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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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OFFICERS OF ASSOCIATION

Ε.	R.	Simmons, Moderator	Gainesville
A.	L.	Proctor, Clerk	Alachua
E.	E.	Stokes, Treasurer	Campville

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 descretion can seat any other members of that church as Messengers until the pro rata share of messengers of that church has been supplied.
- 3. The object of this Association shall be the union 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 history, and by whom organized. Any church coming from

another Association may become a member of this Association by presenting petitionary letter, accompanied by a letter of dismission from the Association from whence it comes.

- 6. This Association admits the right of any of the churches comprising it to withdraw by application for a letter without assigning any reason for so doing. At the same time, this Association claims the right to withdraw from any church which departs from the principles of this compact by becoming heterodox in faith or disorderly in practice.
- 7. This Association shall be deemed an advisory council, and shall traet 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 letter—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-five 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 Words of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.
 - Art. 3. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.
- Art. 4. We believe that man is elected to salvation through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and is justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Christ.
- Art. 5. We believe in man's inability to save himself from the fallen state from which he is, either by nature or by his own free will.
- Art. 6. We believe that man must repent to God alone for the sins he has committed.
- Art. 7. We believe in the doctrine of regeneration by the Holy Spirit.
- Art. 8. We believe that santification 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 espistles 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, 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 in 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 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 ad-

monish each other as occasion may require. That we will not forsake the assembling 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 care 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 wordly 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 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 into 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.

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n-W. M. U.

o-Finance.

p-Resolutions.

q-Tithing.

8. Miscellaneous Business.

9. Adjournment.

OFFICERS OF ASSOCIATION AUXILIARIES ANNUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

President—Rev. W. J. Meade	Alachua,	Fla.
Secretary-Treasurer—S. W. Williams	Gainesville,	Fla.
B. Y. P. U. Federation		

President—Miss Ruth Roberts Worthington, Fla. Secretary—Mrs. Everet Robinson Gainesville, Fla.

Evangelistic Brotherhood

President—W. M. Bullard Gainesville, Fla. Secretary-Treasurer—J. H. Blackman Gainesville, Fla.

W. M. U.

President—Mrs. E. A. McDowell Lake Butler, Fla. Vice-President—Mrs. T. D. Denman McIntosh, Fla. Secretary-Treasurer—Mrs. J. E. Maines Lake Butler, Fla.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Bugg, R. W., Member	High Springs
Cleveland, J. F., Member	
Core, J. W., Member	Alachua
Denman, T. D., Pastor (Melrose)	McIntosh
Dicks, Jno., Pastor	Lake City
Hayman, J. N. Member	Orange Heights

Hemingway, L. G., Pastor Herndon, Grady, Pastor Hague	19 28 AVA
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Hinson, W. A., Sr., Member	Alachua
Lewis, J. M. Pastor	Waldo
Matchet, C. J., Pastor	Edgar
Meade, W. J. Pastor	Alachua
McCaul, T. V., Pastor	
McDowell, E. A., Pastor	
McMichen, W. A., Member	
Norris, J. L., Pastor	Lacrosse
Proctor, A. L., Member	Alachua
Proctor, S. S., Member	Lake Butler
Ridenour, H. E., Pastor	Gainesville
Smith, J. M., Pastor	Waldo
Taylor, F. M., Member	
Thomas, F. H. Member	
Waller, R. D., Pastor	High Springs
Ware, G. W. S., Member	
West, A. B., Member	
Harvey, Walter, Member	
Overhultz, J. W., Member	
Driggers, Chas., Member	
King, N. T.	
Moore, J. C., Pastor	Hawthorn

ASSOCIATION DIRECTORY OFFICERS

E.	R.	Simmons, Moderator	Gainesville,	Fla.
A.	L.	Proctor, Clerk	Alachua,	Fla.
E.	E.	Stokes, Treasurer	Campville,	Fla.

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H. J. Babees	Gainesville,	Fla.
	Hawthorn,	Fla.
Dr. C. L. Pridgen	Waldo,	Fla.

Committees Appointed to Report at Next Session

Baptist Children's Home—J. L. Norris, Lacrosse, Fla. B. Y. P. U.—Dr. B. P. Harter, Gainesville, Fla. W. M. U.—Mrs. E. A. McDowell, Lake Butler, Fla. Sunday School—Rev. W. J. Meade, Alachua, Fla. Christian Education—Dr. T. R. Leigh, Gainesville, Fla. Obituaries—C. A. Williams, Alachua, Fla. Publication—Rev. J. M. Lewis, Waldo, Fla. Spiritual Condition of Church—Rev. R. D. Walker, High Springs, Fla.

Temperance—Dr. T. V. McCaul, Gainesville, Fla. State Mission—Rev. E. G. Diamond, Micanopy, Fla. Home Missions—Rev. J. C. Moore, Hawthorn, Fla. Foreign Mission—Rev. J. M. Lewis, Waldo, Fla. Nominations—O. F. Cummings, Archer, Fla. Resolutions—Rev. Grady Herndon, Lacrosse, Fla.

CHURCH CLERKS

Alachua-Mrs. Clara Futch Stevens	Alachua, Fla.
Archer—Carl W. Moore	Archer, Fla.
Campville-Mrs. B. C. Johnson	Campville, Fla.
Eden—B. F. Minton	Hawthorn, Fla.
Eliam-Mrs. H. F. Preston	Melrose, Fla.
Gainesville-L. B. Rivers	Gainesville, Fla.
Hampton-O. L. Harrison	Hampton, Fla.
Hague—James Cox	Gainesville, Fla.
Hawthorn—W. B. Adkins	Hawthorn, Fla.
High SpringsR. J. Osteen	High Springs, Fla.
Island Grove—C. R. Abstein	Island Grove, Fla.
Lacrosse—Mrs. A. G. Cason	Lacrosse, Fla.
Lake Butler—E. W. Wilkinson	Lake Butler, Fla.
Micanopy-Mrs. D. E. Jones	Micanopy, Fla.
Ochwilla-B, A. Barrington, Jr.	

Orange Heights-H. E. Ridenour, Jr.	Gainesville,	Fla.
Sardis—R. B. Warren	Dukes,	Fla.
Waldo—I. W. Wesley	Waldo,	Fla.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS

Alachua—C. A. Williams	Alachua, Fla.
Archer—Carl W. Moore	Archer, Fla.
Campville—E. E. Stokes	Campville, Fla.
Eden—W. A. Jones	
Eliam—E. B. Perry	Hawthorn, Fla.
Gainesville-E. R. Simmons	Gainesville, Fla.
Hague—T. J. Hamm	Alachua, Fla.
Hampton-O. L. Harrison	Hampton, Fla.
Hawthorn-J. O. Whitcomb	Hawthorn, Fla.
High Springs-B. J. Meadows	High Springs, Fla.
Island Grove—S. C. Hayman	Island Grove, Fla.
Lacrosse—T. R. Parker	Lacrosse, Fla.
Micanopy-D. E. Jones	Micanopy, Fla.
Ochwilla-W. G. Merriman	Hawthorn, Fla.
Orange HeightsMiss Maude Bender	Earlton, Fla.
Sardis-G. W. S. Ware	Worthington, Fla.
Waldo—I. W. Wesley	Waldo, Fla.

B. Y. P. U. PRESIDENTS

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Archer,	Fla.
Campville,	Fla.
Melrose,	Fla.
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Gainesville,	Fla.
Hawthorn,	Fla.
High Springs,	Fla.
Lacrosse,	Fla.
	Alachua, Archer, Campville, Melrose, ck, Gainesville, Hawthorn, High Springs, Lacrosse,

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Lake Butler—Mrs. E. E. Shallar Micanopy—No Union.	Lake Butler, Fla.
Orange Heights-Maude Bender	Earlton, Fla.
Sardis—Miss Mamie Joe Warren	Dukes, Fla.
Waldo—Miss Ruth E. Lewis	Waldo, Fla.

W. M. U. PRESIDENTS

Alachua—Mrs. Frank Lyman Archer—Mrs. C. E. Cummings	Alachua, Fla. Archer, Fla.
Campville—No Organization.	
Eden—No Organization.	
Eliam—Mrs. S. W. Coward	Melrose, Fla.
Gainesville—Mrs. J. F. Moore	Gainesvile, Fla.
Hague—No Organization.	
Hampton—Mrs. A. A. Durden	
Hawthorn—Mrs. F. W. Tyson	Hawthorn, Fla.
High Springs—Mrs. L. E. McCall	High Springs, Fla.
Island Grove—Mrs. Clara Martin	Island Grove, Fla.
Lacrosse—Mrs. A. G. Cason	Lacrosse, Fla.
Lake Butler—Mrs. E. A. McDowell	Lake Butler, Fla.
Micanopy—Mrs. J. E. Thrasher, Jr.,	
Ochwila—Mrs. Ida Barrington	Hawthorn, Fla.
Orange Heights-No Organization.	
Sardis—Mrs. R. B. Warren	Dukes, Fla.
Waldo—Mrs. L. B. Alexander	Waldo, Fla.

Y. W. A. COUNSELORS

Archer—Mrs. O. F. Cummings	Archer, Fla.
Gainesville—Mrs. Everett Robinson	Gainesville, Fla.
Hawthorn—Mrs. M. F Hazen	Hawthorn, Fla.

G. A. LEADERS

Archer-Mrs. J. M. Simmons	Archer,	Fla
Hawthorn-Miss Doris Smith	Hawthorn,	
Eliam—Mrs. T. D. Denman	McIntosh,	
Gainesville—Mrs. B. A. Stevens	Gainesville.	

R. A. LEADERS

·Eliam—Rev. T. D. Denman	_ McIntosh,	Fla.
Gainesville—Mrs. J. E. Turlington	Gainesville,	Fla.
Hawthorn—Mr. B. K. Wheeler	Hawthorn,	Fla.

SUNBEAM LEADERS

Eliam—Mrs. I. C. Robinson	Melrose,	Fla.
Gainesville—Mrs. Will Lucious	Gainesville,	
Hawthorn—Mrs. W. O. Bennett	Hawthorn,	Fla.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

of the

SEVENTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION OF THE SANTA FE RIVER ASSOCIATION

Held With The

SARDIS BAPTIST CHURCH NEAR WORTHINGTON SPRINGS, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, OCT. 29-30, 1929

Tuesday, Oct. 29, 1929

- 1. The 73rd Annual Session of the Santa Fe River Baptist Association convened with the Sardis Baptist church near Worthington Springs, Tuesday, at 10 o'clock, Oct. 29,1929.
- 2. The Moderator, E. R. Simmons called the Association to order.
- Devotional service was conducted by Rev. T. D. Denman of McIntosh.
- 4. The address of welcome was delivered by Rev. John Dicks, pastor of the church, and was responded to by the Moderator.
- 5. Petitionary letters were called for, but none were presented.
- 6. The courtesy of the convention was then extended to visitors from other Associations and Rev. S. S. Proctor of New River and several others whose names the Clerk failed to get were welcomed.
- 7. The Moderator next called for the church letters and messengers were enrolled.
- 8. The Association then proceeded with the election of officers with the following results: E. R. Simmons, Moderator; A. L. Proctor, Clerk and E. E. Stokes, Treasurer.
- 9. On motion the chair was instructed to appoint a committee of three on Digest of Church Letters. Brethren Denman, Lewis and Fowler were appointed.

10. At 11 o'clock Rev. R. D. Walker of High Springs, preached the introductory sermon from Acts 1-11, "Ye Men of Galilee, Why Stand Ye Gazing into the Heavens?". Brother Walker handled his subject well and made a fine impression on his audience. He stressed the fact that there is no time for Christians to stand gazing into the sky, but should all be busy in carrying out the great commission. A most excellent sermon.

Recess for dinner.

- 12. The good ladies of the church had prepared a bountiful feast of everything to tempt the appetite of the most fastidious.
- 13. The Association re-assembled at 1:30, and Rev. J. L. Norris conducted the devotional and gave us a most inspiring talk.
- 14. Dr. W. A. Hobson of Stetson University, was recognized in the audience and given the floor. He delivered a wonderful address on Christian Education, and proved that we have a most valuable asset in Stetson, and that every Baptist should send his boys and girls there for their higher education. Hobson was at his best.
- 15. The report of W. M. U. was then called for and was submitted by Mrs. J. F. Moon. The report was spoken to by Mrs. Moon, Rev. S. S. Proctor and others. The report adopted.
- 16 The report on the Baptist Orphanage at Arcadia was next read by Mrs. C. A. Williams and spoken to by Rev. Walter Meade. Report adopted.

Report of E. E. Stokes, treasurer, read by Bro. E. R. Simmons, and adopted.

Report on Obituaries read by Bro. L. Price.

Memorial service.

Adjourned until 7:15.

The Association met promptly at 7:15, and the Moderator being delayed, the Clerk called the body to order, and on motion of Bro. Denman, Rev. Grady Herndon was elected tempopary chairman and proceeded with the program after a song service conducted by Bro. Denman.

Bro. W. M. Bulard, who was to report on the Evangelistic Brotherhood not being present the report on B. Y. P. U., was called for. Mrs. Everet Robinson submitted an interesting report and was discussed by her and Miss Ruth Roberts. The report was adopted.

At this time Brother Simmons arrived and took the chair. He called on Bro. Williams of Gainesville to report on the Evangelistic Brotherhood. He outlined the work of the Brotherhood and some of the results the past year. Report adopted.

Report on Sunday Schools was read by Rev. Grady Herndon and was discussed by Professor Garwood of Stetson. Bro. Simmons also at this time took occasion to make some timely remarks on the subject. Report adopted.

Adjourned until 9:30 Wednesday a. m.

Wednesday, 9:30 A. M.

Devotional conducted by Rev. Grady Herndon.

Association was called to order by the Moderator and the report on Temperance called for. Bro. William Hawkins read and discussed the report. The report was adopted.

Motion was made and carried that Bro. Hawkins submit a copy to the Baptist Witness for publication. A fine report indeed.

At this time the following visitors were introduced: Dr. C. M. Brittain and wife; Mr. J. L. Johnston, editor of the Witness; Pastor W. C. Sale of Jacksonville; Rev. Gable of Gainesville and others whose names the clerk failed to catch.

The report on State Missions was next called for and was submitted by Rev. John Dix of Lake City. Report adopted.

Report on Foreign Missions called for and read by our beloved Dr. T. V. McCaul. He spoke to the report. Dr. Mc-Caul was at his best. He gave us a soul inspiring address. He made us feel that our past efforts had been but feeble and inefficient, and instilled into us a desire to make greater sacrifices and give nobler service in the future. He said that Christ did His very best when He died on the cross, and then paused to ask: are we doing our best? We hope that this appeal will linger long in our memories and inspire us to greater consecration and service for our Lord and Master. God he praised for such noble spirts.

Report on Home Missions read by Rev. W. J. Meade of Alachua and discussed by him. A fine report. Report adopted.

Bro. Johnston, the Witness editor, was given a short period at this time to introduce his paper. He made a fine impression on his audience and gave some excellent reasons why every church member should read the Witness.

Dr. C. M. Brittain, our beloved State Mission secretary, was then called to the floor and gave us a soul stirring message which was a challenge to every Christian to co-operate to the fullest in all our kingdom work.

Adjourned for dinner.

Afternoon Session, Wednesday, 1:30

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. W. C. Sale of Jacksonville, after which the Association was called to order by the Moderator, and Deacon J. H. Mitchell of Temple Baptist church of Wilmington, N. C., was recognized and introduced to the audience.

The subject of Christian Education was next called for at this time and Dr. C. L. Pridgen, M. D., read a most excellent report and Prof. Garwood of Stetson spoke on the subject. His address on Stetson University should convince every Florida Baptist that this is the place to educate their boys and girls. Prof. Garwood answered several questions from the audience and everyone was satisfied that our church has a very valuable asset in this institution.

At this time Dr. Brittain was called to the platform to represent Bro. W. D. Upchurch, who was crowded off the program yesterday and could not remain for today.

Dr. McCaul made a motion that the chair appoint a committee to prepare a statistical table in black-board form to be displayed at the next meeting of the Association. Motion car-

ried.

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The report on Religious Publications submitted by T. D. Denman and spoken to by him. The report adopted.

Report on Spiritual condition of church read by Rev. J. M. Lewis. Report adopted.

Report of Committee on Nominations appended.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

We the committee on Resolutions, submit the following report:

1.—Whereas an effort is being made, led by Dr. C. M. Brittain to have each Association of the state hold its annual meeting at a time when it will not conflict with the annual meeting of another Association of said state: therefore be it resolved that Association co-operate in this effort, and that we do change our time of meeting to agree with the proposed schedule for 1930.

2.—Whereas, our Foreign Mission Board has adopted a policy of selling of pieces of property on various foreign fields in order to reduce the debt of the board, and whereas we believe such a policy to be unwise except in extreme cases. Therefore, be it resolved that we protest our boards selling any property unless local conditions make it wise to do so.

3.—Resolved that the clerk of each church submit a financial report to the moderator to be placed on a black-board at the meeting of the Association.

4.—Resolved that the delegates and visitors to this Association desire to express their heartfelt thanks to the good people of Sardis church for the splendid hospitality extended us on this occasion, and pray God's continued blessing on them in their work.

(Signed) E. A. McDOWELL.

The church at Hampton extended an invitation for the Association to meet with them next year. Invitation accepted.

After singing "Blessed Be the Tie" and prayer by Rev. E. A. McDowell, meeting adjourned to meet with Baptist church at Hampton, Nov. 4th and 5th, 1930.

E. R. SIMMONS, Moderator. A. L. PROCTOR, Clerk,

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS

Report on Publications for Santa Fe River Baptist Association, at annual gathering, Sardis Baptist Church, Oct. 29-30. To be thoroughly interested in any particular line of Christian endeavor there must of necessity be information regarding it. One cannot be expected to manifest much concern about that of which he knows very little. So may we expect the work of our churches to prosper in its various avenues of endeavor, only according to knowledge possessed by the members. The duty then of pastors and workers is to impart this information. One splendid medium by which this may be disseminated is that of our denominational press. We cannot fully estimate the value of Baptist literature. Through this source much information of our Baptist work is given to the people which in turn incites personal interest, stimulation and development.

Who can estimate the value of the press in the work of the churches? The weekly visit of our state paper, and the coming of the monthly magazines, freighted with living vital messages describing our work at home and abroad, telling of the lost millions. and their great needs, of the problems confronting our boards and workers prove very often to be a stimulus to greater interest and effort on our part. Thus the indifferent soul has often been awakened, a broader vision imparted, and the selfish one brought to a sense of personal responsibility before God and the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Regarding our publications we mention first, our own state paper, The Florida Baptist Witness: what real Baptist can afford to be without it. It should be in every Baptist home in the state. It is worth while and would that it were possible for every church to put this in their annual budget. Let us help to circulate it. We feel that next comes that wonderful missionary magazine. Home and Foreign Field. What a stimulating effect it has upon its readers! What knowledge regarding all our missionary fields; by it we are enabled to keep in touch with every department.

And when we are able to obtain such a wonderful magazine for the small sum of only \$1.00 per year, it seems as though all might possess it. Personally let me say that whenever I read it there comes to me a sense of shame that I do not accomplish more: and I also have a deeper appreciation of the noble workers out on

these great fields of the world. Will not more of you subscribe for it? The Royal Service has proven a great help among women and they push its circulation well. Our other magazine for girls and boys in their work are very helpful. May I also emphasize our Baptist Sunday School literature? I do not believe that we as Baptists realize fully, or half appreciate this; the great publishing plant in Nashville, Tennessee, has no equal of its kind in the This statement was recently made to me by one who has been engaged in denomination work in another country for many years: he visited our plant at Nashville, and came away saying that he had never seen its equal. Time will not permit us to speak of all our literature as we would like to do, but we do urge the attention of all Baptist to secure as much of it as you possibly can, read and digest it, and we are sure that through its influence those who do so will become better informed, more sincere in service, manifesting a spirit of greater activity than ever before.

Respectfully submitted,

T. D. DENMAN.

Chairman of Committee.

REPORT ON BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME, ARCADIA

The Baptist are to be heartily commended on the extensive and excellent work they are doing through the Orphanage at Arcadia, including dormitories, living quarters, school, laundry, work and repair shops, also a printery where the older children are taught the art of printing.

There are now 175 children who are being prepared for useful lives. They have a poultry farm, hogs, and cows, kept at the farm for the purpose of training the boys and girls in animal husbandry.

The Institution deserves the name of home, both spiritually and physically.

MRS. C. A. WILLIAMS, Chairman

REPORT ON STEWARDSHIP

Christian Stewardship as practiced and proclaimed from the average Baptist Church, or by the average Christian layman, is such a neglected element of worship until a report of such would be hardly feasible: Hence, a report on Stewardship as taught in God's word, freighted with the necessary tithe element, will prob-

ably give room for more serious thought.

Stewardship involves the actual payment of money into our church and is the prime and greatest reason why Christian laymen do not indulge more in the study and practice of Stewardship. Say what you please, it is the selfishness and "love of money" that prompts our NOT WANTING to know more of God's word on Stewardship, for we KNOW that rendering the tithe of our income is the very FIRST obligation of Stewardhip; for it is the obligation of honor.

Stewardship begins with the acknowledgement of God the owner, for human stewardship is the necessary correlate of divine ownership. In some sense, human intuition IS that the Creator of all things is the owner of all things, and yet, unaided, the human instinct will not discover Stewardship; there MUST be that intelligent material acknowledgment of the fact that we recognize God's ownership of the "earth and the fullness thereof."

And the meaning of all this is more clearly seen in the Hebrew scriptures. Beginning at creation's dawn and is eternal.

Stewardship is FIRST of all a CALL to the higher decision to place God first in our lives and hearts; and SECOND, Stewardship is the movtivating, dynamic power necessary to produce VISION and consecration for our part in the world-wide Christian conquest; hence

Stewardship of the entire life is the end of the vision, and yet, that definite, material acknowledgment of the tithe of our income is an ABSOLUTE necessary requirement *IF* Stewardship is to be more than SOUND. The two go hand in hand; inseperable.

Further, the tithe, paid through loving recognition to God of our Stewardship, is the KEY to our spiritual growth in ALL the other Christian graces; the remedy for all spiritual ill's and the remedy for our material prosperity as well.

The prayer-filled, tithe-practiced stewardship will lift the church to a new and permanent level of spiritual life; larger and more complete than the bald legalism of the tithe, and larger and more complete than the sophistry of the "average Christian" who is always ready to acknowledge ONLY IN WORDS, that "all that I have belongs to God."

Lip service, not backed up with that definite material check

or cash, are all bosh. The insincere man himself doesn't believe his own vain words, nor does his neighbor or God pay any attention to him. Please never make such an acknowledgment unless you are willing to write it on paper and attach thereto a tithe check, and then do that on every "First Day of the Week."

Stewardship-tithing is an act of worship, and when we pay it fifty-two (52) times a year we have the great joy of this worship fifty-one times more often than if we only paid it once-a-year.

Note these facts:

1. God could place no more reasonable acknowledgment than the tithe.

2. The tithe has a vital background in Old Testament teachings and taught in New Testament.

3. The U. S. Government allows the tithe reduction from our income tax provided, however, we actually pay it. And just "subscribing" it is not "paying" it by any means. Don't kid yourself.

4. The tithe conception and acceptance brings to that life, whoever it is, added pep, and zest, and joy and spiritual enlargement beyond successful contradiction.

5. The revival of the tithe-practiced Stewardship today will bring every other needed blessing to the Church of the Living God.

6. If Christian laymen would get away from that base notion that God, or even the church, begs "their money" (because God is no beggar), but that they need to pay it because God says so, and kingdom work depends upon it, and because God has already ordained its distribution for the maintenance and promotion of PURE worship among men. If we would realize that, and act accordingly, we would THEN begin to see the end of VISION; namely, to make God and His kingdom First in our lives and first in our thoughts and prayers. And know YE, that "all other things would be added unto" us.

We can not play ignorance of God's Word. We have the Scripture and thousands upon thousands of good books, and text books, on the teachings of the pure word and worship, and there's no excuse except pure laziness coupled with the fact that we DO NOT WANT to KNOW the teachings.

'All scripture, given by inspiration of God, profitable for

doctrine reproof, correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

In the Hebrew scriptures the germinal roots and growth of religious ideas, doctrines and ordinances are unfolded in a progressive revelation; and all the history and Jewish genius embodied in Old Testament is the literary background of the New Ttestament.

And we need to know all these things leading toward the climax and culmination of the Old Testament in the New Testament; for the supreme connection between the old and New is that the sacrifices of the old pre-figure the supreme sacrifice of the Cross.

And the fact that Christ. His apostles and ALL the New Testament writers appeal to Moses and the prophets to confirm their New Testament teachings: and the fact the Book of Hebrews has for its special object the demonstration that the Old Testament dispensation is more gloriously fulfilled in the new dispensation of the Gospel of Christ: and yet, knowing all this as we should, we fling such facts to the wind and say we are no longer bound by the fundamental law of the tithe. If you conscientously claim this you simply display gross ignorance of God's Holy and fundamental laws. The law of the tithe is as binding as the law of the Sabbath and "until heaven and earth pass, one jot nor one tittle shall in no wise pass from the LAW, until all be fulfilled," says Jesus—and we know that heaven and earth have not passed.

God evoked the tithe system (law) to perpetuate the Gospel to the ends of the ages: and to that end He anticipated our paying, and so He, directed its distribution. Numbers 18:20-21.

And every Christian knows that his time, talents, energy, brain, brawn ALL stored up in the form of possessions, personality, power: constitute his stock in trade and that while he is of course responsible to God for the way he invests and uses the entire ALL, that he first of all MUST PAY the tithe of income to God. How? "First day of week": Where? Through God's "storehouse"—the church.

This is so simple even a child would not question the place or time or amount. ("Ye have eyes to see, and will not see," "ears to hear, but will not hear." Because it does NOT suit our con-

venience.

If Jesus and all the New Testament writers accept and emphasize the tithe principle, who, oh who, are WE? That we should question these laws?

Just why men hedge and squirm over not paying the "holy unto the Lord" tithe is a mystery. (Explained, however, at the outset of this report.)

Our refusal to pay it hinders and retards God's program work, and renders us utterly incapable of the Ends of Stewardship, and meets the denunciation now that it met in Malachi 3:18.

The law is not revoked, Matthew 3:17 and 18. "Bring ye the whole tithe," Mali 3:10.

If we will put God to the test, He will abundantly prove it. Our doing so will help others to do so. Our redenomination will become a great factor in soul winning. And our closer friendship with Him will be an abundanet and abiding reward for us.

How poorly is God's light seen, power felt and truth transmitted into our lives, and all because of our own mental and physical laziness to study and know and obey the fundamental law of the eternal tithe-practiced Stewardship.

Respectfully submitted, CHAS. T. TOUCHTON

Submitted to Santa Fe River Association, at Sardis Church, near Worthington Springs, Fla.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

The State Mission task in Florida should be a mighty challenge to each Baptist church in our beloved state, as our state presents a great mission field within itsself from many view points.

First: From the standpoint of evangelism, as statistics indicate that fifty percent of our population approximately is without Christ.

Second: From the viewpoint of enlistment: as reports show that in Florida we have 896 White Baptist churches. If this report is correct, we have 100 churches that have never co-operated nor supported our missionary enterprises. 326 of these churches had failed to support in any way our denominational program through the first half of this present fiscal year, leaving 470 churches that contributed to our organized work. Many of these

no doubt made very small contributions, so we can see that the task of enlistment within itself, is one with great dimensions, 426 churches with their pastors and leaders, and many thousands of members that seem to have forgotten the very purpose of our Lord, in the establishment of a church, that seems to have lost sight of our Lord's command, when he said, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation," appearing to be indifferent to the salvation of the lost.

State Missions is the agency by which we hope to awaken these sleeping churches and enlist them in a world-wide missionary program, and thus win them to a sympathetic attitude toward all of our organized work.

Our State Mission Board through its various departments, has for its object the accomplishment of this great task, and it is very imperative that the object be attained, for our world-wide program can only progress as State Missions progress. State Missions may be regarded in its relationship to world-wide missions as the center or hub of our great missionary program. To fail in supporting State Missions means that we fail in the support of home, and Foreign Mission. We fail to support our South-wide constitutions, and proce ourselves to be unfaithful Stewards of the mani-fold grace of God. Unfaithful in that we are robbing others of the message of salvation, robbing God of our service, and robbing ourselves of the presence and blessings of our Lord, who died for us.

So we, your committee recognizing the obligation of our churches to support our organized work, which we believe to be in perfect accord with the teachings of our Saviour, and the principles of the New Testament, do recommend that a vigorous effort be made by this association to secure the enlistment, of each church and pastor, in the support of our entire program for 1930, as may be set forth by our state convention.

Respectfully submitted by committee, JOHN DICKS, Charman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

I venture the assertion that there is not an individual within the sound of my voice who is not fully convinced of the great necessity for a fundamental education.

cause.

Without education one is not prepared and equipped for the great struggle of a life's work. A struggle in common with the millions of our fellow beings, many of whom ARE educated and prepared to meet this struggle to the best of their ability and talents.

Our Government has recognized this fact and in almost every locality we find the public school, erected and conducted by public funds, to give to ALL children the best preparation possible to fit them to, later, take charge of all our affairs and the very reins of Government itself. Without education there could be no progress.

Without it the wonderful achievements of the last fifty years, which rival the tales from the Arabian Nights, would never have been accomplished and the world would have plodded along content in its ignorance and lethargy. Education then is necessary—yea vital to all of us.

This word is so comprehensive that it might be taken to include all it really means but in modern times we have come to divide it into PUBLIC Education and Christian Education.

The spirit of toleration, so loudly demanded by some, has driven the Christ part out of our public education and denied the greatest teacher the world ever knew His proper recognition and honor in the public effort to train the mind and soul for its struggle for knowledge and truth.

This being true, it has become necessary for those great people who "love the Lord," to supply a way in which the growing developing mind can obtain the Christ part of education so necessary and vital for its developing soul.

This Christian education is essential in the development of our people, in teaching them the higher duties that devolve in our homes, the greater duties that devolve in our churches, the nobler duties that arise in our towns, our states, our Nation and our World.

No education is complete that does not include a knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, and our duty to Him and His cause.

How then, since we listen to the cry of toleration, shall we impart this vital Christian Education to the youth of our land who are to fill our places and do our work.

We can help by our own example, our own lives and our own teaching in our own homes, and to me this is vital to the

We can help in our own example and teaching in our Sunday Schools and Churches and other Christian activities, and this is most important.

But the great factor, of vital necessity to us as Christians and Baptists is the Christian school.

Here as the young mind unfolds and developes, there is implanted the great Christian fundamentals which make an impress on life and character that never can be effaced.

We, as Baptist have done well in this line. We have established Junior Colleges, Senior Colleges, Academies and other schools where magnificent work is being done.

Our own Stetson University is the pride of every Baptist and even every citizen of our own beloved Florida.

Our Theological Seminaries are bringing forth prepared laborers for the Master's work by the hundreds. So our denomination as a BODY has done well.

But what have we done as an association and what are we doing as churches and individuals for the support of so worthy a cause?

Are we giving support to this vital work as heartily as we have missions or local expenses?

I greatly fear the results of an investigation have brought no figures for your edification.

We come at this time as your committee on Christian Education to appeal rather than scold and to plead with you to give this great cause your earnest and prayerful consideration and rally to the support of our leaders who have struggled so manfully to provide this great need for our children and our children's children.

> Respectfully submitted, DR. C. L. PRIDGEN, Chairman,

REPORT ON EVANGELISTIC BROTHERHOOD

Baptist Evangelistic Brotherhood, First Baptist Church, Gainesville, Florida—Annual Report.

Mr. Ralph K. Roberts, President State Evangelistic Brotherhood, Jacksonville, Florida.

Wish to submit the following incomplete report of the work of the Baptist Evangelistic Brotherhood, of the First Baptist Church, Gainesville, Fla., for year ending September, 1929.

Due to the fact that both our President, and Secretary leaving town early part of year, and no monthly meetings being held since March, record of our work is incomplete.

Services held during year	125
Total men in teams	535
Miles traveled	3992
Spoken to people	4768
Requests for prayer	270
Reconsecrations	35
Professions by faith	32

Held two revivals, assisted in four others, established one mission, which is self-supporting, located at Fairbanks, Florida, with Mrs. C. J. Richard in charge. This mission supporting pastor one Sunday each month, Sunday School and one Intermediate B. Y. P. U., brotherhood supplying two Sundays each month. This mission is doing a fine piece of work for the Lord.

Organized seven mid-week prayer meetings, Archer, Brooker, Campville, Micanopy, Ocwilla, Orange Heights and Union, all of which are in Santa Fe Association except Union and Brooker, also assisted in organizing two B. Y. P. U.'s, Orange Heights and Simmons Church, near Citra, Florida.

Revivals held: Fairbanks with nineteen conversions, which united with First Church, Gainesville, five days revival North Gainesville, with no visible results.

The Brotherhood, continues holding cottage prayer meetings in Suncrest, a suburb of Gainesville, established two years ago.

Tuesday night September 10th, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year.

- W. M. Bullard, President.
- S. K. Jackson, Vice-president.
- S. W. Williams, Secretary-treasurer.
- J. R. Thomas, Chairman, Program Committee.

Respectfully submitted, J. R. THOMAS, S.W. WILLIAMS. 4

REPORT ON PROHIBITION

Prohibition cannot be enforced and made effective by resolutions. Possibly our weakness as a Baptist organization on this subject, is, we pass resolutions and do nothing more about it until another annual session when we rather indifferently pass another resolution and then go on our way soon forgetting that there ever was such a thing as a resolution on prohibition. The paper read to you at this time on the subject is of little importance; we must go further: we must back up prohibition with thought and action. It follows then that it is not my purpose to try to cover the subject in a broad, comprehensive way—that isn't necessary as you know the subject from that angle. I want to touch briefly one or two points and then ask if it is not easy for us as good citizens and as Christian believers to do something effective for the cause of prohibition along the line suggested in this paper.

Prohibition is a part of our Federal Constitution. The Constitution is the foundation on which our nation stands. Our nation was founded by religious refugees who sought such liberty as they knew the Bible and Jesus, our Lord, stood for. Our highest privilege and honor is that of knowing and serving our Lord and Master. It should ever be a joy and delight to be true and loyal to our country not only as citizens, but as Christians for the freedom of worship it gives us, thereby enabling us to know Jesus personally. This personal knowledge giving us a fuller and broader spiritual life which moves us with zeal and determination to carry the gospel to the unsaved. For us to not uphold prohibition weakens and will finally breaks down the Federal Constitution, our nation's bed-rock; remove the foundation and our nation falls: its collapse would mean the loss of the greatest power and force for carrying the message of Christ to an unsaved world.

The first step is that we individually observe prohibition. Make it effective by our own personal habits. Then see that the young are taught the real meaning of prohibition. Mr. Henry Ford in an article published in a recent issue of Pictorial Review said prohibition should begin at home. There is no denying that prohibition is a home problem: it affects every man, woman and child in the country not only in their work, their physical health, their happiness, but as well their economic and their spiritual welfare. If every family observed prohibition its non-observance would no longer be a problem; we might go further and say that if Christian homes observed prohibition the problem would be solved—what a great help if all Baptist homes observed and

strictly enforced prohibition. I need not enlarge on the thought by trying to suggest how the family should handle the matter. We as heads of families are intelligent enough to handle it in the right and proper way, and we will, when we once realize that it is our Christian duty to do so.

WM. HAWKINS.

HOME MISSION REPORT

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is the greatest single organization doing spiritual and human welfare work in the South today. It is the spiritual organism of nearly four million people. This Board is a harmonious union of many activities in many directions of our Baptist churches.

The territory of the Board is a moving geographical field. Its gigantic task begins in the South, but it extends from the Mexican border to the District of Columbia, from the Indian Reservation in the middle west down to the blue waters of the Carribean Sea. To the ships that touch our ports and sail the Seven Seas.

It is worthy to note that during the past year, the Board received almost entirely a new personnel. This was done at the Southern Baptist Convention at Memphis, Tenn. The new Board elected as Executive Secretary and Treasurer, Rev. J. B. Lawrence, D. D., of Kansas City, Missouri. The several departments of the work are under the supervision of the following superintendents: Department of Church Extension, Dr. A. J. Barton; Department of Direct and Independent Missions, Dr. J. W. Beagle; Department of Mountain Schools and Missions, Dr. J. W. O'Hara; Cuban Work, Dr. M. N. McCall.

Brethren, I need not remind you that the past year has been an eventful and historic one for the Board and our beloved denomination. The defalcation of the one-time treasurer, brought upon Southern Baptist as well as the Board, a disaster that shocked and shook the denomination from centre to cirmcumference.

To meet the financial plight an appeal authorized, was made to all our Churches on Nov. 11th last. This appeal met a most loyal response when on that "Honor Day" a total of \$397,444.-23 was raised, which relieved to a great degree the pressure that was upon the Board.

The basic Baptist principle is "loyalty to the sovereign Lordship of Jesus." Tragic circumstances has caused Baptist to face the crisis and meet it faithfully and fearlessly in the consecration of themselves to the great task of evangelization.

The recovery is gradual. But the star of hope shines with undimmed lustre in the sky of Southern Baptist. The horizon is golden with promise. For more and more every true Baptist recognizes the relation is one between the Individual and his Lord; that disloyalty to the programme of the denomination means disloyalty to the Christ who is the honored head of the church and the denomination and its several Boards. In all our churches, rural and urban alike; to all our people comes the clarion call and challenge of our Blessed Lord to self-denial and sacrifice. This, is peculiarly the age of materialism; craze for pleasure and self-endulgence. But it is likewise the hour of unprecented opportunity for distinctive discipleship; for the practice of scriptural Stewardship.

Out of the financial tragedy, with its shadow that so suddenly shot across the onward path of our denominational work, our people led by the Holy Spirit, shall go forward in the sunlight of achievement and triumph.

If by the Providence of God, our Home Board and denomination was by the betrayal of one of its officers, thrust into the shadows: we have, as Baptist been graciously led into the love and loyalty and sunlight, by the generous gift of a faithful doner. Mrs. George Bottoms of Arkansas has added to a gift of \$100,000, made by her and Mr. Bottoms in his lifetime, another gift, which at the lowest estimate, will amount to one-half million dollars for the erection and maintenance of our school in Havana, Cuba.

More and more, Havana will be a great commercial, intellectual and religious capital of Latin America, and this school will stand as a great and shining light, whose rays will reach everywhere and everyone of the Latin American people, and will be the means of winning multiplied thousands to a saving knowledge of the grace of God.

In the hour of Israel's Crisis, God spoke unto Moses saying, "Speak unto the people 'that they go forward.' So today from over the battlements of heaven comes the challenge from our Mighty Lord, to every pastor to speak unto his people saying 'forward march.'"

May all of our people be led to say with the sainted Haver-

gal:

"Take my life and let it be consecrated Lord to Thee

"Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise,

"Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy

Love,

"Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful to Thee,

"Take my silver and my gold not a mite would I withhold,

"Take my all and it shall be ever only all for Thee."

Respectfully submitted, WALTER JOHN MEADE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

Santa Fe River Association, October 30, 1930.

Now as always, Baptist churches find their marching orders in the Great Commission; and now as always they are slow to obey. "The Pathos of Foreign Missions" would be an appropriate theme for a sermon at this time; for our failure to support our Master's cause among the heathen nations in recent years has been tragic indeed.

But this report must be brief and include a bare outline of conditions which exist today. It is interesting to note that the report which our Foreign Mission Board made to the Southern Baptist Convention last May covers 117 pages of the annual report of that body. If our people would only read and study that splendid record of achievement and that clear statement of conditions and that ringing appeal in the light of God's blessing upon our work, their eyes would be opened to see the great opportunities and needs and their hearts would be stirred to a greater devotion to the cause.

"Where there is no vision, the people perish."

But in spite of our inexcusable unafithfulness, God has wonderfully blessed out efforts. He has opened up opportunities for us in almost every land on earth and the fields are indeed "white unto the harvest."

There were 12,264 baptisms on the fields last year and our churches have 147,648 members. We have 469 missionaries, 672 ordained native missionaries and 1517 unordained native workers; 1392 churches, 744 of which are self-supporting; 3,206 out-stations and 1957 Sunday Schools with 76,758 pupils. We

have many day schools with thousands attending same and a goodly number of hospitals. But the call from all the fields is for more men and more equipment. "If we do not soon reinforce our workers and our work we shall meet disaster in some of our most promising fields."

The tides of opportunity for foreign Mission advance mount higher and higher every day. Everywhere age-old provincialisms are passing rapidly away and people of many nations are casting about in search of faithful hands to guide them from the rocks. Especially is this true in China, Africa, Latin America and Europe.

Many perplexing problems are constantly facing our missionaries in these and other lands, but they are meeting and solving

them with the wisdom of Christian statesmen.

We are glad to report a further reduction of the board's debt by almost \$200,000.00 which leaves a balance as of May 1, 1929, of \$802,560.88. The plan of paying off the debt is to apply 10 percent. of all receipts from the Co-operative Program, all special gifts made for this specific purpose and all moneys made from sale of properties owned by the board and not used.

The writer of this report is firmly convinced that it is a poor and short-sighted policy for our Foreign Mission Board to sell any piece of good and well located property in any foreign land today, and Southern Baptist ought to see to it that such is not done: or they will repent of their folly in the years to come.

After more than a year of prayer and effort, the board has finally found the man to succeed the beloved Dr. J. F. Love as Executive Secretary of the Board. Dr. T. B. Ray, who has saved the board as Foreign Secretary has been elected and has accepted the position left vacant by the death of Dr. Love. Dr. Ray comes to this important and trying position after many years of close contact with the same and it is believed by his brthren that God has raised him up for the task at this present time. Let all Southern Baptists give him their earnest and prayerful support and co-operation as he endeavors to lead them in the glorious unfinished task of evangelizing and christianizing the nations of the earth.

(Signed). THOS. V. McCAUL

REPORT OF COMMITTE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

To Santa Fe River Association of Baptist Churches at Sardis

Church, October 29, 1929

Your committee begs to report at the outset that it is handicapped by the failure of several churches to send in an associational letter, and by the incompleteness of the letters submitted by one or two others. The schools reported on have two hundred and fifty-two officers and teachers, a total enrollment of two thousand two hundred and eighty-one, and an average attendance of eleven hundred and forty. Only seven reported on are graded. Only one has attained to the Standard of Excellence. One hundred and eleven teachers and officers hold diplomas in Teacher Training. There have been eight-four baptisms from the various Sunday Schools. Gifts to Missions and the Children's Home total \$956.63.

We call your attention to a few pertinent facts shown by this digest. There is an average attendance of only 50 percent. This percentage would of course be some higher if Cradle Rolls and Home Departments were not included in the reports of some schools, especially in those of the larger ones. Only seven graded schools are reported. Others are partly graded, whatever that may mean. Only one school has attained to the Standard of Excellence. Most of the schools reported have a part at least of officers and teachers holding liplomas. Only seven failed to have baptisms from the school and some of these in churches reporting no baptisms at all. There was on baptism from each, three officers and teachers, as against one for each twenty church members throughout the Southern Baptist Convention. The only school to attain to the Standard of Excellence had nineteen baptisms. or one and one-half per teacher, as compared with only onefourth of one baptism per teacher in the other schools. Only two other schools approached to within sixty-six and two-thirds percent. of this record. Only four schools failed to contribute to Missions and the Children's Home, and these were among the smaller schools. The committee has no recommendation to make but leaves that to wiser and better trained heads.

GRADY HERNDON, Committee.

LIST OF MESSENGERS

Alachuca—B. W. Cato, A. L. Proctor, C. A. Williams, Miss Rilla Fowler, Mrs. M. Linsey and Mrs. E. Stringfellow. Archer—Mr. G. W. Parker, Mrs. G. W. Parker, Mr. Carl W. Moore, Mrs. Carl W. Moore, Mr. H. H. Simmons and Mrs. J. H. Mills.

Campville—J. W. Craber, E. E. Stokes, Mrs. Carrie Mikell and Mrs. B. C. Johnson.

Eden-Rev. J. C. Moore.

Eliam-L. Price, Mrs. L. Price, Mrs. Allen Price and Rev. and Mrs. T. D. Denman.

Gainesville—Mrs. J. F. Moon, Mrs. Everet Robinson, Mrs. I. Eads, Mrs. W. P. Carter, Mrs. J. M. Tison, Mrs. E. J. Burke, Mr. E. R. Simmons, Mrs. E. R. Simmons, Mrs. J. W. Forester, Mrs. T. H. Beville, Mrs. Fred Johnson.

Hague-James Cox and T. J. Hamm.

Hampton—Rev. F. M. Taylor, O. L. Harrison, Mrs. D. L. Harrison and J. S. Tucker.

Hawthorn—Mrs. F. W. Tyson, J. C. Moore, Mrs. J. C. Moore, J. C. Whitcomb and John Adkerson.

High Springs—E. B. Godwin, Mrs. E. B. Godwin, Mrs. J. T. Price, Mrs. Walter Crown and J. D. Logan.

Island Grove—C. R. Abstein, H. C. Westphal, Mrs. A. M. Westphal and Mrs. Gracie Houze.

Lacrosse—Mrs. A. G. Cason, Mrs. T. R. Parker and Mrs. D. C. Gay.

Lake Butler—Rev. E. A. McDowell.Mrs. E. A. McDowell, Mrs. J. E. Maines, H. L. Fowler, Miss Hattie Fowler, Mrs. A. C. Strickland and E. W. Wilkerson.

Micanopy—D. E. Jones, Mrs. J. J. Jones, Mrs. E. G. Diamond, Mrs. J. D. Sanders, Mrs. W. L. Simonton.

Ochwilla-F. F. Jerkins and W. E. Hammontree.

Orange Heights-Mrs. H. E. Rideniur, Miss Florence Bender, Miss Maude Bender and Mrs. Lattie Thomas.

Sardis-H. C. Peeples and S. W. Dubose.

Waldo-Rev. J. M. Lewis, J. M. Porter and Mrs. J. M. Porter.

REPORT ON SPIRITUAL CONDITION OF CHURCHES

The spiritual condition of a church is usually measured by the in-gathering of members and their gifts to all causes of the denomination, and we admit that where there is a good report on one of these causes there is a good report on the other, while 36

we do not measure religion by the money given but we see those who enjoy their religion most are most willing to give.

In 1926 we had a membership of 2890 including additions to churches that year of 127, the same year our churches gave \$9,596.15 to all causes fostered by our denomination, 151 families were taking the Baptist Witness. In 1927 we received into our churches 164 members and our gifts to the co-operative program was \$6.340.22; our special or designated gifts were \$2,-473.93, total for the year \$8,814.15. Families taking Baptist Witness were 240. And the same year we had 167 tithers.

In 1928 we received into our churches 85 new members which gave us a total membership of 3034; we had only gained in the Association that year 13 new members. We gave to the co-operative program \$6,858.27 and special or designated \$7,-884.51, a total of \$14,742.78, while families taking the Baptist Witness dropped from 240 the previous year to 194 at the same time our tithing members dropped from 167 as the previous year to 99.

Most all of our churches seem to be well organized in most all departments and most all have pastors and a part of them have revival meetings every year, but the in-gatherings do not show a hearty spiritual growth.

There seems to be a fine feeling of fellowship and good will among the churches which is as it should be. The pastors we believe are using their best efforts to keep and promote the spiritual welfare among the members. There does not seem to be a poorer quality of preaching or any complaint on the part of nonco-operation of pastors and members.

And after all we have and are doing for the upbuilding of kingdom work there remains a deep feeling in the hearts of both pastors and church workers that there is somewhere a lacking in most all our churches that deep and spiritual old time heart felt religion.

We recommend that a spiritual census of our work be taken and try to find and remedy the cause of spiritual weakness in our Lord's work.

Respectfully submitted.

J. M. LEWIS

ANNUAL REPORT W. M. U. OF SANTA FE RIVER ASSOCIATION, OCT. 1928-29

SANTA FE RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Number Organizations	33
	507
	98
	16
	93
	463
	16
	11
Training School	3
Margaret Fund	2
Value of Boxes Sent	\$90.25
Cash to Margaret Fund	\$19.30
Amount to Co	-operative Program:
	\$287.75
Young People's	745.10
Total	\$3432.85
	1137.15
Total to all purposes	\$4570.00
Total to all purposes	Respectfully submitted, MRS. J. F. MOON, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

We, your committee on Nominations, submit the following report:

For member of State Board-Dr. Thos. V. McCaul.

For Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention-Rev. J. C. Moore and Rev. T. D. Denman.

For Delegates to Florida State Baptist Convention-B. W. Cato, G. W. Parker, J. W. Craber, B. F. Minton, E. B. Perry, William Hawkins, T. J. Hamm, H. Durden, J. O. Whitcomb, E. B. Godwin, C. R. Abstein, O. C. Gay, M. L. Fowler, B. A. Barrington, M. E. Ridenour, Jr., H. C. Peeples, Dr. C. L. Pridgen, Mrs. E. D. Rosenberger, Mrs. C. W. Stephens, Mrs R. J. Osteen, Mrs. O. F. Cummings, Mrs. H. F. Preston, Miss Raphia Wilson, W. M. Bullard, Mrs. W. M. Bullard.

We further recommend that Rev. W. J. Meade pastor of Alachua church be appointed to preach the Introductory sermon at the next meeting of the Association.

Respectfully submitted, H. H. SIMMONS, Committee,

TREASURER'S REPORT

E. E. Stokes in account with Santa Fe River Association, Nov. 6th. 1928. Received from the following churches:

Nov. 6th, 1928. Received from the following	churches:
Alachua	\$ 10.00
Archer	
Campville	5.00
Eden	
Eliam	
Gainesville	35.00
Hague	
Hampton	0.00
High Springs	0.00
Hawthorn	5.00
Island Grove	3.00
Lacrosse	0.00
Lake Butler	5.00
Micanopy	5.00
Ochwilla	
Orange Creek	0.00
Orange Heights	2.00
Sardis	5.00
waldo	5.00
W. M. U	5.00
Total	
Nov. 28th, 1928, paid for minutes	\$ 62.60
Nov. 29th, 1929, balance on hand	\$ 38.40
Collected from the following churches for	programs fo
Fifth Sunday meeting:	
Melrose	\$10.00
Island Grove	7.70

Hampton	5.88
Total	\$23.58
Paid out for programs	7.50
Balance	\$16.08
Oct. 25th 1929, sent to Dr. C. M. Britten _	\$16.08
E. E.	00.00 STOKES,

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON B. Y. P. U. WORK SANTA FE ASSOCIATION, OCTOBER 1928-29

Thirteen of the eighteen churches in our Association report organized B. Y. P. U. work as follows:

Gainesville, Senior, 4: Intermediate, 4: (1 Fairbanks), Junior, 1.

High Springs, Senior, 1; Intermediate, 1; Junior, 1.

Archer, Senior, 1.

Alachua, Senior 1.

Hawthorn, Senior, 1.

Sardis, 1.

Lake Butler, Senior, 1; Junior, 1.

Lacrosse, Senior, 1: Junior, 1.

Waldo, Senior, 1: Junior, 1.

Melrose, Senior, 1: Intermediate, 1: Junior, 1.

Campville, Senior, 1.

Orange Heights, Intermediate, 1.

Island Grove. 1.

Total No. Unions. 28.

With approximately 540 members, the B. Y. P. U. Federation has held meetings quarterly, at which the business of the Federation was transacted; and instructive and inspirational programs were enjoyed by large numbers of young people.

At the meeting held October 4th, the Association was divided into districts (3), and the Associational Standard adopted as a

program of work for the ensuing year.

The Federation held one, Associational wide study course, March 11, at the Gainesville church, with Dr. W. W. Willian in

charge. It was voted at this meeting to have another school of the same nature, March, 1930.

The following officers were elected October 4th for the ensuing year: Miss Ruth Roberts, president, Worthington: Mr. A. W. Tenney, vice-president, Gainesville: Mrs. Everett Robinson, Secretary-treasurer, Gainesville: Miss Mary Evills, Pianist, High Springs: Mr. Holt Howard, Chorister, Gainesville: Miss Ola Griffin, District Leader, No. 1, Waldo: Mrs. B. C. Leynes, District Leader, No. 3, Archer: District Leader No. 2, to be appointed.

The churches without B. Y. P. U. organizations are as follows: Eden, Hampton, Hague, Micanopy and Ochwilla.

Our goal for 1929-1930 is, "A Standard Association B. Y. P. U."

Respectfully submitted,

District No. 1: Waldo Melrose, Hampton, Sardis, Lake Butler, Lacrosse.

District No. 2: Hawthorn, Island Grove, Orange Heights, Campville, Ochwilla, Eden.

District No. 3: High Springs, Gainesville, Archer, Alachua, Hague, Micanopy.

MINUTES OF THE W. M. U. OF SANTA FE RIVER ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Santa Fe River Association was called to order by the President, Mrs. J. F. Moon, at the Melrose Baptist church at 10:00 o'clock Tuesday, October 8th, 1929.

The following program was rendered:

Song, "The Kingdom is Coming."

Prayer for God's Guidance During the Day, Rev. Denman.

Mrs. E. A. McDowell chose the 5th Chapter of Acts as a basis for devotional services.

Prayer, Mrs. Margaret Gross of Gainesville.

Song, "Have Thine Own Way."

Greetings were offered by Mrs. S. W. Coward of Melrose and response made by Mrs. J. F. Moon, Association President, who also delivered the annual message at this time.

Prayer, Rev. Denman.

Song, "Draw Me Nearer."

Appointment of Committees:

Committee on Resolutions: Mrs. F. W. Tyson, Hawthorn; Mrs. L. B. Alexander, Hampton.

Committee on Nominations: Mrs. J. F. Vaghts, Gainesville, chairman; Mrs. S. T. Fowler, Alachua; Mrs. R. R. Morrison, Hawthorn; Mrs. L. E. McCall, High Springs; Mrs. S. W. Coward, Melrose.

Committee on Obituaries: Mrs. J. R. Emerson, Gainesvile; Mrs. A. A. Durden, Hampton; Mrs. Ida Barrington, Ochwilla.

Press Reporter: Mrs. E. G. Burke, Gainesville.

Committee on Registration: Mrs. Woodruff, Melrose, chairman.

Committee on Time and Place: Mrs. H. H. Simmons, Archer; Mrs. F. R. May, Lacrosse.

Brief reports were given at this time by District Superintendents and Association Presidents. A tabulated report of all Societies in the Association was given by the Association Secretary.

W. M. S. Presidents were then recognized and Standard A-1 Societies were recognized by having their Presidents stand. Only two Societies were recognized as A-1—Gaines-ville and Hawthorn.

The Association Standard and the Local Standard points were then explained and stressed by Mrs. Moon.

Circle Standards were emphasized by Mrs. Vaghts.

At this time Mrs. Moon introduced Mrs. N. B. O'Kelley of Jacksonville, Divisional President of the Jacksonville Division, who gave an inspirational address on the subject "Deep Indwelling of the Holy Spirit."

Treasurer's Report.

Song, "Take Time to Be Holy."

Prayer, Rev. R. D. Walker of High Springs.

Recess-Lunch served by the Melrose ladies.

The afternoon session was called to order by the President, Mrs. Moon at two o'clock.

Song, "I Will Tell the Wondrous Story."

Prayer, Mrs. R. D. Walker.

Reports were then read and short inspirational talks made by the following chairmen:

Stewardship-Mrs. Logan of High Springs.

Mission Study-Mrs. J. E. Maines, Lake Butler.

Publicity-Mrs. A. C. Knight, High Springs.

White Cross, Mrs. I. N. Parrish, Gainesville.

Training School, Mrs. A. E. McDowell, Lake Butler.

Margaret Fund-Mrs. J. R. Emerson, Gainesville.

(Mrs. O'Keley here called the attention of the Convention to the fact Mrs. J. S. Lovett of Lake City had been appointed Divisional Margaret Fund Chairman.)

Personal Service Chairman-Mrs. H. F. Preston, Melrose.

Report on Obituaries—Mrs. J. R. Emerson, Gainesville. In Rev. 14:13 we are told: "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord: Yea, saith the Spirit that they may rest from their labors and their works do folow them."

It is fitting and seemly to pause in our deliberations to do honor to our departed sisters who have gone to their reward during the past year.

We mourn the following:

Mrs. Fannie Harp-Archer.

Mrs. T. E. Ellis, Micanopy.

Mrs. W. C. Pendley, Dukes.

Mrs. R. A. Hiers, Dukes.

Mrs. W. B. Adkins, Hawthorn.

Mrs. J. H. Parrish, Gainesville.

Mrs. A. D. Williams, Gainesville.

Miss Louise Horton, Gainesville.

Respectfully,

Mrs. F. H. Emerson,

Mrs. A. A. Durden

Mrs. B. A. Barrington.

A motion was made and carried that the time of our annual meeting be changed from the second Tuesday in October to the second Thursday in October.

Mrs. Vaghts, Chairman of the Nominating Committee submitted the following report:

President, Mrs. A. E. McDowell, Lake Butler.

Vive-President, Mrs. Denman, Melrose.

Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. J. E. Maines, Lake Butler.

Young People's Leader, Mrs. R. D. Walker, High Springs.

Mission Study Librarian, Mrs. Margaret Gross, Gaines-ville.

Stewardship Chairman, Mrs. J. R. Emerson, Gainesville. Personal Service, Mrs. A. C. Knight, High Springs.

Margaret Fund, Mrs. A. L. Stephens, Waldo.

Training School, Mrs. F. W. Tyson, Hawthorn.

Publicity, Mrs. E. G. Burke, Gainesvile.

White Cross, Mrs. I. N. Parrish, Gainesville.

Two Members at Large:

Mrs. L. B. Alexander, Hampton.

Mrs. R. L. Longbottom, Waldo.

District Superintendents:

No. 1, Mrs. W. B. Hicks, Waldo.

No. 2, Mrs. J. C. Moore, Hawthorn.

No. 3, Mrs. W. L. Crown, High Springs.

Voted to adopt as a whole.

Committee on Time and place submitted the following report: Place, Alachua; Time, Second Thursday in October, 1930.

> MRS. H. H. SIMMONS MRS. MAY

Report on Resolutions was read by Mrs. L. B. Alexander. Voted to adopt.

At this time the conventions rose to its feet in token of its appreciation of the efficient services of the retiring president, Mrs. J.F. Moon, and also as further evidence of their love she was presented with a basket of beautiful yellow Dahlias. The presentation was made by Mrs. S. W. Coward of Melrose.

In a few well chosen words Mrs. N. B. O'Kelley delivered the charge to the new officers.

Two Societies were recognized as Ruby Anniversary Victory Societies-Gainesville and Hawthorn.

The meeting was then turned over to Mrs. R. D. Walker, Young People's Leader, who made an earnest plea for the young people.

Six Young People's Leader were present and gave verbal reports of work accomplished.

A Pageant "Standard G. A." was presented by ten High Springs Girls, under the direction of Mrs. Taylor.

The closing message was a plea for "Deeper Consecration" and was given by Mrs. N. B. O'Kelley.

Closing prayer, Mrs. Margaret Gross.

Adjournment.

MRS. J. F. MOON, President MRS. E. R. SIMMONS, Secretary,

Young People's Leaders, Santa Fe Association Y. W. A. Counselors

Archer	Miss Juanita Wiles
Hawthorn	Miss Irene Broughton
Gainesville	Mrs. Everett Robinson
G. A. Le	aders

Gainesville Intermediate	Mrs. B. A. Stevens
Gainesville Juniors	
Hawthorn	
Melrose	Mrs. T. D. Denman
High Springs	Mrs. E. B. Taylor
Island Grove	Mrs. T. E. Johnson
Waldo	Mrs. Oscar Marks

R. A. Leaders

Gainesville	Mrs. J. E. Turlington
Hawthorn	Mr. F. W. Tyson
Waldo	Pros. Davison

Sunbeam Leaders

Gainesville	Mrs. Will Lucious
	Mrs. C. E. McElroy
	Mrs. A. O. Bennett
High Springs	Mrs. Walter Crown
	Miss Nettie Fowler
Hague	Mrs. Grady Herndon
Fairbanks	Mrs. C. J. Reichdhart
Waldo	Mrs. R. Roundtree

W. M. U. PRESIDENTS

Alachua-Mrs. Frank Lyman	Alachua, Fl	a.
Archer-Mrs. H. H. Simmons	Archer, Fl	a.
Campville-No Organization.		
Eden—No Organization.		
Eliam-Mrs. S. W. Coward	Melrose, Fl	a.
Gainesville-Mrs. J. F. Moon	Gainesville, Fl	a.

Hague—No Organization.	
Hampton-Mrs. A. A. Durden	Hampton, Fla.
Hawthorn—Mrs. F. W. Tyson	
High Springs-Mrs. L. E. McCall	High Springs, Fla.
Island Grove-Mrs. J. H. Martin	
Lacrosse—Mrs. A. G. Cason	Lacrosse, Fla.
Lake Butler—Mrs. E. A. McDowell	Lake Butler, Fla.
Micanopy-Mrs. J. E. Thrasher, Sr.	Micanopy, Fla.
Ochwilla-Mrs. Ida Barrington Ha	wthorn, Fla., R. F. D.
Orange Heights-No Organization.	
Sardis-Mrs. R. B. Warren Lake	Butler, Fla., R. F. D.
Waldo—Mrs. L. B. Alexander	Waldo, Fla.

In Our

Honoced Dead



This page is dedicated to the memory of our comrades who have been called to their final reward since October, 1928.

Alachua—Mrs. Rebecca Wilson, Mr. J. W. Mc-Cann, Mr. A. B. McClenny.

Archer-Mrs. J. W. Harp .

Eden-Mr. J. R. Terrell.

Eliam-Mrs. Ollie Weeks, Mr. W. O. Terrill.

Hawthorn—Mr. B. W. Waits, Mr. F. J. Hammond.

Island Grove-Mr. John Revels.

Micanopy-Mrs. Annie Clyde Ellis.

Orange Heights-Mrs. Mary Hall, Mrs. Annie Pounds, Mr. William Bender.

Sardis-Mr. Hiram Hunter, Mrs. R. A. Hires, Mrs. W. C. Pendly, Mrs. E. M. Gunter.

Gainesville—Mrs. James H. Parrish, Miss Louisa Horton, Mrs. Earl Whitaker, Mrs. I. S. Cone, Mr. James Godwin, Mrs. H. R. Roberts, Col. R. W. Davis.

High Springs-Mrs. T. J. Bodiford.

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