches and call upon all

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laymen in this Association to enlist in more active efforts to save souls and extend the Kingdom of Christ at home and abroad.

A. A. MURPHREE, Chairman.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

We, your committee on nominations beg to make the following report, and to submit the following names for your consideration: For Executive Committeemen: E. R. Simmons, E. E. Stokes, I. W. Wesley, B. W. Cato, O. H. Cummings and the officers of the Association as ex-officio members.

Representative on State Board of Missions: T. V. McCaul. Representatives to State Convention: W. B. Hicks, E. A. Wood, E. B. Godwin, E. B. Perry, E. A. Hickson, W. H. Sealey, H. E. Ridenour, G. W. Parker, R. D. Beavis, L. Phillips.

Representative Southern Baptist Convention: A. A. Murphree, A. B. West.

To preach Introductory sermon, Rev. R. W. Davis, alternate, R. D. Beavis.

We recommend that the next session of the Association be held October 26, 27, 28, 1926, being Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, after 4th Sunday, place to be chosen by the Association before adjourning. We recommend that the clerk be paid \$25 for his services and that cost of printing minutes be defrayed by funds in the hands of Association Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

E. A. Hickson, I. S. Futch, Wm. Hawkins.

REPORT ON W. M. U.

There is always a tinge of sadness as we come to the close of an Associational year, when we take a retrospective view of what has been accomplished. So many things loom up that should have been done that were left undone. While our hearts are saddened because of so much remaining undone, we still have cause to rejoice when we begin to see how much more has been accomplished in the past year, than ever before. Much of this success was brought about by the untiring efforts of our Associational President, Mrs. O. T. Moncrief, who was always busy encouraging and urging the different Unions to strive to attain the standard of excellence. We know that her efforts were not in vain, because of the splendid reports read by our W. M. M's at our annual meeting in the First Baptist church, Alachua, Fla., October 5th.

There are nineteen churches in our Association, only ten of which have organized work among the women. Two have Y. M. A's one G. A. and one R. A. and eight have Sunbeam Bands. One hundred and ten of our women take Royal Service; fourteen World Comrades; twenty take Home and Foreign Fields and one hundred take the State paper.

We have contributed to Missions \$1,750.00; personal service \$272.00; local work \$850.50; orphanage \$129.40; and other objects \$26.32, making a total of \$2985.72.

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The demand for trained Christian workers grows greater each year. Would that the Christian women of the Santa Fe River Association would awaken to this fact. Then it might be possible for your committee to make a report that would measure up to the ideal of our Association, which is "A W. M. S. and a Sunbeam Band in every church and every woman and child a member."

In the W. M. U. graded work there is much to be done before we have attained the standard of excellence. Your committee, therefore, urges that each W. M. U. shall put forth more effort to have a G. A., R. A., and Sunbeam Band in every church so as to teach these young people, while they are in the most susceptible age, seeing to their training, religiously, for this is indeed Woman's Work. What a privilege to be laborers together with God." The greatest work ever undertaken is the world's redemption and it is in this great task that we are to so labor. So, in the language of the poet, I would ask:

"Is there room in your hearts for a greater world
Than your own little world today?
Is your love as broad as the boundless deep,
Or is it a stagnant pool under a willow tree?
How large is your heart, I pray?

Is there room in that heaven you hope to gain,
For more than your Circle, small?
Does your Christ love sin darkened souls?
The hungry and thirsty who suffer pain?
Is there room in heaven for all?

O, Christian soul, is your sight bedimmed—
Has your vision been incomplete?
If we have looked on Jesus the crucified,
Let us see the world for whose sins He died,
Help to lay it at His feet."

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. W. N. Fielding, Mrs. T. V. McCaul, Mrs. R. H. Tipton.

MINUTES OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION, SANTA FE RIVER ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the W. M. U. of Santa Fe River Association was held at Alachua, October 6th 1925, beginning at 10:00 a. m. The meeting was opened by singing, "Revive Us Again." The devotional was conducted by Mrs. Margaret Gross, president of the Gainesville W. M. S. After another song the welcome address was given by Mrs. W. N. Fielding, president of Alachua W. M. S. to which response was given by Mrs. G. W. McCall, of High Springs.

The president then gave her message whose watch word was, "Go Forward," after which she led in prayer.

A vocal solo by Miss Elizabeth Watts at this time was enjoyed by all.

Reports of Associational officers were then called for and adopted as read. Reports of societies were then given, and on motion adopted as read.

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After song, "O Zion Haste," an address was given by Mrs. N. B. O'Kelley, district vice-president. By request of the president Mrs. O. T. Moncrief, a rising vote of thanks was accorded Mrs. O'Kelley. The chairman of the various committees were then announced by the president and asked to have their meetings during the noon recess. The meeting then adjourned for lunch.

Afternoon

Session opened with a short devotional service conducted by Mrs. Dubose of Sardis church.

The report of the nominating committee was called for and read by the chairman, Mrs. G. W. McCall. On motion, the report was adopted as read and the following officers elected.

President—Mrs. O. T. Moncrief, re-elected.
Vice-President—Mrs. W. B. Alexander, re-elected.
Secretary-Treasurer—Mrs. E. G. Burke, re-elected.
Supt. of District No. 1—Mrs. I. W. Wesley, re-elected.
Supt. of District No. 2—Mrs. E. A. Wood.
Supt. District No. 3—Mrs. D. M. Tomkies, re-elected.
Young People's Leader—Miss Elizabeth Watts.
Assistant Young People's Leader—Mrs. J. F. Vagts.
Personal Service Chairman—Mrs. A. C. Strickland, re-elected.
Mission Study Librarian—Mrs. J. R. Emerson, re-elected.
Publicity Chairman—Mrs. C. F. Stevens, re-elected.
Stewardship Chairman—Mrs. Margaret Gross, re-elected.
Margaret Fund Chairman—Mrs. O. F. Cummings.
Training School Chairman—Mrs. Carl William, re-elected.
Members at Large—Mrs. J. A. Brice, Mrs. J. D. Logan.

A vocal duet was rendered by Mrs. R. A. Thigpen and Miss Henry, of Waldo, and was enjoyed by all.

The report on Obituaries was presented and read by the Chairman, Mrs. J. R. Emerson. On motion the report was adopted as read.

The committee on resolutions reported and the report was adopted as read by chairman Mrs. I. W. Wesley.

The report of Time and Place for next meeting was read by chairman, Mrs. O. F. Cummins and adopted as read.

A series of addresses was then given: The Standard of Excellence was discussed by Mrs. W. B. Alexander, and The Graded Union by Mrs. M. L. Triest. "Inspiration" was the subject of a talk by Mrs. F. J. Hammond.

Minutes were read and adopted as read.

A collection was taken for Associational expenses which amounted to \$17.40. On motion it was decided to pay \$6 toward expense of printing minutes of the Association.

A pageant put on by Gainesville W. M. S. closed the program.

Next meeting will be held the first Tuesday in October with Archer Baptist church.

Dismissed with prayer.

Mrs. E. G. Burke, Asso. Sec.

Later—at a called meeting of the Executive Committee, October 27, Mrs. I. W. Wesley was elected president, Mrs. O. T. Moncrief having resigned.

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REPORT OF SANTA FE RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, FOR YEAR ENDING, SEPTEMBER 30, 1925.

Alachua W. M. S.—Members, 28; Tithers, 1; Study courses, 1; Royal service, 10; Home and Foreign Fields, 1; Witness, 12; Apportionment, \$106.40; Week of Prayer, 13; Per. Service, \$2:10; Local, \$12.42.

Archer W. M. S.—Members, 14; Royal service, 7; Home and Foreign Fields, 1; Witness, 6; Apportionment, \$35.00.

Archer Sunbeams.—Members, 12.

Eliam W. M. S.—Members, 15; Tithers, 10; Study courses, 2; Royal Service, 14; World C., 3; Awards, 14; Witness, 8; Apportionment, \$24.00; Per. Service, 25; Local, \$179.30; Other objects, 14; Special offering, State Missions, \$35.00.

Eliam Sunbeams.

Gainesville W. M. S.—Members, 150; Tithers, 50; Study courses, 1; Circle, 6; Royal service, 25; Home and Foreign Fields, 10; World C., 3; Witness, 75; Apportionment, \$1217.00; Week of Prayer, 74; Per. Service, 35; Orphanage, 6 (898) boxes; Missionaries, 1 box; Special offering State Missions, \$95.00.

Gainesville Y. W. A.—Members, 33; Study Courses, 1; Royal Service, 5; World C., 1; Witness, 10; Week of Prayer, yes; Per. Service, \$2.00.

Gainesville G. A.—Members, 18.

Gainesville Sunbeam Band—Members, 25.

Hampton W. M. S.—Members, 12; Tithers, 1; Awards, 5; Royal Service, 6; World C., 1; Witness, 7; Apportionment, \$12.00; Per. Service, 36; Orphanage, \$15.00.

Hampton Sunbeam Band.

Hawthorne W. M. S.—Members, 40; Circles, 2; Royal Service, 19; Home and Foreign Fields, 3; Witness, 25; Week of Prayer, yes; Orphanage, 1 box.

Hawthorne Y. W. A.

Hawthorne Sunbeam Band—1 box.

High Springs W. M. S.—Members, 46; Tithers, 5; Study Course, 1; Awards, 26; Circles, 3; Royal Service, 5; World C., 1; Witness, 7; Apportionment, \$105.00; Week of Prayer, \$12.70; Per. Service, 221; Local, 302; Other objects, 56; Missionaries, 1 box.

High Springs G. A.—Members, 18.

High Springs Sunbeam Band.—Members, 15.

Island Grove W. M. S.—Members, 20; Royal Service, 5; Home and Foreign Fields, 1; World C., 4; Witness, 6; Apportionment, \$35.00; Per. Service, \$74.40; Local, \$95.00; Other objects, 6.

Lake Butler W. M. S.—Members, 20; Royal Service, 8; Home and Foreign Fields, 2; World C., 4; Witness, 12.

Lake Butler Sunbeam Band—Orphanage, \$16.40.

Waldo W. M. S.—Members, 39; Tithers, 5; Study Course, 1; Awards, 13; Royal Service, 6; Home and Foreign Fields, 2; Witness, 20; Apportionment \$25.00; Week of Prayer, 33; Per. Service, 100.

Waldo Sunbeam Band.

Societies which were received into the Association Oct. 27—Micronopy and Sardis.

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REPORT ON FINANCES

Receipts as follows:

Oct. 29, 1924, Checks, W. B. Hicks	\$40.00
Oct. 29, 1924, Checks, Gainesville	15.00
Oct. 29, 1924, Checks, Alachua	7.50
Oct. 29, 1924, Checks, Waldo	4.00
Oct. 29, 1924, Checks, Orange Heights	3.00
Oct. 29, 1924, Checks, Campville	3.00
Oct. 29, 1924, Checks, Lacrosse	1.50
Nov. 30th, 1924, Windsor, Collection	4.96
Dec. 19th, Cash, E. R. Simmons	10.00
Feb. 30th, 1925, Cash, W. B. Hicks	2.50
May, 30th, 1925, Cash, Hampton	10.67
Aug. 30th, 1925, Island Grove	6.66
Total	\$108.79

Disbursements

Oct. 24, 1924, deficit	\$18.00
March, 1925, Check sent James Bonner	1.95
March, 1925, Check sent James Bonner	2.50
March, 1925, Check sent S. B. Rogers	25.30
April 6th, 1925 Check sent J. W. Mitchell for printing minutes	96.00
Total Disbursements	\$143.75
	\$108.79

Total Deficit for 1925

(Signed)

E. E. Stokes, Treasurer.

REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS

Your Committee on Resolutions desire to present the following:

Resolved, that the Santa Fe River Association express to the First Baptist Church, Gainesville, its thanks for the gracious hospitality extended in the use of its building and accessories; to the ladies of the church, gratitude for their provision for our physical welfare; to the pastor for our comfort; to the people of the city our grateful acknowledgement of their kindnesses, and to the press our obligations for their publication of the proceedings of our body.

Resolved further that the Moderator be requested and authorized to call together the executive committee at once, for organization, and

Resolved, further, that our Moderator be instructed to urge every church in the Association to make immediate canvass for funds to make up deficit of our Associational pledge to 1925 budget.

Resolved further, that all expenses incurred by our Moderator in carrying out the above, be paid by the Association.

W. H. Sealey, J. M. Tison, Committee.

TABLE NO. 1. MEMBERSHIP AND CHURCH PROPERTY OF SANTA FE RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF FLORIDA, FOR YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 27, 1925

CHURCHES	Village, Town City or Country	When Constituted	Pastor and Post Offices	Regular Day of Meeting	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP							Revivals During Year	Observances of Lord's Supper During Year	Fam. Rec. Pap. Paper	CHURCH HOUSE AND PASTOR'S HOMES								
					Gains				Losses		Total				When Built	Materials Used	Persons Seated	Number of Rooms	Value of Church House and Grounds	Indebtedness on Property	Insurance Carried	Value of Pastor's Home	Total Value All Church Property
					Baptisms	Letters	Statements	Restorations	Letters	Exclusions													
Alachua	Town	1897	O. T. Moncrief, Alachua	All	6	6			10		205	1	18	Brick	370	14	20,000		3,000	2,500	22,500		
Archer	Town	1922	E. A. Wood, Hawthorn	1-3	11				1		101	0	12	1922 Wood	300	1	4,000	900	2,000		4,000		
Campville	Village	1892	J. M. Smith, Waldo	4	11	2	1	1			49	1		1892 Wood	200	1	2,500				2,500		
Eden	Village																					2,000	
Eliam	Village	1859	R. O. Bevis, Melrose	2-4	9	14			7	3	203	1	Quarterly	15	1859 Wood	300	1	2,000				2,000	
Grove Park																							
Gainesville	City	1870	T. V. McCaul, Gainesville	All	63	64	10		43		474	1		1924 Brick	1200	40	150,000	73,000	65,000	25,000	175,000		
High Springs	Town	1885	A. B. West, High Springs	1-2-3	34	8			3		323	1		1885 Wood		3	2,500		2,000	2,700	5,200		
Hague																						1,000	
Hampton	Town	1891	W. B. Hicks, Waldo	2-4	1	3			15		173	1	6	1891 Wood	300	1	1,000			3,500	7,000		
Hawthorn	Town	1852	E. A. Woods, Hawthorn	All	3	9	2		7		155	0	20	1852 Wood	300	1	3,500	600		3,500	7,000		
Island Grove	Village		N. B. Plummer, Anthony	4	13				10		83	1	8	Wood	250	1	1,050				1,050		
LaCrosse																						4,500	
Lake Butler	Town	1895	H. E. Ridenour, Lake Butler	1-3	14	16		1	11		130	1		1895 Wood	500	3	2,500			2,000	5,000		
Micanopy	Town	1860	J. A. Davis, Callahan	1-3					9		82	0	5	1880 Wood	300	6	5,000				2,000		
Orange Heights	Village	1913	J. N. Hayman, Orange Heights	2	2	2			1		32		4	1913 Wood	200	1	2,000				1,500		
Ochvilla	Country	1873	W. A. Hinson, Hawthorn, R. 2	2	6	4			4	2	33		5	1873 Wood	150	1	1,500				800		
Orange Creek	Country	1872	W. A. McMicken, Waldo	2	4						45	1	5	1872 Wood	300	1	1,500				1,500		
Sardis	Country	1877	H. E. Ridenour, Lake Butler	4	14	10	1		5		101	1	12	1877 Wood	200	1	1,500			1,800	5,500		
Waldo	Town	1884	W. B. Hicks, Waldo	1-3	2	10	4	1	3		191	1	12	1884 Wood	300	9	4,000	600	1,800	1,500	5,500		
Windsor	Village	1924	L. Phillips, Waldo	4	2	2	16				19		7	None								210,000	
Totals					150	35	3	130	5	22	264	10	124			84	203,050	75,100	73,800	37,200	210,000		

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Eden - J. M. Smith Hawthorn
Grove Park - W. A. Hinson Hawthorn
Hague - W. A. McMicken - Waldo
LaCrosse - H. A. McMicken

20,800
 211,000

TABLE NO. 2. FINANCES OF SANTA FE RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF FLORIDA, FOR YEAR ENDING, OCTOBER 27, 1925.

CHURCHES	Treasurers and Post Offices	FOR SUPPORT OF LOCAL CHURCH WORK										SUPPORT OF MISSIONS, EDUCATION BENEVOLENCE							
		Pastor's Salary	Other Salaries	Ministerial Help	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	Literature for Sunday Schools and B. Y. P. U.	Help Given to Local Poor	For Minutes and Clerk	Other Objects	Total Support of Local Church Work	Given Through State Executive Board	Given Through Association Mission Board	Sent Direct to Persons or Institutions	Total for Missions, Education & Benevolences	Number of Members Giving Tenth	Budget Adopted by Church	Every Member Canvas Made	Number of Members Subscribing to Budget
Alachua	I. S. Futch, Alachua	1,300.00		246.65	447.00	175.98	195.90	62.00	10.00		2437.53	529.93	63.00		592.93				
Archer	M. W. Lindsey, Archer	800.00		75.00		25.00		100.00	3.25		1003.25	75.00		75.00					
Campville	J. H. Parker, Campville	100.00			300.00	1.85			3.00		404.85								
Eden																			
Eliam	L. Price, Hawthorn, R. 2	800.00		125.00		50.00	203.00		6.00		1184.00	267.00		30.00	297.00	10	1500		
Grove Park																			
Gainesville	R. W. Hall, Gainesville	4,080.00	1,353.00		25,932.46	1082.38			20.00	1165.59	33633.43	274.29		2774.29	75	Yes	Yes	300	
High Springs	W. J. Priest, High Springs	1,250.00	180.00	225.00					5.00	62.00	1878.50								
Hague																			
Hampton	M. L. Watterson, Hampton	600.00		106.00						3.00	764.92			7.00	77.95				
Hawthorn	Miss Juce Lewis, Hawthorn	600.00			1,150.00	45.00	88.19		5.00	45.00	1933.19	164.27		12.00	176.27				
Island Grove	C. R. Abstein, Island Grove	240.00		40.00		14.00	24.79			2.20	320.99								
LaCrosse																			
Lake Butler	J. E. Maines, Lake Butler	600.00		107.50	16.30	18.00	140.00	40.00		7.00	933.80			279.62	279.62	20	Yes	50	
Micanopy	J. E. Thrasher, Micanopy	600.00				63.10				3.00	666.10			31.12	191.62	10	Yes		
Orange Heights	Mrs. J. N. Hayman, Or. Hgts.	48.23					29.90				78.13			4.13		5			
Ochvilla	T. T. Jerkins, Hawthorn	110.30					29.00				143.30	185.32		28.05	213.37	4	Yes	Yes	
Orange Creek	H. T. Ertle, Lochloosa	120.00									122.00								
Sardis	S. W. Dubose, Worthington	180.00		78.15	45.90	4.00	25.60			2.50	336.15	124.00		124.00	1	Yes	Yes	27	
Waldo	Mrs. L. B. Alexander, Waldo	900.00		200.00	800.00	36.00	125.00			10.00	2146.00	364.11		25.00	389.11	5	Yes	Yes	100
Windsor	Sidney Nichols, Windsor	41.50									41.50						Yes	Yes	19
Totals		12,250.03	1,533.00	1,203.30	28,691.66	1515.31	1073.80	202.00	77.75	1357.79	4904.64	4719.50	63.00	412.79	5195.29	130			496

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TABLE NO. 3 SUNDAY SCHOOLS OF SANTA FE RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF FLORIDA, FOR YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 27, 1925.

CHURCHES	Village, Town City or Country.	Superintendents and Post Offices	Secretaries and Post Offices	SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT										SPECIAL INFORMATION							
				Officers and Teachers	Beginners, 3-5 years	Primaries, 6-8 years	Juniors, 9-12 years.	Intermediates 13-16	Seniors and Adult	Cradle Roll Under 3	Home Department	Total Enrollment	Average Attendance?	Is the School Graded?	Is it Standard A-1	Teachers Holding Normal Diplomas	Baptisms from School	Gifts to Local Church Work	Gifts to Missions, Orphanage, etc.	Does Church House Provide for all Departments and Classes?	
Alachua	Town	C. A. Williams, Alachua	S. T. Fowler, Alachua	15	14	11	10	14	36			100		Yes	No		6	83.50	100.50	Yes	
Archer	Town	H. H. Simmons, Archer	O. F. Cummings, Archer	9	24	12	15	6	38			104		No	No	3	14	139.02	35.00	No	
Campville	Village	E. E. Stokes, Campville	Franklin Parker, Campville	6	15	13	0	12	16			62		No	No	0	4			No	
Eden	Country																				
Elam	Town	E. B. Perry, Hawthorn	I. C. Robinson, Melrose	13	14	17	19	21	65	7	12	168	94	Yes	No	5	9	178.20	79.73	No	
Grove Park																					
Gainesville	City	E. R. Simmons, Gainesville	B. C. Fryer, Gainesville	60	41	65	120	81	425	61	40	893		Yes	No	27	25	720.47	110.90	Yes	
High Springs	Town	S. W. Williams, High Springs	J. B. Meadows, High Springs	10	15	18	30	20	40			133		No	No	1	17	34.00	15.18	No	
Hague																					
Hampton	Town	T. M. Faver, Hampton		9	7	10	17	20	24			87		No	No			24.25		No	
Hawthorn	Town	W. B. Adkins, Hawthorn	F. W. Tyson, Hawthorn	8	0	25	12	15	44			104	59	No	No		2	125.19	19.00	No	
Island Grove	Village	H. C. Martin, Island Grove																			
LaCrosse																					
Lake Butler	Town	N. E. Roberts, Lake Butler	H. L. Fowler, Lake Butler	16	12	15	14	30	30			117		Yes	No	10	12	150.00	25.00	No	
Micanopy	Town	A. D. Williams, Micanopy	Mrs. Belle Dailey, Micanopy	10	12	7	6	5	16	3		59		No	No					Yes	
Orange Heights	Village	J. N. Haymon, Orange Heights	Miss Florence Brown, Orange Hgts.	9	8	8	14	7	21			67		Yes	No	1	1	4.13		Yes	
Ochvilla	Country	W. G. Merriman, Hawthorn	Cleveland Hammontree, Hawthorn	7	3	2	4	12	12			40		No	No		6			No	
Orange Creek																					
†Sardis	Country	J. T. Seegar, Dukes	Hilda Mae Collins, Worthington	10	3	6	9	15	23			66		Yes	No	2	10			Yes	
Waldo	Country	I. W. Wesley, Waldo	C. L. Walden, Waldo	13	15	26	32	26	72	30	12	226		Yes	No	5	8	50.00	8.93	Yes	
Windsor																					
†—Report received at close of meeting; not included in Digest of Church Letters				Totals	195	183	235	302	284	802	101	64	2226				54	114	1508.76	394.24	

TABLE NO. 4. B. Y. P. U. AND W. M. U. WORK OF SANTA FE RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF FLORIDA, FOR YEAR ENDING, OCTOBER 27, 1925.

CHURCHES	President of B. Y. P. U.'s and Post Offices	THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK										THE WOMAN'S WORK												
		Senior Unions	Intermediate Unions	Junior Unions	Total Unions	Seniors Enrolled	Intermediates Enrolled	Juniors Enrolled	Total Enrolled	Reaching A-1 Standard	Daily Bible Readers	Taking Study Courses.	Total Systematic Givers in all Unions	President and Leaders of Woman's Organizations and P. O.	Missionary Societies	Number of Y. W. A.'s.	Number of G. A.'s.	Number of R. A.'s.	Number of Sunbeams	W. M. U. Organizations	Mission Study Courses	Gifts to Local Church Work	Gifts to Missions and Benevolences	Total Gifts For All Purposes
Alachua	Mrs. Vera Williams, Alachua	1			1	35		35			2	20	Mrs. R. R. Joiner, Alachua	1						12	12.45	106.40	118.85	
Archer	Truman Simmons, Archer	1	1		2	37		21	58		13	20	Mrs. M. W. Lindsey, Archer	1				2		2	101.00	66.57	167.57	
Campville	Franklin Parker, Campville	1			1																			
Eden																								
Elam	Miss Maude Coward, Melrose	1			1	38		38		24	28	28	Mrs. S. Coward, Melrose	1				1	2	15	179.30	98.15	277.45	
Grove Park		1			1																			
Gainesville	H. E. Hudson, U. of F.	3	1	1	5	150	36	186		50	20		Mrs. Margaret Gross	1	1	1			3	12		1819.00	1819.00	
High Springs	Theresa Hardin	1			1								Mrs. A. C. Knight, High Spgs.	1	1			1	3	21	302.90	155.62	458.52	
Hague																								
Hampton	H. Durden, Hampton	1			1	35		35					Mrs. Ada Alexander	1					1	2	36.15	58.55	94.70	
Hawthorn	Miss Ozelle Puckette	1			1	30		30		15	17	20	Mrs. F. J. Hammond	1					1	2	184.10	25.27	209.37	
Island Grove	Laura Revels	1			1																			
LaCrosse																								
Lake Butler	Mrs. L. O. Rivers	1		1	2	27		15	42		30	24	Mrs. J. E. Maines, Lake Butler	1					1	2	94.75	35.62	130.37	
Micanopy													Mrs. J. W. Smith	1						1		90.71	90.71	
Orange Heights																								
Ochvilla	Mrs. Ada Smith, Hawthorn	1			1	22		22		3	12													
Orange Creek																								
†Sardis		1			1	40		40		23	7	22	Mrs. W. R. Dubose, Dukes	1						1				
Waldo		1		1	2	38		30	68		46	20	Mrs. J. L. McCauley, Waldo	1					1	2	14	85.00	63.00	148.00
Windsor																								
†—Report received at close of meeting		Totals	16	1	4	21	452	36	66	554	1	206	108	137	11	1	2	0	7	20	74	995.65	2518.89	6017.51

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TABLE NO. 5. REPORT ON DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS OF SANTA FE RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION YEAR ENDING, OCTOBER 27, 1925.

NAME OF CHURCH	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Received by Statement	Received by Restoration	Total Additions	Losses by Letter	Losses by Exclusion	Losses by Death	Total Losses	Membership Last Year	Present Membership	Increase	Decrease	Value of Church Property	Value of Parsonage	Total Value of Church Property	Support of Local Church	Support of Missions	Total Contributions	Sunday School Enrollment	Total Contributions	
	Alachua	6	6	1	1	12	10	1	1	10	203	205	2	---	20,000	2,500	22,500	2,437.53	592.93	3,030.46	100	3,030.46
Archer	11	2	1	1	12	1	1	1	1	90	101	11	---	4,000	---	4,000	1,003.25	75.00	1,078.25	104	1,078.25	174.02
Campville	11	2	1	1	15	1	1	1	2	36	49	13	---	2,500	---	2,500	404.85	---	404.85	62	404.85	---
Gainesville	63	64	10	1	137	43	1	4	47	674	764	90	---	175,000	25,000	175,000	33,633.43	2,774.29	36,407.72	893	36,407.72	831.37
Hampton	1	3	4	1	4	15	1	1	16	185	173	---	12	1,000	---	1,000	764.92	77.95	842.87	87	842.87	24.25
Hawthorne	3	9	2	1	14	7	1	2	9	150	155	5	---	3,500	---	3,500	1,933.19	176.27	2,109.46	104	2,109.46	144.19
High Springs	34	8	3	3	42	10	1	2	5	286	323	37	---	2,500	2,700	5,200	1,878.50	---	1,878.50	133	1,878.50	49.18
Island Grove	13	13	10	1	13	10	1	1	10	80	83	3	---	1,000	---	1,000	320.99	---	320.99	No S Report	320.99	---
Lake Butler	14	16	1	1	31	11	1	1	12	111	130	19	---	2,000	2,000	4,000	933.80	279.62	1,213.42	117	1,213.42	175.00
Melrose	9	14	7	1	23	7	3	3	13	193	203	10	---	2,000	---	2,000	1,184.00	997.00	1,481.00	168	1,481.00	277.93
Micanopy	6	4	4	1	10	4	2	4	6	95	82	---	13	5,000	---	5,000	666.10	191.62	857.72	59	857.72	---
Ochawilla	8	10	4	1	23	3	2	2	5	173	191	18	---	1,500	1,500	3,000	142.30	213.37	355.67	40	355.67	---
Waldo	2	2	16	3	20	3	1	1	5	0	19	19	---	4,000	---	4,000	2,146.00	389.11	2,535.11	226	2,535.11	58.93
Windsor	181	138	34	3	356	124	5	21	150	2305	2511	231	25	199,550	37,200	236,750	47,490.36	5,067.16	52,557.52	2093	52,557.52	1,898.87
Totals	181	138	34	3	356	124	5	21	150	2305	2511	231	25	199,550	37,200	236,750	47,490.36	5,067.16	52,557.52	2093	52,557.52	1,898.87

†—On New Buildings, \$25,932.46.

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