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OFFICERS.

REV. F.M. Wells, Juniper, Fla Moderator and Treasurer
REV. A. V. REESE, Crawfordville, Fla Secretary

T. J. APPLEYARD, State Printer, Tallahassee, Fia.

BAPTIST DIRECTORY AND SCHEDULE OF GATHERINGS.

Foreign Mission Board—R. J. Willingham, Corresponding Secretary, Richmond, Va.

Home Mission Board—B. D. Gray, Corresponding Secretary, Atlanta, Ga.

State Mission Board—S. B. Rogers, Corresponding Secretary, Gainesville, Fla.

Woman's Missionary Union (Auxiliary to Southern Baptist Convention)—Miss F. E. S. Heck, President, Raleigh, N. C.; Miss Edith Crane, Corresponding Secretary, Baltimore, Md.; W. B. M. U. of Florida, Mrs. H. C. Peelman, 312 Victoria St. Jacksonville, Fla.

Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Department—George Hyman, Field Secretary, Jasper, Fla.

Next Session of Southern Baptist Convention convenes in Oklahoma City.

Next Session of Florida Baptist State Convention— Lakeland, second Tuesday in December, 1912.

Columbia College, Lake City, Fla., Dr. H. W. Tribble, President.

Stetson University, DeLand, Fla., Dr. L. Hulley, President.

COMMITTEES.

EXECUTIVE.

Rev. F. M. Wells	Juniper, Fla
Rev. L. A. Roberts	Spring Hill, Fla
Rev. J. D. Adcock	Tallahassee, Fla
Mr. J. C. Brewer	Greensboro, Fla
Rev. A. V. Reese	Crawfordville, Fla

STANDING.

- Program—Hon. Samuel Pasco, Rev. B. A. Geiger, Rev. A. V. Reese.
- Foreign Missions—Rev. J. D. Adcock.
- 3. Home Missions-Rev. B. A. Geiger.
- 4. State Missions-Rev. A. V. Reese.
- Periodicals—Rev. S. J. Revells.
- 6. Prohibition-Rev. W. R. Lambert.
- 7. Woman's Work-Rev. L. A. Roberts.
- 8. B. Y. P. U.—Robert I. Bradley.
- 9. Orphanage-W. F. Cowen.
- 10. Aged Ministers-Rev. J. D. Turner. .
- 11. Duty of Churches to Pastors-Rev. S. F. Blount.
- 12. Sunday Schools- J. I. Langston.
- 13. Ministerial Education-Samuel Pasco
- 14. Finance-J. H. Dorsey.
- 15. Obituaries-Rev. C. F. Wells.

CONSTITUTION OF THE FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be known by the name of The Florida Baptist Association. The object of this Association shall be to conduct the work of missions, colportage, Sabtion shall be to conduct the works of missions, colportage, Sabspread of the Gospel.

Article 2. This Association shall be composed of white male members chosen by the respective churches in its union, in the proportion of two members for each church of fifty or

Article 3. The letters sent by the churches at each session over fifty. No church, however, shall have more than four delegates.

Article 3. The letters sent by he churches at each session of the Association shall express their respective members in full fellowship, those baptised, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and dead since last session.

Article 4. Believing it to be proper, on account of the diversity of opinion among men as to the import of Scripture contained in the Old and New Testaments, to declare our belief and understanding thereof, we therefore append our belief in twelve Articles and present them with our minutes, to the Baptist denomination.

Article 5. The Association, when convened, shall be governed by a regular and proper decorum. A Moderator and clerk shall be chosen by the votes of the members present, who shall hold their offices until the next session of the body, and until their successors are eleced. The Moderator shall preside at the meetings of the Association, and the clerk shall record the proceedings and prepare them for the press.

Article 6. The Association thus organized shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage onr infringe upon the internal rights of any church.

Article 7. Newly constituted churches may be admitted to this union on application by letter an ddelegates; and if, upon examination, found to be orthodox, shall be received by the Association and the right hand of fellowship extended to the delegates by the Moderator.

Article 8. The Association shall furnish the minutes of their proceedings in proportion to the funds sent up for that purpose by the churches.

Article 9. The minutes of the Association shall be publicly read (and corrected, if necessary) and then signed by the Moderator and Clerk before adjournment.

Article 10. Any amendment or ratification of this Constitution may be made by the votes of two-thirds of the members present at any two regular successive meetings of the Association. All other matters of fellowship shall be decided by a majority of votes. In matters of fellowship the Association must be a unit.

Article 11. The Association shall have power, first, to provide for the general union of the churches; second, to give the churches advice in matters of difficulty; third, to inquire into the cause of any failing to be represented at the meetings of the Association; fourth, to withdraw all connection from any church or churches in this union who shall violate the rules of this Association, or shall deviate from the orthodox principles of the revealed Work of God; fifth, to appropriate the money contributed and sent up to the Association as specified by said churches, and when not specified it shall be appropriated to promote the best interests of the Master's cause; sixth, to adjourn to any future time and place they may deem most convenient to the churches in the union.

RULES OF DECORUM OF THE FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSO-CIATION.

1. At every meeting of the Association the Moderator shall call the members to order and cause the Clerk to read the minutes of the previous Association.

2. The Moderator shall preserve order, and shall speak on any point of order with reference to the other members, and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Association, when requested by any two members.

3. The Moderator shall put all questions distinctly in this form: "As many as are in favor (as the question may be) say 'Aye.'" And after the affirmative vote is taken, "As many as are of a contrary opinion say 'No.' " If doubtful which voice is in the majority, it shall be decided by rising and counting.

4. The Moderator shall appoint the committees, except in

cases of appointment by ballot.

5. In all cases of ballot the Moderator may vote. In all other cases he shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided, or unless his vote given to the minority will make the division equal. In that case the question shall be lost.

6. When any member is about to speak in debate he shall

rise and address the Moderator.

7. If any member, while speaking or otherwise employed, transgress the rules of decorum, the Moderator shall, or any member may, call him to order.

When two or more members shall rise at the same time. the Moderator small decide who is first entitled to the floor.

- 9. No member shall indulge in unkind remarks in debate, nor shall any member speak more than twice on the same question without leave from the Association, nor more than once until every one choosing to speak shall have done so.
- 10. While any member is addressing the Association, it shall be the duty of the Moderator to suppress all private discourses that may be entertained between the members, and require strict attention on the part of the members.

11. When a motion is made and seconded it shall be stated by the Moderator before debate.

12. Every motion shall be reduced to writing if desired by any member of the Association.

13. After a motion is made and seconded it shall be deemed in possession of the Association, but may be withdrawn at any time before being discussed or amended.

14. When a question is under debate no motion shall be

entertained unless to amend it or refer it to a committee, or for the previous question, or for adjournment.

15. A moton for adjournment shall always be in order, and

decided without debate.

16. Any member may call for a division of a question when two or more distinct propositions are set forth, and when the substance will admit of division.

17. Motions and amendments may be referred to a commit-

tee at the pleasure of the Association.

18. Every resolution shall receive two statemetrs or readings in the Association previous to its passage. The first shall be for information; and the second when the decision of the Association is to be made.

19. These rules may be changed or amended at any full

meeting of the Association.

20. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer

each day by the Moderator or some other member.

21. All queries shall be fairly stated in writing and approbated by two-thirds of the members present before they shall be acted on.

ARTICLES OF FAITH OF THE FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSO-CIATION

ARTICLE 1. We believe in one only true and living God, and that there are three in the Godhead-the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.

Article 2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the only rule of faith

Article 3. We believe in the doctrine of particular and eternal election.

Article 4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

Article 5. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state in which he is by nature, by his own free will and ability.

Article 6. We believe that we are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

Article 7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

Article 8. We believe that the saints shall persevere in

grace and never finally fall away.

Article 9. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ; that nothing is baptism except immersion; that believers are the only subjects of this ordinance, and that none but baptized believers are entitled to partake of the Lord's Supper.

Article 10. We believe in a general resurrection of the dead

and a general judgment.

Article 11. We believe that the punishment of the wicked shall be everlasting and the joys of the righteous will be eternal shall be everlasting and the joys of the righteous will be eternal.

Article 12. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances only such as are regularly called and have come under the imposition of the hands of the presbytery.

LIST OF MINISTERS ORDAINED

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Adcock, J. D.	Tallahassee, Fla.
Adcock, J. D. Allen, J. M. C.	Holland, Fla.
Cox, Alexander	Smith Creek, Fla.
Clements, J. E.	Arran, Fla.
Chason, John F.	Hosford, Fla.
Cliffton, R. S.	Wacissa, Fla.
Deada T A	Monticello, Fla.
Geiger, B. A.	Monticello, Fla.
Holland, James	Ocklocknee, Fla.
Howard, Herman S.	Greensboro, Fla.
Lambert W. R.	Quincy, Fla.
Pruitt J. B.	Tallahassee, Fia.
Peddie C. M.	Bristol, Fla.
Revell S. J.	Hosford, Fla.
Roberts, L. A.	
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	Arran, Fla.
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Hardaway,	Fla.
Bristol,	Fla.
Hosford,	Fla.
Juniper,	Fla.
Monticello,	Fla.
Arran,	Fla.
	Hardaway, Bristol, Hosford, Juniper, Monticello, Arran,

MINUTES

The Sixty-ninth Annual Session of the Florida Baptist Association convened in the Baptist Church, Greensboro, Fla., on Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock, October 24th, 1911., and was called to order by the former Moderator, Rev. F. M. Wells, who read the 139th Psalm, and Rev. B. A. Geiger led in prayer.

The former Clerk, A. V. Reese, called the roll of churches, and the following Messengers were enrolled:

Aenon-By letter.

Antioch-R. C. Gaddling, Thomas Craven,

Arran-By letter.

Chaires-By letter.

Concordia-J. H. Dorsey.

Crawfordville—A. V. Reese.

Curtis Mills-

Corinth-Rev. J. D. Turner and W. J. Ferrell.

Delph-

Ebenezer (J.)—By letter.

Ebenezer (L.)—Rev. L. A. Roberts.

Elizabeth—B. S. Howell and J. P. Lewis.

Flat Creek-W. F. Cowan, J. H. Talor, M. N. Smith, S. J. Fletcher.

Fort Braden—By letter.

Greensboro-J. C. Brewer, E. B. Fletcher, J. W. Green.

Havana-T. L. Edwards.

Hardaway-Robert I. Bradley, M. E. Russell.

Indian Springs-H. C. Billingsley.

Lake Ellen-By letter.

Lake Mystic-Rev. S. J. Revell.

Monticello-Rev. B. A. Geiger.

Mosley Hall-

Mount Besor-By letter.

Mount Elan-J. J. R. Langston.

New Prospect—

Orange-By letter.

Olive-By letter.

Providence-Rev. F. M. Wells, M. B. Anderson, Rev.

S. F. Blount, D. N. Clark.

Quincy-T. J. Farrs.

River Junction-J. B. Bush, J. H. Keen.

Salem-By letter.

Sunny Dell-W. M. McKeown, J. R. Smith.

Sundown-

Tallahassee-Rev. J. D. Adcock, W. M. Holloway, W. V. Knott.

Hopeful-By letter.

Woodville-By letter.

The permanent organization of the Association was effected by the re-election of the present Moderator and Clerk.

The report of the Committee on Program was read and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM.

To the Florida Baptist Association:

Brethren-Your committee appointed to prepare a program, or order of exercises, for the present session, respectfully submit the following report:

Tucsday, October 24-Morning Session: Immediately after the opening services and the organization, the Missionary address by Rev. S. B. Rogers, of Gainesville; applications from churches asking admission to the Association; announcement of committees.

Afternoon Session: Enrollment of additional Messengers and visitors; admission of new churches; election of Messengers to the State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention; reports of standing committees.

Evening Session: Reports of standing committees continued.

8:00 o'clock: Introductory sermon by Rev. B. A. Geiger, Monticello.

Wednesday, October 25.—Morning Session: Reports of standing committees continued; election of Treasurer; selection of place for next meeting; new and unfinished business.

Afternoon Session: Unfinished business continued.

Evening Session: Unfinished business continued.

8:00 O'cleck: Doctrinal sermon by Rev. J. D. Adcock, of Tallahassee.

This order is subject to change at any time by a vote of a majority of the Messengers to be taken by a call of the churches, if asked for by five Messengers.

A. V. REESE.

11:00 O'clock: Dr. S. B. Rogers, Corresponding Secretary of State Mission Board, made an address on State Missions.

The Moderator announced the following named brethren to serve on committees:

Foreign Missions: Rev. S. J. Revell, Rev. L. A. Roberts, W. J. Ferrell.

State Missions: Rev. L. A. Roberts, B. S. Harrell, J. C. Brewer.

Home Missions: Rev. J. D. Adcock, E. B. Fletcher, J. P. Lewis.

Temperance: Rev. B. A. Geiger, J. W. Green, J. J. R. Langston.

Sunday Schools: J. C. Brewer, W. W. McKeown, J. B. Bush.

Women's Work: Robert I. Bradley, J. R. Smith, W. E. Shelfer.

Orphanage: J. C. Brewer, W. F. Cowan, B. S. Harrell. Ministerial Education: Rev. J. D. Adcock, L. A. Roberts, B. A. Geiger.

Periodicals: Rev. B. A. Geiger, J. D. Adcock, J. W. Green.

Aged Ministers: Rev. S. F. Blounts, W. F. Cowan, W. J. Frend.

B. Y. P. U.: A. V. Reese, J. D. Turner.

Duty of Churches to Pastors: W. E. Preswell, W. M. McKeowen, J. R. Smith.

Finance: J. J. R. Langston, J. H. Dorsey, H. C. Billingsley.

Call for visitors, and Dr. E. Z. F. Galden, editor of The Florida Baptist Witness, responded.

Adjourned to meet at 2:00 o'clock.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association reassembled at 2:00 o'clock, and after usual opening services, the call for new churches was made. No response.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats with us, and was responded to by Rev. G. W. Myers and Rev. C. E. Glover.

On motion, the Moderator was authorized to appoint Messengers to the State Convention, and their names are given as follows: Rev. J. D. Adcock, Rev. B. A. Geiger, Rev. L. A. Roberts, Rev. A. V. Reese, Rev. S. J. Revell, Rev. W. F. Cowan, Rev. J. D. Turner, Rev. W. R. Lambert, D. N. Clark, W. D. Ferguson.

Messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention were elected as follows: Rev. J. D. Adcock, Messenger, and Rev. B. A. Geiger, Alternate.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATE MISSIONS.

The report on State Missions was read by Rev. L. A. Roberts and discussed by him and Rev. B. A. Geiger, and then adopted.

Your Committee on State Missions would make the following report:

As we survey the work done in Florida by our State. Mission Board, we note a steady progress year by year, and while our gifts are growing the needs of the field are growing. The Board is doing what it can to reach the destitution of the State and keep abreast with the immigration that is coming to our State every year.* We need more men in the field; we need more money, too.

Referring back to Brother Rogers' report last year, we had then sixty-one men in the field—forty-four working in the country, while seventeen were working in the cities. Brethren, let us lengthen the cords and strengthen the stakes by holding up the hands of our noble Secretary and State Board. We urge that the pastors keep the matter of State Missions before their churches and also take a collection once a quarter for State Missions.

The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few. Let us pray the Lord of the Harvest to send more laborers into his harvest.

L. A. ROBERTS,

J. C. BREWER,

B. S. HOWELL.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PERIODICALS.

The report on Periodicals was read by Rev. B. A. Geiger and adopted, as follows:

Dear Brethren:—We, your Committee, find that the same sad truth remains that has obtained for years, viz: that our people are sadly deficient in point of information on denominational matters, and yet these are within the reach of all, for the prices are not prohibitive. We therefore most heartily and prayerfully recommend that every home take and read the Florida Baptist Witness, Foreign Mission Journal, and Home Field, and use by all means in our Sunday Schools the Southern Baptist Convention Series literature; and would recommend, also, that every pastor strive to get into our Baptist homes the best Baptist books and endeavor to keep out those dangerous to their spiritual welfare, for the reason that the pastors are the leaders, and to some degree the spiritual ad-

visers of the people. We must look well to the libraries of our people, or they will become poisoned and ruined.

Respectfully submitted by your committee.

B. A. GEIGER,

J. D. TURNER, J. W. GREEN.

The Association received a telegram of good cheer from Rev. W. R. Lambert and wife, who were in Louisville, Ky.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

The report on Ministerial Education was read by Rev. J. D. Adcock, and spoken to by him and adopted. The report follows:

Nothing can ever supercede preaching as a soul-saving agency—the chief business of Christian people. No preacher can do his best until he is at his best; no one can be at his best until he is educated. Therefore, the preacher must be educated.

What Is Education?—That which is education to a person in one calling may not be education to the same man in another calling or profession. Educate means drawing out. But the restricted term means drawing out the best that is in one. A recent writer has added: "Finding and mastering one's best self is Christian education." Another has said: "Nothing else is education except Christian education." Certainly nothing else is education for a preacher than finding and passing his best self, since he is to do the highest service for the human race.

But we have to do in this report with Baptist Ministerial Education. Now, we believe that we have the most perfect expression of Christianity. Certainly if this is true, our preachers should have the best equipment. Moreover, no other people are so opposed by the devil; so our preachers must be educated.

We recommend that our preachers at least once a year

lay on the hearts of their people the claims of our young preachers, and ask for a liberal offering for this most worthy cause. Respectfully submitted.

J. D. ADCOCK, B. A. GEIGER.

The Association then adjourned to meet at 7:30 p. m.

TUESDAY NIGHT SESSION.

The Association re-assembled as 7:30, and after devotional exercises, Rev. B. A. Geiger of Monticello preached. His Scripture lesson was the 19th Psalm. Text, Acts, 2:25. Subject, "The Power of an Ideal."

Adjourned to meet at 9:00 o'clock Wednesday morning.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 25-Morning Session.

The Association met at 9:00 o'clock and the Moderator read the 8th Psalm. Prayer by Rev. J. D. Adcock.

The minutes of the following day were read and approved.

Rev. G. A. L. Cook, from Beulah Association, was invited to a seat with us.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The report on Sunday Schools was read by J. C. Brewer and spoken to by him and Rev. J. D. Adcock, and adopted.

We, your committee, make the following report: We know of no other medium whereby the word of God can be so successfully taught as in the Sunday Schools, especially when we consider God's command to bring up our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

It pains us to see the lax and indifferent attitude of so many Christian people toward the Sunday School. It is said that 85% of the membership of the church comes from the Sunday Schools. This being true, it is of utmost

importance that we make the Sunday School all that is possible for us to make it.

It is in the Sunday School that one gets the preparation for active service in the church. It is here that the Word of God is learned. Is is here that lesons in morality are taught which may be of countless benefit to the whole life.

Therefore we recommend the use of the literature of our Sunday School Board by all our churches, as we find it the best way of imparting the instruction so much needed, and also urge the pastors to insist on the membership generally to attend Sunday School, and thereby give it their support and encouragement by their presence at least.

Respectfully submitted.

J. C. BREWER, J. B. BUSH, Committee.

REPORT ON AGED MINISTERS.

Your Committee on Aged Ministers beg leave to submit the following report: Believing that our Baptist ministers as a body are God-fearing, conscientious men, and realizing that the remuneration received for services is insufficient for the support of their families and the laying up in store for old age, we recommend that our brethren contribute liberally of their means to the support of those old Soldiers of the Cross among us whose youth and vigor have been spent in the service of the Master, and over the sunset of whose lives the cloud of want must settle if left to their own resources.

> S. F. BLOUNT, W. F. COWEN, W. J. FERRELL.

The report on Aged Ministers was read by Rev. S. F. Blount and spoken to by him, Rev. F. M. Wells and Rev. B. A. Geiger, and adopted.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

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To the	Florida Baptist Association:		
Dea	r Brethren: -Your Treasurer begs leave to	submit	
the 10	llowing report for the Associational year:		
	RECEIPTS.		
Oct.	26, 1910—Received from Association\$	97.45	
Oct.	26, 1910—Tallahassee Church for minutes	6.55	
Nov.	15, 1910-Western Union, Bro. Jas. Hol-		
	land	15.25	
Nov.	28, 1910-Flat Creek Church, F. M. Wells	.50	
Nov.	28, 1910-River Junction, F. M. Wells	2.50	
Nov.	28, 1910—Providence, F. M. Wells	2.00	
Nov.	28, 1910—Sunny Dell, F. M. Wells	1.90	
Nov.	28, 1910—Hopewell, A. V. Reese, Minutes	. 75	
Nov.	28, 1910-Hopewell, A. V. Reese, Orphan-		
	age	1.75	
Nov.	28, 1910—Hopewell, A. V. Reese, Associa-		
	tional Missions	1.78	
Dec.	15, 1910—Mt. Besor Church, L. A. Roberts.	1.80	
Dec.	15, 1910-Mt. Besor Church, L. A. Roberts,		
	Minutes	. 75	
May	9, 1911—Lake Ellen Church, A. V. Reese	1.00	
	Overpaid	7.38	
	*	141.36	
	DISBURSEMENTS.		
To H.	N. Walker, balance overpaid, 1910\$	2.08	
Oct.	27, 1910-To A. V. Reese, salary as Clerk.	20.00	
Dec.	15, 1910—S. B. Rogers, State Missions	10.85	
	S. B. Rogers, Home Missions	9.50	
	S. B. Rogers, Foreign Missions.	6.00	

S. B. Rogers, Aged Ministers... 1.50

S. B. Rogers, Orphanage...... 11.18

	S. B. Rogers, State Missions	
	from Western Union	15.25
	S. B. Rogers, Orphanage, from	
	Hopewell Church	1.75
Dec.	26, 1910-T. J. Appleyard, printing min-	
	utes	45.00
Dec.	26, 1910-A. V. Reese, express on minutes.	5.00
May	9, 1911—A. V. Reese, express on minutes.	2.00
June	19, 1911-T. J. Appleyard, balance on min-	
	utes	11.25
		141.36

Respectfully submitted,

H. N. WALKER,

Treasurer.

The report of Treasurer was read by the Clerk, and on motion it was ordered that our former Treasurer, Hon. H. N. Walker, be paid the sum of seven dollars (\$7.38) and thirty-eight cents, that being the amount overpaid.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS,

By the term Home Missions we mean the work of Southern Baptists in the destitute places in the Southern States, in Cuba, Isle of Pines, and Panama. The work is divided as follows: Co-operative work. By this we mean assisting weak churches through the various State Mission Boards; maintaining schools, of which we have 28; 127 teachers; \$475,000 worth of property, and 4,419 students.

Church Building—By which we are trying to raise a permanent fund of a half million dollars to assist in the erection of houses for the more than 4,000 homeless churches within our borders.

The Foreigners—By this we are trying to give the Gospel to the 3,000,000 foreigners within our bounds, which number is being augmented by 50,000 each year.

Evangelism—By this department of our work we are trying to place within reach of every church in need of sane Evangelism. We have 18 strong men thus employed. Among the Indians we have 8 missionaries and among the Negroes, the Southern Baptists are doing co-operative work.

Cuba and Canal Zone—In Cuba we have 35, and on the Zone we have 5 missionaries. In all these several departments of the work and on all sections of the field the work has the approval and blessings of our Lord.

The work is laid out on a basis of \$400,000 this year, and of this amount Florida is asked for \$8,000. Your Committee is of the opinion that this Association should have a larger share in this work. We therefore, recommend to every church within our bounds this work as worthy their most loyal support, and ask of them a liberal contribution at least once a year. Respectfully submitted,

J. D. ADCOCK, E. B. FLETCHER, J. P. LEWIS.

The report on Home Missions was read by Rev. J. D. Adcock and spoken to by him and Rev. B. A. Geiger, and adopted.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

We, your committee, make the following report: We find that the building that has been so much needed, that has been in course of erection for three years, has been completed and is in use. This gives much more room, making the home more efficient and valuable.

The Home has something like 75 motherless and fatherless children. Of all the helpless creatures of God's creation, there is nothing so helpless as an orphan child. Every other creature in from three weeks to six months is able to care for itself. Not so with children. From birth until 14 or 15 years of age, they are dependent and

worthy of our most sincere sympathy and care. Brethren, let your ears be open to their cry, and your purses open to their needs. Give heed to the appeals of the Superintendent and Managers, and remember them ever at a throne of mercy and love. Inasmuch as ye did it to these little ones ye did it unto me.

Respectfully submitted,
J. C. BREWER,
B. S. HOWELL,
W. F. COWEN, Committee.

The report on Orphanage was read by J. C. Brewer and spoken to by him and Rev. C. E. Glover, and adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We, your Committee on Foreign Missions, beg leave to submit the following for consideration: The cry continues to come to us with increasing force year after year. The more they learn of Christ, of God, the more insistent come the pathetic and piteous appeals for help-the Macedonian cry, "Come over and help us. We have not at hand the latter figures of this year, but last year the ingathering on the foreign fields was more than \$3,000, and there is a constant and steady increase along the lines for Christ among the dark and benighted of all pagan and papal fields. There is no darkness so dire as that of spiritual darkness. These poor immortals of these pagan lands, for long generations have groped their way in spiritual bondage, dragging the chains of idolatrous servitude wearily after them, sadly and sorrowfully seeking freedom by the torture of body, and even the sacrifice of their own lives to appease their imaginary deities. The command of Christ, "Go ye into all the world," was a command to go to them as much as to our own neglected points. Beloved, let us not close our eyes and ears to these poor, sad and dying people's cry for aid. The more we do for them the more will God do for us. Let us arise in His power and do our best for them in the name of Him who gave himself for us. Respectfully submitted,

S. J. REVELL, L. A. ROBERTS, W. J. FERRELL.

The report was read by Rev. S. J. Revell and spoken to by him, J. D. Turner, B. A. Geiger, and adopted. Adjourned until 1:30 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association re-assembled at 1:30, and after devotional services, took up reports of committees.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK,

We, your Committee on Woman's Work, beg leave to report: That woman's work is the greatest work assigned unto the families of earth, God has invested the greatest power within woman, even influence. The influential woman will lead man into the bottomless pit of hell, or lift him to the highest standard of life, and into the very glories of God. As the Apostle Paul wrote, they should be keepers at home—as we would say, workers at home. Woman's divine duty lies within her own character, beginning under her own roof, and the greatest work of woman is in being mother. Good mothers are the standard of our country and all other countries, and from good mothers all mission workers spring. So we may safely say woman's work is the mainspring of all mission work. But while woman's work begins at home, they have many missions outside all around them. We are glad to see the interest of our woman's societies all over our country, and sincerely pray that they may be a success to bring many souls to Christ.

> Respectfully submitted, ROBT. I. BRADLEY, J. R. SMITH, W. E. SHELFER.

Report read by Robt. I. Bradley, and spoken to by Rev J. D. Adcock, and adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE,

We, your Committee on Temperance, beg leave to submit, the following for consideration: Of all the subjects on which reports are made or to be made, we do not believe there is one more important than this. This question concerns men, women and children in time and in eternity. It concerns the States, the Nation and the World. There is no man who can truly say, "Because I do not drink, it does not concern me." Whether or not you think so or not, it does concern you, and God will hold you as a party to every crime committed under its influence. The progress of the Temperance cause has been marvelous in the past ten years. There are perhaps few who know that more than two-thirds of the territory of the nations is dry, and nearly half the population. Not two-thirds of the population, for the reason that the largest cities are yet in the grasp of the deadly worm of the still. Its sting is fatal and ruinous in its effect and influence on the life and body politic of the nation and the world, as well as on the individual.

Beloved, let us press this question home to the hearts and consciences of men everywhere. We must not give up the fight until every vestige of the traffic as a legalized business is concerned. We trust the day is not far distant when not a Baptist church will tolerate a single man who continues to bring reproach upon the church and cause. We cannot afford, beloved, to consistently tolerate such conduct. "Let them be as an heathen unto thee."

Respectfully submitted, B. A. GEIGER.

The report was read by Rev. B. A. Geiger, spoken to by him, and on motion it was ordered to change the heading of the report. So changed from Temperance to Prohibition. The report was then adopted. The Association went into the election of an Executive Committee, which resulted in the election of the following: Rev. F. M. Wells, J. C. Brewer, Rev. J. D. Adcock, Rev. L. A. Roberts, and A. V. Reese.

The Association elected Rev. F. M. Wells Treasurer.

The Association then suspended regular order of business and took up unfinished business left over from last year. The unfinished business was the following notice and motions made at Tallahassee, Florida, in the session of 1910:

· Notice of an Effort to Change Constitution.

A motion was made by Dr. J. B. Pruitt, and seconded by Rev. W. F. Moore, that the Association be hereby put on notice that a motion will be made at our next annual meeting to change any and all parts of our Constitution and By-Laws, excluding women from membership in this body."

It was moved and carried by unanimous vote that the Constitution remain unchanged.

The regular order of business was taken up, and the report of Committees on Duty of Churches to Pastors was read and adopted.

REPORT ON DUTY OF CHURCHES TO PASTORS.

To the Florida Baptist Association:-

Brethren: We, your Committee on Duty of Churches to Pastors, respectfully submit the following report:

The pastor is the leader in all church work; he is the instructor of his people; he proposes and prepares plans of usefulness on the different lines of Christian activity, and no one is more zealous and active than he in their execution. He represents his church not only at all Conventions and other denominational gatherings, but whenever a meeting is held in his community for the promotion of any worthy cause of general interest he is always ready

to comfort those in affliction and sorrow; to lead the erring into the right path, and the poor and unfortunate generally look first to him for aid and assistance. He needs the co-operation and sympathy of his brethen and sisters. They should manifest their regard for him and their confidence in him in every way. They should pray for him and labor with him in all church work. They should hold up his hands as Aaron and Hur held up the hands of Moses. According to their means they should give him a liberal support. The laborer is worthy of his hire, but the compensation of the pastor should not be paid to him as wages to a hireling. It should be given generously, with a prayer to God for a blessing that the offering, be it great or small, may acomplish some good in the advancement of His kingdom. When such relations as these exist between the pastor and the people, God's blessing will rest upon the church.

Respectfully submitted,
M. E. PRESNELL,
W. M. McKEOWN,
JOHN R. SMITH.

The report of the Committee on Finance was read and adopted.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to make the following report: The churches have sent by their Messengers to the Florida Baptist Convention the following amount:

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J. J. R. LANGSTON, J. H. DORSEY, H. C. BILLINGSLEY.

Report of Committee on Obituaries read and adopted.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

Your Committee on Obituaries make the following report, after examining the letters sent up from the different churches. We find that one of our Deacons, A. S. White, of Quincy, has been taken from us by death, and also the following brethren and sisters from the different churches have been called to their reward.

Your committee recommend that a blank page be left in our Minutes with their names inscribed:

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. R. LANGSTON,

J. H. DORSEY.

H. C. BILLINGSLEY.

"The hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear His voice, and shall come forth, they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life."

Quincy-A. S. White.

Carrabelle-J. T. Kemp, P. A. Everett, Mrs. C. R. Coleman, and E. W. Morris.

Concord-Leonard Walsh.

Fort Braden-J. T. Allen and J. E. Vause.

Havana-Sister J. W. Cliatt.

Indian Spring-Mrs. F. A. Jones.

Lake Mystic-T. J. Minton.

Mt. Aenon-Alex Strickland.

Sunny Del-J. R. Chester.

Providence-Mrs. Elizabeth Sullivan, Emma J. Green, Albert Dean, Tolbon Dean, and John Clark.

Tallahassee-Sister J. J. Harrell.

Monticello-Miss Lula Walker.

"Wherefore comfort one another with these words."

REPORT ON BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION.

To consider the remarkable growth in numbers and Godly achievements of young people's societies is to conclude that the wisdom of the movement is justified of her children. Fifty years ago the churches had no distinctive organizations for the development of young Christians. Twenty-five years ago there were but few. Today there are seven million members of the young people's societies of the various evangelical denominations. Twenty years ago we had no definite department, further than the Sunday school in our own denomination for the training of the young Christians. In 1891 a Convention met in Chicago and adopted the name of "Baptist Young People's Unions," which was the real beginning of our present young people's work. Today we have more than six hundred thousand bright, enthusiastic, consecrated young people in our unions at work for Christ and in process of greater development.

The B. Y. P. U. is the West Point of the Church. It is that department of our church work where the young soldiers of the Cross are trained for service. And who can over-estimate the importance of such a work? Next to the saving of the soul must come the salvation of the life and influence for Christ.

It is too sadly true that we have in our churches merely a little company of Soldiers of the Cross who do the real service, while we have practically a regiment of raw recruits who are unwilling and unprepared to face and fight the battle of the Lord.

The reason of this is obvious—neglect of early training. At that critical, crucial point just following their conversion they were neglected and allowed to drift. The church had no definite department where they, as young Christians, could be trained in service for greater service. What a power would the church of Christ be today had our fathers and forefathers been given this advantage!

The B. Y. P. U. meets this need. Its object is to train

for service. It takes the young Christians as they come into the church and develops them along all lines of work, encourages them to lead the devotional meetings, testify in public, lead in prayer and to engage in personal work, thus saving the power of their character and influence for Christ. All this the well regulated union is qualified to do.

The devotional meetings of the unions have a splendid constructive influence upon the lives of young Christians.

The Christian Culture Courses are powerful factors in their spiritual and intellectual development, containing as they do:

The Bible Reader's Course, which gives a complete and systematic study of God's word; and—

The Sacred Literature Course, giving an excellent course of instruction in church and missionary history and kindred subjects;

The Monthly Conquest Missionary Meetings are interesting and instructive and are being greatly used in molding a more fervent missionary spirit in the hearts of our young Christians.

The B. Y. P. U. is prospective. It is building for tomorrow. Who can measure a generation hence the power of the army of young Christians in B. Y. P. U. ranks today? From them must come many of our missionaries, pastors, deacons, Sunday School teachers and workers generally upon whom shortly must fall the mantle of the Gospel.

Realazing that the work of the B. Y. P. U. is fundamental, constructive and prospective, we heartily commend the encouragement given this work by the Southern Baptist Convention in its last session at Jacksonville, and the consequent co-operation of our Sunday School Board in greatly enlarging the B. Y. P. U. Quarterly, providing a Junior B. Y. P. U. Quarterly and employing competent and consecrated men of God as field secretaries which we believe will mark a new era in this very important work.

We commend the action of the Baptist Convention in employing a State Field Secretary, and we further recom-



mend that the services of a secretary be continued to report the S. S. and B. Y. P. U. together.

We earnestly request that the churches generally, and pastors especially, put this B. Y. P. U. work more heavily on their hearts. Encourage it; organize,

Respectfully submitted, A. V. REESE,

J. D. TURNER, Committee.

Rev. F. M. Wells was elected a member of the State Mission Board for Florida Association, and the Association agreed to pay his expenses to meetings of said Board.

On motion, the Clerk was paid the usual amount for his services.

Providence was selected as the next place of meeting. The following resolution was read and adopted:

RESOLUTION.

"Resolved, That this Association instruct its Executive Committee to co-operate with the State Mission Board and employ a missionary for all his time in the bounds of this Association, whose duty it shall be to reach every destitute place in the Association and if possible arrange services some time during the year for said places. Also, to get in touch with any weak and pastorless churches, preaching for them as the opportunity presents itself. Also, to aid pastors in meetings at their request.

"We hereby pledge our hearty support."

The resolution was carried by unanimous vote.

Appropriate resolutions were passed thanking the people of Greensboro for hospitalities to the Association while in session there.

The Association then adjourned to meet at Providence Baptist Church on Tuesday after the Fourth Sunday in October, 1912.

The parting hand was given while singing "Blessed be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love."

Closing prayer by Moderator.

F. M. WELLS, Moderator.

A. V. REESE, Secretary.

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