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Next session convenes with Hopewell Church, Hillsborough
County, Fla., Wednesday before second Sunday in November,
1903.

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

B. F. Blount Bartow.
F. M. Chiles St. Petersburg.
J. R. McDonald Plant City.
W. S. Knight Plant City.
J. H. Tharp Tampa.
J. F. Rogers Mango.
E. G. Wilder Kathleen.
Wade. Harrison Palmetto.
P. S. Harllen Palmetto.
W. C. Hayman Gillette.

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.

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

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 this 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, keep 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.

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

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 a 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 the 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. But 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.

MINUTES.

The association convened with Bethany Church, Hillsborough County, Fla., November 5th, 1902. Introductory sermon was preached by Elder Irvin, Walden, from first Cor., 3:9.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The association was called to order by the Moderator. After prayer service, Brethren J. H. Tharp and C. F. Mallory were chosen as reading clerks. Messengers' names were enrolled as follows:

Antioch—Answell, Renolds, T. Firstbrooks.
Turkey Creek—Irvin, Walden, W. F. Farington, Ves. Walden, J. B. Mott.
Plant City—W. S. Knight, G. W. Wells, Mrs. T. W. Wilder, Mrs. C. H. Channon, Mrs. S. J. Knight.
Pine Grove—F. N. Varn.
Bethel—E. G. Wilder, A. A. Lewis, W. J. Platt, S. E. Sloan.
Mt. Olive—I. D. Harriss.
Hopewell—W. M. McDonald, George Castles, J. R. McDonald, W. L. Hollaway, J. W. Johnson, J. B. Simmons.
Bethany—Win. Falkner, Lesley, Collins, John Branch.
Thotonosassa—E. W. Graves, James, Hudgins, G. W. Stanley.
Palm Avenue—C. H. Nash, F. W. Tidwell, J. M. Freer.
Providence—J. W. Gibson, J. G. Hendry, David Williams.
Six Mile Creek—H. Lewis, E. G. Wray.
Alafia—W. M. Colding, L. L. Barnes.
Bartow—J. C. Blount, B. F. Blount, J. J. Bewan, Lot. Allen.
Midway—F. J. Kendrick, Thomas Hull, Joe. Hull.
Gapway—R. T. Cadden, M. H. Murrell.
Green Pond—A. T. Williams, Henry Roberts.
Lakeland—J. H. Tharp, Sister E. W. Park, Sister Powell.
Braidentown—H. H. Norris, J. H. Humphries, A. W. Shirley.
Winter Haven—Sister Yonley, Sister Nina Kenedy.
Valrico—T. H. Jandon, J. W. Brooker.
Mt. Tabor—T. A. Rogers, W. Bennett, J. T. Hart.
Mulberry—J. A. Kilgore.

Tampa 1st.—A. J. Head, H. M. King.
 Chicora—B. S. Booth, J. A. Adams.
 Peru—J. L. Harvey, J. L. Lamp.
 Clearwater—V. W. Olds.
 Kathleen—M. O. Hancock, C. C. Hancock.
 Peace Creek—By letter.
 Enterprise—J. H. Pinkston, J. A. Whidden.
 College Hill—Change name to
 El Bethel—S. P. Phillips.
 Keysville—Love, Purvis, B. F. Carpenter.

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

New Hope (Manatee River Association)—W. C. Hayman, Jno. W. Thompson.
 Friendship (Manatee River Association)—I. A. Redd, N. J. High.
 Palmetto (Manatee River Association)—R. H. Whitehead, P. S. Harllee, M. B. Harrison, Sister L. Lamb.
 Sarasota—N. L. Hayman.
 First Church Port Tampa—T. J. Holcomb, J. Hill, Jones, Sister J. Scanlin, Sister N. Conrad.
 Knights—C. F. Mallory, W. E. Wiggins.

Corresponding and visiting brethren—Elder J. C. Rogers from Alachua Association. Elder W. L. Mahon from Peace River Association.

Association adjourned until 9 a. m. tomorrow (Nov. 6).
 At 7 p. m. Elder W. L. Mahon preached from Hebrews 2:3.

MORNING SESSION.

At 9 a. m. November 6, the association convened after song and prayer service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.

We find from the letters 17 schools reported with 91 teachers, 865 pupils, and \$411.50 expenditures. This is at least 25 per cent. less than last year's report. However, we feel sure the decrease in our report is caused by failure to report schools in church letters. We would urge every church clerk to report the school in full, for we are making history for future generations and we want it correct.

We note that what schools are reported are rich and full in interest and are supported by active missionary churches; whereas, churches with no Sunday schools report few additions, and seem to be doing little or nothing toward missions or general church work; which fact within itself is very significant.

We commend those schools that are doing missionary work, and suggest that all others follow their example.

We recommend that all churches exercise direct jurisdiction over their respective schools, so that the school will realize that it is a creature of the church, and not a separate organization.

That the entire church membership be active members of the school.

That the periodical be a help in the study of the Bible, and not the Bible a help in the study of the periodical. Impress the idea that the Bible is God's book, while the periodical is the comment of good men. Not that we love the periodical less but the Bible more.

That the fundamental principles of the Bible as held by the Baptists be instituted into the minds of the pupils, thereby giving the church a sound, educated membership.

We commend Valrico for fostering three schools. Why cannot every church have at least one?

Read and spoken to by C. F. Mallory, J. H. Humphries, A. J. Head, J. R. McDonald, T. H. Jandon, S. G. Mullins, Robt. Norwood, S. I. Pierce. Adopted.

PROMINENT EVILS CONFRONTING US.

The spirit of worldliness and what it springs out of, and what it leads to, is doubtless the evil closest at our doors, and which brings the greatest hindrance, and hurt to our churches as an immediate effect. An over love for the world grows out of a weak

faith in the great truths of the Bible, and generally there is closely associated with this condition of things, a serious ignorance of the Bible itself. Worldly Christians are weak Christians, and weak Christians make weak churches.

Closely allied to this, and growing largely out of the same source is a susceptibility to the influence of the many issues so prevalent in the land, and to which some of the weak, unstable ones have yielded themselves. The holiness craze, which often takes the form of a vaunting self-righteousness. The new lights, and evening lights, and side lights, and no lights, and miraculous healing which are really of the echo of the old voice. "Lo, here is Christ, and lo, there is Christ," gain the attention of many, draw away the unstable, and the Scripture comes true: "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge."

The "Higher Criticism" looms up at a distance, and is more or less animous along the line of the coming ministry that may have been, or shall be tinged by it. The evils of the whiskey traffic constitute an old enemy which ignores our churches at many points; sometimes in the tipping of some of the members, sometimes in sweeping away young men from the reach of the Gospel, who, otherwise, might be brought within the fold, and all the time in the fact, that the majority of Christian votes stand behind, and are largely responsible for whiskey traffic itself.

Read and spoken to by Brethren, C. H. Nash, H. M. King. Adopted.

On motion prevailing, 3 p. m. was allowed Bro. L. D. Geiger for addressing the association.

At this time, 10:30 a. m., Bro. W. L. Mahon addressed the body in the interest of the Baptist Orphanage, located at Arcadia.

After the discussion, the following donations were made:

E. L. Wilder	\$100.00
E. G. Wilder and wife	10.00
C. H. Nash	10.00
M. B. Harrison	10.00
Peter Hardee	10.00
R. T. Cadden	10.00
W. C. Hayman	10.00
W. S. Knight	10.00
J. R. McDonaia	10.00
E. W. Norwood	5.00

Total

\$185.00

On motion carried.

An annual committee was appointed to report on the orphanage work at each session of the association.

Adjourned until 1 p. m.

At 11 a. m., Bro. J. H. Tharp preached from Acts 9:6, after which a collection for missions was taken, amounting to \$19.50.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

Literature is the body of written or printed composition.

Literature is the science of letters, it is the life of a nation. Their record of what mind has accomplished. Next to a good life, a good book is civilization's best product, its greatest producer of good.

There is first, the literature of knowledge, second, the literature of power, the office of the first is to teach, the office of the second is to move.

Literature may be classed sacred, and profane, or better, what is moral, and what is religious. Literature in printed form is the principal means of campaigning information on any subject, and to receive more attention by Christian leaders and teachers.

Our Bible is the highest model of all literature and should be read more and more. Therefore we recommend the reading of the publications of the Sunday School Board, American Baptist Publication Society, The Home Field, Foreign Mission Journal, and commend with emphasis our State organ, The Florida Baptist Witness, also Florida Baptist, and ask all to stimulate their membership along these lines.

J. R. McDONALD JR.,
Chairman.

Read and spoken to by Bro. L. D. Geiger. Adopted.

On motion Bro. J. N. Sloan was recommended to Stetson University.

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MISSIONS.

The work of missions is simply carrying out the last, and great commission of our blessed Master. The command was given to the church to go, and disciple the nations, which the church has been carrying out in a measure, all along during the ages, but notwithstanding the great amount of time that the church has had to work, we have only just commenced, and unless we improve in our contributions it will take a great while yet to Evangelize the world, especially when we look over the fields. Thousands yet have never heard of Christ. The cause of missions ought to stir every christian heart, to put forth every means possible to carry out the command of the Master.

The questions of missions rest on one great theological question of God's word, if it is a fact that God regenerates, sanctifies, saves independent of any means, or instrumentality, then missions is useless, and sinful, also a waste of money and men, but if God does use means, and if the Gospel is the means that God blesses to the salvation of men, then it is the indispensable duty of every Christian to do all he can to acquaint the world of Christ.

The word of God teaches us that God has ordained the preaching of the Gospel unto salvation to every one that will believe, also faith comes by hearing, how then can they "hear without a preacher?"

Paul said that he was debtor, both to Greeks and Barbarians. Paul felt that he owed a debt to the heathen, and that debt was to acquaint them of the salvation of Christ, and we never will feel the burden of the salvation of the lost until we realize that we are in debt to the world, and that debt consists in giving them the Gospel. If we could fully realize that we must stand in the judgment with this generation of heathens, and give an account of our negligence in giving them the Gospel, and hearing them say, if you had done your duty we might have been saved.

Oh, how bad some of us will feel when we realize that our carelessness and stinginess withheld the truth from them. We ought to take courage when we consider that we have the best opportunity of any age of the Christian world. Every heathen land now opens for the Gospel, and then consider what missions has done. The writer can remember when there were very few Baptists in this State. When I first began to notice statistics the Baptists had only about seven thousand, the Methodists, twenty-five thousand, but by missionary effort, (in part at least) we have as many members (nearly) as the Methodists. Many of our best churches were a few years ago missionary stations. And yet there

remains much work to be done in our own association in the eastern and southern part, especially. The city of Tampa demands our immediate attention, where God has so blessed our efforts in the past.

Therefore, we resolve to increase our missionary contributions at least twenty-five per cent. this coming year, and that we insist on each of our pastors to preach more on missions, and acquaint the people with the needs of the work.

May the Lord bless the cause of missions.

Read and spoken to by Brethren J. W. Johnson, Chairman, L. D. Geiger.

At this point, Bro. L. D. Geiger addressed the body on the work of the State board of missions. Report adopted.

FINANCE.

Your committee on finance find, sent up by the churches for all purposes, \$83.87.

T. H. JAUDON,
Chairman.

On motion, adjourned to 9 a. m. tomorrow.

At 7 p. m., sermon by Elder S. G. Mullins from Hebrews 3:9. November 7th, 9 a. m. The association convened after prayer service.

Reports of committees resumed.

SESSIONS.

Your committee recommend that this body accept the invitation of the Hopewell church, to meet with them at the next session of this body; and that Bro. J. H. Tharp with Bro. S. C. Sloan as alternate, preach the introductory sermon, and Bro. S. G. Mullins with Bro. J. T. B. Anderson as alternate, be appointed to preach a doctrinal sermon on the subject, The Church of New Testament to be preached at 11 a. m.; second day of the session.

R. H. WHITEHEAD.
H. H. MORRIS.
J. S. SLOAN.

Committee.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Your committee in presenting this subject would emphasize, first of all, the fact that no man can be a true minister of the Gospel unless he is called of God to this work, and has the right to enter upon this work as a man would select for himself any of the professions or vocations of life. The choice and call of a true minister is of the Holy Spirit. The evidence of this call to the man himself is a matter of his own consciousness, by the impressions of the Holy Spirit, leading him to realize that necessity is laid upon him by his Divine Lord to preach the Gospel. But God sets the minister in His church, and not outside of it, and hence the setting apart publicly of the minister chosen of God should scripturally be under the authority and direction of the church, and by a Presbytery of elders duly called for that purpose. The proof to the church and Presbytery of minister's call consists in the possession by the minister to be ordained, of the qualifications for this office as clearly set forth in the scriptures. It will not be questioned that such a person called of God to teach and proclaim the Gospel should have all the educational training possible, both by his own diligent study of the scriptures and mental culture by his own efforts and the help of his brethren.

This age of ministerial education demands much more than ever before an educated ministry. A cultured and educated people will not be satisfied with other than an educated preacher, but your committee, as before stated, emphasizes the truth, that it is the Divinely called minister, who is to preach, and that no amount of educational training in itself, apart from this, will make a man a preacher, or invest him with the right to exercise this high calling of God.

An educated man is one whose physical, mental and spiritual talents or faculties have been trained and developed. The education of the whole is necessary to a complete education, and your committee would point out the danger of a partial education as of the mind or body with the elimination of spiritual and moral culture in the curriculum of education, and as the public or state schools minimize the importance of moral training, the work of establishing schools under the authority and patronage of our own churches seems a necessity.

And as there were schools of the ancient prophets or seers and as the apostles were for three years under the personal instruction of Christ, the great teacher, so we think it is well to have theo-

logical seminaries or schools where our young ministry may under able, sound and wise teachers receive instruction and training in all the lines appropriate to their great work.

But such schools should as we think be the control, direction of the churches who patronize and sustain them; so that the faculty or corps of instructors shall be composed of those who are sound in the doctrines of the scriptures as we hold them.

Theological seminaries and Baptist schools would prove a curse rather than a blessing if the instructions given should be contrary to the scriptures.

We cannot be too careful, as churches, in requiring that all our schools, literary and theological, should be free from all heresies and heretical teachers or teaching.

Your committee recommend to our young ministers Stetson University at DeLand, and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville as schools furnishing fine facilities of education in their respective lines or departments of education. Read and spoken to by brethren R. H. Whitehead, chairman of committee, R. T. Cadden, H. M. King. Adopted.

LETTERS AND DOCUMENTS.

The Associational letters have been examined, and we submit the following:

Received by baptism	168
Received by letter.....	222
Received by restoration.....	14
Dismissed by letter.....	174
Expulsion and erasure.....	55
Dismissed by death.....	25
Number of churches reported by letter.....	37
Number of new churches received.....	6
Number reporting no baptisms.....	15
Number reporting no Sunday School.....	11
Number reported giving nothing to missions.....	5

We are sorry to note a decrease in baptisms compared with last year; there being thirty-two less reported.

There is an increase by letter of sixty-four. We urgently and earnestly recommend that the clerks of each church use the Associational letter blanks, as only by that way can complete reports be

made, and the state secretary of the Mission Board be able to compile correct statistics of work done and progress made.

We note with pleasure the petitionary letters of Port Tampa, New Hope, Palmetto, Sarasota, Friendship and Knights, and extend to them a cordial welcome into our body.

Read and spoken to by Brethren J. H. Tharp, chairman of committee, W. M. McDonald, J. N. Collins, H. H. Norris, E. Vickers. Adopted.

On motion prevailing clerk was requested to order one hundred blank Associational letters from the Baptist Sunday School Board at Nashville, Tenn., and furnish same to the churches of this Association.

WOMAN'S WORK.

We find that the proceedings of the Woman's Missionary Society are recorded in full in our minutes; therefore we do not deem it necessary for the committee to report, inasmuch as they will make a full report during this session, we therefore recommend a discontinuance of the committee.

Read, and on motion, was passed until afternoon session. Adjourned until 1 p. m.

11 a. m., sermon by Brother J. A. Pinkston, from Acts 16:30.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After song service Association resumed the discussion of Woman's Work, spoken to Brethren H. H. Norris, W. M. McDonald, J. H. Humphries. Adopted on motion prevailing.

Brother B. H. Whitehead was recommended to all the churches of this Association as sound in Baptist doctrine.

On motion prevailing, the Woman's Missionary Society make their own report before the Association at its next session.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Your board has during this year assisted weak churches in support of the Gospel at the following named places: Brother J. H. Tharp, at Winter Haven; Brother E. Vickers, at Enterprise, and Maple Creek; Brother J. R. Frier, at Keysville; Brother Irvin Walden, at Plafici. We have also assisted in the building of church houses at College Hill Baptist church near Tampa, and at Green Pond, and at Mulberry, and Six-Mile Creek. We rejoice to know that at this time regular services are being held at the several places mentioned, and they are growing rapidly in self-support and in regular church work. We desire and hope for the hearty co-operation of our Brethren and Sisters in South Florida Association, so as we may still further advance the cause of Christ in assisting weak churches and helping to build houses of worship where they are needed in our bounds. The treasurer's report will show the several amounts paid out by your board.

E. G. WILDER,

Chairman.

REPORT OF MANATEE RIVER ASSOCIATION.

Dear Brother—After prayerful consideration we have dissolved the Manatee River Association, realizing that we were too poor financially, and too weak in members to cultivate the field as it should be for the good of the Master's cause. The majority of the churches which compose our Association will apply to your body for admission. In doing so we wish to give you a short synopsis of our needs, and condition in this part of our Master's vineyard.

Since the advent of the railroad into our county it is building up rapidly, which is making it one of the most important fields in the state for missionary work.

There are, springing up all along the line of railroad, towns of importance that should be supplied with Baptist preaching at once.

The railroad has been completed to Palmetto, and there are ritory known as the Manatee River Association section.

The railroad has been completed to Palmetto, and there are already towns being built.

We will mention them in rotation, beginning in the northeastern part of our territory: First Balm, a station on the railroad in Hillsborough county. Here we have had a missionary preaching for the last four months to large and interesting congregations. There are several Baptist families, and a strong Baptist sentiment in the community. Second, is Parish, a station on railroad, twelve miles east of Palmetto, in one of the best sections of the county. We have had no Baptist preaching there for several years. The place is now building up, and several Baptists have, and are moving in. We should by all means occupy that point at once. Third is Sarasota, south of Braidentown, a population of about two hundred and fifty. This little town is located on Sarasota Bay. The railroad will be completed to this point by the first of January, 1903. We have secured a beautiful lot to build on. We have had a missionary there for the last year, and have a church organized with ten members. This place is destined to soon become one of the most important towns in the county. There is a strong Baptist sentiment in this town, and could we push the work, as it should be, we would soon have a self-supporting church. Fourth, Terra Ceia Island, situated on Terra Ceia Bay, six miles from Palmetto, population about two hundred and fifty and is noted for its orange and vegetable industry. We have been keeping a missionary at this point for the last ten years. It is a very important point, and the work should be kept up. To accomplish good results and do the work that we should do, it is absolutely necessary that we should have church buildings at the places to which we have called your attention.

There are other places on the line of the railroad which we will mention: Little Sarasota, Venice and Englewood, and last, Boca Grande, which will be the terminal of the S. H. L. R. R.

Hoping that our heavenly Father will guide you by His spirit and that His blessings may rest upon our efforts.

I. A. REDD, Moderator.

W. H. HARRISON, Clerk.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts.

Nov. 6, 1901, balance in treasury	\$ 79.29
Nov. 7, cash at association for miss.	73.41
Nov. 7, cash at association for aged ministers	48.63
Dec. 15, cash for church building	35.00

Dec. 29, cash for union at Bethel missions	26.78
Dec. 29, cash for union at Conrad Hall	34.12
Dec. 29, cash for unions from J. M. Hayman	5.00
Dec. 29, cash for aged ministers	1.00
Dec. 29, cash for orphans' home	2.79
Dec. 29, cash from Antioch for missions	1.00
July 1, 1902, cash from Braidentown for miss.	2.00
March 30, cash for union Hopewell miss.	37.70
March 30, cash for union Conrad Hall	70.88
March 30, cash for Enterprise church, miss.	2.31
April 2, cash for Mt. Taber	2.80
June 29, cash for union at Bartow for miss.	60.69
July 10, cash for Braidentown for miss.	4.00
August 30, cash for union at Thonotosassa	57.71

Total receipts\$545.11

Disbursements.

Nov. 7, 1901, to W. N. Chaudoin, aged minister	\$ 48.63
Nov. 7, to A. A. Lewis, clerk fee	20.00
Nov. 7, to J. C. Porter for printing minutes	30.00
Nov. 7, to J. C. Porter, for Conrad Hall	100.00
Nov. 7, to church building	100.00
Nov. 7, to Jno. L. Jones, orphan home	2.54
Nov. 7, loaned O. J. Frier	20.00
Nov. 7, to C. Vickers for miss. work	60.00
Nov. 7, to J. R. Frier for miss. work	20.00
Nov. 7, to R. T. Cadden for miss. work	5.00
Nov. 7, to S. C. Sloan for miss. work	5.00
Nov. 7, to J. H. Tharp for miss. work	25.00
Nov. 7, to Irvin Walden for miss. work	20.00
Nov. 7, to L. D. Geiger for foreign missions	24.75

Total\$480.92

Nov. 5, balance in treasury, \$64.19.

W. S. KNIGHT, Treasurer.

ASSOCIATIONAL WORK.

Our associational work as your board see it, is not just what it ought to be. While we rejoice at our present spiritual, as well as

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financial prosperity there is a lack of Gospel support that exists in our bounds, that is deplorable. The work in our associational bounds can never advance and grow as it should, until as members, we learn to give, and give as the Lord prospers us. As the Lord hath ordained that they who preach the Gospel shall live of the Gospel. If all the pastors and teachers in our association would so emphasize the truth of the Scriptures, until every member of each church would feel personally responsible for his or her part of Gospel support, and then give according to God's plan (we mean system) we could go up and possess the land, for we would be well able to overcome it in Jesus' name.

Executive board of recommendation of executive committee, Eloise, Lake Hill, Homeland, Macedonia, Maple Creek churches were dropped from our minutes.

The committee on obituaries being absent, a motion prevailed that committee forward report to secretary.

On motion, any member of this association visiting other associations will be recognized as correspondence.

Messengers chosen to State Convention, J. H. Tharp, H. H. Norris, R. T. Cadden, S. G. Mullins, W. M. McDonald, R. H. Whitehead, H. M. King, J. N. Thompson, W. S. Knight, E. G. Wilden.

Same executive committee reelected, with Bros. Wade Harrison, P. S. Harlee, W. C. Hayman, added.

On motion prevailing, clerk to have twelve hundred copies of minutes printed, and distributed among the churches, and be paid twenty-five dollars for his services.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

We, the South Florida Association as a body, desire to express our heart-felt thanks for the generous hospitality that has been accorded us, during our stay among this people, and assure them of our high appreciation of their tokens of kindness, and expressions of Christian love and fellowship.

We depart with thanks to our God for the uplifting and joy that our mingling together has brought to our hearts, and praying that God will abundantly bless and keep them.

Adjourned to meet with Hopewell church, Wednesday before second Sunday in November, 1903.

A. A. LEWIS, Secretary.

W. M. McDONALD, Moderator.

Report of committee on obituaries forwarded since adjournment.

OBITUARIES.

Dear brethren, we find after examining letters from the churches, that twenty-seven have departed this life since we last met. We suggest that a page in our minutes be inscribed to their memory.

S. C. SLOAN, Chairman.

Report of Woman's Missionary Union forwarded after association adjourned.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION.

The eighth meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union of the South Florida Baptist Association, met with the Bethany Baptist Church Friday, November 7th, 1902.

Mrs. S. S. McCampbell, associational vice-president, opened the meeting with devotional exercises.

After electing Mrs. J. H. Humphries secretary pro-tem., reports from different societies were taken up with the following results:

First church of Tampa—Responded by letter and messenger, Mrs. S. S. McCampbell; reported a membership of forty, with \$436.88 collected during the year.

Lakeland—By letter and messengers, Mrs. J. H. Tharp and Mrs. E. M. Park; reported with twenty-two active members and \$210.37 collected.

St. Petersburg—By letter, \$16.61.

Plant City—By letter, \$23.41 raised by W. M. U., and \$23.50 by Sunbeam Society, making a total of \$46.91.

Braidentown—By messenger, Mrs. J. H. Humphries; reported a membership of six; \$54.10 collected.

Six Mile Creek—By messenger, Mrs. Wreny; reported a struggling society, weak in membership, but strong in determination to do something for the Master.

Bethel—By messenger, Mrs. E. G. Wilder; reported an existing society, composed of the "Faithful few," who were filled with the missionary spirit, and kept up the work.

At the close of the reports from the societies, applications were received from two societies for admission into the union, one from Port Tampa City and represented by Mrs. S. C. Scanlin, the other the Telford W. M. U., of Palmetto, whose membership had previously been with the Manatee River Association. Both were heartily received into the union. The Telford society was represented by Mrs. L. M. Lamb and reported a membership of fifteen; \$114.46 collected.

The report of the treasurer, Mrs. J. A. Mellon, as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Mrs. J. A. Mellon, treasurer, in account with W. M. U., of the South Florida Association.

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Received from W. M. U. in convention at Tampa, Nov. 8: 1901.

By collection	\$ 8.19
From Plant City by Bro Anderson.....	3.40
Miss Lucas50
Mrs. E. G. Wilder, Kathleen, by Mrs. McCampbell	1.50
Mrs. Willis of Bartow by Mrs. McCampbell	2.50
Mrs. Woolhen, Clearwater, by Mrs. McCampbell.....	1.00
Mrs. Roy, Clearwater, by Mrs. McCampbell	1.00
Mrs. Graham, Tampa50
Plant City Union by J. C. Porter	1.60
Tampa First church	5.00
From Mrs. Late, Lakeland, by Mrs. McCampbell50
From Mrs. Hodge, St. Petersburg, by Mrs. McCampbell....	1.50

Total receipts

\$27.19

Dr.

Paid Mrs. McCampbell	\$18.50
Paid for programs for last meeting	1.25
Postage, stationery19

Total expenditures

\$19.94

Balance on hand

\$ 7.25

MRS. JNO. A. MELLON,

Treasurer.

Tampa, Fla., 204 Cardy st., Nov. 3, 1902.

The organizer, Mrs. McCampbell, reported having attended three fifth Sunday meetings, written seventy letters, visited thirteen churches and forty homes, organized two societies, renewed two, held six meetings, with a total expense of \$19.00.

At the close of the above report, Mrs. McCampbell made a strong appeal for the work, and recommended placing an organizer in the field for the entire time.

The union took up the matter and, after discussion, voted to employ a competent organizer, at a salary of \$30.00 per month. The work of the organizer was placed under the surveillance of a board of three. Two vice-presidents and a counselor. Mrs. J. H. Tharp of Lakeland and Mrs. M. M. Taylor of Tampa, were elected vice-presidents and Mrs. McCampbell counselor. Mrs. J. R. Mellon was reelected treasurer for the ensuing year.

An earnest appeal for the orphans' home at Arcadia was made by Mrs. J. H. Tharp.

Mrs. McCampbell gave an enthusiastic talk on the spirituality of the societies, and their opportunities among the foreign element at their door.

The collection was \$1.77, and was voted to the organizers' fund.

The Braidentown messengers contributed \$3.10 to this fund, making a total of \$4.85.

After singing and prayer the meeting adjourned.

EMMA C. HUMPHRIES, Secretary pro tem.

SACRED TO THE MEMORY OF

Deacon W. H. Kendrick, Midway.
 C. W. Buel, Plant City.
 Nellie Collins, Mrs. E. R. Goddard, Mrs. I. C. Banks, Lakeland.
 Gibson Simmons, Hopewell.
 L. R. Okane, J. G. Guthery, Mary Milton, Margaret A. Rogers, Bethel, J. T. Guthery, Mt. Tabor.
 Mrs. Mary Sweat, Mrs. Mahulda Chastain, Plant City.
 Jennie Brock, Braidentown.
 H. M. Day, Elder J. M. Hayman, Jefferson Varn, Bartow.
 Sister A. Brandon, Providence.
 One from Mt. Olive, name not given.
 One from Palm Avenue, name not given.
 W. P. Hooker, Turkey Creek.
 Solan Mansel, Valrico.
 Eliza Miley, Thonotosassa.

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints."

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

T. Alderman	Plant City, Fla.
J. T. B. Anderson	Tampa, Fla.
O. D. Bryant	Green Pond, Fla.
J. W. Brooker	Sydney, Fla.
R. T. Cadden	Morse, Fla.
W. W. Carlton	Antioch, Fla.
M. E. Cain	Mulberry, Fla.
J. H. Curry	Palmetto, Fla.
J. R. Frier	Kathleen, Fla.
B. H. Guy	Gary, Fla.
J. W. Harris	St. Petersburg, Fla.
J. W. Helms	Tampa, Fla.
W. R. Holcomb	Eagle Lake, Fla.
J. W. Johnson	Alafia, Fla.
T. H. Vaudon	Sydney, Fla.
H. M. King	Tampa, Fla.
W. M. McDonald	Plant City, Fla.
S. G. Mullins	Bartow, Fla.
P. O. Miller	Palmetto, Fla.
M. H. Murrell	Lakeland, Fla.
E. H. Nash	Tampa, Fla.
H. H. Norris	Braidentown, Fla.
W. H. Osborne	Tampa, Fla.
R. N. Pylant	Homeland, Fla.
I. A. Redd	Sarasota, Fla.
G. W. Robey	Tampa, Fla.
J. J. Robertson	Palmetto, Fla.
J. P. Smith	Oneco, Fla.
J. H. Smith	Clearwater, Fla.
S. C. Sloan	Kathleen, Fla.
J. N. Slogen	Kathleen, Fla.
J. W. Tucker	Kathleen, Fla.
J. N. Thompson	Gillette, Fla.
E. Vickers	Plant City, Fla.
R. H. Whitehead	Palmetto, Fla.
A. J. Whittemore	Plant City, Fla.
R. Y. Walden	Fort Meade, Fla.
Irvin Walden	Turkey Creek, Fla.

ANNUAL COMMITTEES.

Obituaries—J. W. Johnson, W. L. Hollaway, J. B. Simmons.
 Associational Work—Executive board.
 Prominent Evils Confronting Us—J. H. Tharp, W. C. Smith,
 D. K. Turner.
 Missions—J. T. B. Anderson, C. C. Burns, C. H. Marsh.
 Sunday Schools—J. N. Thompson, Robt. Norwood, H. H.
 Norris.
 Religious Literature—C. F. Mallory, Irvin Walden, E. G. Wil-
 der.
 Ministerial Education—H. M. King, B. Y. Walden, S. C. Sloan.
 Baptist Orphanage—S. G. Mullins, R. T. Cadden, J. N. Col-
 lins.

HISTORICAL PAGE.

A convention of churches convened at Shiloh, June, 1867, ad-
 journed 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.
 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. Hay-
 man, Clerk.
 Turkey Creek, Oct. 18, 1879, S. Walden, Moderator, J. M.
 Hayman, Clerk.
 Bethel, Oct. 16, 1880, S. Walden, Moderator, J. M. Hayman,
 Clerk.

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

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. H. Hayman, Clerk.

Hopewell, Oct. 19, 1884, R. N. Pylant, Moderator. E. G. Wilder, Clerk.

Bartow, Oct. 14, 1885, W. W. Bostick, Moderator. E. G. Wilder, Clerk.

Tampa, Oct. 16, 1886, W. W. Bostick, Moderator. E. G. Wilder, Clerk.

Plant City, Oct. 8, 1887, W. W. Bostick, Moderator. E. G. Wilder, Clerk.

Bethel, Oct. 12, 1888, W. W. Bostick, Moderator. E. G. Wilder, Clerk.

Bartow, Oct. 10, 1889, W. W. Bostick, 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 First, Nov. 6, 1901, W. M. McDonald, Moderator. A. A. Lewis, Clerk.

Bethany, Nov. 5, 1902, W. M. McDonald, Moderator. A. A. Lewis, Clerk.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	When Organized	Membership last year	Received by baptism	Received by letter	Restoration	Dismissal by letter	Exclusion	Died	Present membership	PASTORS	CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES	Number of churches	Value of meeting houses	Number of parsonages	Value of parsonages and other property
Antioch	1874	13	3			1	2	1	1	J. N. Sloan	J. Voyles Morse	1	150.00		
Alafia	1850	12						12	176	S. G. Mullins	W. M. Colding, Picnic	1			
Bartow	1875	114	55	30	7	25		3	100	M. M. Wombolt	W. E. Day, Bartow	1	5500.00		
Bethany	1890	128				27		1	133	S. C. Sloan	C. L. Branch, Plant City	1	700.00		
Bethel	1863	142	3	9		15	2	4	68	H. H. Norris	A. A. Lewis, Kathleen	1	1200.00		
Braidentown	1889	54		16	2	3		1	31	J. H. Smith	A. W. Shirley, Braidentown	1	2500.00		
Clearwater	1866								51	J. N. Sloan	J. T. Humphries, Clearwater	1			
Chicora	1889	48	1	1	1	6		15	10	J. H. Pinkerton	J. M. Padgett, Chicora	1	250.00		
El Bethel	1901								10	J. H. Pinkerton	M. K. Wallace Tampa	1	500.00		
Enterprise	1896	8	3					1	56	L. A. Redd	J. C. Clark, Winter Haven				
Friendship	1873	26							19	R. T. Caddem	Bethel Alderman, Sarasota				
Gapway	1875	56	6	4	3	4	9		19	R. T. Caddem	S. W. McClelland, Lakeland				
Green Pond	1894								145	W. M. McDonald	M. A. Moore, Green Pond				
Hopewell	1874	131	15	2		1	1	1	38	S. C. Sloan	Robt McDonald, Plant City	1	1500.00		
Kathleen	1895	35	2	1	1				32	J. R. Frier	W. L. Bushing, Kathleen		500.00		
Keysville	1888	30							25	J. W. Tucker	B. F. Carpenter, Keysville				
Knights	1902								162	J. H. Thorp	Frank Wiggins, Knights				
Lakeland	1885	155		20		9	1	3	26	J. W. Johnson	J. F. Cox, Lakeland	1	1250.00	1	700.00
Medulla	1888								52	T. Alderman	D. K. Turner, Lakeland				
Midway	1900	27		1		2		1	73	S. C. Sloan	E. T. Kendrick, Plant City				
Mt. Olive	1882	54			1			1	188	W. M. McDonald	J. L. Bryant, Morse	1	300.00		
Mt. Tabor	1889	71	1	7	1	4	2	1	68	H. M. King	T. A. Rogers, Griffin		500.00		
Mulberry	1898								36	J. W. Johnson	M. C. Cain, Mulberry		400.00		
New Zion	1898								17	B. H. Guy	Not represented				
New Hope		24	1		2				16	Irvin Walden	W. P. Armstrong, Gillett	1			
Palm Avenue	1900	161	14	26		9	3	1	168	M. M. Wambolt	C. H. Pimen, Tampa				
Palmetto	1892								17	B. H. Guy	W. H. Harrison, Palmetto	1	2000.00		
Peace Creek	1888	41		1		3	3		16	M. M. Wambolt	A. H. Sloan, Bartow	1	175.00		
Peru	1898	19						2	168	M. M. Wambolt	J. R. Lamp, Riverview				
Pine Grove	1900	14		2					76	W. M. McDonald	F. N. Varn, Ft. Mead				
Plant City	1866	149	23	8	1	11		2	18	M. M. Wambolt	G. B. Wells, Plant City	1	1500.00		
Pleasant Hill	1891								10	Not given	Not represented				
Providence	1877	56	6	14				4	45	T. H. Jandon	James Bates, Sarasota				
Port Tampa	1902								29	J. N. Thomson	Not represented				
Riverview	1900								205	J. T. B. Anderson	J. R. Bennet, Bloomingdale	1	500.00		
Ruel									76	J. W. Johnson	C. T. Henderson, Pt. Tampa				
Sarasota	1902								110	S. C. Sloan	Not represented				
Seffner	1886								42	T. H. Jandon	Not represented				
Six Mile Creek	1897	49		3		5	2		76	J. W. Johnson	E. G. Wray, Gary	1	380.00		
St. Petersburg	1893								205	J. T. B. Anderson	Not represented				
Tampa 1st	1859	253	6	40		33	3	3	76	J. W. Johnson	J. L. Hampton, Tampa		2000.00		2500.00
Thonotosassa	1854	84		2		3	6		110	S. C. Sloan	G. W. Stanley, Antioch		700.00		
Turkey Creek	1888	114	3	4		7	3	1	42	T. H. Jandon	J. E. Hoeker, Turkey Crk		400.00		
Valrico	1892	41	1	2		1		1	4	J. H. Thorp	R. O. Weeks, Dover		400.00		
Willow Oak	1886										Not represented				
Winter Haven	1885	17	3	1				7			A. A. Yonally, Winter Haven		800.00		
Total		2146	159	200	17	169	48	21	2385				42105.00		3200.00

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CONTRIBUTIONS AND SUNDAY SCHOOL EXPENSES.

CHURCHES	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS AND POSTOFFICES										SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS AND POSTOFFICES			Contributions for Missions by S. S.				
	Church Expenses	Sunday School Expenses	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	State Missions	Ministerial Education	Associational Fund	Missions not designated	Miscellaneous	Orphan's Home	No. of Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Pupils enrolled					
Antioch	19.00		2.85		25.00		1.00											
Alafia					2.00		1.00											
Bartow	850.00	60.00	22.32	22.31	22.31		2.00	83.53		J. C. Blount, Bartow	1	11	153				27.27	
Bethany	175.70		19.24					3.00										
Bethel	162.00	12.00	10.60		14.00		4.00			J. T. Mallory, Kathleen	1	7	55					
Braidentown	258.50	44.10					24.40	32.70		J. H. Humphries, Braidentown	1	7	55					
Clearwater	60.00				3.50		.50											
Chicora	53.50				*7.20			16.40										
El. Bethel							1.20			Superintendent not given	1		25					
Enterprise							1.75											
Friendship							1.00											
Gapway	41.00			3.10	4.50		1.25	8.00	1.00									
Green Pond	36.00			1.98	4.48		1.00		4.58									
Hopewell	1109.42	8.00		35.00	18.00		3.00		119.75	J. R. McDonald, Plant City	1	4	60					
Kathleen	60.00	5.00	23.95	8.23			1.00		8.00	B. Prim, Kathleen	1	2	35					
Keysville	4.00		5.00						2.00									
Knights	60.00	4.00			2.25		1.25			C. F. Mallory, Knights	1	3	40					
Lakeland	400.00				39.15			142.94		Not represented								
Medulla									495.80	G. L. Tate, Lakeland	1	7	65					
Midway	50.00	6.32	5.95	12.45	2.00		1.50			R. D. Futch, Plant City	1	4	65					
Mt. Olive	24.43				3.70		1.15											
Mt. Taber	54.50						.76											
Mulberry										Not reported								
New Zion										Not represented								
New Hope	117.75				10.50				141.56	W. C. Hayman, Gillette	1	4	30					
Palm Avenue	944.84	28.67	50.67	26.55	18.76		17.20		239.36	E. A. Patch, Tampa	1	20	100				83.00	
Palmetto							6.75			W. B. Whitehead, Palmetto	1							
Peace Creek	65.00		6.75	5.23			.75		8.00	Superintendent not given	1	3	16					
Peru	91.25	5.67	.75				1.50		11.82	Mrs. M. C. Harvey, Riverview	1	3	33					
Pine Grove	80.31				4.16		.60											
Plant City	600.00	31.95			67.11		5.00		257.93	J. E. Knight, Plant City	1	9	75					
Pleasant Hill									2.86	Not represented								
Providence	60.00				3.30		3.00		4.85									
Port Tampa									3.00									
Riverview										Not represented								
Ruel										Not represented								
Sarasota										Not mentioned in letter								
Seffner										Not represented								
Six Mile Creek	27.95	36.06	2.81	5.06	.4				5.79	Wm. T. Ryan, Gary	1	3	35					
St. Petersburg										Not represented								
Tampa Ist.	1800.00	125.00	246.10	34.00	5.00	10.00			1296.92	W. F. Lucas, Tampa	3	20	200					
Thonotosa	60.00	3.00		13.50			.85		6.00	No school mention								
Turkey Creek	62.75		20.20	5.00			1.00		28.23	J. E. Hooker, Turkey Cr.	1	3	65					
Valrico	60.40				7.00		1.80			C. C. Sherrell, Brandon	3	6	60					
Willow Oak										Not represented								
Winter Haven	120.00	8.45	7.00	7.00	15.76		.50		97.25	D. C. Winston, Winter Haven	1	3	31					
Total	7398.30	378.32	413.89	179.41	279.68	10.00	89.21	226.47	2779.64	7.86		24	102	1164			110.77	

