



MINUTES

OF THE

THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

South Florida Baptist Association.

HELD WITH

HOPEWELL BAPTIST CHURCH,

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA,

NOVEMBER 4TH, 5TH AND 6TH, 1903.

OFFICERS:

Moderator,	W. M. McDONALD,	Plant City, Fla.
Secretary,	A. A. LEWIS,	Kathleen, Fla.
Treasurer,	W. S. KNIGHT,	Plant City, Fla.

Next session convenes with St. Petersburg Church, Hillsborough County, Florida, Wednesday after the second Sunday in November, 1904.

SAMPSON LIBRARY
JOHN B. STETSON UNIVERSITY
DeLAND FLORIDA

MINUTES
OF THE
THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
SOUTH FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSO'N,
HELD WITH
HOPEWELL BAPTIST CHURCH,
HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA,
NOVEMBER 4TH, 5TH AND 6TH, 1903.

OFFICERS:

Moderator, W. M. McDONALD, Plant City, Fla.
Secretary, A. A. LEWIS, Kathleen, Fla.
Treasurer, W. S. KNIGHT, Plant City, Fla.

Next session convenes with St. Petersburg Church, Hillsborough County, Florida, Wednesday after the second Sunday in November, 1904.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

S. J. Hancock,	Kathleen.
J. W. Johnson,	Alafia.
J. R. McDonald,	Plant City.
W. S. Knight,	Plant City.
J. H. Tharp,	Lakeland.
J. F. Rogers,	Mango.
E. G. Wilder,	Kathleen.
Wade Harrison,	Palmetto.
P. S. Harlien,	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.

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.

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 conditions 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 Hopewell Church, Hillsborough county, Fla., November 4th, 1903.

Introductory sermon preached by Elder J. H. Tharp, from Zach. iv, 6; subject, "Secret of Power."

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, after prayer service.

Elders S. G. Mullins and R. H. Whitehead were chosen as Reading Clerks.

Messengers' names were enrolled as follows:

- Hopewell—J. B. Simmons, J. W. Johnson, W. J. Daniels, J. R. McDonald, W. N. McDonald, W. B. McDonald
Bethel—A. A. Lewis, E. G. Wilder, Orvil Sloan.
Tampa (First)—C. C. Burns, H. K. King, Ed. Loveless, Sister McCampbell, Sister Mary Taylor.
El Bethel—S. P. Phillips, Bertie Boyd.
Six Mile Creek—J. F. Rogers, Judson Hayman.
Gapway—S. W. McClelland, J. M. Reynolds.
Pine Grove—Fred N. Varns.
Port Tampa—Mrs. Scandling.
Bradentown—H. H. Norris, J. F. Reeder, J. H. Humphries.
Bartow—S. G. Mullins, J. S. Howard, Mrs. Lot Allen
New Hope—O. N. Williams, W. M. Armstrong, M. M. Waters, W. C. Hayman.
Alafia—W. H. Lewis, W. H. C. Smith, Sister Fannie Smith.
Midway—C. A. Kendrick, J. W. Carroll.
Seffner—Mrs. L. L. Harvey.
Palmetto—P. S. Harlee, R. H. Whitehead, W. H. Harrison, Sister M. J. Robertson, M. B. Harrison.

Mt. Tabor—T. A. Rogers, Sister Sabra Brown, Miss Della Brown.

Knight—L. W. Wilder, C. F. Mallory.

Peru—Sister Haney, Brother Scott.

Providence—David Williams, J. W. Gibson, G. W. Bennett,

Robt. Summeralls.

Winter Haven—Elder W. C. Stacer.

Green Pond—By letter.

Ruel—By letter.

Kathleen—J. A. Cox, W. J. Harrell.

Thonotosassa—C. Vickers, P. H. Stanley, Samuel Miley.

Lakeland—Elder J. H. Tharp, Mrs. J. H. Tharp.

St. Petersburg—W. F. Thompson, F. M. Childs, S. S. Tillis,

P. E. Woodward, T. B. Lovelace, Sister C. J. Stevens.

Palm Avenue—C. H. Nash, L. H. Hale, N. N. Wellons.

Valrico—T. H. Jaudon, N. J. King.

After reading letters and enrolling names of messengers, the present officers were elected by ballot.

The following letters were presented after the permanent organization:

Peace Creek—By letter.

Chicora—J. M. Padgett, F. A. E. Padgett.

Bethany—Ansel Morgan, G. N. Wilson.

Sarasota—H. Messer, S. D. Tutch.

Friendship—By letter.

Medulla—By letter.

Mt. Olive—By letter.

Turkey Creek—Irvin Walden, J. L. Brown, H. Overstreet, Edna Brown.

Plant City—W. P. Knight, R. W. Trapnell, Mrs. C. L. Wilder, W. J. Wells.

The Moderator appointed the following committee on preaching: C. C. Burns, C. F. Mallory, with messengers of Hopewell Church.

On motion prevailing, Sister Scandling was recognized as messenger from Port Tampa, and Bro. J. F. Rogers from Six Mile Creek.

Petitionary letters were called for.

One from Sixth Avenue, Tampa; messengers—S. N. Boyett, J. P. Rogers.

One from Oak Hill; messengers—Bro. and Sister Lasseter, Sister Lucia Haralson.

The right hand of fellowship was given the messengers.

One from Grace Church, St. Petersburg, which was referred to a committee of five—S. G. Mullins, R. T. Cadden, J. A. Cox, E. G. Wilder, T. H. Jaudon—to report at this session.

Adjourned to meet at 9 a. m. tomorrow.

7 p. m.—Sermon by Elder J. F. Reeder, from First Peter i, 18-19.

NOVEMBER 5TH—9 A. M.

Association convened after song and prayer service.

Correspondence called for and visiting brethren invited to seats with us.

The following brethren responded: M. A. Clonts, from Santa Fe Association; J. N. Thompson, from Peace River Association; W. L. Mahon, representing Orphans' Home, at Arcadia; T. J. Sparkman, in the interest of Conrad Hall.

Committees appointed to report at this session.

Session—J. A. Cox, C. C. Burns, S. N. Boyett.

Finance—T. H. Jaudon, R. T. Cadden, T. A. Rogers.

Letters and Documents—J. H. Tharp, J. W. Johnson, Irvin Walden.

Reports of annual committees called for.

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

We realize that the country is being flooded with cheap literature of a light and trashy nature. There is scarcely a home, even in the most isolated portions of our country, that has not felt the withering touch of this pernicious literature.

In this day of schools and education, every child that has learned to read hungers after literature. To their inexperienced minds this cheap reading is very fascinating, and the habit, once

acquired, is almost equal to the enslaving chains of King Alcohol. Every parent who has the good of his children at heart should see that no such literature is allowed to remain where it will vitiate the mind of his offspring and sap his mental and moral natures.

To offset a great evil is to supplant it by a great good. No negative power can successfully counteract a natural tendency. We cease doing wrong by doing right. We cease knowing evil by learning good. If we wish to break up dime novel reading in our families, we must provide an abundance of the best books and papers to be had. Money spent in a wholesome, interesting book or paper will yield larger dividends than the most profitable bank stock. There never has been such a demand for wholesome literature in the history of the world; and while the demand is great, the supply is equal to the emergency. Our book houses and publication societies have an abundance of beautiful books within the reach of all.

How many children in our land and country have their bodies well fed and clothed, while their minds and souls are starving for the want of sustenance!

We heartily commend the Executive Board for keeping a colporteur in the field. The books that have been distributed will send out their benign influences long after he has been called to his eternal home.

We recommend that all pastors use their influence in placing good books and papers in the homes of their members.

We recommend a careful and prayerful reading of the Bible as the foundation of all religious literature.

We recommend the publications of the Southern Baptist Convention, the American Baptist Publication Society, the Home Field, and the Foreign Mission Journal.

We heartily recommend the Florida Baptist Witness as the State organ of our denomination; also the FLORIDA BAPTIST and the Southern Baptist in their respective fields of service.

C. F. MALLORY, Chairman.

Spoken to by Bros. H. H. Norris and C. F. Mallory.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Your committee, in making report on ministerial education, deem it important to emphasize the scriptural and Baptist principle of a divine call to the ministry. None may rightly enter this sacred calling but those chosen of God and called by His Spirit. This call will be so attended, in those who are the subjects of it, by the quickening of the spirit in their conscience, that they will feel, "Woe is me if I preach not the Gospel," and the love of Christ will constrain them to give themselves to the work of saving the lost. We wish, also, to bring into prominent notice the first duty of the church in its relation to this divine call, as well as to those who are called, namely: to encourage only such as give good evidence of being called, lest from a want of faithfulness they induct into this sacred office of the ministry men who choose ministry for a profession, as men enter the professions of the world, and its spiritual power is destroyed.

If the foregoing observations be just, then ministerial education is a plain, obvious duty in its relation both to the churches and those whom God calls in the churches. The young men themselves should make and be required to make, to the utmost of their opportunity and means, the effort to prepare and equip themselves for their work beyond their own means; however, when needed, the churches must help them until their equipment is up to the requirement of the times. We think, however, that young men who receive and use the Lord's money from the churches, to secure an education, should be required to give a personal obligation to return the money if they do not afterward enter and follow the work of the ministry.

And lastly, in all this work of ministerial education, soundness of doctrine and purity of life must be carefully guarded.

COMMITTEE.

Read and spoken to by Brethren R. H. Whitehead, T. J. Sparkman and W. P. Stacer.

Adopted.

PROMINENT EVILS CONFRONTING US.

Many of the prominent evils that have confronted the Church all along its past history still confront it today.

The spirit of worldliness in some places, as seen in an unholy and intemperate striving for earthly possessions, is a hindrance to Christian development and deportment. To the young, worldliness often takes its form in the public dance, which subjects its participants to much temptation, dwarfs them as Christians, and destroys all their influence for good and for God.

The whiskey evil is prominent within the bounds of our Association, where the bar-rooms are so numerous and where it is patronized so liberally. The churches should exercise strict discipline with members who encourage this deadly evil.

Another evil is the existence of many and multiplying sects claiming to be the Church of Christ, and which should be dealt with vigorously by every minister in showing up this prominent error and heresy.

J. H. THARP, Chairman.

Read and spoken to by Brethren J. H. Tharp, C. H. Nash, E. L. Todd, L. H. Hale, T. H. Jaudon, W. F. Thompson, Irvin Walden, O. N. Williams, R. H. Whitehead and R. T. Cadden.

Adopted.

Association adjourned to 1:30 p. m.

Sermon at 11:00 a. m. by Elder S. G. Mullins; subject, "New Testament Church."

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Committee on petitionary letter from Grace Church, St. Petersburg, reported as follows:

We have examined the articles of faith and church covenant from the Grace Baptist Church, of St. Petersburg, and find them correct, according to Baptist usage.

As a committee, we feel that we are not called upon to settle any differences that exist between those two churches—viz., that of Grace and First Baptist Church, of St. Petersburg—but would recommend that both of these churches take the matter of difference to the Lord in prayer, and ask Him to lead and direct them

to settle all matters by the direction of the Holy Spirit and the Word of God.

S. G. MULLINS, Chairman.

R. T. CADDEN,

J. A. COX,

E. G. WILDER,

T. H. JAUDON.

Report received and adopted without discussion.

On motion, Grace Church was received in the Association and right hand of fellowship given the messengers.

SESSIONS.

We recommend that this body accept the invitation of the First Baptist Church of St. Petersburg, at the next session of this body; and that Bro. J. W. Johnson, with Bro. S. C. Sloan as alternate, be appointed to preach the introductory sermon; and that Bro. R. H. Whitehead, with Bro. W. M. McDonald as alternate, preach a doctrinal sermon on the subject, "The Atonement," at 11:00 a. m. second day's session.

J. A. COX,

C. C. BURNS,

S. N. BOYETT.

LETTERS AND DOCUMENTS.

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

Received by baptism, 184; received by letter, 214; received by restoration, 35. Dismissed by letter, 152; dismissed by expulsion, 39; deaths, 24. Number of churches reported, 37; number of churches received, 3. Number representing no baptism, 7; number representing no Sunday schools, 11; number giving nothing for missions, 1.

We are glad to note a small increase in baptisms (16) over last year, and a total net increase of membership of 223. The fact that 35 expulsions are reported shows that our people are awake to their duty of withdrawing from those who walk disorderly.

We note with pleasure the petitionary letters of Oak Hill, Sixth Avenue (Tampa), and Grace Church (St. Petersburg), and welcome them heartily into our body.

We are glad to note only one church reported nothing for missions this year, instead of five for last year. We attribute this partly to the educational agency of the colporteurage. We hope to have a still larger growth and development next year.

Replying to the query of the Palmetto church regarding the action of the State Convention in passing resolutions committing the Baptists of Florida, as referred to on page 55 of Convention minutes, we will say that we regard this action as hasty.

J. H. THARP,
J. W. JOHNSON,
IRVIN WALDEN.

Adopted.

MISSIONS.

A report on missions must of necessity be general in its statements. Commencing with our associational missions, taking in our State work, then reaching out to the many interesting and important fields opened and ever opening under our home board, and finally out to the millions of benighted ones in papal and pagan lands, gives a sweep of vision far too broad for many points of detail. And yet it all belongs to the great field of the world into which we are to enter at every possible door of opportunity. Our terms Foreign, Home, State and Associational Missions are not scriptural. We use them for the sake of dividing our work; but with God it is all one work and its outcome the consummation of one glorious kingdom—the kingdom of our God.

Your committee desire to emphasize, in passing, the importance of putting a man, and the right man, into our associational field as co-missionary colporteur.

The home mission work at Ybor City is promising well, and will, we believe, have an important influence in the evangelization of Cuba. This much of our mission work lies within the bounds of our own Association and in a sense constitutes our Jerusalem, from which we are to go out into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. God's command in this matter is imperative—we have no choice; it is for us to obey.

The abundant success which God has given us in all our mission work, both home and foreign, ought to call forth our

thanksgiving and awaken our enthusiasm and readiness to enter in at every door of opportunity with greatly increased faith and zeal, and offering more, in accord with the fact that we are only the stewards of God in all our power and possessions. Let the pastors lead out and fire the people with a larger enthusiasm in the work, and let the churches realize that to be workers together with God in the world's evangelization means faith, means sacrifice—means, doubtless, more than any of us have fully measured up, both in doing and giving.

C. H. NASH, Chairman.

Spoken to by Brethren C. H. Nash and L. D. Geiger.

At the close of Bro. Geiger's speech a collection was taken (\$12.90) for Sister Taylor and Bro. Clark, to pay for an organ at the mission station in Ybor City.

Report adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

1902.		RECEIPTS.	
Nov. 5.	To balance in treasury.....	\$	64 19
" 7.	Received at Association for mission work.....		103 17
" 7.	" " " Orphanage.....		101 50
" 29.	" at Union at Lakeland for missions..		85 85
" 29.	" " of W. M. U. for aged ministers.....		6 50
Nov. 29.	Received Union at Lakeland for Orphanage...		3 60
Dec. 22.	" " Homeland Church.....		3 00
" 22.	" Plant City for Orphanage.....		21 00
1903.			
Mar. 28.	" Union at Gapway, for missions.....		93 44
" 28.	" " " for Orphanage...		2 45
" 28.	" " " for E. L. Todd...		8 86
" 28.	" from P. O. Miller's field.....		24 46
" 28.	" " I. A. Redd's field.....		4 64
" 28.	" " Peru Church.....		2 30
Apr. 28.	" " W. M. U., Plant City Church..		13 35
May 30.	" " Union at First Baptist Church, Tampa.....		113 99

" 30.	Received from W. M. U., First Baptist Church, Tampa.....	7 05
June 6.	Received from Peru Church.....	5 50
" 6.	" " Chicora Church.....	3 85
" 18.	" " Mt. Tabor Church.....	27 59
" 25.	" " Thonotosassa Church.....	10 40
July 12.	" " Midway Church.....	11 52
Aug. 29.	" " Union at Plant City.....	189 56
" 29.	" " W. M. U. at Plant City.....	12 06
" 29.	" " E. L. Todd's field.....	3 50
Sept. 3.	" " Buel Church.....	2 00
" 15.	" " Pine Grove Church.....	1 68
" 29.	" " Lakeland Church.....	5 00
Oct. 18.	" " Palmetto Church.....	5 00
" 18.	" returned by O. J. Frier.....	20 00
	Total.....	\$ 957 01

DISBURSEMENTS

From November 7, 1902, to November 1st, 1903, inclusive.		
To	R. T. Cadden, for mission work.....	\$ 25 00
	P. W. Corr, " " ".....	25 00
	J. N. Thompson, " " ".....	55 00
	P. O. Miller, " " ".....	98 00
	Irvin Walden, " " ".....	10 00
	J. F. Pinkston, " " ".....	38 00
	I. A. Redd, " " ".....	15 00
	J. W. Johnson, " " ".....	20 00
	E. L. Todd, missionary and colporteur.....	158 86
	L. D. Geiger, for missions.....	42 86
	Aged ministers.....	6 50
	Loaned to O. J. Frier, to print Hayman biography..	20 00
	Orphan's Home.....	125 00
	Church building.....	247 00
	Clerk's fee.....	25 00
	Printing Minutes.....	40 00
	Total disbursements.....	\$ 943 22

Balance in treasury, \$13.79.

W. S. KNIGHT, Treasurer.

FINANCE.

We find sent up from the churches for different purposes, \$179.53, including collections taken during the session.

T. H. JAUDON, Chairman.

Adjourned to meet in short session after preaching services tonight.

7 p. m.—Sermon by J. B. Holley from Matt. xxviii, 28-29.

After preaching, Association convened and report on the Orphanage was read, as follows:

ORPHANAGE.

We believe that there is no more important work or greater responsibility pressing upon us today than the work of providing for the needy orphans in our midst. Its importance grows out of the fact that it is not only a work of charity, but it is charity in connection with most effectual missionary effort, in a properly conducted orphanage. Children are not only clothed and fed, but their minds are trained and characters directed for God.

We would call your attention to the fact that this institution is now being established, and consequently needs our greatest care and sacrifice now; and we would suggest that our churches make special effort in its behalf by pledging amounts at each Association to be paid during the year, and that a special collection be taken in our churches for the same.

S. G. MULLENS, Chairman.

Spoken to by Brethren S. G. Mullins, W. L. Mahon and T. J. Sparkman; after which a collection (\$15.50) was taken for the Orphanage.

Adjourned to meet at 9 a. m. tomorrow.

NOVEMBER 6TH—9 A. M.

After song and prayer service the Association convened. Reports of committees resumed, as follows:

OBITUARY.

We find that death has been in our midst and removed from us twenty-four of our brethren and sisters. We recommend that a page of the minutes be inscribed to their memory.

J. W. JOHNSON, Chairman.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We find, from the church letters, 24 schools reported, with 125 teachers, 1260 pupils, and \$463.65 expenditures, which is a large increase over last year.

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

We recommend that the entire church membership be active members of the Sunday school. We believe in a careful study of God's word—not only theoretically, but practically. We are commanded to study the Bible carefully, and then to teach it to others. The plan or program is not mapped out for us, any more than the plan for feeding the hungry or clothing the naked. We believe the Sunday school to be the best and most economical plan yet devised. The fruit of the Sunday school is seen in the fact that at every revival of religion the larger number of the converts are from the Sunday school, and those who have had a Sunday school training make the most efficient laborers in the Master's service.

Therefore, we recommend that the Sunday school work be encouraged by all our pastors and people, and that our colporteur give special attention to the organization of Sunday schools and the encouragement of those already in existence.

We recommend that every Sunday school be provided with at least a small library and a weekly Sunday school paper. This is one of the best ways to solve the problem of religious literature and to supplant light and trashy reading by wholesome spiritual matter.

H. H. NORRIS, Chairman.

Spoken to by Brethren H. H. Norris, R. T. Cadden, Sister E. L. Wilder, T. J. Sparkman and S. G. Mullins.

Adopted.

EXECUTIVE.

With thankful hearts and with great pleasure we note the advancement that we have made in our denominational work in our bounds. With the assistance of the several churches, we have been able to employ a colporteur since last May, which has put in the hands of our members and many others in our bounds, good literature.

We have also assisted in building churches at several destitute places, viz: Green Pond, Knight, Midway, Elbethel, Sixth Avenue (Tampa), Oak Hill and Sarasota. We have assisted several weak churches to pay their pastors: Enterprise, Peace Creek, Green Pond, Homeland and Elbethel. We have also assisted Bro. Miller and Bro. Redd, in the Manatee section. The Treasurer's report will show the several amounts paid out, and to whom. We would recommend further help to those places where they are trying to build houses of worship and are not able in themselves to do so; also, as far as possible, to assist the weak churches in our bounds in supporting the Gospel in their midst.

E. G. WILDER, Chairman.

Read and spoken to by Brethren E. G. Wilder, J. R. McDonald, J. W. Johnson, W. F. Thompson and E. L. Todd.

Adopted.

Bros. E. G. Wilder and J. R. McDonald tendered their resignations, after serving twenty-five years on the Executive Board, which was not accepted. However, a motion prevailed to add Bros. S. J. Hancock and J. W. Johnson to the Executive Board.

By a prevailing motion, Bro. T. J. Sparkman addressed the Association in the interest of rebuilding Conrad Hall.

After the address the following pledges were made: W. S. Knight, \$5.00; C. H. Nash, \$5.00.

At this point a motion prevailed to carry the subject home before the churches.

On motion, Bro. J. B. Holley addressed the body in the interest of the Southern Baptist, published at Gainesville, Fla.

Adjourned to 1:30 p. m.

11 a. m.—Sermon by Elder W. F. Thompson, from Psalms lxxxviii, 10.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Convened at 1:30 p. m.

On motion, a committee was appointed on The Ministers' Insurance Association.

On motion, any member of this body could act as correspondent (when present) to other Associations.

Messengers to State Convention—Bros. S. G. Mullins, R. H. Whitehead, R. T. Cadden, J. S. Howard, W. F. Thompson, Irvin Walden, E. L. Todd, C. H. Nash, P. S. Harlee and W. C. Stacer. Southern Baptist Convention—Bro. C. H. Nash, and Bro. S. G. Mullins as alternate.

On motion, prevailing, the Secretary was allowed \$20.00 and the Treasurer \$15.00 for their services.

Bro. E. L. Todd submitted the following report:

COLPORTEUR'S REPORT.

From 1st June to last of August:

Received on field in cash	\$ 53 01
Received from Treasurer	96 99
Total	\$ 150 00

From 1st September to Association:

Received on field	\$ 31 97
Received from profit on books	43 07
Book account with American Baptist Publication Society:	
As per bills rendered	339 54
Cash sent forward	229 00
Cash on hand	50
Expenses and freight	36 95

Books on hand to the amount of \$75.00 or \$100.00—not prepared to say just now, as part of the books are here and part are at Valrico.

E. L. Todd, Colporteur.

On motion, Bro. W. F. Thompson was appointed a committee of one on transportation.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Resolved, That this body extends a vote of thanks as an expression of our heartfelt gratitude to the members of this church and community for the cordial and hospitable entertainment they have accorded us during our stay in their midst. In departing we thank God for our stay in their midst, and pray His blessings upon them and their work.

The Association adjourned to meet with the First Church of St. Petersburg, Fla., Tuesday after the second Sunday in November, 1904.

W. N. McDONALD, Moderator.

A. A. LEWIS, Secretary.

████████████████████

SACRED TO THE MEMORY

— OF —

MISS RUBY HILL, Palm Avenue Church, Tampa.
 Bro. M. GOODING, Palm Avenue Church, Tampa.
 N. L. HAMMONS, Sarasota Church.
 Mrs. JAMES LEWIS, Bartow Church.
 JOHN MATHES, Bartow Church.
 D. M. BROWN, Turkey Creek Church.
 J. A. SIMMONS, Turkey Creek.
 Sister ANNIE HOOKER, Turkey Creek.
 M. F. WILLIAMS, Seffner Church.
 C. C. TODD, Bethany Church.
 JOHN L. HART, Lakeland Church.
 JOHN WATERS, Peace Creek Church.
 MANDY TILLMAN, El Bethel Church.
 Sister GEORGIA GRAVES, Six Mile Creek Church.
 F. M. WILLIAMS, Six Mile Creek Church.
 Sister GRACE M. HAYMAN, Six Mile Creek Church.
 CALVIN MITCHELL, Medulla Church.
 Sister M. E. COLSON, Hopewell Church.
 Elder W. W. CARLTON, Thonotosassa Church.
 Sister LULA DELONG, First Tampa Church.
 B. DISHONG, First Tampa Church.
 Sister E. M. CRAFT, First Tampa Church.
 Elder J. J. ROBERTSON, Bradentown Church.
 R. A. BIGGS, Bradentown Church.
 Elder J. H. CURRY, Bradentown Church.

████████████████████

"Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord. They do cease from their labors and their works do follow them."

████████████████████

W. M. U. OF THE SOUTH FLORIDA ASSOCIATION.

The Woman's Annual Mission Union of the South Florida Association met with the Hopewell Baptist Church, November 5, 1903.

The Woman's meeting was greatly restricted by not having a suitable place for holding their meeting, but notwithstanding this embarrassment a morning session was held and most encouraging reports from nineteen societies and churches were read.

Mrs. C. M. Harrison, from Palmetto, Fla., conducted the devotional services. After song service the union was led in prayer by Miss Mary Taylor for the blessings of God on the meeting; after which Mrs. Harrison read the twelfth chapter of Romans and closed the services with a few appropriate remarks on the importance of living "daily the Christ life."

Before taking up the regular order of business, Mr. P. H. Harlee, a member of the Executive Board, addressed the union on the "Necessity and Benefit of an Organizer and Colporteur on the Field." He emphasized the fact that individual societies and churches might not see the benefits of the work until the annual reports are made out, but the official members could see and feel the power of the work from start to finish. He also stated that the work was highly approved by the finance committee and Association.

The regular order of business was then taken up.

Mrs. L. L. Harvey, of Seffner, Fla., was elected Secretary pro tem.

Letters and reports were called for, which resulted in a response from nineteen societies and churches and the following report:

Telford Woman's Missionary Society	\$ 121 80
Peru	13 25
Bradentown	91 00
Parish	40 00
First Church, St. Petersburg	72 59
Plant City	61 95
Midway	26 71

SAMPSON LIBRARY
 JOHN B. STETSON UNIVERSITY
 DeLAND ❖ FLORIDA

St. Petersburg, Grace Church.....	16 57
El Bethel.....	95 20
Gillett.....	12 00
Palm Avenue.....	223 56
Lakeland.....	165 72
First Baptist Church, Tampa.....	287 87
Bartow.....	105 00
Six Mile Creek.....	25 00
Bethel.....	67 35
Fifth Sunday meeting.....	13 41
Total.....	\$ 1456 98

This report does not include boxes to missionaries. Only one box has been reported, the value of which was \$31.00. The balance of the amount is money raised for the various denominational purposes, excepting money given for rescue work.

The Organizer's report was called for and read, as follows:

El Bethel.....	\$ 3 90
Mrs. H. L. Phipper, Clearwater.....	1 00
Six Mile Creek.....	15 00
Lakeland.....	2 50
Total.....	\$ 22 40
Collection Fifth Sunday meetings.....	\$ 13 25
Received for Organizer's work.....	3 97
Drew from Treasurer.....	23 75
Total expenses.....	22 05
Total amount received.....	68 87
Balance on hand.....	1 50
Churches visited.....	11
Attended Fifth Sunday meetings.....	3
Letters and cards written.....	132

MRS. S. S. McCAMPBELL.

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

Cr. Balance on hand at close of last Association.....	\$ 7 25
From Bradentown, by Mrs. S. S. McCampbell.....	3 50
From Mrs. I. G. Wilder.....	1 50
Collected last Association.....	1 50
Received from Six Mile Creek.....	10 00
Total.....	\$ 23 75
Paid Mrs. McCampbell.....	23 75

MRS. J. A. MELLON.

After the reading of the reports, it was moved and carried that an organizer be recommended to the Executive Board, to be supported by the various societies and churches of the Union.

On motion, Mrs. C. M. Harrison, of Palmetto, and Mrs. S. G. Mullins, of Bartow, were elected Associational Vice-Presidents of the W. M. U. for the coming year.

On motion, Mrs. S. S. McCampbell was elected Counselor, to meet with Vice-Presidents and Organizer at each fifth Sunday meeting.

On motion, Mrs. S. S. McCampbell was elected delegate to the State Convention, which meets at Bartow Baptist Church, in January, 1904.

The Woman's Mission Union from Parish Church, in Manatee county, presented petition for membership in this Union and was unanimously received in full membership with this Union.

Collection was taken for Associational purposes, which amounted to \$2.26.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

The work of the Woman's Mission Union of this Association has never been so promising as at present. We trust our ladies will reach out after a deeper spiritual work this year, and that the finances will be raised and appropriated with a clearer conception of its needs in the various fields than ever before.

At our meeting one year ago there were nine churches and societies represented, with a result of \$764.87. This amount included boxes, two barrels and charities.

This year we are sorry to say there was but one box reported at our annual meeting. They are needed, sisters, and we would be sorry to know that some consecrated destitute missionary family looked for a box and the much-needed contents, and looked in vain. Write to Miss Spaulding, DeLand, Fla., to get the name of a family and send them a Thanksgiving offering.

We trust this year's work will be marked by the spiritual growth of each church and society, and the visible fruits may amount to \$1800 in our Associational treasury.

With sincere thanks and gratitude, respectfully,

MRS. S. S. McCAMPBELL.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS:

T. Alderman	Plant City.
J. T. B. Anderson	Tampa.
O. D. Bryant	Green Pond.
D. J. Blount	Gary.
J. W. Brooker	Sydney.
R. T. Cadden	Morse.
M. E. Cain	Mulberry.
J. E. G. Campbell	Tampa.
J. R. Frier	Kathleen.
B. H. Guy	Gary.
J. W. Harris	St. Petersburg.
J. W. Johnson	Alafia.
T. H. Jaudon	Sydney.
N. T. King	Branden.
H. M. King	Tampa.
J. B. Lamb	Parish.
W. M. McDonald	Plant City.
S. G. Mullins	Bartow.
P. O. Miller	Palmetto.
M. H. Murrell	Lakeland.
C. H. Nash	Tampa.

H. H. Norris	Bradentown.
W. H. Osborne	Tampa
R. N. Pylant	Homeland.
J. B. Reeder	Bradentown.
I. A. Redd	Sarasota.
G. W. Robey	Tampa.
W. L. Smith	Selma, Ala.
W. C. Stacer	Winter Haven.
J. P. Smith	Oneco.
S. C. Sloan	Kathleen.
J. H. Tharp	Lakeland.
W. F. Thompson	St. Petersburg
J. W. Tucker	Kathleen,
J. R. Tatem	Gary.
C. Vickers	Lakeland.
R. H. Whitehead	Palmetto.
A. J. Whittemore	Plant City.
O. N. Williams	Gillett
R. Y. Walden	Fort Meade.
Irvin Walden	Turkey Creek.

ANNUAL COMMITTEES.

Obituaries—H. H. Norris, J. H. Humphries, O. N. Williams.
Associational Work—Executive Board.

Prominent Evils Confronting Us—R. H. Whitehead, H. M. King, P. S. Harlee.

Missions—J. W. Johnson, N. E. Norwood, R. T. Cadden.

Sunday Schools—W. F. Thompson, C. C. Burns, E. G. Wilder.
Religious Literature—David Williams, C. H. Nash, J. B.

Simmons.

Ministerial Education—S. G. Mullins, J. A. Cox, M. B. Harrison.

Baptist Orphanage—E. Todd, S. C. Sloan, C. F. Mallory.

Ministers' Assurance Association—Irvin Walden, I. A. Redd,
J. R. Frier.

HISTORICAL PAGE.

- A convention of churches convened at Shiloh, June, 1867; adjourned to meet in associate capacity December, 1867. Samuel C. Craft, moderator.
- Bethel, December 6, 1867. S. B. Todd, moderator; S. C. Craft, clerk.
- Peace Creek, October 2, 1868. J. M. Hayman, moderator; S. C. Craft, clerk.
- Shiloh, October 29, 1869. S. Walden, moderator; E. J. Hull, clerk.
- Pine Pleasant, November 11, 1870. L. J. Simmons, moderator; N. T. Jones, clerk.
- New Hope, November 11, 1871. L. J. Simmons, moderator; N. T. Jones, clerk.
- Mt. Pleasant, November 8, 1872. L. J. Simmons, moderator; J. M. Hayman, clerk.
- Bethel, October 11, 1873. S. Walden, moderator; J. M. Hayman, clerk.
- Shiloh, October 16, 1874. J. W. Hendry, moderator; N. T. Jones, clerk.
- Oak Grove, October 16, 1875. S. Walden, moderator; N. T. Jones, clerk.
- Thonotosassa, October 14, 1876. S. Walden, moderator; N. T. Jones, clerk.
- Shiloh, October —, 1877. R. N. Pylant, moderator; N. T. Jones, clerk.
- Clearwater, October 19, 1878. S. Walden, moderator; J. M. Hayman, clerk.
- Turkey Creek, October 18, 1879. S. Walden, moderator; J. M. Hayman, clerk.
- Bethel, October 16, 1880. S. Walden, moderator; J. M. Hayman, clerk.
- Oak Grove, October 15, 1881. L. J. Simmons, moderator; J. M. Hayman, clerk.
- Thonotosassa, October 14, 1882. L. J. Simmons, moderator; J. M. Hayman, clerk.

- Shiloh, October 14, 1883. L. J. Simmons, moderator; J. M. Hayman, clerk.
- Hopewell, October 19, 1884. R. N. Pylant, moderator; E. G. Wilder, clerk.
- Bartow, October 14, 1885. W. W. Bostwick, moderator; E. G. Wilder, clerk.
- Tampa, October 16, 1886. W. W. Bostwick, moderator; E. G. Wilder, clerk.
- Plant City, October 8, 1887. W. W. Bostwick, moderator; E. G. Wilder, clerk.
- Bethel, October 12, 1888. W. W. Bostwick, moderator; E. G. Wilder, clerk.
- Bartow, October 10, 1889. W. W. Bostwick, moderator; E. G. Wilder, clerk.
- Turkey Creek, October 9, 1890. T. H. Jaudon, moderator; E. G. Wilder, clerk.
- Tampa, October 8, 1891. T. H. Jaudon, moderator; E. G. Wilder, clerk.
- Lakeland, October 6, 1892. T. H. Jaudon, moderator; E. G. Wilder, clerk.
- Bethel, October 4, 1893. T. H. Jaudon, moderator; A. A. Lewis, clerk.
- Seffner, October 10, 1894. C. H. Nash, moderator; A. A. Lewis, clerk.
- Plant City, October 9, 1895. W. M. McDonald, moderator; A. A. Lewis, clerk.
- Turkey Creek, October 7, 1896. W. M. McDonald, moderator; A. A. Lewis, clerk.
- Bethel, October 6, 1897. W. M. McDonald, moderator; A. A. Lewis, clerk.
- Lakeland, November 9, 1898. W. M. McDonald, moderator; A. A. Lewis, clerk.
- Hopewell, November 8, 1899. W. M. McDonald, moderator; A. A. Lewis, clerk.
- Thonotosassa, November 7, 1900. W. M. McDonald, moderator; A. A. Lewis, clerk.

Tampa First, November 6, 1901. W. M. McDonald, moderator; A. A. Lewis, clerk.

Bethany, November 5, 1902. W. M. McDonald, moderator; A. A. Lewis, clerk.

Hopewell, November 4, 1903. W. M. McDonald, moderator; A. A. Lewis, clerk.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	When organized	Membership last year	Received by baptism					Present Membership	PASTORS.	CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES.	Number of churches	Value of meeting houses	Number of parsonages.	Value of Parsonages and other Property
			Received by letter	Restoration.	Dismissed by letter	Exclusions	Died							
Antioch	1874	13							Not represented					
Alafia	1850	12	1	2	1		14	P. O. Miller	W. M. Colding, Picnic					
Bartow	1875	176	27	16	35	2	182	S. G. Mullins	W. E. Day, Bartow	1	3 000		2 500	
Bethany	1890	100	2				95	E. L. Todd	C. L. Branch, Plant City	1	7 0			
Bethel	1868	133	5	1	8		131	S. C. Sloan.	A. A. Lewis, Kathleen	1	1 0 0			
Bradentown	1889	68	2	12	4	1	77		A. W. Shirley, Bradentown	1	2 5 0			
Clearwater	1869	81							Not represented					
Chicora	1889	51		3			54	J. W. Johnson	J. W. Padgett, Chicora	1	250			
El Bethel	1901	15	7	13	9	1	41		S. P. Phillips, Tampa	1	800			
Enterprise	1896	10							Not represented					
Friendship	1873	39	1	4	2	3	43	T. A. Redd	Bethel Alderman, Sarasota					
Gapway	1875	56	1	2	1	2	53	R. F. Caddin	S. W. McClelland, Lakeland	1	250			
Green Pond	1894	28	1	1			30	J. T. Pittman	J. M. Lanier, Green Pond	1	200			
Grace	1903						16	J. W. Harris	V. L. Parks, St. Petersburg	1	1 500			
Hopewell	1874	145	5	2	3	2	146	W. M. McDonald	J. R. McDonald, Jr., Plant City	1	1 500			
Kathleen	1895	38	19	11	1	2	65	S. C. Sloan	D. D. Elliott, Kathleen	1	500			
Keysville	1888	32												
Knights.	1902	25	4	2			31	W. M. McDonald	C. F. Mallory, Knights	1	500			
Lakeland	1885	162	22	34	18	9	190	J. H. Tharp	John F. Cox, Lakeland	1	1 000			
Medulla	1888	57	3	2	2	8	50	Irvin Walden	D. K. Turner, Lakeland					
Midway	1900	26	12	2	1		40	J. W. Johnson	F. T. Kendrick, Plant City					
Mt. Olive	1882	52				2	50		J. L. Bryant, Morse	1	300			
Mt. Tabor	1889	73	12	5	6	10	72	R. T. Caddin	W. O. Fields, Griffin	1	500			
Mulberry	1898								Not represented					
New Zion	1898								Not represented					
New Hope		29	2		1	1	29	O. N. Williams	W. C. Armstrong, Gillett					
Oak Hill	1903	14						P. O. Miller	Mrs. J. A. Frier, Parish					
Palm Avenue	1900	188	15	27	21	2	205	C. H. Nash	C. H. Pimm, Tampa	1	3 000		2 000	
Palmetto	1892	119	1	1	4	3	111	H. M. King	W. H. Harrison Palmetto	1	2 000			
Peace Creek	1888	36			7		29	J. W. Johnson	A. H. Sloan, Bartow	1	175			
Peru	1898	17				2	15	B. H. Guy	J. R. Lamp, Riverview					
Pine Grove	1900	16	1				17	Irvin Walden	F. N. Varn, Ft. Mead					
Plant City	1866	168	6	11	7		178	M. M. Wambolt	W. J. Wells, Plant City	1	1 500			
Pleasant Hill	1891								Not represented					
Providence	1877	76	2	4	6		70	W. M. McDonald	J. R. Bennett, Bloomingdale	1	550			
Port Tampa	1902	18					18	M. M. Wambolt	C. T. Henderson, Port Tampa					
Riverview	1900								Not represented					
Ruel									W. I. Collins, office not given					
Sarasota	1902	10							James Bates, Sarasota					
Selfner	1886	17			1	1	15	A. A. Keith	F. W. Little, Brandon	1	1 000			
Six Mile Creek	1897	45	3		1	4	42	T. H. Jaudon	E. G. Wray, Gary	1	400			
Sixth Avenue	1903						51	W. M. McDonald	S. N. Boyett, Gary					
St. Petersburg	1893	69	11	12	5	7	90	W. F. Thompson	T. E. Lovelace, St. Petersburg	1	2 000			
Tampa, 1st	1859	265	9	20	18	5	268	J. T. B. Anderson	G. E. Mabry, Tampa	1	20 000		2 500	
Thonotosassa	1854	76	3	1	3	1	75	J. W. Johnson	G. W. Stanley, Antioch	1	700			
Turkey Creek	1888	110	7	2	1	2	113	S. C. Sloan	J. E. Hooker, Turkey Creek					
Valrico	1892	42		9		1	49	T. H. Jaudon	R. O. Weeks, Dover	1	400			
Willow Oak	1886	20			2	3	15	C. Vickers	M. V. Campbell, Plant City	1	500			
Winter Haven	1885	14	1	11	1		25		A. A. Yonally, Winter Haven		750			
Total		3385	178	198	28	189	45	22	2753		27	47 475		7 000

CONTRIBUTIONS AND SUNDAY SCHOOL EXPENSES.

CHURCHES.	Church Expenses	S. S. Expenses	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	State Missions	Ministerial Education	Associational Fund	Missions not Designated	Miscellaneous	Orphan's Home	S. S. SUPERINTENDENTS AND POSTOFFICES.	No. of Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Pupils enrolled	Contributions for Missions by S. S.
Antioch											Not represented				
Alafia	24 52		3 00				1 50			8 05					
Bartow	700 00	60 00	25 00	25 00	50 00		22 00		158 60	100 00	J. A. Johnson, Bartow	1	7	100	25 00
Bethany	165 00				20 00		1 50								
Bethel	150 00	12 00	35 35	32 00	22 00		8 00		12 00	32 09	S. J. Hancock, Kathleen	1	5	50	
Bradentown	372 25	48 49			56 96		14 00	10 50	68 80		J. H. Humphries, Bradentown	1	9	65	16 50
Clearwater											Not represented				
Chicora	63 50		9 00		10 55		1 00			11 25	No S. S. Record				
El Bethel	50 00						16 00		192 00		C. L. Jackson, Tampa	1	4	72	
Enterprise											Not represented				
Friendship	18 00						8 86		4 50	8 23	No S. S. Record				
Gapway	36 00			12 00			13 92		25 10	4 00	No S. S. Record				
Green Pond	36 00			2 00			2 47		2 00		No S. S. Record				
Grace							80				D. Hagadorn, St. Petersburg	1			
Hopewell	175 00	8 91		26 00	32 26		3 00		33 50	70 75	J. R. McDonald, Plant City	1	5	75	
Kathleen	75 00	6 00	38 75				1 00				J. S. Geiger, Kathleen	1	7	40	
Keysville															
Knights	60 00	4 38		11 10			22 30		545 00		C. F. Mallory, Knights	1	2	44	
Lakeland	500 00	55 93			25 00		36 55	145 06	390 00	61 00	G. L. Tate, Lakeland	1	11	85	
Medulla	60 00	1 69					4 18		12 25	5 25	W. I. Sanders, Lakeland	1	4	38	
Midway	50 00	4 60		10 04			6 25		86 65	5 00	R. D. Futch, Plant City	1	3	44	
Mt. Olive	24 67		5 85				1 25				No S. S. Record				
Mt. Tabor	60 00								65 00		T. A. Rogers, Griffin	1	3	50	
Mulberry															
New Zion															
New Hope	21 50	8 00	5 00							40 00	W. C. Hayman, Gillett	2	5	40	
Oak Hill					3 50		2 00				No S. S. Record				
Palm Avenue	922 00	120 60	28 12	111 00	22 37		22 37		85 50		E. A. Patch, Tampa	1	15	108	
Palmetto	216 00		31 60	32 85	21 35		57 45		22 00		W. B. Whitehead, Palmetto	1	6	50	13 31
Peace Creek	43 00		10 00				1 00		5 53		No S. S. Record				
Peru	38 00	7 10	4 00	2 75	1 00		4 75		19 00	7 20	Sister Haney, Riverview	1	3	42	
Pine Grove	100 00						8 12		5 00	2 00	No S. S. Record				
Plant City	500 00	46 35	8 20	21 55	24 00		47 52	92 85	265 14	80 60	J. E. Knight, Plant City	1	7	75	46 35
Pleasant Hill											Not represented				
Providence	60 00										David Williams, Brandon				
Port Tampa	150 00			2 60	8 60				1 00	5 00	No S. S. Record				
Riverview											Not represented				
Ruel							1 00				No S. S. Record				
Sarasota											No S. S. Record				
Seffner	76 65	6 25						104 50	30 76		Mrs. L. L. Harvey, Seffner	1	3	16	
Six Mile Creek	35 10		2 35				27 14		30 25		W. T. Ryan, Gary	1	4	29	
Sixth Avenue							3 85				No S. S. Record				
St. Petersburg	462 02	32 00			26 00		16 00		398 20		F. M. Childs, St. Petersburg	1	5	75	
Tampa, 1st	1 500	325 00	138 05	78 75	75 00		8 56		273375		W. F. Lucas, Tampa	3	14	200	
Thonotosassa	60 00			18 75			1 00			10 60	No S. S. Record				
Turkey Creek	100 00	10 00	11 60				1 13		5 00	14 70	W. F. Farrington, Turkey Cr'k	1	3	60	
Valrico	22 75						7 00		2 05		C. C. Sherrell, Brandon	1	2	20	
Willow Oak							1 00				No S. S. Record				
Winter Haven	107 50		15 00	16 38	8 01		11 60		27 14	28 00	C. Winston, Winter Haven	1	4	30	
Total	703242	757 80	350 20	301 63	403 20		386 75	352 81	511211	599 66		24	131	1408	101 16