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EXECUTIVE BOARD.

David Williams.....Plant City.
V. Walden.....Turkey Creek.
J. R. McDonald.....Plant City.
W. S. Knight.....Plant City.
C. C. Burns.....Tampa.
J. F. Rogers.....Mango.
E. G. Wilder.....Kathleen.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Association called to order by the Moderator.
3. Read letters and enroll names of messengers.
4. Election of officers.
5. Reading of Constitution and by-laws.
6. Call for petitionary letters.
7. Call for correspondents.
8. Invite visiting brethren to seats.
9. Appointment of committees.
10. Reports of committees.
11. Appointment of correspondents.
12. Election of messengers to State Convention.
13. Miscellaneous business.
14. Appointment of annual committees.
15. Adjournment.

MINUTES.

The Association convened with the First Baptist Church of Tampa, November 6th, 1901, after devotional exercises, led by Elder G. W. Robey.

Brother B. H. Porter delivered the welcome address. Response by Elder H. H. Norris, of Braidentown.

Introductory sermon was preached by Elder E. L. Todd, from Matt. 5:13.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. After Song Service, and prayer by Elder J. M. Hayman, the following letters were handed in. Brethren W. C. Smith, and N. E. Norwood were chosen reading clerks:

Messengers' names were enrolled as follows:

Bartow—J. M. Hayman, J. C. Blunt, B. F. Jackson, Mrs. B. F. Jackson.

Bethel—E. G. Wilder, J. W. Bailey, Wm. Bailey, A. A. Lewis, Bethany—J. N. Collins.

Braidentown—H. H. Norris, J. H. Humphries.

Chicora—By letter.

Gapway—By letter.

Hopewell—J. W. Johnson, W. M. McDonald, J. R. McDonald, Wm. Hollaway.

Kathleen—M. O. Hancock.

Keyssville—By letter.

Lakeland—S. L. A. Clonts, R. O. Cresup, W. C. Smith, Mrs. W. C. Smith.

Maple Creek—G. W. Heath, B. C. West.

Medulla—J. L. McClelland.

Midway—C. A. Kendrick, John Robertson.

Mt. Olive—By letter.

Mt. Tabor—By letter.

Mulberry—A. J. Kilgore.

New Zion—S. W. W. Haygen.

Palm Avenue—B. W. Sherman, E. A. Hill, C. C. Little, L. H. Hale, Miss Lydia Lawrence, Mrs. Effie Riggsbe.

Peace Creek—By letter.

Peru—Wm. Yeomans.
 Pine Grove—F. N. Varn.
 Plant City—N. E. Norwood, W. S. Knight.
 Providence—David Williams, J. G. Hendry.
 Seffner—W. S. O'Brien, Mrs. L. Harvey.
 Six Mile Creek—J. F. Rogers, J. A. Hayman.
 St. Petersburg—W. A. Sims, J. W. Harris, Mrs. J. W. Harris.
 Tampa First—J. Q. Brantley, W. H. Osborne, Frank Bentley,
 W. W. Blount, W. F. Lucas, Dr. W. P. Adamson.
 Thonotosassa—W. W. Carlton.
 Turkey Creek—R. E. McDonald, Irvin Walden, S. J. Johnson.
 Valrico—T. H. Jaudon, J. W. Brooker.
 Willow Oak—M. V. Campbell.

On motion the rules were waived and present officers were re-elected by acclamation.

Petitionary letters were called for, and the following were handed in. The churches were received, and the Moderator gave the right hand of fellowship to the messengers:

Alafia—(Peace River Association) J. D. Pollard, W. H. C. Smith.

College Hill—J. F. Filman, M. K. Wallace.

Correspondence called for:

Elder R. H. Whitehead, from Manatee Association, Brother J. R. Sumner, from Pasco Association, were invited to seats with us.

Visiting brethren invited to seats, Elders T. J. Sparkman, J. C. Rogers, J. C. Porter.

Treasurer's report read and adopted.

Association adjourned until 9 a. m. tomorrow (Nov. 7).

At 7:30 p. m. Elder M. M. Womboldt preached from Rev. 21. After sermon a collection of \$42.03 was taken for the relief of the aged and infirm ministers.

MORNING SESSION.

At 9 a. m. Nov. 7, the Association convened after Song Service and prayer let by Brother J. W. Brooker.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

We feel that this Associational year has been one of Spiritual prosperity, so far as our Missionary efforts are concerned. And we rejoice, Brethren, in the fact that in some parts of our Asso-

ciational territory, which a few years ago was in Spiritual darkness, and was entirely depending upon human instrumentalities for the Gospel of the blessed Son of God, and where many sacrifices had to be made in order to proclaim this glorious message, and today, through your prayers, liberalities, and otherwise encouraging our Missionaries; souls are rejoicing in hope of Heaven, and instead of the cry, "Come over, and help us," they are walking in the light, and are contributing for the support of the Gospel in less favored regions; and it seems to us that the time is near when these mission points will be self sustaining.

At some of these places we have contributed as liberally as the means would justify for the erection of church houses. Brethren, we commend you for the liberal contributions, which has enabled us to carry on the Master's work of this Association. You can, by referring to the Treasurer's report, learn where, and to whom, we have paid of the funds entrusted to our care.

We would recommend for the benefit of our successors for the ensuing year (should we have any) that Winterhaven, Midland, and Green Pond are very important fields for missionary work, and hope they will be looked after with prayerful consideration.

Read and spoken to by Brethren J. C. Porter, C. H. Nash, J. M. Hayman, W. M. McDonald, T. H. Jaudon and J. W. Johnson.
 Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE SPIRITUAL CONDITION OF THE CHURCHES.

The Spiritual condition of the Churches, seem to be better than they have been for some time.

We hear of Churches that have had glorious revivals recently; this fact gives us much joy.

But we hear of others that are very cold Spiritually, and we very much deplore this state of things, for it is evident that without Spirituality we become powerless to overcome the great obstacles that confront us. Our power over the world for good lies in our Spiritual strength. A church may be strong mentally, financially, yet if it lacks Spirituality, it will be a failure in bringing lost men to a knowledge of the truth. In fact a church without Spiritual power is no better than a Masonic lodge or Temperance Society, in wielding good influence for the salvation of men. Our Savior taught us that our strength lay in Him. All the men that have done great good in the world have been very Spiritual. Bunyan, Spurgeon, and Moody lived in touch with God.

Brethren, let us become more Spiritual, and then we could lead our people to a higher state of Spirituality. If we were Spiritual we could overcome many things, that seem to stand in our way.

It would not be so hard to raise our Mission money. Brethren, let's lead our Churches in Spiritual living, and the Lord will add daily the saved.

Read by J. W. Johnson, Chairman, and spoken to by Bros. J. W. Johnson, C. C. Sherrell, J. R. McDonald, R. H. Whitehead, J. G. Anderson, (Presbyterian.)

Adopted.

Ajourned until 2 p. m.

Elder T. J. Sparkman preached at 11 a. m., from St. John, 17:18.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After singing, and prayer led by Bro. N. E. Norwood, the Association took up the delinquent Churches as follows: Lake Eloise, Winterhaven, Green Pond, Enterprise, Clearwater, Lakehill, that had not been represented for three sessions of the Association and on motion (prevailing) they were referred to the Executive Board, to report at the next session.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES RESUMED.

Your committee recommend that the next session of this body be held with Bethany Church, and Elder Irvin Walden preach the Introductory Sermon.

H. H. Norris, Chairman.

Adopted.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We find on examination of the letters that are reported, twenty-three Schools, with 143 teachers and officers, and 1,170 scholars, who have contributed for all purposes, \$623.41.

This is an increase over last year, when 14 schools were reported with 104 teachers and 822 scholars. There is no doubt many Schools that are not reported, and we would urge Church Clerks to make their reports cover every item called for on the forms. While the conditions are not always favorable in some of our country churches for Sunday Schools, on account of proper officers, and teachers, we urge our people to organize, and foster

this interest wherever practical. If we fail to educate our children in Baptist principles, some one else will instruct them in their doctrines.

We recommend the use of the literature published by our Sunday School Board at Nashville, also the American Baptist Publication Society's literature; we also recommend the adoption of the special days as outlined by the Sunday School Board at Nashville, for collections for Bible, and Missionary work.

That so far as possible all Teachers be members of Baptist Churches, and members of the Sunday Schools.

That efforts be made to establish libraries to furnish our youths with more wholesome reading.

That time be set apart at our Union, and Associational meetings, for a discussion of Sunday School work, and conditions.

Read by Bro. W. C. Smith, and followed it with a strong speech. Also spoken to by Elders J. M. Hayman, T. H. Jaudon, W. M. McDonald, C. H. Nash, H. H. Norris, N. E. Norwood, and Bros. J. H. Humphries, C. C. Sherrell.

Adopted.

LETTERS AND DOCUMENTS.

We have examined the Associational letters, and find no questions, or anything mentioned demanding the attention of the Association.

We are pleased to note that there has been progress in many of the churches.

The following will indicate the result of the work along the line:

Received by Baptism.....	200
Received by letter.....	158
Received by restoration.....	17
Dismissed by letter.....	88
Dismissed by erasure.....	17
Dismissed by death.....	26
We note again of.....	210

We rejoice in what has been done, and pray God's blessing upon the Churches that we may be able to do yet more for Christ.

We find two petitionary letters, one from Alafia Church, coming from Peace River Association; the other a new church known as College Hill. Both of these were welcomed into our body.

N. E. Norwood, Chairman.

Adopted.

On motion (prevailing), regular order of business was suspended, and Bros. J. C. Porter, T. J. Sparkman, addressed the Association in the interest of Education, and Stetson University. At the conclusion of their addresses a motion prevailed that the Moderator appoint a committee to formulate plans for raising \$100.00 for Conrad Hall. E. G. Wilder, J. W. Johnson, W. L. Holloway, Committee.

Committee recommend the Churches of the Association to take the matter up, and forward amount to the Union in December.

At the request of Chairman on Missions, the report was deferred until after sermon at 7:30 p. m.

On motion (prevailing) Secretary was requested to procure Associational letters for the Churches, and furnish Church Clerks with same.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Your committee on finance report the amount from the Churches sent up at this session for all purposes, \$73.41.

T. H. Jaudon,

W. C. Smith,

David Williams,

Committee.

Adopted.

Adjourned until after preaching at 7:30 p. m.

7:30 p. m., sermon by Elder W. M. McDonald, from Isaiah, 3:10, 11.

Following report on Missions was read by Elder J. T. B. Anderson:

The last, and imperial command of our Lord and Master, is, "Go ye therefore and make disciples of all nations." It is a command that includes Foreign Missions as well as Home—our own neighborhood—our own state, and the farthest region beyond. The Church is a dead Church that is not anxious to preach the Gospel to every creature. Max Muller says: "That of all the religions of the world only the Missionary religions are loving;" says another, "I am cornered with statistics to prove that every anti-Missionary denomination in this world today is dying—smitten with the palsy of spiritual death. The Spirit of Missions in belief, and in practice is the one thing that will keep the church pure. No Church can be an earnest, soul-seeking and soul-saving Church without holding firmly to the vital doctrines of the Bible. What you believe, is going to mightily affect your soul-winning power."

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Foreign Missions are under the control of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. This Board is located at Richmond, Va. They are carrying the Gospel to three Papal and three Pagan countries, as follows: Papal, Mexico, Italy, Brazil. Pagan, Africa, China and Japan.

For the purpose of successfully carrying on this work Florida Baptists are asked to contribute \$1,800 during this conventional year. The books of the Board close on April 30th, 1902.

As some people seem to have the idea that our work is at a standstill or retrograding, it might be well for us to consider some of the figures: In 1877, twenty-four years ago, we had sixteen Missionaries, and thirty-two native assistants, forty-eight workers in all. The contributions were \$32,276.00. In 1887, fourteen years ago, we had 116 Missionaries and native assistants, 228 baptisms, and the contributions were \$80,830.53. In 1897, four years ago, we report 190 Missionaries and native assistants, 660 baptisms and \$125,681.00 in contributions. In 1901, the report shows that we had as a working force on the field, 102 Missionaries, 171 native assistants, making a total working force of 273. We should thank God and press forward.

Another thing that denotes progress is, that a number of our churches in foreign lands have become self-sustaining.

This year's report, with the large increase in contributions, amounting to \$150,083.33, the largest sum ever contributed by Southern Baptists to the work, together with the large number of converts, notwithstanding the troubles in China, should so fill our hearts with thankfulness to our Heavenly Father, that we shall in the future put forth more strenuous efforts to "show forth the praises of Him who hath called us from darkness into His marvelous light," by giving more cheerfully, liberally and systematically of our means to this work.

HOME MISSIONS.

Our Home Mission work, is under the supervision of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, located at Atlanta, Ga. Dr. F. C. McConnell is its Secretary. Its field of work is the Southern States, the Indian and Oklahoma Territories, and the Island of Cuba. Florida Baptists are asked to contribute \$1,500 this year for Home Missions.

This Board is vigorously pushing its work, and is accomplishing all it can, with the means at its command. But the field is en-

larging year by year on account of the increasing number of foreigners coming into our bounds, and the means with which the Board is supplied is not commensurate with the great amount of work to be done. Brethren, let us see to it that our contributions keep pace with the increase of our field of labor. The report of this Board at our last Convention showed that \$87,000.00 had been contributed by our Churches to this work, an increase of eleven thousand dollars over the previous year.

This statement is made by the Board:

"Our work needs to be increased among the negroes, all over the South, the foreign population in Missouri, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Texas, and other states; in the Indian Territory, in the mountain region, in Florida, in Cuba, on the frontier, indeed everywhere. To do this we must have increased resources to give us our hundred thousand dollars to meet these obligations. To give less is to have part of the work undone. We shall use every proper means to secure it. With it and the blessings of the Lord, we hope do a larger work than ever before."

God has wonderfully used this Board in making it the vehicle through which He has carried His salvation to many of the dark and benighted portions of this Southland of ours, giving men and women light for their darkness and life for their death, causing the very wilderness to blossom as the rose.

Brethren, of the South Florida Association, let us shout in your ears. "Awake, Awake, put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O, Jerusalem." May every call of this Board meet with a hearty and cheerful response from the pastors and churches of this Association.

STATE MISSIONS

Our State Mission work is in the hands of our State Mission Board located at La Grange, Florida. Brother W. N. Chaudoin is its Corresponding Secretary.

The aim of this Board is to carry the Gospel to the unevangelized regions of this state, to assist weak churches in the support of their pastors, and to aid in the erection of house of worship.

Florida Baptists it is hoped will raise \$5,459.78 this year for State Missions. In order that this hope of the Board be fully realized, Florida Baptists will have to raise in the next ten days, \$1,500, otherwise we shall have to go up to the State Convention this year in debt.

In view of this fact, your committee, would therefore recom-

mend, that at some suitable time during the present session of this Association, a collection be taken for State Missions, and the same forwarded to Brother Chaudoin immediately.

Your committee submits this report with grateful hearts to our Heavenly Father, for His wonderful and marvelous blessings upon our State Mission work. We are able to report progress in the work, and Brother Chaudoin says: "We have done a good work this year, and we'll make a good showing at our Convention." We feel that the Lord has so guided and helped His people, that His work has gained higher ground, and encourages us with the promise of more rapid progress in the near future.

Before closing this report, mention must be made, and a word of commendation spoken, of the work done by our Woman's Missionary Union. This labor of love, their zeal, their self-denying liberality ought to incite us all to a more thorough consecration of ourselves and our means to be used in the proclamation of the gospel message to those, "who are lost, and are without God in the world."

Spoken to by Elders J. T. B. Anderson, and W. M. McDonald.

J. T. B. Anderson,

C. H. Nash,

T. H. Jaudon,

Committee.

After the adoption of the report a collection was taken for State Missions of \$25.08.

Elder C. H. Nash addressed the Association in the interest of the Ministers' Insurance Association.

Adjournment until tomorrow at 9 a. m.

November 8, at 9 a. m. Association convened.

At 9 a. m., song and prayer, led by Elder J. W. Johnson.

Reports of committees again called for.

OBITUARIES.

Your committee have examined the letters from the different Churches, and find reported 30 dead, since we last met. We would suggest that a page of our minutes be devoted to the memory of the deceased of our dear brothers, and sisters, who have fallen asleep.

J. C. Blount,

Jno. Robertson,

Committee.

On motion (carried) Secretary was requested to write to the different Church Clerks of the Association for the names of their deceased, that they might be recorded on Memorial page of minutes.

PROMINENT EVILS CONFRONTING US.

The prominent evils that confront us are various, and numerous. It is thought by many, and generally accepted as true, that the liquor traffic with its accompanying evils is the worst, and as to the corruption of our National morals, as well as our National politics. No doubt this is true; but we are speaking of what confronts us as a denomination, as an Association, as Churches, as individual members, and Christian development as Churches of the Living God. One of the greatest drawbacks to our Christian system is that we don't put enough of our God given time into the Lord's work. The stockman, the trucker, the merchant, and almost all professions are so pressed with business, and with care of earthly things there is scarcely any time left for God's service. Often neglect the assembling of ourselves together as was the manner in Christ's, and the Apostles' day. No time for Church Conferences, for Prayer-Meeting, for Sunday School work, for visiting the sick, and distressed. Often forgetting what the Great Head of the Church said: "In as much as ye have administered to these ye have done it unto me." Often we act as though we have forgotten that He laid His entire life, with all its glories and magnificent power upon the altar of sacrifice for us, that we through Him, might live. Can we not, in view of what He has done for us, lay ourselves, our time, our all upon His Altar of service. May God help us to be faithful to His cause with our means, our time, our energy and our all.

E. G. Wilder, Chairman

Spoken to by Bros. E. G. Wilder, C. C. Sherrell, C. H. Nash, R. H. Whitehead, J. C. Rogers, W. M. McDonald, J. W. Johnson.

Adopted.

APPOINTMENT OF CORRESPONDENTS TO OTHER ASSOCIATIONS.

On motion (prevailing) any member attending will be considered a correspondent.

Messengers to State Convention—E. G. Wilder, H. H. Norris, J. W. Johnson, J. W. Humphries, N. E. Norwood, J. C. Blount.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

On motion duly carried, Bros. E. G. Wilder, J. R. McDonald, W. S. Knight, David Williams, J. F. Rogers, V. Walden, C. C. Burns were elected.

Annual committees to report at next session:

Obituaries—E. G. Wilder, C. C. Hancock, S. C. Sloan.

Associational Work—Executive Board—Prominent Evils Confronting Us. C. H. Nash, Irvin Walden, C. C. Little.

Missions—J. W. Johnson, R. Y. Walden, J. C. Blount.

Woman's Work—J. T. B. Anderson, H. H. Norris, C. C. Burns.

Sunday Schools—C. F. Mallory, N. E. Norwood, J. B. Simmons.

Religious Literature—J. R. McDonald, Jr., W. L. Hollaway, V. Walden.

Ministerial Education—J. W. Tucker, C. H. Kendrick, Jno. Robertson.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.

Resolved, that this Association tender a vote of thanks to the pastor, and members of the First Baptist Church of Tampa, for the kindly manner in which they have entertained the Messengers, and visitors in attendance at this session.

On motion (prevailing) the clerk was instructed to have 800 copies of minutes printed, and distributed among the Churches, and have \$20 for his services.

A committee from the Woman's Missionary Union came before the Association to ask for help to put an organizer in the bounds of the Association. On motion prevailing, their request was put in care of Executive Board.

The Association adjourned to meet with Bethany Baptist Church, Wednesday before the second Sunday in November, A. D. 1902. A. A. Levis, Secretary.

W. M. McDonald, Moderator.

Last sermon at 11 a. m., was preached by Elder J. W. Johnson, from First Samuel, 4:3.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Nov. 8, 1900. Balance in treasury	\$ 71.68
Nov. 8, 1900, Received for missions and associational purposes	69.90

SOUTH FLORIDA

Nov. 8, 1900, Aged ministers	7.01
Dec. 29, 1900, Turkey Creek Union	52.28
Dec. 29, 1900, Church building fund	7.01
Mar. 31, Church at Gapway Union	74.40
April 15, Chicora Church	1.60
June 29, Six Mile Creek Union	45.06
June 29, Church building fund	20.10
June 29, Aged Ministers	1.00
Sept. 29, at Bartow Union	62.68
Oct. 27, Mission Plant City	6.30
Total receipts	\$419.02

1900.

DISBURSEMENTS.

Nov. 8, J. C. Porter, for aged ministers	\$ 7.01
Nov. 8, A. A. Lewis, clerk, fee	20.00
Nov. 8, Dr. Chaudoin, for Association letters	2.50
Nov. 8, Dr. Chaudoin, for missions	13.01
Dec. 29, E. L. Todd, for mission work	5.00
Dec. 29, C. Vickers, for mission work	5.00
Dec. 29, J. C. Porter, Galveston church building	7.01
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Jan. 7, J. C. Porter, printing minutes	25.00
Jan. 7, Dr. Chaudoin, foreign missions	6.30
Jan. 26, J. W. Johnson, mission work	10.00
Jan. 26, G. A. Bryant, mission work	5.00
Mar. 11, S. C. Sloan	10.00
Mar. 31, Mulberry church building	50.00
Mar. 31, Six Mile Creek building	25.00
Mar. 31, C. Vickers, for mission work	10.00
Mar. 31, R. Y. Walden, for mission work	10.00
June 29, R. Y. Walden, for mission work	10.00
June 29, C. Vickers, for mission work	5.00
July 1, Mulberry church building	50.00
July 17, Dr. Chaudoin, Ch. building fund	6.00
July 17, Dr. Chaudoin, aged ministers	1.00
July 17, Dr. Chaudoin, foreign missions60
Sept. 29, C. Vickers, for mission work	15.00
Sept. 29, Sick Island church building	35.00
Oct. 28, Dr. Chaudoin, church missions	6.30
Total	\$349.73

Balance in treasury Nov. 6 \$ 69.29

W. S. Knight, Treasurer.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION—MORNING SESSION

The seventh annual session of the Woman's Missionary Union of the South Florida Baptist Association, met with the First Baptist church, Tampa, November 8, 1901.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 o'clock a. m., by Mrs. S. S. McCampbell, Associational Vice-President.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. G. W. Robey, after which an address of welcome was delivered by Mrs. J. T. B. Anderson, which was beautifully responded to by Mrs. J. W. Harris, of St. Petersburg. A letter of greeting from Miss Spalding, was then read by Mrs. Humphries, of Braidentown.

After enrollment of delegates came the call for letters and reports of the different societies. Eight churches responded; an increase of six from last Association.

The Six Mile Creek W. M. U. sent greetings, having been organized in July of the present year; now have seven members and \$1.32 raised for missions. Lakeland Union reported a membership of 34, and raised for Home Missions, \$14.48; foreign, \$43.45; local expenses, \$18.90; a total of \$76.63. Bethel reported a total of \$50.35. Plant City raised for all purposes, \$22.65 and a "Sunbeam" Society organized, that raised \$7.36, for missions. Braidentown reported a total of \$102.10, after an existence of but eight months. Palm Avenue, Tampa, raised \$106.69. First Church, Tampa, reported a total of \$447.55, of which amount \$79.77 went for Foreign Missions, including \$50.00, which was paid for Miss Taylor's salary; Home Missions, \$40.06; home charity, \$20.50; miscellaneous, \$140.04; incidental, \$47.35; box to missionary value, \$100.00; with a balance on hand of \$18.93.

After the reports had been given, a letter was read from Miss Mary Taylor, our missionary in Cuba, by Mrs. Smith, of Lakeland. This was followed by a short talk on "Past and Present Work of the Union in the State," by Mrs. J. A. Mellon, of Tampa. The reports of the Associational Vice-Presidents were then read. Mrs. Wilder responded by letter and Mrs. McCampbell in person. Mrs. Sexton, of the First Church, Tampa, then read a very interesting paper on New Work, which was followed by suggestions along the same line by Mesdames Bennett, Harris, Mellon, and Miss Lucas. A motion was then made and carried that an organizer be placed in the field and Mrs. S. S. McCampbell of the First Church, Tampa, was elected to fill the position for the ensuing year. A committee was then appointed to go before the Association and ask for assistance in this work, and the committee reported that the matter was referred to their executive committee.

An appeal for the Foreign Mission Journal and Home field was made by Mrs. M. M. Taylor and sample copies were distributed. A motion was then made and carried that Mrs. McCampbell, of the First Church, Tampa, and Mrs. Willis, of Bartow, serve as vice-presidents for the coming year. Mrs. J. A. Mellon was elected treasurer of the Union.

After singing and prayer the meeting adjourned until 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Union convened at 2 o'clock, with devotional exercises conducted by Mrs. McCampbell, when the meeting was turned over to the Young Peoples' Unions, which have been formed at the Plant City church, Palm Avenue, Tampa and First Church, Tampa. The Young Ladies' Union of the First Church, reported \$5.00 sent to Bro. Chaudoin for missions, and a box sent missionary in Oklahoma, valued at \$15.00. The Palm Avenue Young Ladies' Union reported a flourishing society, but failed to leave their report. Delegates to state convention at Marianna, were then appointed as follows: Mesdames McCampbell, Smith, Humphries, and Misses Hill and Helms. Then followed a soul-inspiring talk by Miss Lawrence, on her work among the colored people, after which we enjoyed a most helpful paper on "Work for the Young," by Miss Annie Helms, Tampa. Reports of childrens' bands by Miss Helms and Mrs. J. A. Mellon. Bro. Smith, of Lakeland, spoke encouraging words along the line of young people's work. A collection of \$8.19 was taken during the day to be used for the plan of new work adopted. After closing words and prayer, Union adjourned.

Mrs. J. A. Mellon, Secretary.

Sacred to the Memory of

Bro. R. W. Faulkner, Alonzo Brooks, P. F. Owen, and Sisters Mildred Keller and Georgia Jennings, Bartow.

Sister Lydia A. Douglass, Thonotosassa.

Sisters Mary D. Burk, W. C. Dempsey, B. G. Lawrence and Miss Story (initials not given) Bro. W. H. Jones, Palm Avenue, Tampa.

Mrs. Barrs, of St. Petersburg. (Initials not given.)

Sisters J. B. Moody, M. E. Pryor, Julia Frink, Julia A. Proseus, Sarah M. Wall, and Bro. J. A. Mellon, of Tampa, First Church.

Bro. W. R. Franklin and Sister Lena Hull, Plant City.

Bro. John Weeks, and Sister Mary Ann Weeks, Providence.

Bro. James Rymes, and Sister Elizabeth White, Chicora.

Sisters Miram Lanier, and Celistian Hancock, Kathleen.

Sister Emma Morgan, Valrico.

One reported from Gapway.

One reported from Turkey Creek.

Names not given.

Elder C. S. Reynolds, Clearwater.

"Asleep in Jesus."

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

T. Alderman	Plant City.
J. T. B. Anderson	Tampa.
G. A. Bryant	Kathleen.
O. D. Bryant	Lakeland.
J. W. Brooker	Brandon.
R. T. Caddin	Raymond.
W. W. Carlton	Antioch.
M. C. Cain	Mulberry.
J. R. Frier	Kathleen.
B. Guy	Gary.
J. M. Hayman	Bartow.
J. W. Harris	St. Petersburg.
W. R. Holcomb	Eagle Lake.
J. W. Johnson	Alafia.
T. H. Jandon	Sydney.
W. M. McDonald	Plant City.
M. H. Murrell	Medulla.
C. H. Nash	Tampa.
N. E. Norwood	Plant City.
H. H. Norris	Braidentown.
W. H. Osborne	Tampa.
R. N. Pylant	Homeland.
G. W. Robey	Tampa.
J. P. Smith	Braidentown.
S. C. Sloan	Kathleen.
J. W. Tucker	Kathleen.
C. Vickers	Plant City.
A. J. Whittemore	Plant City.
R. Y. Walden	Fort Meade.

HISTORICAL PAGE.

A convention of churches convened at Shiloh, June 1867, adjourned to meet in associate capacity December, 1867. Samuel C. Craft, Moderator.

Bethel, Dec. 6, 1867, S. B. Todd, Moderator, S. C. Craft, Clerk.

Peace Creek, Oct. 2, 1868, J. M. Hayman, Moderator, S. C. Craft, Clerk.

Shiloh, Oct. 29, 1869, S. Walden, Moderator, E. J. Hull, Clerk.

Pine Pleasant, Nov. 14, 1870, L. J. Simmons, Moderator, N. T. Jones, Clerk.

New Hope, Nov. 11, 1871, L. J. Simmons, Moderator, N. T. Jones, Clerk.
 Mt. Pleasant, Nov. 8, 1872, L. J. Simmons, Moderator, J. M. Hayman, Clerk.
 Bethel, Oct. 11, 1873, S. Walden, Moderator, J. M. Hayman, Clerk.
 Shiloh, Oct. 16, 1874, J. W. Hendry, Moderator, N. T. Jones, Clerk.
 Oak Grove, Oct. 16, 1875, S. Walden, Moderator, N. T. Jones, Clerk.
 Thonotosassa, Oct. 14, 1876, S. Walden, Moderator, N. T. Jones, Clerk.
 Shiloh, Oct., 1877, R. N. Pylant, Moderator, N. T. Jones, Clerk.
 Clearwater, Oct. 19, 1878, S. Walden, Moderator, J. M. Hayman, Clerk.
 Turkey Creek, Oct. 18, 1879, S. Walden, Moderator, J. M. Hayman, Clerk.
 Bethel, Oct. 16, 1880, S. Walden, Moderator, J. M. Hayman, Clerk.
 Oak Grove, Oct. 15, 1881, L. J. Simmons, Moderator, J. M. Hayman, Clerk.
 Thonotosassa, Oct. 14, 1882, L. J. Simmons, Moderator, J. M. Hayman, Clerk.
 Shiloh, Oct. 14, 1883, L. J. Simmons, Moderator, J. M. Hayman, Clerk.
 Hopewell, Oct. 19, 1884, R. N. Pylant, Moderator, E. G. Wilder, Clerk.
 Bartow, Oct. 14, 1885, W. W. Bostwick, Moderator, E. G. Wilder, Clerk.
 Tampa, Oct. 16, 1886, W. W. Bostwick, Moderator, E. G. Wilder, Clerk.
 Plant City, Oct. 8, 1887, W. W. Bostwick, Moderator, E. G. Wilder, Clerk.
 Bethel, Oct. 12, 1888, W. W. Bostwick, Moderator, E. G. Wilder, Clerk.
 Bartow, Oct. 10, 1889, W. W. Bostwick, Moderator, E. G. Wilder, Clerk.
 Turkey Creek, Oct. 9, 1890, T. H. Jaudon, Moderator, E. G. Wilder, Clerk.
 Tampa, Oct. 8, 1891, T. H. Jaudon, Moderator, E. G. Wilder, Clerk.
 Lakeland, Oct. 6, 1892, T. H. Jaudon, Moderator, E. G. Wilder, Clerk.
 Bethel, Oct. 4, 1893, T. H. Jaudon, Moderator, A. A. Lewis, Clerk.

Seffner, Oct. 10, 1894, C. H. Nash, Moderator, A. A. Lewis, Clerk.
 Plant City, Oct. 9, 1895, W. M. McDonald, Moderator, A. A. Lewis, Clerk.
 Turkey Creek, Oct. 7, 1896, W. M. McDonald, Moderator, A. A. Lewis, Clerk.
 Bethel, Oct. 6, 1897, W. M. McDonald, Moderator, A. A. Lewis, Clerk.
 Lakeland, Nov. 9, 1898, W. M. McDonald, Moderator, A. A. Lewis, Clerk.
 Hopewell, Nov. 8, 1899, W. M. McDonald, Moderator, A. A. Lewis, Clerk.
 Thonotosassa, Nov. 7, 1900, W. M. McDonald, Moderator, A. A. Lewis, Clerk.
 Tampa, 1st, Nov. 6, 1901, W. M. McDonald, Moderator, A. A. Lewis, Clerk.

 RULES OF ORDER.

1. The sessions of this body shall be opened and closed with prayer or praise to God or both.
2. The Moderator shall preside over the deliberations of this Association, keep order, and explain and put questions, but shall not vote, except in case of a tie.
3. In discussing subjects before the body the speaker shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator, and shall not speak more than ten minutes at a time, nor more than twice on the same subject without leave of the body; and the speaker shall carefully avoid personal reflections that are offensive.
4. It is the duty of the Clerk of this Association to keep a fair and correct record of the proceedings of this body while in session, and prepare the manuscript for the press, and have the minutes printed and otherwise put up in good style, and distribute them among the churches at the earliest day practicable and shall keep a complete file of the minutes for the use of the Association.
5. The Treasurer of this Association shall hold the moneys sent up by the churches and from other sources, kept strict account of the same, and pay out to the order of the Association or its Executive Committee, and shall make report in writing, at each annual meeting, of all moneys received and disbursed.
6. The Constitution and Rules of Order shall be read at each annual meeting, immediately after permanent organization.
7. These Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any annual meeting by a vote of a majority.

**SOUTH FLORIDA
CONSTITUTION.**

1. This organization shall be known as the South Florida Baptist Association.
2. It shall be composed of Baptist churches of the same faith and Gospel order.
3. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually by ballot by the properly authorized messengers sent up by the churches.
4. Each church shall be entitled to two messengers, and one additional messenger for every twenty-five over the first fifty.
5. This Association shall meet annually at any time and place agreed upon, by letters and messengers, in which letters should be stated and names of the messengers sent for the respective sessions and the condition of the churches.
6. This Association shall recognize the independence of the churches, and shall not in any case exercise jurisdiction over them, yet shall have power to drop from its connection any church which it may deem corrupt in faith or practice.
7. Churches may be received into this body by petition, setting forth their faith, and willingness to conform to the rules and regulations by which this Association is governed; and upon reception the Moderator shall give to the messengers the hand of fellowship.
8. Any church shall be at liberty to discontinue its connection at any time it may deem proper, by giving notice of such intention, without breach of fellowship. If any church shall fail to represent itself for three years in succession, it shall be dropped, unless retained for the purpose of visitation by committee or otherwise.
9. This Association may correspond with sister associations.
10. This Association may alter or amend this Constitution at any regular meeting of its members by two-thirds of the votes of the messengers present.



CONTRIBUTIONS AND SUNDAY SCHOOL EXPENSES

CHURCHES	Church Expenses.	Sunday School Expenses.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Associational Funds.	Missions not designated.	Miscellaneous.	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS AND POST OFFICERS.		No. of Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Pupils Enrolled.	Volumes in Library.	Contributed by Sunday schools for Missions.
										Not Represented	On Sunday School					
Antioch	\$22 00						\$1 00									
Albion	13 55						1 52									
Barrow	425 00	48 00	1 00	5 00	23 00		2 50	2 80								
Bellevue	69 00	5 00		33 50	60 00		1 50									
Belton	232 25		11 00	32 50	50 00		1 50									
Bradenton	250 75	38 20		18 30	12 25		1 50									
Chickasaw							1 50									
Church	116 82				13 32		2 00									
College Hill																
Enterprise																
Gapway	30 00			2 75	12 80		1 21									
Green Pond																
Hopewell	172 80			28 00	20 00		3 00									
Honolulu																
Kathleen	63 75	4 00	33 28		4 00	5 07	1 05									
Keyville																
Lake Eloise																
Lakeland	550 00	37 02					3 00	85 00								
Macdonald	29 45						5 11	11 30								
Maple Creek	65 00				6 04		1 21									
Medulla	28 00	5 45			5 00		1 50	1 20								
Midway	28 40						1 75									
MI Olive	60 00	5 00		10 10			1 75									
MI Taber																
N. Roberts																
N. Roberts	40 00	72 40	1 00	32 80	28 33		2 50									
Palms Avenue	908 91		7 75	20 00			1 25									
Peace Creek	22 25	5 87	8 10		1 60		1 60									
Pine Grove	31 00	6 00			2 00		2 05									
Plant City	488 88	40 28	18 07	26 85	20 12	9 15	5 00									
Pleasant Hill																
Providence	60 00	6 17		3 21			1 51									
Riverview																
Road	72 60	6 15		4 00	8 00		2 00									
Safford	60 00	3 11			10 00		50									
Six Mile Creek	300 00	105 00	175 40	6 00	18 85											
St Petersburg	2 71 55			190 40	118 85											
Tampa 1st	68 20		29 20													
Thonotosassa	100 00															
Turkey Creek	100 00															
Valrico	25 85	41 15			5 30		2 00	18 30								
Willow Oak	25 30				8 30		1 00									
Whitford Haven																
TOTALS																

Not Represented
No Sunday School
65 47 Pro Sunday School
101 47 W. W. Hunt, Barrow
1 9 40 C. F. White, Robertson, Plant City
53 60 J. H. Humphries, Bradenton
3 75 No Sunday School
12 00 No Sunday School
96 26 J. R. McDonald, Plant City
B Prim, Kathleen
No Sunday School
25 00 A. E. Sloan, Lakeland
15 75
2 25 R. D. Furch, Plant City
L. M. Ballard, Midberry
Statistics and Superintendents not given
2 00
14 97 C. H. Primm, Tampa
25 00 Sister Harrie, Riverview
C. P. Cummings, Ft. Mead
31 00 J. E. Kuzick, Plant City
10 75 W. N. Aldridge, Riverview
1 25 Mrs. L. H. Harvey, Safford
W. T. Ryan, Lithonia
W. A. Sims, St. Petersburg
225 00 W. F. Lewis, Tampa
No Statistics given
15 81 J. E. Hooper, Turkey Creek
22 01 C. C. Sheffell, Brandon

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	When Organized.		Received by Baptism.	Received by Letter.	Restoration.		Dismission by Letter.		Exclusion.		Died.	Present Membership.	PASTORS.	CLERKS AND POST OFFICERS.		Number of Churches.	Value of Meeting Houses.	Number of Parsonages.	Value of Parsonage and other property.	
	Year	Month			Year	Year	Year	Year	Year	Year				Year	Year					Year
Antioch	1874	11	13	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	114	J W Johnson	Not Represented	Not Represented	1	300 00	1	550 00	
Artis	1850	12	4	3	1	13	2	2	3	1	5	140	E L Todd	W M Collins, Picnic	H M Day, Barrow	1	700 00	1	700 00	
Barrow	1875	12	30	8	1	4	4	5	5	1	142	S C Sloan	C L Branch, Plant City	A A Lewis, Kathleen	1	1,800 00	1	1,000 00		
Beulah	1863	12	18	10	9	1	1	1	1	1	54	H H Norris	A W Shirley, Bradentown	Not Represented	Not Represented	1	2,100 00	1	2,100 00	
Bradentown	1889	4	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	44	R Y Walden	Not Represented	Not Represented	1	275 00	1	275 00		
Clearwater	1889	4	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	H D Ryals	Jus M Padgett, Chocoma	Church (pre. and given)	Not Represented	Not Represented	1	75 00	1	75 00
Chocoma	1901	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	47	R T Caddin	Not Represented	Not Represented	1	50 00	1	50 00		
College Hill	1896	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	131	W M McDonald	Not Represented	Not Represented	1	125 00	1	125 00		
Enterprise	1876	4	2	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	30	J W Johnson	J L Harrison, Gallows	E F Carpenter, Keyville	Not Represented	Not Represented	1	5 00	1	5 00
Gapway	1875	4	2	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	21	G A Bryant	Not Represented	Not Represented	1	400 00	1	400 00		
Green Pond	1871	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	131	M M McDonald	Not Represented	Not Represented	1	1,000 00	1	1,000 00		
Hopewell	1871	131	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	131	L D Geigzer	Not Represented	Not Represented	1	1,000 00	1	1,000 00		
Kathleen	1868	35	4	11	5	5	2	2	2	2	9	J C Vickers	Not Represented	Not Represented	1	300 00	1	300 00		
Keyville	1868	25	4	11	5	5	2	2	2	2	30	J W Johnson	H C Turner, Lakesand	F T Kendrick, Plant City	Not Represented	Not Represented	1	300 00	1	300 00
Lake Blaine	1892	50	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	21	G A Bryant	J L Bryant, Morse	B W Boyce, Gallows	Not Represented	Not Represented	1	400 00	1	400 00
Lakesand	1885	104	40	18	2	11	1	1	1	1	131	L D Geigzer	Not Represented	Not Represented	1	1,000 00	1	1,000 00		
Lakesand	1890	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9	C Vickers	Not Represented	Not Represented	1	300 00	1	300 00		
Maple Creek	1897	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	60	E L Todd	H C Turner, Lakesand	F T Kendrick, Plant City	Not Represented	Not Represented	1	300 00	1	300 00
Medulla	1898	48	10	6	3	1	4	4	4	4	27	E L Todd	Not Represented	Not Represented	1	300 00	1	300 00		
Madway	1900	18	5	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	54	C Vickers	Not Represented	Not Represented	1	400 00	1	400 00		
Mt. Olive	1882	57	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	100	E L Todd	Not Represented	Not Represented	1	3,000 00	1	3,000 00		
Mt. Taber	1880	55	5	5	5	6	6	6	6	6	24	H H Guy	Not Represented	Not Represented	1	300 00	1	300 00		
Mulberry	1898	17	5	5	5	6	6	6	6	6	17	R Y Walden	Not Represented	Not Represented	1	100 00	1	100 00		
New Zion	1898	17	5	5	5	6	6	6	6	6	17	R Y Walden	Not Represented	Not Represented	1	100 00	1	100 00		
Palm Avenue	1900	90	14	5	2	2	2	2	2	2	161	C H Nash	Not Represented	Not Represented	1	3,000 00	1	3,000 00		
Pease Creek	1888	41	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	18	H H Guy	Not Represented	Not Represented	1	125 00	1	125 00		
Peter	1898	15	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	17	R Y Walden	Not Represented	Not Represented	1	100 00	1	100 00		
Pine Grove	1900	15	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	169	M M McDonald	Not Represented	Not Represented	1	1,500 00	1	1,500 00		
Plant City	1860	149	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	169	M M McDonald	Not Represented	Not Represented	1	1,500 00	1	1,500 00		
Pleasant Hill	1891	56	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	18	W M McDonald	Not Represented	Not Represented	1	550 00	1	550 00		
Providence	1877	19	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	18	W M McDonald	Not Represented	Not Represented	1	550 00	1	550 00		
Rayview	1900	19	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	A A Keith	Not Represented	Not Represented	1	2,000 00	1	2,000 00		
Red	1886	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	46	T H Jaudon	Not Represented	Not Represented	1	1,200 00	1	1,200 00		
Red	1886	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	46	T H Jaudon	Not Represented	Not Represented	1	1,200 00	1	1,200 00		
Saline Creek	1897	70	3	4	6	24	1	1	1	1	283	J T B Anderson	Not Represented	Not Represented	1	500 00	1	500 00		
St. Petersburg	1899	29	3	51	2	2	2	2	2	2	96	J W Johnson	Not Represented	Not Represented	1	500 00	1	500 00		
Tampa 1st	1859	218	35	51	6	24	1	1	1	1	119	R Y Walden	Not Represented	Not Represented	1	500 00	1	500 00		
Thonotosassa	1854	84	12	12	4	4	2	2	2	2	42	T H Jaudon	Not Represented	Not Represented	1	500 00	1	500 00		
Turkey Creek	1888	107	10	10	2	2	2	2	2	2	66	W M McDonald	Not Represented	Not Represented	1	500 00	1	500 00		
Turkey Creek	1888	107	10	10	2	2	2	2	2	2	66	W M McDonald	Not Represented	Not Represented	1	500 00	1	500 00		
Valrico	1892	41	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	66	W M McDonald	Not Represented	Not Represented	1	500 00	1	500 00		
Willow Oak	1886	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Winter Haven	1885	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
TOTALS			28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28				28	\$ 3075 00	2	\$ 4885 00	

