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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 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 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 dissemination of Bible Truth.

4. This Association shall meet annually, on the first day of which meeting it shall elect by ballot, a Moderator, Vice Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Associational Sunday School Superintendent, Associational E. T. U. President, and Associational Brotherhood President, all of whom shall begin their services upon the close of the annual Association session.

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 treat the Churches composing it as independent bodies in all matters of self-government, and shall at no time interfere with their rights.

8. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the Pastors of the churches in this Association, the Moderator and Clerk of the Association, the Superintendent of the Sunday School Association, the Director of the Training Union Association, the President of the Brotherhood Association, the Association W. M. U. President and the Chairmen of the Boards of Deacons of each Church. The executive committee shall elect its own chairman and secretary and shall have the oversight of the Associational work in the period between the annual meetings.

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 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 Scripture of the Old and New Testaments 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 in 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 be preserved in the 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 ordinance of Christ; governed by His laws and exercising the gifts, rights and privileges invested in them in His Word; that only spirited officers are bishops or pastors and deacons, whose qualifications, claims, and duties are defined in the Epistles of 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 judgement.

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 work 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 occupations may require. That we will not forsake the assembly of ourselves together, but will uphold the worship of God and the ordinances of His house. That we will not omit closet and family religion at home nor neglect the great duty of religious training of our children and those under our call for the service of Christ and the enjoyment of Heaven. That as we are the light of the world and the salt of the earth, we will seek Divine aid to enable us to deny ungodliness and every world lust, and to walk circumspectly in the world that we may win the souls of men; that we will cheerfully contribute 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 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 has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Association called to order at 10:00 A. M.
2. Collection of letters.
3. Election of officers.
4. Introductory Sermon.
5. Courtesy of Association to visitors.
6. Appointment of Committees.
7. Report of Standing Committees:
 - a—Treasurer's Report.
 - b—W. M. U. Report.
 - c—State Missions.
 - d—Home Missions.
 - e—Foreign Missions.
 - f—Children's Home.
 - g—Memorial Service.
 - h—B. T. U.
 - i—Sunday Schools.

- j—Christian Education.
- k—Stewardship.
- l—Christian Literature.
- m—Temperance.
- n—Spiritual Conditions of Churches.
- o—Ministerial Relief.
- p—Nominations.
- q—Resolutions.

- 8. Miscellaneous Business.
- 9. Adjournment.

ASSOCIATION DIRECTORY

ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

Rev. A. J. Gross, Moderator	Gainesville
Rev. H. E. Ridenour, Vice Moderator	Gainesville
B. J. Meadows, Clerk-Treasurer	High Springs
L. R. Rivers, President Sunday School Association	Gainesville
Mrs. G. W. McCall, President W. M. U.	High Springs
Rev. W. M. Sentell, Director B. T. U.	Alachua
J. H. Mitchell, President Brotherhood	Waldo

ORDAINED MINISTERS

W. M. Sentell	Alachua
W. B. Hicks, Archer, Waldo	Waldo
Edwin Harwell, Alachua	Alachua
S. J. Morgan, Campville	Gainesville
L. R. Brothers, Foreign Missionary	Nigeria, Africa
H. E. Ridenour, Sr., Fairbanks	Gainesville
T. V. McCaul, Gainesville, First	Gainesville
J. F. Gable	Gainesville
W. C. Taylor	Melrose
D. B. Allen	Gainesville
J. H. Hardy	Hawthorne
G. W. S. Ware	Gainesville
B. M. Pack	New Port Richey
J. Roy Robinson	Louisville
I. A. Shepherd	Raiford
J. L. Norris	LaCrosse
G. V. Allen	Interlachen
C. A. Warren	Hampton
Henry Turlington	Louisville
C. R. Robinson	Palatka
M. A. Rainhardt	Lochloosa
C. E. Boals	Hawthorne
L. O. Sheffield, Ft. Sam Houston	Texas
R. D. Bevis	Gainesville
J. E. Strickland, Orange Heights	Grandin
J. N. Haymon	Orange Heights

John Dicks, Sardis	Lake City
W. A. McMichen	Waldo
A. J. Gross	Gainesville
Wm. Howard Sentell	High Springs
T. M. Teston	Windsor

CHURCH CLERKS

Alachua—Mrs. C. F. Stephens	Alachua
Archer—Mrs. H. H. Simmons	Archer
Campville—Mrs. Flora Sherouse	Campville
Eden—H. L. Brixley	Hawthorne
Eliam—Hershell Barrington	R. F. D. Hawthorne
Fairbanks—Mrs. W. M. Cassells	Fairbanks
Gainesville, First—J. B. Culpepper	Gainesville
Hague—W. L. Graham	Gainesville
Hampton—Mrs. M. L. Waterson	Hampton
Hawthorne—W. B. Adkins	Hawthorne
High Springs—R. W. Justice	High Springs
Island Grove—C. R. Abstein	Island Grove
Lake Butler—E. E. Shallar	Lake Butler
LaCrosse—Miss Neeta Carter	LaCrosse
Micanopy—Dick Whittington	Micanopy
Ochwilla—B. A. Barrington	R. F. D. Hawthorne
Orange Heights—Miss Florence Bender	R. F. D. Gainesville
Paran—Mrs. M. Watkins	Putnam Hill
Sardis—R. B. Warren	Lake Butler
Grove Street, Gainesville—Mrs. O. R. Evans	Gainesville
Waldo—Maurice DeSha	Waldo
Windsor—T. D. Levins	R. F. D. Gainesville

SUPERINTENDENTS OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Alachua—Freeman Futch	Alachua
Archer—C. M. Moore	Archer
Campville—C. E. Long	Campville
Eden—Mrs. M. C. Wiggins	Hawthorne
Eliam—C. P. Perry	R. F. D. Hawthorne
Fairbanks—W. M. Cassells	Fairbanks
Gainesville—A. W. Tenny	Gainesville
Grove Street, Gainesville—Mrs. J. F. Vagts	Gainesville
Hague—E. B. Roberts	Gainesville
Hawthorne—J. D. Merritt	Hawthorne
High Springs—B. J. Meadows	High Springs
Hampton—H. B. Wiggins	Hampton
Island Grove—J. T. Glisson	Island Grove
LaCrosse—Miss R. H. Youmans	LaCrosse
Lake Butler—T. M. Riherd	Lake Butler
Micanopy—Mrs. E. D. Rosenberger	Micanopy
Ochwilla—	No Report
Orange Heights—Miss Dorothy Rountree	Orange Heights

Paran—W. Brantley Grandin
 Sardis—L. L. Dokes Alachua
 Waldo—J. H. Mitchell Waldo
 Windsor—Robert Snowden Gainesville

W. M. S. PRESIDENTS

Alachua—Mrs. W. H. Sealey Alachua
 Archer—Mrs. H. H. Simmons Archer
 Eliam (Melrose)—Mrs. H. F. Preston Hawthorne
 Gainesville—Mrs. J. K. Funderburke Gainesville
 Grove Street, Gainesville—Mrs. G. C. Smith Gainesville
 Hague—Mrs. O. A. Register Gainesville
 Hawthorne—Mrs. J. H. Hardy Hawthorne
 High Springs—Mrs. W. H. Swilley High Springs
 Hampton—Mrs. C. A. Warren Hampton
 Lake Butler—Mrs. Aura Fowler Lake Butler
 Sardis—Mrs. J. T. Blair Worthington
 Waldo—Mrs. L. B. Alexander Waldo
 Micanopy—Mrs. D. T. Merriman Micanopy
 Island Grove—Miss Lula Rawls Island Grove

B. T. U. DIRECTORS

Alachua—C. F. Butler Alachua
 Archer—Frank Pearl Archer
 Eden—Mrs. G. V. Dugger Hawthorne
 Eliam—J. A. Baylass Melrose
 Gainesville—Mrs. J. W. Morgan Gainesville
 Grove Street—Mrs. A. J. Gross Gainesville
 Hawthorne—Donald Wheeler Hawthorne
 High Springs—R. H. McIntosh High Springs
 Lake Butler—Mrs. A. C. Strickland Lake Butler
 Sardis—Blanch Warren Lake Butler
 Orange Heights—H. H. Thomas Earlton
 Waldo—B. B. Hicks Waldo
 Windsor—Bob King Windsor

W. M. U. ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS

President—Mrs. G. W. McCall High Springs
 Vice President—Mrs. H. F. Preston Melrose
 Secretary-Treasurer—Mrs. F. O. Rawls High Springs
 Superintendent District No. 1. Mrs. Carl Williams Alachua
 Superintendent District No. 2. Mrs. J. L. Touchton Hawthorne
 Superintendent District No. 3. Mrs. J. E. Thrasher Micanopy
 Young Peoples Leader—Miss Cato Alachua
 Historian—Mrs. E. A. Hickson Gainesville
 Stewardship—Mrs. A. C. Strickland Lake Butler
 Mission Study—Mrs. D. E. Roberts Worthington Springs
 Training School—Mrs. G. E. Smith Gainesville

White Cross—Mrs. B. F. Heagey Archer
 Childrens Home—Mrs. L. B. Alexander Waldo
 Hundred Thousand Club—Mrs. W. M. Sentell Alachua
 Personal Service—Mrs. F. W. Tyson Hawthorne
 Margaret Fund—Mrs. I. A. Dailey Micanopy
 Publicity—Mrs. J. E. Turlington Gainesville

LIST OF MESSENGERS

Church	Messengers
Alachua:	B. W. Cato, Amos Lindsey, Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Lindsey, J. C. Stringer, Mrs. Lula Fagan, Mrs. W. H. Enneis, Mrs. R. H. Cato, Miss Jewel Futch, Mrs. J. Trowbridge, Dr. W. M. Sentell.
Archer:	Rev. W. B. Hicks, H. H. Simmons, Mrs. Carl W. Moore, J. T. Simmons, Mrs. F. H. Gibbons, C. E. McElroy, Mrs. E. McElroy.
Campville:	Rev. J. L. Norris, Mrs. C. E. Long, Mrs. T. E. Beck, Mrs. Flora Sherouse, Mrs. Celia Chesser, Mrs. Mary Guthrie Mrs. Lewis Guthrie.
Eden:	Rev. H. E. Ridenour, Mr. and Mrs. G. V. Dugger, Mrs. M. C. Wiggins, S. D. Bristow, Mrs. S. D. Bristow.
Eliam:	Rev. W. C. Taylor, C. P. Perry, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Fortner, J. A. Baylass, Mrs. B. E. Kelly.
Fairbanks:	Rev. Fred Tittle, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Reichardt, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Cassells, Mrs. O. E. Teuton.
Gainesville:	Dr. T. V. McCaul, Sabin Landry, Mrs. F. J. Funderburke, Mrs. Hicks, Mrs. Burke, Mrs. C. K. Jackson, Mrs. W. A. Campbell, Mrs. J. R. Emerson, Mrs. Stokes, Mrs. Jordan, Rev. and Mrs. G. W. S. Ware, Mrs. Knight, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Smith, Carlyle Brooks.
Grove Street:	Rev. A. J. Gross, Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Evans, Mrs. C. C. Smith, Mrs. J. W. Lucius, Mrs. J. R. Thomas.
Hague:	Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Trowbridge, Mrs. R. W. Cellon, S. T. Skipper W. L. Graham.
Hampton:	Rev. C. A. Warren, Mrs. C. A. Warren, A. A. Minton, Mrs. A. A. Minton, Mrs. M. L. Watterson, Mrs. D. W. Johnson, L. A. Wynn, Mrs. L. A. Wynn.
Hawthorne:	Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Hardy, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Adkins, M. A. Reinhardt, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Touchton, Mrs. Irma Fowler, Mrs. F. W. Capell, J. H. Sapp.
High Springs:	Rev. Wm. Howard Sentell, Mrs. W. H. Swilley, Mrs. G. W. McCall, Mrs. R. W. Justice, Mrs. T. J. Dowdy, Mrs. F. O. Rawls, Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Meadows, Mrs. C. B. Greene, Mrs. D. R. Waters, Mrs. A. E. Summerall, Mrs. A. W. Cornell.

- Island Grove: Rev. O. E. Boals, Tom Glisson, Mrs. Pearl Glisson, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Abstein, Mrs. T. E. Johnson.
- LaCrosse: Rev. J. L. Norris, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Parker, Mrs. Geo. Stalsby.
- Lake Butler: Rev. Edwin Harwell.
- Micanopy: Rev. R. D. Bexis, Mrs. Irene Manning, Mrs. D. T. Merriman, Dick Whittington.
- Ochwilla: W. G. Merriman, B. A. Barrington.
- Orange Heights: Mrs. A. L. Kahr, Jr., Mrs. Emma Hartman, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Thomas.
- Paran: Rev. C. R. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. W. Brantley, Miss Margaret Clark.
- Sardis: Rev. John Dicks, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. DuBose, R. B. Warren and Daughter, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Doke, Mrs. D. E. Roberts, Mrs. J. H. Cason.
- Waldo: Mrs. J. L. McCauley, Mrs. J. M. Porter, J. H. Mitchell, Miss Annie Smith, Mrs. Alva Gallagher.
- Windsor: Rev. S. J. Morgan, T. D. Levins, Mrs. T. D. Levins, Mrs. Morgan

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE EIGHTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE SANTA FE RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
MEETING WITH FAIRBANKS CHURCH
FAIRBANKS, FLORIDA, NOVEMBER 13, 14, 1940

WEDNESDAY MORNING

1. Song: "Onward Christian Soldiers."
2. Association called to order by moderator, Rev. A. J. Gross.
3. Devotional, by Rev. W. B. Hicks.
4. Welcome address, by Mrs. C. J. Reichardt.
5. Response, by Dr. T. V. McCaul.
6. Program adopted.
7. Presentation of letters and enrollment of messengers.
8. Treasurer's Report.
9. Reading of report of the executive committee.
10. Adoption of recommendations of executive committee.
11. Election of officers: Rev. A. J. Gross, Moderator; Rev. H. E. Rid-enour, Vice Moderator; B. J. Meadows, Clerk and Treasurer.
12. Recognition of visitors and new pastors.
13. Reading of names of committees appointed by moderator.
14. Moved and seconded that time be given to Dr. E. D. Solomon to speak at this time as he could not be with us tomorrow.
15. Address by Dr. E. D. Solomon.
16. Remarks by Dr. T. V. McCaul.
17. Moved and seconded and passed that this association adopt as its goal 415 subscribers to the Baptist Witness.
18. Announcements.
19. Associational sermon by Rev. C. A. Warren.
20. Adjourned for lunch served by the ladies of Fairbanks.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

21. Songs: "Ready" and "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder."
22. Prayer, by Rev. Wm. Howard Sentell.
23. Quartette: "Wonderful Story of Love," Rev. C. H. Robinson, Rev. Edwin Harwell, Bro. C. P. Perry, and Bro. Herschell Barrington.
24. Devotional, by Rev. Wm. Howard Sentell.
25. Suggestion by Mrs. G. W. McCall that we have special prayer for Rev. W. M. Sentell, and any and all others who are sick. Prayer led by Dr. E. D. Solomon.
26. W. M. U. Report, by Mrs. W. A. Campbell, with song, "How Firm a Foundation." Report adopted.
27. Recognized Dr. J. Harrison Griffin, State Brotherhood Secretary.
28. Address by Bro. J. W. Compton, representing Stetson University.
29. Report on State Missions, read by Dr. T. V. McCaul.
30. Report on Home Missions, read by Rev. Edwin Harwell.
31. Report on Foreign Missions, read by Rev. W. C. Taylor.
32. Report on Co-operative Program, prepared by Rev. W. M. Sentell,

- but read by his son, Rev. Wm. Howard Sentell, in absence his father.
33. Moved and seconded that all these reports be adopted at once. Discussion by Rev. W. C. Taylor and Rev. Wm. Howard Sentell.
 34. Address by Dr. C. M. Brittain.
 35. Question raised by Dr. T. V. McCaul as to what we Baptists are planning to do about the spiritual welfare of incoming soldiers to the camps of our State. Dr. Solomon told the association that the Commandants of the different camps have asked publicly that the good people co-operate in an effort to improve the moral and spiritual conditions surrounding the camps.
 36. Address by Rev. Milner Brittain, on the present conditions in China, according to his own personal experience, as missionary.
 37. Reports adopted.
 38. Dr. E. D. Solomon made the announcement that ours was one of the few Associations over the state which had received more church members by baptism this year than last.
 39. Adjourned for afternoon recess. Meal served at the home of Mrs. C. J. Reichardt.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

40. Devotional, by Bro. O. R. Evans.
41. Report on Christian Education, by Rev. W. A. McMichen. Discussion by Rev. McMichen and Rev. Wm. Howard Sentell.
42. Report on Hundred Thousand Club, read by clerk in absence of of committeeman, Bro. T. D. Levins. Adopted.
43. Report on Brotherhood, read by Bro. J. H. Mitchell, who turned over discussion to Dr. J. H. Griffin.
44. Address by Dr. J. Harrison Griffin, State Brotherhool Secretary.
45. Further remarks on Brotherhood, by the Moderator, Rev. A. J. Gross.
46. Report adopted.
47. Anthem, by the High Springs Choir.
48. Adjourn.

THURSDAY MORNING

49. Devotional, by Rev. S. J. Morgan.
50. Report on Social Service, by Rev. J. H. Hardy. Discussion by Rev. Hardy, Rev. Wm. Howard Sentell, Rev. J. W. S. Ware, and Rev. H. E. Ridenour. Adopted.
51. Report on Evangelism, by Rev. C. A. Warren. Suggested resolutions by R. Q. Leavell on evangelism read and included in above report. Discussion by Rev. J. H. Hardy. Adopted.
52. Recognized Rev. and Mrs. L. R. Brothers, of Nigeria, Africa, and Bro. Carlyle Brooks, of Gainesville.
53. Report on Sunday School work, by Bro. George Barber, who presented Bro. L. R. Rivers, the newly elected Associational Sunday School Superintendent.
54. Discussion of plans for the coming year, by Bro. Rivers. Report adopted.

55. Report on B. T. U. read by Rev. Wm. Howard Sentell, in the absence of Mrs. Mae Hudson Morgan and Bro. O. K. Radford. Discussion by Bro. Sentell. Adopted.
56. Report on Childrens Home, by Rev. H. E. Ridenour, who presented Dr. H. G. Wheeler, of Ocala. Dr. Wheeler spoke in place of Bro. T. M. Johns, who was absent because of the death of one of the little orphan boys.
57. Adjourned for lunch, which was served by the ladies of the Fairbanks Church.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

58. Song: "I am Thine, O Lord."
59. Prayer by Rev. W. C. Taylor.
60. Song: "No One Told Me of Jesus," Bro Carlyle Brooks, with Miss Mellie Stokes, accompanist.
61. Address by Rev. L. R. Brothers, Missionary to Nigeria, Africa.
62. Address by Mrs. L. R. Brothers, Missionary to Nigeria, Africa.
63. Remarks by Mrs. G. W. McCall, Associational W. M. U. President.
64. Report on Temperance read and discussed by Mrs. S. M. Kennedy. Adopted.
65. Report on Stewardship, by Rev. J. L. Norris. Adopted.
66. Report on Publications, by Mrs. C. A. Strickland. Adopted.
67. Omitted report on Ministerial Care, in absence of Bro. M. C. Beck.
68. Report on Spiritual Condition of the Churches, read and discussed by Rev. W. B. Hicks. Adopted.
69. Discussion of the propriety or impropriety of smoking in the church buildings.
70. Report of Committee on Nominations read by Rev. H. E. Ridenour. Adopted.
71. Report of Committee on Resolutions, by Mrs. F. W. Tyson. Adopted.
72. Report on Obituaries omitted in absence of Mrs. A. C. Strickland.
73. Moved and seconded and carried that above report be included in Minutes after it is mailed to Clerk.
74. Moved that Rev. Edwin Harwell be recommended as member of State Mission Board.
75. Moved that Moderator appoint committee to cut down on reports, and submit the revised reports to Clerk for publication in Minutes.
76. Moderator appointed on above committee Rev. W. B. Hicks, Rev. H. E. Ridenour, Rev. J. H. Hardy.
77. Call by Moderator for any further business for Association.
78. Song: "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."
79. Declaration by the Moderator: "The Eighty-fourth annual of the Santa Fe River Baptist Association is now closed."
80. Benediction by the Moderator, Rev. A. J. Gross.

TREASURER'S REPORT

1939 Balance	\$.22	
1940 Associational Receipts	57.00	
Special Contributions	26.52	
Paid G. A. Barber	\$ 1.75	
Paid Miss Mae Hudson	1.75	
Postage	2.24	
Minutes	65.11	
Programs	3.50	
Clerk	15.90	
Deficit		5.61
	89.35	89.35

W. M. U. REPORT

In attempting to give this Annual Report we wish first of all to express our gratitude to our Heavenly Father for "His unspeakable gift" and the countless blessings that are ours through His grace.

Among these blessings is the priceless privilege of being "laborers together with God."

Our first quarterly rally was held in High Springs in February, second in Melrose in April, the third in July at Grove Street and the Annual meeting in Waldo on October 8. These meetings will be long remembered for good entertainment, excellent programs, wonderful inspirational speakers, and blessed fellowship.

We feel we have suffered in several ways as a result of failure to have executive board meeting and would like to suggest that they be observed here-after.

We had hoped to report a 10% increase in organizations and our district supt. Mrs. Touchton, in No. 3 did good work in this direction which we hope will be manifest yet. We hope another year's report will show an increase in subscriptions to our periodicals. Our records show over 500 members in our societies, not including young people in auxiliaries. That 53 are covenant signing tithers, 19 study courses were taught, 329 engaged in directing personal service, 173 are receiving "The Witness," 91 "Royal Service," 33 "The Commission," and 15 "Home Mission Magazine."

Reported through Co-operative program	\$1544.75
Reported through Hundred Thousand Club	270.00
Reported used locally	409.52
Reported White Cross	35.77
Reported local charity	346.14
Reported boxes valued at	67.90
Reported special week of prayer Home Missions	89.69
Reported special week of prayer State Missions	80.82
Reported special week of prayer Foreign Missions	164.65
Reported other objects	295.40
TOTAL	*3303.74

(* Those societies not reporting yet, are not included in this report.

Throughout the year different societies have been supporting individual children in our Children's Home but these figures have not been reported to us. We hope another year will show better support than ever.

This year marked our first attempt at holding a Mission Study Institute. Mrs. DeBusk, Mrs. Kennedy, Mrs. Raymond Brothers, Mrs. Lightfoot of Starke were our teachers.

Mrs. W. A. CAMPBELL, Assoc. President.
Respectfully submitted,

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

We wish to report that during the associational year that the work of the association has made some progress, for which we are thankful.

The Executive Committee meets on Monday after the first Sunday in each month at ten o'clock in the First Baptist church in Gainesville, to discuss our work and attend to any matters that need attention. We now have a rally on Friday before each Fifth Sunday.

Most of our Churches in this association have gone into the Relief and Annuity Plan. Emphasis has been put on Evangelism, and the most of our churches have had a revival since the association last November.

Seven Vacation Bible Schools were held during the summer.

Twelve churches co-operated last February in the Sunday School enlargement campaign and reported much good accomplished.

An association-wide study course in stewardship was fostered recently, and a number of churches had the study course and followed it with an every-member canvass.

Encouragement was given to attend the DeLand Assembly, and a school bus was secured to make it easier and cheaper for those attending. Twenty-nine used the bus.

The Sunday School, Training Union, Brotherhood, and W. M. U. work, have all made progress under their efficient leaders.

We feel that our associational work is looking up, and interest growing. Recommendations:

1. That we change the date of our associational meeting to Oct. 15-16 as suggested by Dr. C. M. Brittain, our State Secy. of Missions.
2. That the association adopt as a goal, \$150.00 for associational work during the ensuing year, \$25.00 of which shall be used for Sunday School association work, \$25.00 for Training Union work. The balance to be used for minutes, clerk hire, and other expenses. And that the Executive Committee make proper suggestions to the churches that everyone may do his share.
3. That the association add 25% to the amount paid in this past associational year and let that be their goal for the ensuing year for co-operative program gifts. And that the Executive Committee make suggestions to the churches in the association so as to secure the adopted goal.

Signed: A. J. Gross, Mod.

B. J. Meadows, Clerk.

SUMMARY—STATISTICS OF SANTA FE RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF FLORIDA, FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1940.

Next Annual Meeting, October 15 and 16, 1941, High Springs, Florida.

Moderator, Rev. A. J. Gross, Gainesville, Florida.

Clerk, B. J. Meadows, High Springs, Florida.

Churches	Church Directories		Baptists & Members					Sunday Schools			Tr. Unions			W. M. U. S'hood		Church Property			C. Finance		Missions, Etc.			Tithe &					
	When Constituted	'City, 'Town, 'V'ge C'try 'O'	Regular Days of Meetings	Baptisms	Total Membership	Revival Meetings Held	Ob. Lord's Supper in Year	Families Rec. Baptist Paper	Number of Schools	Total Enrolled	In Vacation Bible School	Ave. Attend. Bible School	Tr. Union with Director.	No. Unions & Story Hour.	Total enrol. Union-S Hour.	Total Women's Child. Org.	Total Women's Contribution	Number	Enrollment	Value of Church Houses and Grounds.	Value of Pastors' Homes	Total Value All Church Property.	Pastor's Salary	Total Local Church Expenses Including Pastor's Salary and All Other Expenses	Gifts to Co-Operative Program	Total to All Missions, Including Co-Operative Program and "Specials" or	How Many are Tithers?	Is Church on Budget for Local Exp. & All Missions?	
Alachua	1898	T	W. M. Sentell, Alachua	All	25	266	1	7	13	1	188	81	61	Yes	5	72	3	100.66	0	0	15,000	3,000	18,000	1200.00	2204.49	121.61	219.78	5	Yes
Archer	1920	T	W. B. Hicks, Waldo	2&4	5	164	1	4		1	169	65	60	Yes	2	36	1	134.46	0	0	3,500		3,500	360.00	698.31	47.95	122.38	5	Yes
Campville	1892	V	J. L. Norris, LaCrosse	2	9	25	1	0		1	21	0	0	No	1	8	0		0	0	2,500		2,500	120.00	188.55	7.75	10.75	1	No
Eden	1902	C	H. E. Ridenour, G'ville	2&4	20	60	1	1	0	1	70	0	0	Yes	1	15			0	0	1,500		1,500	120.00	316.60		14.00	0	No
Eliam	1859	V	W. C. Taylor, Melrose	2&4	0	153	0	4	12	1	106	43	38	Yes	5	37	4	226.56	0	0	10,000		10,000	400.95	807.11	82.68	267.38	16	Yes
Fairbanks	1932	V	Fred Little, G'ville	All	9	105	1	4	0	1	72	0	0	Yes	1	26			0	0	1,500		1,500	250.00	510.40		11.00	6	No
G'ville First	1870	C	Dr. T. V. McCaul, G'ville	All	55	2042	0	6	107	1	1131	214	154	Yes	14	236	6	1081.70	0	0	153,000	25,000	178,000	4200.00	14656.32	2403.09	3326.63	50	Yes
G'ville Grove	1935	C	A. J. Gross, G'ville	All	24	105	1	8	12	1	159	106	88	Yes	6	76	5	69.84	1	12	5,500		5,500	1040.00	1800.24	75.20	132.35	26	Yes
Hague	1911	V		2&4	5	60	0	0	0	1	75	0	0	No	0	0	1		0	0	2,500		2,500	240.00	213.15		2.50	0	No
Hampton	1891	T	C. A. Warren, Hampton	1&3	9	165	2	4	1	1	62	0	0	No	0	0	1	24.34	0	0	2,500		2,500	240.00	360.27	2.00	27.25	5	No
Hawthorne	1852	T	J. H. Hardy, Hawthorne	All	1	266	0	4	20	1	132	0	0	Yes	9	50	2	186.32	0	0	3,000	3,000	6,000	1200.00	324.51	89.15	324.51	0	No
High Springs	1886	T	W. H. Sentell, H. Springs	All	14	232	1	4	18	1	252	113	80	Yes	5	64	5	1025.28	1	32	20,000	2,250	22,250	1040.00	3692.93	142.80	322.72	19	No
Island Grove	1891	V	O. E. Boals, Williston	1&3	0	82	1	0	0	1	x65	0	0	No	0	0	0		0	0	1,500		1,500	158.95	248.05		26.00	0	No
LaCrosse	1882	V	J. L. Norris, LaCrosse	1&3	0	59	1	0	0	1	17	0	0	No	0	0	0		0	0	1,400		1,400	72.00	89.55			0	No
Lake Butler	1869	T	Edwin Hartwell, L Butler	1&3	3	156	0	4	15	1	101	0	0	Yes	5	55	3	168.35	0	0	3,000	2,000	5,000	480.00	950.94	129.50	321.30	8	Yes
Micanopy	1882	T	R. D. Bevis, G'ville	1&3	1	50	0	4	1	1	54	0	0	No	0	0	1	37.80	0	0	2,000		2,000	240.00	287.68	20.00	55.54	0	No
Ochwilla	1873	C	W. C. Taylor, Melrose	2	0	18	0	0	1	0	13	0	0	No	0	0	0		0	0	2,000		2,000	108.00	181.00		30.55	8	No
Orange Heights	1913	V	H. E. Ridenour, G'ville	1&3	10	57	1	4	12	1	46	0	0	Yes	2	23	0		0	0	2,500		2,500	100.00	206.97	15.00	26.00	0	Yes
Paran	1856	V	C. R. Robinson, Palatka	2&4	7	70	1	4	12	1	41	0	0	No	1	17	0		0	0	2,000		2,000	192.00	325.03	12.00	66.08	5	No
Sardis	1877	V	John Dick, Lake City	3	11	111	1	4	13	1	52	0	0	Yes	4	36	3	222.10	0	0	2,000		2,000	240.00	802.68	48.19	128.83	5	No
Waldo	1884	T	W. B. Hicks, Waldo	1&3	13	163	1	4	12	1	185	70	60	Yes	3	43	1	112.10	1	14	4,000	2,000	6,000	600.00	1391.14	154.25	287.26	15	Yes
Windsor	1934	V	S. J. Morgan, G'ville	2	2	44	1	4	1	1	36	0	0	Yes	2	27	0		0	0	2,000		2,000	36.00	51.00		2.00	0	No
					223	4453	16	74	250	21	2969	692	541	14	66	809	36	3389.51	3	58	242,900	37,250	280,150	12637.90	30906.92	3351.17	5724.81	174	8

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REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

By State Missions we mean the organized efforts of the Baptist churches of Florida to evangelize and Christianize the people of the state. These efforts are carried on thru the Florida Baptist State Board of Missions which in turn functions thru its several departments, namely; Evangelism, Sunday Schools, the Baptist Training Union, the Woman's Missionary Union, the Brotherhood, the Student Department and the Florida Baptist Witness.

The Florida Baptist State Board of Missions is also the agency thru which Florida Baptists cooperate with the work of the Southern Baptist Convention.

We wish to express our appreciation of the splendid services of our beloved Executive Secretary, Dr. C. M. Brittain, and his faithful and loyal associates during the past year, and to commend him and them the love and prayers of all Florida Baptists.

The achievements during the year may be represented by the following statistics. No. of churches 819; No. of members, 155,566; No. of baptisms, 10,714. No. of Missionary pastors aided, 61; number of churches helped by the Building and Loan Fund, 45; pastors in the Ministers' Retirement Plan, 225; churches in this plan number 279. Amount given by Florida Baptists to all causes (not including local church expenses) \$227,846.80; of this amount the churches of the Santa Fe River Association gave \$5,466.99; amount given to the Cooperative Program was \$121,090.80; of this amount the churches of your association gave \$5,512.09.

Our State Mission budget for 1940 is \$100,483.22. The State Convention in Lakeland last January adopted as the goal for the Cooperative Program for 1940 the amount of \$150,000.00. At the present hour we have about \$40,000.00 short of this goal.

It is evident that the coming of thousands of soldiers into our state during the months ahead will present a great opportunity for service and a corresponding responsibility to Florida Baptists. It will also require an increase in our State Mission funds.

It is hoped that every church member will appreciate the urgency of our State Mission work and respond with generous support of the same. This is an hour when every Christian should do his whole duty; and may God help us all so to do.

(Signed) THOS. V. McCAUL.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

Our land today is filled with groups of people who are putting their whole life into the task of destroying the ramparts of righteousness, liberty, truth and justice. These groups have adopted various and sundry names to camouflage their nefarious activities. They take advantage of ignorance and sympathy utilizing our liberties to shield themselves in their sworn purposes. Some of their most successful operations has been among the Negroes and the Foreigners in our land.

The greatest foe of this subversive element is the religion of Jesus Christ. "Save the surface and you save all" is the slogan of one of our large paint manufacturers. In the realm of human life save the soul and you save the talents, the mind and the whole life, here and hereafter. If men are to be free they must be "free indeed" through the liberty of Jesus Christ. Our hope of continued freedom in this country does not lie entirely with armed forces and efficient law enforcement bodies but it is a spiritual influence that comes from the heart of man. The strongest bulwark we can possibly have is heart and lives given to Jesus Christ. The foreigners in our midst must be won to Christ or the vicious propoganda of the Fifth Column will find an increasing field of production.

The enormous task of winning these people of all races falls upon the Home Mission Board. It is therefore majoring on preaching the gospel among the Indians, the foreigners and the Negroes, in the congested centers and sections of our land, and in Cuba and Panama.

It is to be remembered that the strategic point of approach to the world-task is the homeland. Christ must conquer in the homeland if we expect to win victories for Him in lands afar. We must make the religion of Jesus Christ triumphant at home if we would make it triumphant abroad.

The past year has been a year of glorious achievement for Home Missions. The Lord has richly blessed our missionaries in every field. We now have 411 missionaries working in 863 mission stations. During the past year we have added 40 to our mission force, opened 93 new mission stations, and acquired 14 pieces of property. During the year our missionaries have distributed 40,362 Bibles, testaments and portions of Scripture, and 660,847 tracts. They have preached 34,008 sermons, led over 9,000 to make professions of faith in Christ, and received into fellowship with the Church 4,672.

Receipts were larger last year than the year before. Marked progress has been made in the payment of the debt. The Board received from all sources in 1939, \$544,289.04. The treasurer's report shows that \$159,585.15 was paid on the principle of the debt. A debt payment program has been mapped out which will liquidate all the debts of the Home Mission Board by 1945 provided the receipts do not fall below the receipts of 1939.

As we rejoice over our progress let us constantly keep in mind that the task is growing larger. Many forces of evil are at work and the cause of Christ is being attacked from every sector. But our God is great and He gives unto those who follow Him powers beyond their fondest imagination. Brethren, let us see the broad fields of ripening harvest, remembering that if not gathered it will spoil. Let us be fervent in prayer, strong in love and sacrificial like unto the sacrifice on Calvary.

Respectfully submitted,
EDWIN HARWELL

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

Despite the devastation of war now engulfing large sections of Europe, Asia and Africa, our Foreign Mission Board has encouraging facts and achievements and objectives to report to our Southern Baptist constituency.

There are now 456 missionaries and 2900 native workers in the 16 countries in which our mission work is being carried on. In these fields of labor, there are 1883 churches, of which 1180 are self-supporting, and there are 3269 out-stations. Total membership of these churches is 236,265, and during the past year 18,606 have come into the fellowship of the churches by baptism. The indebtedness of the Board has been steadily decreased, and in the past seven years has been reduced from \$1,110,000 to \$245,000. It is confidently expected that the Board will be free of debt when its 100th anniversary is observed in 1945.

One great source of blessing and strength to our foreign mission work is the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, which in 1939 came to the high mark of \$330,424.70. Out of this offering the W. M. U. takes care of the salaries of 125 missionaries; the education of missionaries' children through the Margaret Fund; the building of missionaries' homes; the support of the 12 Training Schools for women, and a multitude of other things essential to our foreign mission program.

Encouraging reports come from practically every part of our foreign mission field. In Japan, many students from the boys and girls schools are being won to Christ. In China, though bleeding and suffering from the desolation of war, there is greater receptivity and more eager response to the appeal of the Gospel than ever before. In South America, in Mexico, in Spain and Italy; even in the trouble-spot of the Balkans, in Hungary and Rumania, and in Palestine and the city of Jerusalem, the light of the true Gospel is beginning to shine.

In response to an appeal from our British Baptist brethren, because of the chaos and ruin resulting from war, and by reason of the generous response of our Southern Baptists, the Board has been able to render very substantial aid, to help maintain the work valiantly begun 148 years ago by that great missionary William Carey. The other work to be undertaken soon is in beginning missionary operations in the vast and promising field of West China; in a great territory not hitherto entered by Southern Baptists.

Your committee would like to urge upon membership of our churches, men and women alike, the wisdom and profit of taking and reading our Florida Baptist Witness and our Foreign Mission Magazine called "The Commission."

Respectfully submitted, the Committee,
REV. W. C. TAYLOR.

REPORT ON CO-OPERATIVE PROGRAM

The Co-operative Program is the most satisfactory and, we believe, the most Scriptural plan yet devised by Southern Baptists for carrying

out the Great Commission of our Lord. It provides for the systematic and regular support of all the Work Christ Commissioned us to do and makes it possible for every church and every individual contributor to have a part in the missionary, educational and benevolent work of our denomination, beginning in Judea and extending to the uttermost part of the earth.

This plan saves the expense and inconvenience of having representatives of our various denominational causes make separate and constant appeals to our churches and makes possible the support of every cause in proportion to its relative needs and importance, week by week and month by month. Each State Convention decides how the Co-operative fund shall be divided as between the state and south-wide causes and then decides what percentage shall be given each of the state causes. The division of the South-wide Co-operative funds is determined by the Southern Baptist Convention. At present the Florida Baptist Convention retains 55% for work within the state and sends 45% to the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention to be divided among the South-wide causes.

Our state objects included in the Co-operative Program and the percentages of distribution are as follows: Budgeted appropriations by order of the convention 35%; State Missions 40%; Florida Baptist Children's Home 9%; Stetson University 9%; Rogers Building 5%; Student Aid 2%. Total 100%.

Co-operative Funds for South-wide objects are distributed according to the following percentages: Foreign Missions 50%; Home Missions 23 1/3%; Relief and Annuity 10 1/3%; Southern Baptist Theological Seminary 4 1/5%; Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary 4 1/5%; Baptist Bible Institute 4 1/5%; W. M. U. Training School 8/15%; American Baptist Theological Seminary 1%; Southern Baptist Hospital 2 1/5%. Total 100%.

We therefore suggest the following: 1st. That the Co-operative Program Plan of regular, systematic and proportionate support of our denominational work be most heartily commended to all our churches. 2nd. That our pastors, Sunday School Superintendents, Training Union Directors, Officers of our Women's Missionary Societies and all other officers and leaders in our churches be urged to keep our people informed on the worthiness, need and opportunities offered by each of our causes represented in the Co-operative Program by means of special sermons, special programs, Mission Study Classes, tracts and last but not least by placing the Florida Baptist Witness in every home represented in the church membership. 3rd. That every church make the Every Member Canvass sometime during the year preferably in November or December for both local expenses and the Co-operative Program. 4th. That all Co-operative Program receipts and other denominational funds be sent promptly to our Secretary-Treasurer making all checks and money orders payable to the Florida Baptist Convention.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. MARION SENTELL.

REPORT ON EDUCATION

We your Committee on Education are glad to submit the following: Realizing there are ample Baptist Colleges and Universities to take care of our young men and women. Therefore, be it resolved that we encourage our young men and women to attend our Baptist Institutions. Realizing, as we do, that Christian education is the foundation for all higher learning.

W. A. McMICHEN.

REPORT ON BAPTIST BROTHERHOOD

The movement has grown very slowly, but I think surely during the year just ended, and it appears that the men of the churches are becoming more interested as they become acquainted with the movement. The President of the Associational organization has endeavored to contact each and every church, and has rendered assistance wherever possible.

Quarterly meetings of the Brotherhood have been held throughout the year, and in each instance splendid programs were rendered and much interest was manifest among the men. At present there are only three local organizations in our Association, viz, High Springs, Waldo and Grove Street, Gainesville.

The president had the pleasure of assisting the men of Pine Grove church, New River Association in the organization of a Brotherhood. Our Secretary, Dr. Griffin has been with us several times during the year, and has given us much inspiration. The movement seems to be growing more rapidly in other sections of Florida than in this, but we hope before the end of another year to see a flourishing organization here.

We have not the space in this report to tell of the marvelous work being done all over the territory of the Southern Baptist convention, and we recommend that each Baptist man subscribe to the Florida Baptist Witness and so obtain information of what is need to stir our men to realize their proper place in the work of the church.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. MITCHELL—Committee.

REPORT ON SOCIAL SERVICE

We would recommend that every one who can, secure the Social Service Commission's report to the Southern Baptist Convention in session at Baltimore last June, and give that report careful study.

Your committee would call your attention to one of our major problems in the Southland, to wit: The white and black racial problem. The negro as a racial problem of the major type has been ours for many years and we are very happy to report progress has been made toward the solution of a problem of two races living side by side. However, a new problem has arisen now that both major parties are bidding for the vote of the negro and it is our task to enlighten the negro people and at the same time help them, in every way possible to recognize their moral responsibilities in this new phase of life. It is a task that

will have to be borne by christian people and particularly Baptist people.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. HARDY.

REPORT ON EVANGELISM

We believe the most important phase of the work of a New Testament Church is evangelism. It was one of the first commands of our Lord, and practiced so faithfully by the Apostle Paul and others of his day, that has come down through the ages until it is a personal command to you and to me to "Go ye therefor and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and the Holy Spirit; Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you."

In 1938 when a South-wide evangelistic movement was launched, our membership showed in one year a net gain of 174,000 with about 257,000 baptisms. This shows what prayerful, enthusiastic, concerted action can do. Dr. Leavell has said that Baptists must evangelize or fossilize.

During the past year nearly every church in this Association has held at least one week of evangelistic services, resulting in renewed inspiration and zeal, with several accessions to their membership. But it is not enough for that our churches put on evangelistic crusades, it must become the personal work of each christian, for we are not only saved but saved to serve. Charles Haddon Spurgeon was both sane and scriptural when he said, "If the Kingdom is ever to come to our Lord, it will not come through a few ministers, missionaries and evangelists preaching the Gospel. It must come by every one of you preaching it in the shop, when walking abroad and by the fireside."

How much are we concerned for lost souls? Let us ask ourselves these questions: "How deeply do I care? "How sincerely is my prayer? "How much do I have which I may share? "How far will I go and dare?"

Then let us purpose in our hearts that in the coming year we will help up the hands of our missionaries and evangelists by our prayers and offerings, and that we will be more earnest in our personal efforts to bring souls into the Kingdom.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. WARREN.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

This is the end of the fifth year that I have had the honor of being your Superintendent. We have advanced in many ways and I wish to outline briefly the steps which have been taken. First year: Fellowship. Second year: Enlargement campaign and study course. Third Year: Department meetings started. Fourth year: Department meetings were improved but we were unsuccessful in holding meetings at various churches because the department leaders were unable to attend meetings which were held in Gainesville. Fifth year: This has been the most efficient for the churches. All meetings held in Gainesville alternating

between the First and Grove street churches. Because of this arrangement we are able to hold department conferences in conjunction with practically all the meetings.

An enlargement campaign and study course were held this year in the following Churches: Gainesville First, Grove Street, Hawthorne, Alachua, High Springs, Waldo, Archer, Orange Heights, Campville and Rex.

Rev. Gross and Mrs. Tison have done wonderful work with the Daily Vacation Bible School. The goal was set at six different schools in the Association. Actually, seven schools were held in the following churches: Gainesville First, Grove Street, High Springs, Alachua, Waldo, Archer and Melrose.

At this time I wish to express my thanks to each and every person who has helped in making this a successful year: To the associational leaders who have been so faithful in attending the meetings; to Mrs. J. F. Vagts who has helped me during the past five years by advising me as to organization procedure as well as by enlisting workers; to Mrs. Clark who has so efficiently served as secretary and treasurer during the past two years; to members of the churches who have helped and who have attended these meetings; and especially to Dr. Gross, Associate Superintendent, for his work in planning and directing the study course and enlargement campaigns and arranging for the bus to DeLand. May God be with you and grant unto this association membership wisdom to carry on better than we have in the past. I trust that you will support the new superintendent as well as you have supported me. It has been a wonderful privilege to know you and to have been in all the churches of the association at different times when you were having Sunday School and Church—Money could not buy this memory from me.

The following leaders served this year: Associate Superintendent, Rev. A. J. Gross; Evangelism, Rev. Sentell; Supt. Mr. Merrit; Pastor, Rev. W. B. Hicks; Cradle Roll, Mrs. C. C. Gains; D. V. B. S., Mrs. J. M. Tison; Secy., Treasurer, Mrs. Harold Clark; Beginners, Mrs. J. W. Lucius; Primary, Mrs. A. L. Combs; Juniors, Mrs. A. J. Gross; Young People, Mr. Fussell; Adult, Mrs. J. F. Vagts; Intern't, Mrs. S. M. Kennedy.

Respectfully submitted,

G. A. BARBER, Associational Superintendent.

REPORT ON TRAINING UNION WORK

Our Baptist Training Union work in the Association, as a whole, was very good for the past year. We had better cooperation from our churches and seemed to accomplish more among them than we have in several years.

We have 22 churches in our Association, and about 17 or 18 out of the 22 have some phase of Training Union work in them. Some of them have only 1 union and some of them have the entire set-up from Story Hour to the Adult Department. We hope to get more unions in those that do have but 1 or 2, and at least 1 or 2 unions established in the

churches that do not have them in this new Associational year.

We had a Simultaneous Study Course in our Association last March and 7 churches took part in this. University students were furnished by our Association to teach Senior Administration in the churches that needed that special course. Some of the churches could not have a study course at the time for various reasons, but they did have one as soon as they could. We feel that this was a great step toward bringing closer fellowship and cooperation among churches in our Association.

Five dollars was contributed by a few of the churches to help take care of the expenses in our Associational work. Approximately \$10 was spent on postage and stationery in sending out notices to the various churches about our meetings, the work that we are doing, etc. We tried to finance our program on as little as possible, and the \$5 contributed helped, but it didn't nearly cover the actual expenses. The churches that used the University students as teachers helped finance their gasoline in getting them there and back. Mr. Radford, through the Board in Jacksonville, furnished \$5 to help on the transportation.

The work this year wasn't as great as we would like to have had it, but we feel that we did accomplish something worthwhile in our churches.

We have the meetings as they come. First, our Executive meeting the first month in the new quarter; then our officers' and Leaders' Council meeting the second month; and finally our Inspirational Meeting the third and last month. These meetings are usually well attended.

Dr. Marion Sentell, pastor at Alachua, has accepted the place as Director for another year and we are anticipating great things under his experienced leadership.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs.) JAMES W. MORGAN.

REPORT ON CHILDRENS HOME

Florida Baptists are proud of their Children's Home because of the property they own, and the possibility of improving it. Because of the gainful activities of the children in the home. Because of the discipline and spirit that prevails. Because of the very worthy Superintendent and his noble corps of assistants. Because of the fine family of children, 159. Because of the fine attainments of these children, and the bright future before them.

Our Association wants the home to be enlarged in every way. Therefore: we recommend that each church adopt some special plan to assist in the care of and enlargement of our Childrens Home.

Respectfully submitted,

H. E. RIDENOUR COMMITTEE.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

What chance has a boy without Christ? What chance does he have with Christ? What chance have they when we have 400,000 outlets sanctioned by our Government for the sale of ALCOHOL here in the South-

land. But we do not stop at that, we have 1,500,000 women and girls employed in these places where it is sold. They only seek the best out of the homes for their hostesses, our homes, I dare say that most of us here could name some girls whom was reared near you.

These girls and women served over 70,000,000 gallons of wine. This much is consumed annually in our United States. To whom is it given? The very best in the land, our boys and young men. The industry's goal each year is 100,000,000 gallons. In the year 1935 the drink bill in the United States was three to five billion dollars. We have today more than 5,000,000 boys and girls under 16 who are being reared in broken homes, one home out of seven or eight in America is a broken home. And we are safe in saying that 90 percent are caused by alcohol.

In our United States alone we have 3,500,000 persons engaged in crime. A major crime is committed every minute and a half—and a large majority of these are caused by strong drink. Sixteen billion is annually spent for crime, 50 times more is spent for alcohol, gambling, tobacco than is spent for religion. In our own state we spend 1,000,000 every month for crime. About 85 percent of this is caused by alcohol.

Responsibility for this condition rests with parents who call themselves Christian. Also, bad environment, ignorance, influence of the lawless, cheap detective magazines. Since practically no regular Sunday School pupils are ever charged with delinquency, it proves who is responsible. This problem is ours. What shall we do with it? If we love Him we will keep his commandments and so destroy the influence of this sordid traffic.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. S. M. KENNEDY.

REPORT ON STEWARDSHIP

In search of the Scriptures we find an abundance of evidence to substantiate the Teaching of Stewardship both of our lives and our earthly possessions. We find in Holy Writ the teaching of the offering of the tithe; and we find from a casual examination of the Letters or records of the annual accomplishments of the various churches, we find that the number of tithers in the churches runs from zero up to fifty tithers to the church. On close observation we notice that the tithers in these churches give the greater spiritual influence to the work, and we wonder why this is so. We believe the answer lies in the fact that tithers are better stewards of their own life and conduct than many (not all) that are non-tithers.

The membership of our churches is threaded into the life of our land. The church life through these members is woven into the whole fabric of our social, economic, political and industrial life. Like the warp is threaded into the woof of the garment, let church members take their religion seriously, let them make it a matter of daily living. Let them translate it hourly into conduct, character and conversation and this land of ours will be filled with the glad tidings of salvation.

This is Stewardship and Missions in the homeland. From it we recommend that a much greater percentage of our church members begin tithing, seeing Jesus only in the act, and we will see more spiritual minded people, more baptisms, more peace on earth and good wishes to men.

Respectfully submitted,
J. L. NORRIS COMMITTEE.

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS

We could not begin a report on this subject without calling attention to the fact that the greatest piece of religious literature that has been published through the ages is the Holy Bible. We commend the use of it unreservedly to all men everywhere.

Inspiring Christian literature may be found in other books. These books are available at our Baptist Book Store in Jacksonville. Miss Effie Sutton our capable manager and her corps of workers are always glad to supply a list of the best books and secure same for you. Our Baptist book store stands out as a beacon light to those who are seeking truth light and knowledge. Someone has said reading is the foundation of knowledge. Milton says, "The end of all learning is to know God, and out of that knowledge to love and imitate Him." Therefore let us seek more diligently for the knowledge we gain from reading good religious literature. The Sunday School Board has grown to be a large publisher of good books, having published an average of 2,147 volumes each working day last year.

As valuable and indispensable as our Book store is, with its host of good books and other religious literature it cannot take the place of our State paper, Florida Baptist Witness, organ of the Florida Baptist Convention. The Witness gives information and inspiration to those who read it. A copy should go every week into each home in our association, and should be read by the family. The page for our Boys and Girls is fine. Each week it brings Bible truths and a good story for our children. Space will not permit me to call attention to all the worth while knowledge this weekly visitor brings to our homes.

November has been designated Witness month. Our Brotherhood is putting on a drive to put the Witness in every Baptist home in the state, the goal being at least 15,906 subscriptions.

Since 1941 is the 50th anniversary of the Sunday School Board, we desire to give space in this report for a discussion of the periodical literature published by the Board for the churches in the Southern Baptist Convention. The Board publishes the periodical literature used in the Sunday School and Training Union. The Board seeks to have all literature true to the teachings of the Bible, constant Baptist principles and practice, calculated to enrich and energize the spiritual life centered about evangelism, and concerned always with the practical application of Christian principles to daily life. The Sunday School Board publishes a periodical for every need. At the present time 84 different periodicals

have been brought into being to meet some definite need among our people. Sample copies are sent by the board on request.

This report would be incomplete without calling attention to the helps that are published in Birmingham for our Womens Missionary Society and its Auxiliaries. This literature is all valuable in carrying out our W. M. U. work and may be secured for a small sum.

We mention very briefly our two mission magazines. The Commission for information on our foreign fields, and our Southern Baptist Home Mission Magazine. If we could get about fifty per cent of this fine Christian Literature into our Baptist homes most of our financial and attendance worries would be over, for when they know, they go, and when they go, they give.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. C. A. STRICKLAND.

REPORT ON SPIRITUAL CONDITION OF CHURCHES

We judge the Spiritual condition of churches by the conduct of individual members. The falling off of church attendance especially at the evening services in most of our churches, indicates a lack of spiritual life and interest.

The report from the churches this year show that that revivals have been conducted in most of them and fair results are shown. There were several more reported for baptism than last year.

All of the churches have pastors and it is shown that all departments of the work are well organized and that attendance at Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. is very satisfactory.

The Eden Church has been reorganized during the year, and under the earnest leadership of Rev. H. E. Ridenour has made a good showing of its Stewardship. Twenty were added by baptism during the year.

Your committee recommends that we pray for greater Spiritual power, so that others can not say of us that we have a form of Godliness but deny the power thereof.

Respectfully submitted,
W. B. HICKS.

REPORT BY RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

1. Be it resolved that we express our appreciation to Bro. Compton for his splendid address on Christian Education from youth up,
2. Be it resolved that we enlist all of our churches in cooperating with any movement sponsored by the Administrator for any enlargement or maintenance of our Childrens Home in Arcadia.
3. Be it resolved that we express our sincerest appreciation to the Fairbanks church and pastor for the generous hospitality, by giving them a rising vote of thanks.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. F. W. TYSON.
MRS. S. M. KENNEDY.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TIME & PLACE

We your committee on Time, Place and Preacher, recommend the following:

Time of our next Annual Meeting October 15, 16, 1941.

Place, High Springs Baptist Church.

Preacher, Rev. W. M. Sentell; alternate, Rev. J. H. Hardy.

Respectfully submitted,
H. E. RIDENOUR
W. B. HICKS
J. H. HARDY

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