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OF THE

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HELD WITH THE

First Baptist Church

ST. PETERSBURG

Hillsboro County, Fla.

November 16 and 17

1904

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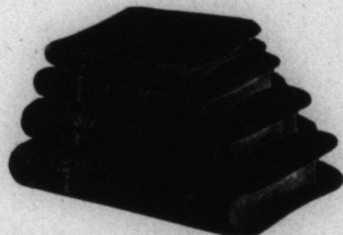
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the third Sunday in November, 1905.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. In troductory 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 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 the First Baptist church, St. Petersburg, Hillsborough County, Florida, November 16th, 1904.

Introductory sermon preached by Elder A. P. Pugh, from second Timothy, 1, 14.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

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

Brothers J. H. Tharp and A. J. Beck were appointed Reading Clerks. Messengers' names were enrolled as follows:

Port Tampa—J. H. Jones, J. L. Clark.

Palmetto—P. S. Harllee, Mrs. M. B. Harrison, Mrs. J. H. Curry, Mrs. S. Robinson, R. H. Whitehead, W. H. Harrison.

Bethel—E. G. Wilder, A. A. Lewis, Mrs. A. A. Lewis.

Clearwater—J. T. Humphries, L. D. Hackney, Sister M. J. Fog.

Gapway—By letter.

Palm Avenue—C. H. Nash, Henry Player, F. W. Tidwell, B. W. Sherman.

Oak Hill—O. N. Stallings, Jasper White.

Bartow—S. G. Mullins, J. S. Howard, Mrs. J. S. Howard, D. Jennings, G. O. Denham, A. T. Mullins, Mrs. G. C. Scanlin.

Hopewell—J. A. Carlton, S. B. Colding, James Weeks, W. M. McDonald, Mrs. Robert McDonald.

Knight—W. E. Wiggins, Mrs. W. E. Wiggins.

Plant City—E. L. Todd.

Thonotosassa—By letter.

Bethany—C. L. Branch, Mrs. C. L. Branch, J. N. Collins, Mrs. J. N. Collins.

Tampa First—W. C. McCall, J. Q. Brantley, J. E. G. Campbell, Frank Bently.

Bradentown—A. J. Beck, T. L. Shirley, J. C. Harris.
Sixth Avenue—G. J. Hendry, R. L. Chastim, S. A. Hendry.

Peace Creek—By letter.

Sarasota—H. Messer.

Winterhaven—C. Winston, William Stevens.

Lakeland—J. H. Tharp.

Grace—J. H. Cooper, R. F. Faggart, J. H. Cashwell.

Midway—C. A. Kendrick, Miss Fannie Kendrick.

Alafia—J. D. Pollard.

St. Petersburg—F. M. Childs, J. R. McCully, S. S. Tillis, T. B. Lovelace.

New Hope—P. O. Miller.

Turkey Creek—Irvin Walden, H. C. Harris, S. J. Crow, H. C. Overstreet.

Friendship—F. H. Tucker.

After reading letters and enrolling names of messengers, Brother W. C. McCall moved to waive the rules of order and that Brother W. F. Thompson cast his ballot for the present officers: W. M. McDonald, Moderator; A. A. Lewis, Secretary; W. S. Knight, Treasurer, was the ballot cast.

Petitionary letters call for one from Griffin.

On motion of Bro. S. G. Mullins, H. H. Norris, J. E. G. Campbell were appointed to investigate and report at once.

The committee reported favorably and the church was received and the hand of fellowship given to the messengers.

The following visitors were invited to seats with this body: T. C. Edwards, representing the Southern Baptist Witness and State Board of Missions; Bro. A. P. Pugh, from Mississippi; Bro. W. A. Clonts, Peace Creek Association.

The Moderator appointed the following committees to report at this session:

Finance—E. L. Todd, J. N. Collins, James Weeks.

Preaching—W. E. Wiggins, P. S. Harllee, with pastor and messengers of this church.

Sessions—J. Q. Brantly, H. H. Norris, A. H. Sloan,
On motion (prevailing) absentees on standing committees were supplied.

Letters and Documents—J. F. Rogers, F. W. Tidwell, S. P. Phillips.

Association adjourned to meet at 9 A. M. 17th.
Preaching at 7 P. M. by Bro. Geo. T. Baker from Acts VI. 8.

After the sermon Bro. F. C. Edwards addressed the Association in the interest of "The Southern Baptist Witness," and Ministers Assurance Association.

NOVEMBER 17TH, 9 A. M.

The Association convened after song and prayer service.

Letters called for. The following were handed in:

Kathleen—By letter.

Mt. Olive—By letter.

Willow Oak—By letter.

Six Mile Creek—J. F. Rogers.

Peru—Mrs. J. L. Haney.

The following report was read and spoken to by R. T. Cadden, W. C. McCall, L. W. Simmons and A. J. Beck.

MISSIONS.

We, your Committee on Missions, beg to report that we believe the importance of missionary endeavor can not be overestimated. We are under obligations to the pioneer missionaries of past days for the development we have obtained, as they laid the foundation on which we have built, on which we now rest. Our Associational work should occupy first place with us, as we are more directly responsible for evangelization and development of our own field. Our State work should have a large place in our thoughts, and hearts. We urge economy in the running expenses, so as to encourage confidence and cooperation. Our Home Missions should receive consideration at our hands. Their efforts in Cuba, the South and West should receive our hearty support. We are thankful for their establishment of a missionary among the Cubans of Ybor City. We have not obeyed the command

of Christ until we have gone into the foreign field, for the Master said, "Go ye into all the world."

God is blessing our efforts in mission work of all fields, for which we feel truly thankful.

B. T. CADDEN,
J. H. THARP.

Adopted.

OBITUARIES.

We, your committee on Obituary beg leave to report: On careful examination of letters, we find the death rate one less than last year, only twenty-four being reported.

H. H. NORRIS,
H. MESSER,
F. H. TUCKER.

The following report on Religious Literature was read and spoken to by R. T. Cadden, W. C. McCall, L. W. Simmons, A. J. Beck and adopted.

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

While your Committee is restricted to the consideration of Religious Literature, it may not be amiss to say a word on the wider subject of reading matter in our homes and schools. Next to personal association, what we read is perhaps the most potent factor in the formation of character. It is of the first importance, therefore, that we guard ourselves and our children from the vicious influence of much of the reading matter that presents increased facilities for publishing and distribution or scattering broadcast over the land. One of the best means to oppose the flood of pernicious literature is to supply our homes and schools with wholesome, clean, instructive as well as entertaining reading matter. While we would not exclude from the home all books not decidedly religious in character, we would urge that books acknowledging in spirit, if not in letter, the great doctrines of Christianity, be given prominence in home and school. Watchfulness just here on the part of parents, and the expenditure of a little money may save our children from injury and our homes from sorrow. We especially commend to all, the publication of our own denomination, "The Home Field," "Foreign Mission Journal," the Sunday School literature of the "Southern Baptist Convention,"

the books and periodicals of the "American Baptist Publishing Society," and the "Southern Baptist Witness."

For the first time in many years Florida Baptists have the opportunity to build up one strong helpful denominational paper. Through the generosity of Bro. John B. Stetson who has done so much for our denominational interest the Witness is now our own, the property of the Florida Baptist Convention. To make the paper what it ought to be, and what it must be, to accomplish the work so greatly needed in our State, will require the sympathy and earnest co-operation of all Florida Baptists. Let us not then give place to a spirit of criticism, for which Baptists are especially noted, but with confident hope, work for the future, and find our present enjoyment in the thought of what that future will bring. We therefore urge the pastors and people to give their earnest and prayerful efforts toward extending the circulation and brightening the pages of the Florida Baptist Witness.

A. J. BECK,
J. A. CARLTON,
S. B. COLDING.

The Association adjourned until 2 P. M.

At 11 A. M. Elder Whitehead preached on the atonement from III, 25th and 26th of Romans.

The Association convened at 2 P. M.. After song and prayer service the report on Associational work was read by the Executive Committee, and spoken to by E. G. Wilder, A. J. Beck, R. H. Whitehead, and W. F. Thompson. Adopted.

ASSOCIATIONAL WORK.

With thankful hearts we note the advancement that we have made in our denominational work with the assistance of the several churches. We have aided the Missionary work in our bounds, helped weak churches, and assisted in building churches at several points. The following churches have been aided:

Midway	\$ 40 00
Sarasota	106 10
Oak Hill	50 00
Griffin	37 50
Lakeland	50 00

Mulberry	75 00
Mount Tabor	15 00
Sixth Avenue	30 00
Total	<u>\$103 60</u>

MISSIONS.

E. J. Barber	\$ 25 00
P. W. Corr	10 00
R. T. Cadden	5 00
C. H. Harris	35 00
P. O. Miller	80 00
I. H. Pinkston	10 00

OTHER WORK.

Printing Minutes	38 54
Secretary fee	20 00
Treasurer fee	15 00
W. L. Mahon (for Orphanage)	19 90
B. M. Bean (for Orphanage)	29 33
State Board for Organ at Tampa	12 50
Woman's Work by Executive Board	11 00
J. E. McIntosh, Gospel Boat	7 80
Tombstone for W. A. Wilson	16 00
E. L. Todd, colportage	187 50
L. D. Geiger, Home and Foreign Missions.....	6 60
Aged Ministers	100 00
C. H. Nash to State Convention	7 80

Total

P. S. HARLEE, Chairman Pro Tem.

A this point the following letters were handed in:

Seffner—W. S. O'Bryan, Mrs. W. S. O'Bryan, Mrs.

L. L. Harvey.

Providence—J. W. Brandon.

TREASURER'S REPORT READ AND ADOPTED.

1903	Receipts.
Nov. 4, balance in treasury	\$ 19 26
Nov. 6, at Association Hopewell Church	109 89
Nov. 6, of Woman's Work	9 75
Nov. 6, for Orphanage	16 00
Nov. 7, from J. H. Pinkston's field	2 00

Nov. 7, by contribution for organ	12 50
Nov. 7, of Mudella church	1 40
Dec 5, Pine Grove church	3 00

1904.

Jan. 28, Elosie church	25 00
Jan. 28, E. L. Todd, colporter	82 34
Jan. 28, Union at Chicora church	54 65
Jan. 28, Plant City church	2 00
Jan. 30, Union Providence	71 76
Jan. 30, for orphanage	3 90
Jan. 30, of Woman's Missionary Work	5 75
Feb. 16, of Medula church	1 69
Feb. 16, for orphanage	1 40
Feb. 19, of Friendship church	2 50
Feb. 19, E. L. Todd, profit on books	37 50
Feb. 19, Bethel church	5 00
March 2, Pine Grove church	1 00
March 10, Palmetto W. M. U.	5 00
March 28, Plant City Home Mission	13 00
May 18, Thonotosassa church	3 00
May 28, Union at Sarasota	133 99
May 28, for orphanage	1 50
June 2, from Green Pond church	1 95
June 11, from Mount Olive church	2 00
June 14, from Medulla church	2 70
June 16, from Bethel church	5 00
July 2, from Midway church	5 55
July 2, from Chicora church	3 15
July 30, Union at Knights	133 86
July 30, aged ministers church	1 00
July 30, W. M. U.	2 50
July 30, for tombstone of A. Wilson	16 00
July 30, orphanage	26 43
Aug. 9, Dover church	7 20
Aug. 21, Willow Oak church	1 55
Aug. 21, H. C. Harris	1 00
Sept. 2, Seffner church	2 80
Sept. 14, Hopewell church	7 05
Oct. 30, from Union at Willowak church	108 55
Oct. 30, for Foreign Mission	13 10

Total receipts

DISBURSEMENTS FROM NOVEMBER 6TH, 1903
TO NOVEMBER 7TH, 1904.

To W. L. Mahon for Orphanage	\$ 19 90
To B. M. Bean, for Orphanage	29 33
To State Board for organ at Tampa	12 50
To Expense woman's Work	11 00
To J. E. McIntosh, Gospel Boat	7 84
To tombstone for A. Wilson, deceased	16 00
To E. L. Todd for colportage	187 50
To L. D. Geiger, for Home and Foreign Missions	26 60
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To C. H. Nash, expense State Board meeting....	7 8c
To Midway church for building	40 00
To Sarasota church for building	106 10
To Oak Hill church for building	50 00
To Griffin church for building	37 50
To Lakeland church for building	50 00
To Mulberry church for building	75 00
To Mt. Tabor church for building	15 00
To Sixth Avenue church for building	30 00
To E. J. Barber for missions	25 00
To P. W. Corr for missions	10 00
To R. T. Cadden for missions	5 00
To C. H. Harris for missions	35 00
To P. O. Miller for missions	80 00
To J. H. Pinkston	10 00
To Printing Minutes	38 54
To Clerk fee	20 00
To Treasurer fee	15 00
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Total disbursements	\$961 61

To balance in Treasury

W. S. KNIGHT, Treasurer.

ORPHANAGE.

We, your committee, beg to report that after a thorough investigation of the work being accomplished by the Baptist Orphanage Home at Arcadia, we find that the work in meeting a long felt need and calculate to accomplish untold good in the years to come. We believe that Brother and Sister Bean are ordained of the Lord for this work, and recommend that we show them our appreciation and hearty co-operation in every way pos-

sible. We believe that the policy of the present administration is wise and judicious and the outlook for a glorious future for the institution is very bright.

We recommend that our W. M. U.'s and B. Y. P. U.'s continue to support the institution with their contributions and we further recommend that each Sunday School in the bounds of our Association give one Sunday's collection in each month to the support of the Home. Now, that we have undertaken this great work we should not allow the work to be paralyzed for lack of means to carry it on.

E. L. TODD,
R. H. WHITEHEAD,
J. Q. BRANTLEY.

Read and adopted.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We are g'ad to note from the letters from the churches that our people are generally interested in this work and that nearly every church reports a flourishing school. It is too late in the history of this work to discuss the importance of its approval in the Scriptures. Methods and development for the accomplishment of best results is the field for study as your committee sees it. And we would recommend as the means of this end the holding of Sunday School Institutes and conventions in which practical discussions should be had throughout the bounds of our Association.

We would suggest that our entire Board arrange for such discussions in connection with our Union meetings.

W. F. THOMPSON,
W. C. McCALL,
J. H. THARP.

Read and spoken to by Bro. W. F. Thompson.
Adopted.

FINANCE.

We find the following amounts sent up from the several churches:

Six Mile Creek, for minutes	\$ 1 55
Six Mile Creek, for Foreign Missions	2 61
Gapway, for minutes	1 60
Griffin, for minutes	2 25
Winter Haven, for minutes	1 00
Palmetto, Association purposes	11 00

Clear Water, Association purposes	2 50
Port Tampa, minutes	1 00
Port Tampa, Home Missions	1 86
First Church St. Petersburg, minutes	2 00
First Church St. Petersburg, missions	1 25
Pal Avenue, missions	3 00
Oak Hill, missions	1 00
Oak Hill, Association purposes	1 75
Alafia, minutes	50
Alafia, Association purposes	1 00
El Bethel, minutes	2 00
Knights, minutes	1 50
Friendship, minutes	1 00
Friendship, Association purposes	2 00
First Tampa, minutes	2 50
Sarasota, minutes	2 00
Sarasota, Association purposes	3 00
Midway, minutes	1 00
Peace Creek, minutes	1 00
Grace, minutes	1 50
Bethel, minutes	5 00
Sixth Avenue, minutes	3 00
Bartow, minutes	2 00
Hopewell, Association purposes	3 50
Lakeland, Association purposes	1 00
Chicora	2 00
Friendship Union at Willowak	2 50
El Bethel Union at Willowak	3 00
Peru, minutes	1 00
Peru, Orphanage	1 25
Mt. Olive, Association purposes	2 00
Plant City, minutes	2 00
Turkey Creek, minutes	1 00
Bradentown, minutes	2 00
Bradentown, Foreign Missions	3 25
Bradentown, State Missions	9 00
Bradentown, Association Missions	5 00
Thonotosass, minutes	1 00
Willow Oak, minutes	1 00
Keyville, minutes	1 00

Total\$104 87

The following was handed in after the Finance Committee made their report.—Secretary.

Kathleen, minutes	\$ 75
Kathleen Home Missions	1 75
Dover, minutes	1 50
Medulla, minutes	1 15
Mulberry, minutes	1 50

Total\$111 52

E. L. TODD,
J. N. COLLINS,
JAMES WEEKS,
Committee.

Committee on Nominations appointed: J. A. Back,
W. C. McCall, J. H. Tharp.

SESSIONS.

We, your committee on sessions, recommend that this body accept the invitation of the Baptist church at Sarasota to hold its next session with them one year hence, and H. C. Harris with Brother Irvin Walden preach the introductory sermon, and Bro. W. C. McCall preach a doctrinal sermon on the final perseverance of the Saints. Adopted.

J. O. BRANTLEY,
H. H. NORRIS,
A. H. SLOAN,
Committee.

LETTERS AND DOCUMENTS.

We are glad to note a much larger increase in Baptisms this year over last year, a total net increase of 336 members.

Forty three expulsions are reported which shows that our people are awake to their duty of withdrawing from those who walk disorderly. We note with pleasure the petitionary letters from Griffin and Dover; we heartily welcome them in our body.

We find received by baptism, 229; by letter, 306; by restoration, 14. Dismissed, by letter, 126; by exclusion, 43; by death, 28. Net gain over last year, 110. Adopted.

J. F. ROGERS,
F. W. TIDWELL,
S. P. PHILLIPS,
Committee.

PROMINENT EVILS CONFRONTING US.

Read and on motion was postponed for adoption until after preaching at 7:30.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

As Baptists we believe in a divine call to the ministry. We believe in it because the scriptures teach it; we believe in it because he cannot successfully preach except God be with him. Therefore, as God is the motive power in and behind the great mission of preaching the Gospel, every one called to preach should also feel called upon to develop the gift that God has endowed him with. We do not believe it is necessary for a man to have all the education it is possible for him to obtain in order to preach the gospel, but we do not believe that in order to accomplish the greatest good, the better the education along the line of developing the intellect, directed of the spirit, the more he will be enabled to accomplish in his Master's work.

As the ages advance there is a greater demand for an educated ministry. It has been brought under our own observation that ministers called of God to preach the gospel have had very limited education and yet have accomplished much. Knowing many of these as we did, who were noble, godly, spirit-filled men; but if they had had the advantages of an education their power and success would have been much greater. The time has long since come when a cultured and educated people will not be satisfied with anything less than an educated ministry.

We do not believe that any amount of education and training alone will make a preacher, for unless a man is called of God and filled with His spirit, his preaching is in vain. God calls men, and spirit-filled men are the power, and this combined with an education is a great power. An educated man is one whose physical, mental and moral talents have been trained and developed, governed by the spirit of Christ. This training and development of the man must stand square on God's truth and be directed by the sweet councils of His spirit. It must be his meat and his drink, and thus educated he knows the worth of an education, and all who know and hear him will know its value. The facilities for an education are today unlimited. All over the land are located schools and colleges well equipped. No young man can offer an

excuse now for coming before the people without an education. There are many schools and colleges where a thorough education can be obtained, but we especially desire to call attention to and recommend our Stetson University at DeLand and Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky. We urge upon our churches to contribute more liberally for the purpose of ministerial education, for every dollar expended in this way will be repaid one hundred fold and the churches will themselves be directly benefitted by the instruction they receive from this enlightened ministry.

S. G. MULLINS,
J. S. HOWARD,
G. E. MABRY,
Committee.

Spoken to by J. E. Mabry, R. H. Whitehead and adopted.

NOMINATIONS.

Your Committee on Nominations beg leave to submit the following: That your Executive Board consist of the following brethren: Chairman, J. W. Johnson; P. S. Harlee, C. C. Burns, W. S. Knight, G. E. Mabry, J. F. Rogers, W. H. Harrison, W. C. Hayman, S. J. Hancock, Josiah Varn, E. J. Wilder, J. R. McDonald.

Messengers to State Convention: W. M. McDonald, A. J. Beck, C. H. Nash, R. H. Whitehead, W. S. Knight, S. G. Mullins, J. H. Tharp, W. C. McCall, W. F. Thompson, J. W. Harris, H. H. Norris, R. T. Cadden; and to the Southern Baptist Convention, W. C. McCall, W. M. McDonald as alternate.

P. S. HARLLEE,
A. J. BECK,
W. C. MCCALL,
Committee.

On motion, prevailing, any member of this Association present at the session of any other Association should act as messengers from this body.

The following resolution was read and adopted:

Resolved, That we advise the churches of this Association to send all the money for mission work to our treasurer (W. S. Knight) with directions where they wish it to go, and

Resolved, That we advise all the Woman's Mission

Societies in each church in the Association, to send all the money for Mission Work to our Treasurer with instructions how they wish it to go. We also instruct our clerk to incorporate this in the minutes from year to year.

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS READ AND ADOPTED.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due and are hereby given to the First Baptist church and all the other churches and Christians of this city for the splendid entertainment that they have given us, and that we also express our appreciation to the Steam Boats and Railways for their kindness in the reduction of fares.

On motion (prevailing) the Clerk to have 1500 copies of the minutes printed and draw on the Treasurer for funds to pay for the same, also draw on the Treasurer to pay Clerk \$25.00 and Treasurer \$10.00.

Bro. W. Tompson by motion (prevailing) was continued as Committee on Transportation. Adjourned to 7 P. M. The Association convened in short session at 7 P. M.. The following resolution was read and adopted:

Resolved, That we recommend to the Womans' Missionary Union of this Association, that a committee be appointed to furnish a report to be read before the Association at each session, to be embodied in the minutes, and that the name of the Committee be published in the list of annual committees in our minutes.

At 7:30 P. M., sermon by Bro. W. C. McCall from Second Corinthian, V. 10.

After sermon the Association convened in short session. Petitionary letter from Dover was presented and received. Messengers were given the right hand of fellowship. The following letters were handed in from:

Mulberry—E. J. Barber, messenger.

Medulla—By letter.

Pine Grove—By contribution.

Prominent evils confronting us was taken up and read the second time and spoken to by Bro. R. H. Whitehead and adopted:

On motion (prevailing) Bro. Whitehead was requested to have same published in Southern Baptist Witness. Association adjourned to meet with the Sarasota

Baptist church, Sarasota, Fla. on Wednesday before the third Sunday in November, 1905.

A. A. LEWIS, Secretary.

W. M. McDONALD, Moderator.

PROMINENT EVILS WHICH CONFRONT US.

The evils which confront us are so various and manifold that it is difficult to select and determine those most prominent and injurious in their effects upon mankind. All evil is stupendous in God's sight, and as the heart of man is carnal and enmity against God, sold under sin, there are and will continue to be generated out of the depraved human heart evils of great magnitude affecting man's happiness and destiny, both in the present life and the world to come. We cannot enumerate in this report all the prominent evils which confront us, but call attention to a few that are unquestionably evils of tremendous magnitude and which we should diligently, by the grace of God, seek to counteract and if possible to destroy. Among these, we mention first, "the liquor traffic and use of narcotics." This great evil can never be fully comprehended or appreciated. It exists and is widespread and almost universal, wrecking the lives, corrupting the characters and destroying tens of thousands of victims every year, notwithstanding the antagonism of the Christian nurture of the home and special instruction in the public schools of the evils of alcoholic indulgence and temperance legislation and reform. Satan concentrates his forces in the continuance of this evil by enticing the agency of government, by licensing it, for revenue purposes, and the dealers of this unholy traffic diligently employ every means possible, through the use of money, to influence legislatures and corrupt the administration of the State and National Government to counteract the efforts of Christians and philanthropists, to moderate, if not wipe out this great evil. But we must not relax our efforts, but through the religious press and pulpit and the instruction of the home and public schools create a public sentiment of such strength and power as will eradicate this evil from our land. Again we are confronted with the terrible and no less injurious and destructive habit of the use of opium. Not only have the people of the vast empire of China been cursed by this evil, but the opium habit has already become common all over our own Heaven favored land and is insidiously destroying

the lives and souls of thousands of our people. The practice is not so open and yet it is becoming so widespread as to form just occasion for alarm at its ruinous effects, and the efforts of all good citizens should be directed to counteract by legislation and otherwise this evil.

Social Evils.

We cannot be too considerate of the social evils which confront us. Our churches are composed of a large element of unregenerate members and these have introduced and fostered a spirit of conformity to the world, which is destructive of the spirituality of the churches and is destroying their religious influence and prestige in the world. The churches have relaxed Scriptural discipline and it is now not uncommon to find members of our churches leaders in card playing and promiscuous dancing and other fascinating amusements of the world. "The light has become darkness, and how great is that darkness." Again we see the degeneracy of our churches by introducing into the houses consecrated to God and His service theatricals and recitations in which the children are taught to take part, and the service of praise prostituted to the display of musical talent and operatic performances. This evil of imposing display and parade in worship is constantly increasing and now the effort is to pander to the tastes of the world in making the service of God attractive to them by wordly performances not unfitted to the opera and theatre. It is certainly time to call a halt and eradicate these evils.

The Evil of Mammon Worship.

It will be utterly impossible to lay too great a stress upon that monster evil—Mammon Worship—by the verdict of Jehovah himself "the love of money is the root of all evil." This is called the commercial age, but this misleading term properly interpreted means an age when the passionate desire of men is to gain wealth. This is in a great measure the ruling passion and supreme aim and ambition of men. From this unholy passion has sprung manifold crimes—fraud, cheating and swindling, grafting, robbery and other crimes. It has also given rise to the formation of wicked and oppressive trusts: It has debauched public morals; also destroyed a high sense of virtue, honesty and integrity among the people. It has corrupted public office holders and seekers, bribed

legislators, defeated justice and poisoned all the arteries of communication and intercourse, religious and financial, among men. It has entered our churches and invaded the pulpit and given wealth a position of honor and special privileges in church and state, and made it the measure and standard of piety and consecration to God, and given us a large number of preachers who hypocritically pretend to serve God, and labor for the salvation of souls, when their chief aim and desire is to please the people. They are seeking fat places, preach where they can fill their purses and neglect the places of poverty and distress. It is said to realize the situation but we can not close our eyes to the facts. We live in perilous times when vast numbers are worshipping at the shrine of mammon and all the signs of the time indicate that we are approaching the climax of wickedness which is to precede the second coming of our Lord, and we conclude this article by exhorting all our brethren to watch and pray lest they enter into temptation.

R. H. WHITEHEAD, Chairman.

SACRED TO THE MEMORY OF

Sister W. B. Varn, Bartow church; Bro. W. B. Varn, Bartow church; Bro. T. E. Bugg, Bartow church; Bro. J. D. Ramsey, Bartow church; Sister Florence Cohen, Bethany church; Bro. J. W. Bailey, Bethel church; Sister Foster Howell, Bradentown church; One from Clearwater, name not given; Sister Manda Tilman, El Bethel church; Bro. Joiner, Gapway church; Bro. J. H. Frier, Hopewell church; Sister Annie Holloway, Hopewell church; Sister Neta Howard, Hopewell church; Sister Manerva Wiggins, Hopewell church; Deacon J. R. Wiggins, Knights church; Sister M. E. Wiggins, Knights church; Bro. Jennings McCaskey, Lakeland church; Sister Mattie Gordor, Lakeland church; P. W. Larrimore, Lakeland church; Sister Carolina Hicks, Medulla church; Sister Tabitha Douglas, Mt. Olive church; Sister M. E. Harris, Mt. Olive church; Sister Mary Clark, Mulberry church; Bro. J. Brounson, Palm Avenue church; Sister Annie Messer, Providence church; Sister M. H. Mabry, Tampa First church; Sister Allie J. Simmons, Thonotassassa church; Bro. Curtis Loper, Thonotassassa church; Bro. Richard Murray, Thonotassassa church.

"Thou art my hiding place and my shield; I hope in thy word."

WOMAN'S WORK.

The Woman's Missionary Union of South Florida Baptist Association convened in annual session in the First Methodist church of St. Petersburg at 9 A. M. Nov. 17, 1904. Mrs. M. B. Harrison as Asst. vice-pres. called the meeting to order. Mrs. L. V. Brown was appointed secretary. After devotional service, Bible Reading on giving was led by Mrs. J. W. Harris. First Ourselves. Romans 12:1. Commented on by Mrs. Howard.

Second, Our Time, Psalm 31:15. Responded to by Mrs. Bellona Brown Havens with a beautiful original poem, "My time are in Thy hands." Third, Our Money, Gen. 28:22. 2nd Cor. 9: 6, 7. Second Samuel, 24:24 by Mrs. L. W. Simmons.

The remarks of all were impressive, showing from God's word that we should give ourselves time, and money. After an earnest prayer led by Mrs. Harrison, the following committees were appointed: Enrollment, Mrs. Mrs. McKechnie, Mrs. Sims.

Letters—Mrs. J. H. Curry, Mrs. John Robinson, Mrs. R. H. Whitehead.

Nominations—Mrs. W. C. McCall, Mrs. A. J. Beck, Mrs. Haney. Mrs. T. E. McKechnie made the address of welcome.

Mrs. J. H. Curry responded. A letter of greeting from Lr. Willingham was read. Mrs. J. H. Curry read a well prepared and interesting paper on an "Ideal Missionary Society." Mrs. Geo. Robinson discussed the subject, giving her experience in the work.

How can we interest more of the women of our churches in our work, was discussed by Mrs. Walters and others.

Should our societies appropriate funds contributed for missions to local work? Mrs. Havens answered emphatically in some well chosen remarks that we "should not." Many agreed with Mrs. Havens by hearty responding "Amen."

What is the greatest need? Answered by Mrs. McKechnie. "Consecrated men and women to carry on mission work."

The following report was made by the vice-president Mrs. Harrison: Letters written, 150; Union Meetings attended, 8; arranged program for 4th Union Meet-

ing and got Mrs. B. L. Wills to conduct it. Societies visited 10. Societies organized, 9. Traveled 546 miles.

Expenses stationery, postage\$ 2 75
Traveling expenses 10 10

Total\$12 85
Amount paid by societies to defray expenses....\$11 00

In every instance where visited much interest was manifested by the members; the work with the children is growing in interest. There is no work so fruitful. Let us make a great effort to organize the children in all of our churches.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. M. B. HARRISON.

Adopted.

What are the special qualifications for a successful leader of young people. Discussed by Mrs. Beck and Mrs. Harris. They agreed that leaders should be very much in earnest and consecrated.

Last January Miss Boyd was appointed organizer of Woman's Work in our association by the Executive Committee of Sou. Fla. Baptist Association. She acted as organizer until May when the office was discontinued. Mrs. S. S. McCampbell assisted her. The following is the report of the work done by Mrs. McCampbell. Letters written, 14; Societies organized, 2; Churches visited, 3; Expenses, \$5.55. Amount paid by first Tampa church, \$5.00.

Miss A. Boyd organized two societies and expended \$6.00 which was paid by the Executive Board.

MRS. S. S. McCAMPBELL,

After singing, an earnest prayer was offered by Mrs. A. J. Beck, after which the Association adjourned until 2 P. M.

Afternoon Session.

After devotional service a report by Miss Lydia Lawrence of her work among the colored people in Tampa was made. She has labored with them 14 years. God has greatly blessed her labors.

The Committee on Letters reported in the following table:

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Missions.	Boxes.	Local Church Work.	Total.	Presidents Postoffices.
Lakeland	\$ 83 25	.....	\$ 411 88	495 13	Mrs. L. F. Henley, Lakeland, Fla.
Tampa First	47 35	142 40	354 40	444 15	Mrs. O. G. Sexton, Tampa, Fla.
Oak Hill	5 00	.....	68 69	73 69	Mrs. W. P. Frier, Parish, Fla.
Midway	5 10	.....	.....	5 10	Mrs. C. L. Wilder, P. City, Fla.
Palm Avenue	41 85	19 70	24 00	65 55	Mrs. L. Abbot, Tampa, Fla.
Palmetto	4 00	.....	.....	93 56	Mrs. M. B. Harrison, Pal'to, Fla.
Seffner	20 92	.....	56 40	60 40	Mrs. L. L. Harvey, Seffner, Fla.
Plant City	30 92	.....	101 13	122 05	Mrs. B. L. Willis, Plant City, Fla.
Bradentown	33 92	.....	110 91	144 83	Mrs. B. L. Beck, Bradentown, Fla.
Sarasota	6 65	.....	87 00	93 65	Mrs. A. A. Bates, Sarasota, Fla.
New Hope	10 00	.....	31 00	10 00	Mrs. W. C. Hayman, Gillett, Fla.
St. Petersburg First	26 00	.....	10 52	57 00	Mrs. F. E. McKechnie, St. Pet'bg.
Peru	15 10	.....	.....	25 60	Mrs. J. L. Haney, Riverview, Fla.
Clearwater	1 00	.....	.....	1 00	Mrs. H. L. Pepper, Clearw'r, Fla.
Grace	25 96	.....	3 50	30 41	Mrs. J. W. Harris, St. Petersburg.
Winter Haven	38 20	.....	.....	38 20	Mrs. E. G. Wilder, Kathleen, Fla.
Bethel	6 40	.....	.....	6 40	Mrs. E. G. Wilder, Kathleen, Fla.
Sunbeams	36 38	.....	.....	36 38	Mrs. E. G. Wilder, Kathleen, Fla.
Collections at meetings	3 50	.....	.....	3 50	Mrs. E. G. Wilder, Kathleen, Fla.
Total	\$ 491 94	\$ 162 10	\$ 1,161 91	\$ 1,816 90	.....

3 50 in missions includes orphanage and aged ministers.

Mrs. Dixie Harris was appointed as messenger to the W. M. U. Auxiliary to the Baptist State Convention.

Mrs. W. C. McCal submitted the report of the Nominating Committee, recommending the election of Mrs. M. B. Harrison and Mrs. J. H. Tharp, for Associational vice-presidents. The report was accepted and the names unanimously elected.

The report on resolutions was submitted by Mrs. L. W. Simmons.

Resolved, That the thanks of our W. M. U. are due, and are hereby tendered this community for the cordial reception and unstinted hospitality extended us during our stay in their midst.

Resolved second, That we tender the members of the First Methodist church our sincere thanks for kindly allowing us the use of their House of Worship for our meetings.

We are thankful to the All Wise Creator for this sojourn with the saints of St. Petersburg. We pray His blessings on them and their work. Adjourned.

MRS. M. B. HARRISON, Prest.
MRS. L. V. BROWN, Sec.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

- T. Alderman, Plant City, Fla.
- A. J. Beck, Bradentown, Fla.
- J. D. Blount, Gary, Fla.
- O. D. Bryant, Green Pond, Fla.
- J. W. Brooker, Sydney, Fla.
- R. T. Cadden, Lakeland, Fla.
- M. C. Cain, Mulberry, Fla.
- J. E. G. Campbell, Tampa, Fla.
- F. W. Cole, Medulla, Fla.
- P. W. Corr, Port Tampa City, Fla.
- J. R. Frier, Kathleen, Fla.
- B. H. Guy, Gary, Fla.
- J. W. Harris, St. Petersburg, Fla.
- H. C. Harris, Turkey Creek, Fla.
- J. W. Johnson, Alafia, Fla.
- T. H. Jandon, Sydney, Fla.
- N. T. King, Brandon, Fla.
- H. M. King, Tampa, Fla.
- J. B. Lamb, Parish, Fla.
- W. C. McCall, Tampa, Fla.
- W. M. McDonald, Plant City, Fla.
- H. Messer, Sarasota, Fla.

P. O. Miller, Palmetto, Fla.
 S. G. Mullins, Bartow, Fla.
 C. H. Nash, Tampa, Fla.
 H. H. Norris, Bradentown, Fla.
 W. H. Osborne, Tampa, Fla.
 R. N. Pylant, Homeland, Fla.
 J. F. Reeder, Bradentown, Fla.
 T. A. Redd, Sarasota, Fla.
 G. W. Robey, Tampa, Fla.
 W. C. Stacer, Winter Haven, Fla.
 J. P. Smith, Oneco, Fla.
 S. E. Sloan, Kathleen, Fla.
 J. H. Tharp, Lakeland, Fla.
 J. S. Thrasher, Ybor City, Fla.
 W. F. Thompson, St. Petersburg, Fla.
 J. W. Tucker, Kathleen, Fla.
 E. L. Todd, Plant City, Fla.
 C. Vickers, Lakeland, Fla.
 R. H. Whitehead, Palmetto, Fla.
 Irvin Walden, Turkey Creek, Fla.
 O. N. Williams, Gillett, Fla.
 A. J. Whittemore, Plant City, Fla.

ANNUAL COMMITTEES.

Obituaries—R. T. Cadden, S. P. Phillips, J. A. Carlton.

ASSOCIATIONAL WORK—EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Prominent Evils Confronting Us.—A. J. Beck, J. F. Reeder, H. H. Norris.

MISSIONS.

W. C. McCall, J. O. Brantley, C. C. Burns.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

E. L. Todd, C. F. Mallory, W. E. Wiggins.

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

C. H. Nash, H. M. King, T. H. Jandon, H. C. Harris.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

R. H. Whitehead, E. G. Wilder, Irvin Walden.

ORPHANAGE.

S. G. Mullins, B. F. Blount, J. W. Johnson.

MINISTERS ASSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

W. F. Thompson, S. C. Sloan, J. H. Tharp.

WOMAN'S WORK.

At the recommendation of Mrs. M. B. Harrison, President of the W. M. U. the following names were assigned: Secretary, Mrs. J. A. Lamb; Mrs. A. J. Beck, Mrs. J. H. Tharp.

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 14, 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 16, 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.
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CHURCHES.	When Organized.	Membership Last Year.	Rec. by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Restoration.	Dismissed by Letter	Re-cessions.	Died.	Present Membership.	PASTORS.	CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES.	No. Churches.	Value of Meeting Hours	Value of Property.
Antioch	1874													
Alafia	1850	15		1					16	P. O. Miller	W. Colding, Picnic, Fla.			
Bartow	1875	182	3	10	3	3	2	4	189	S. G. Mullins	G. O. Denham, Bartow, Fla.	1	\$ 3,000 00	
Bethany	1890	100	2	5	3	1	1	1	104	J. C. Rogers	C. L. Branch, Plant City, Fla.	1	600 00	
Bethel	1863	131	11	3	2	6	1	1	139	E. L. Todd	A. A. Lewis, Kathleen, Fla.	1	1,000 00	
Bradentown	1889	77		18		2			92	A. J. Beck	A. W. Shirley, Bradent'n, Fla.	1	2,400 00	
Clearwater	1866							1	25	L. W. Simmons	J. T. Humphries, Largo, Fla.			
Chicora	1889	54	2		2	1	7		50	J. W. Johnson	J. M. Padgett, Chicora, Fla.		250 00	
Dover	1904		6	5					45	T. H. Jaudon	J. B. Mott, Dover, Fla.			
El Bethel	1901	43	7	11	2	11	4	1	47	J. S. Thrasher, sup.	S. P. Phillips, Tampa, Fla.	1	1,500 00	
Friendship	1873													
Gapway	1875	55	1	1		3	6	1	47	R. T. Cadden	S. W. McClelland, La'l'd, Fla.	1	50 00	
Griffin	1904								36	R. T. Cadden	G. W. Williford, Griffin, Fla.			
Green Pond	1894													
Grace	1903	16	3	14					33	J. W. Harris	V. L. Parks, St. Peter's, Fla.	1	3,000 00	
Hopewell	1874	146	4	7	1	4	2	4	148	W. M. McDonald	J. R. McDonald, Jr., P. C'y, Fla.	1	1,500 00	
Kathleen	1895	62	8	4	1	4	2		69	Irvin Walden	D. D. Elliot, Kathleen, Fla.	1	800 00	
Keysville	1888													
Knights	1902	31	22	7	1			2	59	E. L. Todd	C. F. Mallory, Knights, Fla.	1	700 00	
Lakeland	1885	182	10	42		10	3	3	214	J. H. Tharp	J. W. Lanier, Lakeland, Fla.	1	1,000 00	1,500 00
Medulla	1888	50	5	10				1	64	E. J. Barber	D. K. Turner, Lakeland, Fla.	1	375 00	
Midway	1900	40	11	5		1			55	J. W. Johnson	F. T. Kendrick, P. City, Fla.			
Mt. Olive	1882	50				1	1	2	46	J. W. Tucker	J. L. Bryant, Morse, Fla.			
Mt. Tabor	1889													
Mulberry	1898	6	1	2				1	8	E. J. Barber	M. C. Cain, Mulberry, Fla.	1	500 00	
New Hope														
Oak Hill	1903	14		6					20	P. O. Miller	D. N. Stallins, Parish, Fla.	1		
Palm Avenue	1900	206	23	34		9	1	1	252	C. H. Nash	C. H. Pimm, Tampa, Fla.	1	3,000 00	2,000 00
Palmetto	1892		15	1		5			70	G. T. Baker	W. H. Harrison, Palm'to, Fla.	1	2,000 00	
Peace Creek	1888	29	2			2			29	C. Vickers	A. H. Sloan, Bartow, Fla.	1	175 00	
Peru	1898	16	6	6	1	5			24	P. O. Miller	J. R. Lampp, Riverview, Fla.	1	175 00	
Pine Grove	1900													
Plant City	1866	178	14	20		9			203	E. L. Todd	W. J. Wells, Plant City, Fla.	1	1,500 00	
Pleasant Hill	1891													
Providence	1877	76	2	2			2	1	77	J. W. Johnson	J. R. Bennett, Riverview, Fla.	1	600 00	
Port Tampa	1902	18	6	3		5			27	P. W. Corr	C. T. Henderson, Pt. Ta, Fla.			
Riverview	1900													
Revel														
Sarasota	1902	18		6		4			20	H. H. Norris	Wm. Worth, Sarasota, Fla.	1	1,200 00	
Seffner	1886	18	2			1		1	18	A. A. Keith	F. W. Little, Limona, Fla.	1		
Six Mile Creek	1897		6	1			5		46	Irvin Walden	E. G. Wray, Gary, Fla.	1	500 00	
Sixth Avenue	1903	48	19	15		5	1		80	W. M. McDonald	S. N. Boyett, Gary, Fla.	1	500 00	
St. Petersburg	1892	88	10	5	1	13	6		85	W. F. Thompson	T. B. Lovelace, St. Pet'sb'g.		200 00	
Tampa First	1859	279	25	56	1	12		1	348	W. C. McCall	G. E. Mabry, Tampa, Fla.		2,000 00	2,500 00
Turkey Creek	1888	113	3	6	1	21	5		97	S. C. Sloan	J. E. Hooker, T. Creek, Fla.		1,000 00	
Thonotosassa	1854	75	7			3		3	77	J. W. Johnson	G. W. Stanley, Antioch, Fla.		700 00	
Valrico	1892													
Willow Oak	1886	30	9		3	4	4		36	H. C. Harris	M. V. Campbell, Mulb'ry, Fla.		350 00	
Winter Haven	1885	29	9	5					43	A. A. Yonally	C. Winston, W. Haven, Fla.		750 00	
Total		2,385	214	288	19	135	53	30	3,018			24	\$ 61,125 00	\$ 6,000 00

CONTRIBUTIONS AND SUNDAY SCHOOL EXPENSES.

CHURCHES.	Church Expenses.	S. S. Expenses.	Missions. Home	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Associational Fund.	Missions not Designated.	Miscellaneous.	Orphan's Home.	S. S. SUPERINTENDENTS AND POSTOFFICES.						
											No. Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers.	Pupils Enrolled.	Contributions for Missions by S.S.			
Antioch											Not represented						
Alafia	\$ 32 43			\$ 2 27	\$ 3 25				\$ 1 00		None reported						
Bartow	800 00	\$ 54 45	\$ 43 29	43 00	48 00				42 00		J. A. Johnson, Bartow, Fla.	1	7	105	\$ 30 44		
Bethany	105 00	6 00							8 65	\$ 12 00	Wm. Falkner, Plant City, Fla.	1	4	30			
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Bradentown	540 00	65 94	30 92	3 25						2 00	J. A. Humphries, Br'n'tn, Fla.	1	9	80	71 94		
Clearwater						1 00											
Chicora	56 25									28 45							
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Dover	60 00							17 20	1 50								
Friendship																	
Gapway	36 00			13 57					6 50								
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Green Pond																	
Grace	371 90		9 68	24 46	8 00						45 26						
Hopewell	200 00	11 50		42 75	36 39				3 50		57 70	5 27					
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Palm Avenue	963 15	101 58	52 00	43 65	39 00						523 96	35 13					
Palmetto	110 00	24 56	36 82	25 18	10 00				45 86		108 10	10 00					
Peace Creek	39 25		8 75														
Peru	20 25	7 72	6 65	9 10	4 00				3 00		37 50	3 00					
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Pleasant Hill																	
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Six Mile Creek	61 49	7 79	1 00	2 61					8 55		103 69						
Sixth Avenue	192 00	79 97		6 21	17 28						297 50						
St. Petersburg	800 00	43 29			40 00				3 25		166 03	5 06					
Tampa First	1,500 00	224 90	189 90	165 45		31 60			15 00		1,536 61						
Turkey Creek	160 00		6 45						1 00		18 60						
Thonotosassa	60 00		14 70	1 00		70					45 10						
Valrico																	
Willow Oak	45 00	8 00	11 15			1 00			11 65		30 60						
Winter Haven	50 00	14 60	17 00	13 14	20 00				2 50		40 04	10 00					
Total	\$ 7,503 08	\$ 814 00	\$ 563 39	\$ 310 08	\$ 315 88	\$ 32 60	\$ 338 16	\$ 17 20	\$ 5,972 33	\$ 112 22				31	120	1861	\$ 164 77

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