

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Seventy-second Session

OF THE

Florida Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE

Mt. Besar Baptist Church

OCTOBER 6th and 7th, 1914

OFFICERS

REV. F. M. WELLS, Moderator.

REV. C. FRANK WELLS, Secretary.

Next session to be held with the Gretna Baptist Church,
Gretna, Florida, at ten a. m., Tuesday, after the
first Sunday in October, 1915. Gretna is
on the Seaboard Air Line R. R.

T. L. APPLESTAD, STATE PRINTER, TALLAHASSEE, FLA.

The Chairmen of the following Commissions were appointed to report to the Association in 1914:

Foreign Missions—C. F. Wells

Home Missions—W. A. Hargis

State Missions—James Holland

Sunday Schools—L. A. Roberts

S. Y. P. U.—W. E. Shelfer

Aged Ministers—Rufus Tucker

Columbia College and Ministerial Education—L. D. Turner

Prohibition—J. D. Adcock

Women's Work—E. J. Davis

Union of Churches to Pastors—L. A. Roberts

Orphanage—E. M. Walsh

Periodicals—W. V. Norton

MINUTES

The Seventy-Second Session of the Florida Baptist Association convened with the Mt. Beasor Baptist Church, Tuesday morning, at ten o'clock, October 6, 1914, and was called to order by the former Moderator, Rev. F. M. Wells, who read the 8th Psalm.

Former Clerk being absent, Rev. C. F. Wells was elected Clerk pro tem.

Roll call showed the following Messengers present:

Aenon—W. E. Grey, W. R. Grey.

Antioch—By letter.

Arran—Miles Anderson, Rev. Rufus Tucker and Rev. J. E. Clemens.

Chaires—G. T. Footman.

Curtis Mill—J. D. Cooper.

Concord—Edward Walsh, Marvin Perkins, and E. M. Walsh.

Corinth—Rev. J. D. Turner.

Ebenezer (J)—By letter.

Ebenezer (L)—Rev. L. A. Roberts, D. I. Barineau.

Fanlew—.....

Flat Creek—W. D. Furguson, E. J. Cowan.

Fort Braden—By letter.

Greensboro—E. B. Fletcher, Norton Fletcher.

Gretna—C. L. Timmons, S. S. Bently.

Hopeful—W. H. Wright, T. W. White.

Havana—Oscar Lott, Perry Shelfer.

Hardaway—By letter.

Indian Springs—E. L. Billingsley.

Lake Mystic—By letter.

Lake Ellen—J. E. Pigott.

Monticello—.....

Mount Elon—Robert Langston, Willie Williams.

Mount Besor—C. K. Allen, E. C. Roberts, W. Y. Everton.

Olive—J. H. Shuman.

Orange—By letter.

New Prospect—.....

Hardaway—C. F. Wells.

Crawfordville—.....

Providence—W. H. Dean, D. H. Shepherd, M. B. Anderson, and Rev. F. M. Wells.

Quincy—R. H. Gee.

River Junction—.....

Salem—J. L. Robinson.

Sunny Dell—.....

Sundown—By letter.

St. Marks—By letter.

Sycamore—By letter.

Tallahassee—Rev. J. D. Adcock, W. V. Knott.

Telogia—By letter.

Woodville—By letter.

The permanent organization was effected by the re-election of the present Moderator, Rev. F. M. Wells, and the election of Rev. C. F. Wells, Clerk.

11:00 o'clock—Rev. Jas. Holland preached the introductory sermon. Text—John, 3rd chap., 3rd verse.

The following named Brethren were appointed to serve as Committees:

Foreign Missions—Rev. Jas. Holland, Perry Shelfer, Miles Anderson, and Norton Fletcher.

Home Missions—Oscar Lott, J. E. Pigott, M. B. Anderson, E. L. Billingsley.

State Missions—W. Y. Everton, E. B. Fletcher, and D. H. Shepherd.

Womans Work—C. K. Allen, Edward Walsh, and C. L. Timmons.

Duty of Church to Pastor—E. B. Fletcher, S. S. Bentley, Marvin Perkins.

Periodicals—L. A. Roberts, D. I. Barineau, and E. J. Cowan.

Finance and Obituaries—E. M. Walsh, W. D. Furguson, W. H. Dean.

(Others reports were supplied by the churches.)

Adjourned to meet at 2:00 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2:00 o'clock—Devotional services by the Moderator.

Call was made for visiting Brethren and Dr. A. P. Montague, President of Columbia College, was recognized.

Report of Chaires Church on Sunday School work was read by Bro. G. T. Footman. After being discussed by Rev. L. A. Roberts, the report was adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS—FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, CHAIRES, LEON COUNTY, FLA.

The fundamental aim and idea of a school of any kind is to impart instructions and knowledge. "Train up a child in the way it should go." The aim of the Sunday School should be to so train and educate the young in the knowledge of the world of God, that it will be a part of their lives.

We believe that the Sunday School is also beneficial to the older ones also. We believe that each church member should feel that it is a part of their duty to attend and to support the Sunday School. We as Baptists believe that our Sunday School should use the best Baptist literature in their schools.

We believe that teachers should be trained especially for this work, and to this end would recommend that teachers should attend where possible a teacher's training school and that there be in every church a special training class taken part in by all the members and the Pastor for the better discussions of plans whereby to help along the work of the Sunday School.

We believe and shall work to the end that every Church that has not a Sunday School shall go to work at once to organize one.

And may the Lord bless us all in our endeavors in this great work.

Respectfully submitted,
First Baptist Church of Chaires, Fla.

Report of Mt. Elon Church on B. Y. B. U. was read by Bro. Robert Langston, and adopted.

REPORT OF MT. ELON CHURCH ON BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION.

To the Florida Association:—

Dear Brethren:—This church being appointed by your body of last session to make a report on the B. Y. P. U., we beg to say by way of report that we have no Union or Aid Society of any kind except Sunday School.

We are but few and are isolated off so far from any others until we could not work jointly with them, hence have not thought it worth while.

We do what we can to keep up with the progress of our denominational work. We pay as liberally to the support of the church and missions as we can and have made no effort to join in any society other than the church.

We see in the reports from others that the B. Y. P. U. is doing a mighty work and we rejoice in the progress of anything that is an uplift to the cause of saving lost souls, so long as it conforms to the law of the spirit of the gospel by which we can only be saved from error in practice.

Yours in hope of eternal life,
Mount Elon Baptist Church.

Report of Ebenezer Church on Prohibition was read by Rev. L. A. Roberts. Discussed by Rev. W. Y. Everton, L. A. Roberts, Rev. J. D. Adcock, and adopted.

REPORT ON PROHIBITION—EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH.

We deem it necessary to speak of the rapid progress the anti-saloon league have been making in the past twelve months.

We appeal to every church, to all organized societies, and every individual of every race and color, who loves his country and his king, to join in this crusade for a saloonless nation.

We depend for success upon the same leaders who commanded Moses to speak to the children of Isreal that they go forward.

It is to be hoped this convention will send forth a declaration of future policy so clear and comprehensive that it will be a rallying call to every morally earnest man and woman in the republic.

The eyes of millions are now turned toward this city.

They are listening for the summons of militant conflict, they patiently tried every means of control of this traffic that human ingenuity can invent.

It refuses to be controlled, it will keep no promises, it makes and respects no law it suggests, it promised virtues turn into vices, and its cry for mercy is accompanied with acts of cruelty.

There is but one remedy, that is, complete annihilation.

A declaration that falls short of this would be a message of grief and disappointment to the civilized world, for every Christian nation on the globe is moving against the drink traffic and drink habit, with America in the lead amongst the great nations.

As Maine has for a half century been the light upon the mountain of this republic, so America is the light of the nations.

We must not disappoint the world, for the times are ripe when the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage shall be forever prohibited in any place over which floats the American flag.

We, the undersigned committee, hereby do ask the lay

members to talk prohibition in their everyday conversation.

Let the Sunday School officers speak prohibition and the preachers preach prohibition in the stand and everybody pray earnestly for a world-wide prohibition in the near future.

Brethren, consider the troubles that intoxicating beverage brings to the fathers and mothers.

We recommend that no church member touch liquor as it injures their influence for prohibition, let us pray and work to that end.

Ebenezer Baptist Church, Leon County, Fla.

Report of Corinth Church on Aged Ministers was read by Rev. J. D. Turner, spoken to by Rev. J. D. Adcock and Dr. A. P. Montague, and adopted.

AGED MINISTERS.

The spirit of missions is divine in origin and in all its operations. When Jesus came to earth His impelling motive was to glorify the Father in redeeming lost mankind. Through Him God spoke to the world and through Christ's ministers God is speaking to His people today.

Nineteen hundred years ago Christ was sent into the world and God, through His son, commanded that all nations be taught in the name of the Father.

Yet over half of mankind today are living without Christ in their lives.

Taking into consideration these facts and impelled by a divine call to devote their lives to the Gospel Ministry, a few men undertook to deliver the gospel to the pioneer settlers of Florida. Their financial compensation was small and often insufficient to supply the bare necessities of life. Yet it was through the sacrifices of these consecrated men that the Kingdom of God is prospering in our State today.

Many of these old soldiers have finished their fight and gone home to receive their reward in glory. But others are still left behind and, in the helplessness of old age, are unable to provide themselves with the necessities of life. The supporting of these faithful soldiers ought to be considered a part of our Home Mission work.

It is God's plan through all the ages that those who stand in the firing line of the Master's army shall be furnished the necessities of life by the laity of the church.

In some parts of our mission work we have gone steadily forward, but, when it comes to the care of our aged ministers, we have been retrogressive rather than progressive.

We have apparently been ungrateful to those old soldiers of the cross, and negligent in our duties toward them. The Presbyterians give their aged ministers the average amount of \$225.00 per year. Other denominations are giving their retired ministers as much monthly as we are giving ours annually. Is it not our duty to care for the aged who have labored so faithfully, giving their life for the cause of Christ. And we should make the remaining days of their life as pleasant as possible, and make them feel that their labors have been appreciated.

Your committee not only desires a continuation of the progress in all the phases of our mission work, but we also recommend that greater efforts be made toward the support of our aged ministers.

We earnestly recommend a more liberal contribution from each of the churches and that each pastor should emphasize our obligation to aged ministers as well as to other departments of the mission work—and to this end, we feel that each church should make at least one special offering each year.

J. D. TURNER,
F. H. MURPHREE, Committee.

Approved by order of Corinth Baptist Church in conference this October 4th, 1914.

A. J. HARGROVE, Mod. Pro Tem.
J. D. TURNER, Clerk.

Moved that Rev. J. D. Adcock be appointed by this Association to confer with any committee that may be appointed by the State convention for the purpose of looking after financial condition of our aged ministers.

Adjourned to meet at 7:30 p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

7:30 p. m.—Doctrinal sermon by Dr. A. P. Montague, of Columbia College.

Report on Foreign Missions was read by Bro. R. H. Gee.

Report on State Missions by Dr. A. P. Montague.

Report on Home Missions by Rev. J. D. Adcock.

Discussion of these reports was passed over until Wednesday morning at ten o'clock.

Adjourned to meet Wednesday morning at 9 a. m.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION.

9 a. m.—Moderator read 17th chap. of John's gospel.

Prayer by Bro. Adcock.

On motion the Moderator appointed the following named brethren as Messengers to the State convention:

Rev. J. D. Adcock, Rev. L. A. Roberts, Rev. James Holland, Rev. W. A. Burns, Rev. J. D. Turner, E. C. Roberts, E. M. Walsh, M. B. Anderson, W. H. Dean, E. B. Fletcher.

On motion Rev. W. A. Burns was elected to represent this body in the Southern Baptist Convention.

Report of Mt. Beasor Church on Orphanage was read by Bro. E. C. Roberts and adopted.

REPORT OF ORPHANAGE.

We read in the word of God that "pure religion and

undefiled before God the Father," is to visit the fatherless and the widows in their afflictions.

This has found expression among the Florida Baptists in the beautiful home buildings we have established for our orphan boys and girls at Arcadia, Fla. As a result of the past 9 years work we have 8 acres of land at Arcadia, well improved, and three nice brick buildings.

There has been much improvement for the comfort and betterment of the children during the year. It should be gratifying to every Baptist in our association to know that there are so many orphan boys and girls enjoying the benefits of our home.

God has given us these children to train and prepare for the future, and placed the burden of their support upon us.

A school is maintained in the home for the benefit of the children and they are taught things that will enable them to be self-supporting when they leave the home. The maintenance of this work requires not only our co-operation and prayers, but a systematic contribution from churches, Sunday schools, societies and individuals.

In order to meet the regular current expense we should urge our friends and brothers to remember our orphanage especially during this month, and November, and December.

We, your committee, beg leave to submit the report for your prayerful consideration.

Mount Beasor Baptist Church.

Report on Periodicals was read by Rev. L. A. Roberts, spoken to by Rev. L. A. Roberts, Rev. J. D. Adcock, Rev. F. M. Wells, Dr. A. P. Montague, and adopted

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

We are aware of the fact that there is a great deal of trashy literature in this fast age. We would recommend that we as Baptists, use Baptists literature as our stand-

ard. We have the monthly magazine, we have the foreign mission journal at 25c in clubs of 10 or 35c each, also the Home Field and the Baptist Witness, our State paper, printed at Arcadia, Fla.

We, your committee, would recommend that every family should have the paper in their homes.

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. ROBERTS,

E. J. C. OWEN,

D. I. BARINEAU.

Report on Woman's Work was read by Rec. J. D. Adcock, spoken to by Rev. J. D. Adcock, Rev. C. F. Wells, and adopted.

REPORT ON WOMEN'S WORK.

Wherever our churches are well organized our women are doing a large part of the work of raising money to support our Missionaries, also for our cause at homes, while the value of their service as individual helpers to the truth no one can properly estimate.

We read in Luke 8:3, the account of the first contribution of money to Christ's cause. It was by Mary Magdalene, Joanna, and Suzanna. During His personal ministry women were among His most devoted followers and most liberal in their support to His comforts and the interests of His cause—as for instance the widow gave more than all who out of their abundance gave to His cause—and Mary who before time anointed Him for His burial receiving the high commendation that she had done what she could.

Paul and the other Apostles and pastors of the early churches found the women ready helpers and faithful in every good word and work. So much did the Apostle appreciate their service that he pleads with the church at Philippi to help those women who labored with him in the gospel.

Thus every faithful minister in every generation has been constrained to appeal to the men of his congregation to be as faithful as the women in winning souls and the support of the gospel.

No more faithful, tried and true women are to be found than are our Baptist women in Florida. In all the Associations of the State they are organized with the exception of some four or five.

We regret exceedingly to report that this is one of the few without a leader and an aggressive organization.

We therefore recommend that a real united effort be made here and now to get the women of this Association to fall in line with their sisters throughout the State to the end that we may have a real live W. M. U. in every church and an annual meeting in connection with this body.

Respectfully,

J. DEAN ADCOCK,

EDWARD WALSH,

C. L. TIMMONS.

Moved that Sister W. A. Burns, of Quincy, be requested to look after the work of the W. M. U. in the bounds of this Association.

Report of Committee on Finance was read by Bro. E. M. Walsh and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Sopchoppy, Fla., October 7, 1914.

Florida District Baptist Association:

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:

For Minutes and Clerk.....	\$41.30
Association Missions	3.65
State Missions	9.75
Home Missions	5.00
Foreign Missions	5.00
Orphanage	2.00
Aged Ministers.....	5.00
Total cash.....	\$71.70
Currency due	\$ 5.00

Respectfully submitted,
E. M. WALSH,
W. H. DEAN,
W. D. FURGUSON.

Report of Committee on Obituaries was read by Bro. E. M. Walsh and adopted.

REPORT OF OBITUARIES.

To the Florida Baptist Association:

We, your Committee on Obituaries, make the following report:

After examining the letters sent up from the different churches we find that death has taken from us the following named Brethren and Sisters.

Respectfully submitted,
E. M. WALSH,
W. H. DEAN,
W. D. FURGUSON.

From Havana—Bro. J. J. Shelfer.

Indian Springs—Henry C. Billingsley.

Providence—Elvey C. Pickett.

Corinth—Lloyd Rhoden.

Salem—Sister Susie Cason.

Greensboro—Sister Mary Spinks, Sister Dora Anderson.

Arran—Sister Laura Tucker.

Concordia—Bro. James Stevens, Sister Emmet Burns.

Tallahassee—Bro. W. H. Adkinson, Sister C. C. Harrell.

Sycamore—Sister Susan Johnson.

Flat Creek—Bro. Arch McMillan, Sister M. O. Tolar.

St. Marks—Sister Lillie Fine, Bro. N. C. Turner, Bro. Sydo Smith.

Lake Ellen—J. M. Allen, Sallie Pigott, B. R. S. Williams.

Quincy—Sister G. H. Wilcox.

Moved that present board, composed of Rev. F. M. Wells, Rev. J. D. Adcock, Rev. L. A. Roberts, and Bro. J. C. Brewer, with Rev. Jas. Holland added, be elected as executive committee for the ensuing year.

On motion Rev. F. M. Wells was elected treasurer.

Report of Committee on the Duty of the Church to Pastors was read by Bro. S. S. Bently and adopted.

THE DUTIES OF CHURCHES TO PASTORS.

The injunction, "speak evil of no man," is especially applicable to members, and condemns speaking evil of a minister.

The churches should pray for their pastors that the word they preach be glorified.

The churches should also pay their pastor. The Bible is our guide and the following are passages bearing on pastoral support:

1 Timothy 5:18—"Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn." "And the labourer is worthy of his reward." "The workman is worthy of his meat." Paul says do ye not know that they which minister about Holy things live of the things of the Temple and they who wait at the Altar are partakers with the Altar." "Even so hath God ordained that they who preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel."

Therefore, we recommend that every church in the Flor-

ida Association look well to the proper support of their pastors in order that they may do their best by their work. That every church have a stated salary and to see that it is sufficient to meet the actual cost of living. We also recommend that each church have some effective plan of raising the pastor's salary other than through free will offerings. We would suggest as an effective plan, to have each member pledge a certain sum to be paid each week or month to its treasurer.

Respectfully,

E. B. FLETCHER,
S. S. BENTLY.

Treasurer's report was read. Motion was made that report be abridged, and that only the total amounts received and disbursed be entered in the minutes. The report was adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Juniper, Fla., 1914.

Rev. F. M. Wells,
Juniper, Fla.

In account with
The Florida Baptist Association.

Received from the Finance Committee and other
sources\$157.87
Paid out for minutes, Clerk, and other purposes..\$159.87

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. WELLS, Treasurer.

Report on Ministerial Education was made orally by Dr. A. P. Montague.

Moved that Columbia College be added to the report on Ministerial Education.

Hour for discussion of mission reports passed over and Rev. J. D. Adcock preached a splendid sermon on mis-

sions at eleven o'clock, after which the reports were adopted.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The vision of those who have long sat in the watch tower of our Home Mission Board has been, the claims of New Testament Christianity pressed upon every city and country side, every hamlet and home in our southland until in all this glorious land there shall be a flame of Bible Evangelism sweeping over every field, a trained, and triumphant tribe of young Baptist heroes and heroines marching as to war against powers of evil; and trophies from every mountain and valley and plain of remade foreigners into American citizens, and of aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenant of promise made into fellow citizens with us in the Kingdom of Christ—a church for every community, a house for every Church, a Baptist School within reach of every backward boy and girl and the printed page of our propaganda so prevalent that he who runs may read, until all our people standing in the liberty wherewith Christ has made us free, may stand together for the faith once for all delivered faith.

Vision Vitalized.

In order to make this vision real, our people through the agency of the home board have an army of some 30 evangelists, who are winning lost souls by the thousands in the southland, are making splendid progress towards the effort to raise a million dollars as a Church building and loan fund, have 15 enlistment men, who are going to the individual members of our Churches persuading them to become active in every department of the local church, and organizing Mission Study Classes, so that our people may know of the work as well as the word.

Besides these, we have men by the hundreds who are

employed by this Board and the several State Boards jointly laboring in all our Southern cities and country districts, not only in the States, but also in Cuba and the Canal Zone. Also, we have some 32 schools in the mountains, supported by this Board where from year to year are being taught between five and six thousand young men and women.

Progress.

Last year our churches gave to this board over \$400,000.00 while the missionaries received more than 56,000 new members into the churches where they labored, and they averaged one new church organized every twenty-two hours, and a new house of worship completed every thirty-six hours.

Approved Fitness Make Present Demands.

As glorious as has been our past and are our present attainments the need is greater today than ever before for an adequate Home Mission programme; as will be seen from the following facts:

In 1880 the population of the south was eighteen million,—the percentage of Christian people then was not as great as today, while today, of the thirty-three million people living in the south, there are more than twenty-two million of them non professors of religion; so we see that the mighty host of unsaved people in the south today is four million greater than the entire population thirty-three years ago.

Evangelistic effort is still more successful in the Southern Baptist Convention territory than in any other part of the country, but it is growing more and more difficult in this territory to win people to Christ or to hold those who have been won to lives of service, without a programme for training and strengthening the life which has

been implanted. This has its cause in the changing conditions in our life today.

Never before in America have there been so many insidious attacks as there are today upon true religion. These attacks propose either a religion of a closed Bible as Roman Catholics do, or a religion of a mutilated and grossly perverted Bible as do Christian Science, Russelism and half a dozen other destructive false faiths.

The South is the last great strong-hold and hope of religion of the open Bible, and both from their peculiar doctrines and their numbers Baptist have the greatest opportunity and obligation to hold this great section and make it a great centre from which shall go out mighty forces of world redemption. To strengthen our Home Mission work is to strengthen the things that tend mightily in a day of gain-sayers and wolves in sheeps clothing to enthrone Christ and crown him Lord of All.

We recommend, 1st: That our churches be encouraged to make a larger use of the splendid free Home Mission tracts issued by the Home Board and to form a study class in the Home Board's new book—"Baptist Home Missions."

2nd: That clubs of subscribers be gotten in the churches for the home field. It is an exceedingly distressing and unworthy situation that only one Baptist preacher in five in the South gets this splendid magazine.

3rd: We recommend that prayer be made in our churches for this great cause, for the saving and holding of the South, for our Lord Jesus Christ, and that preachers be requested, to preach frequently on Home Mission subjects.

4th: That in order to make effective and definite obligations of the individual churches to take their full share of Home Mission work, this Association assume the task of raising five hundred dollars as its share of the State apportionment and that the Executive Committee be

authorized to apportion this amount fairly among the churches.

Respectfully submitted,
Tallahassee Baptist Church.

FOREIGN MISSION REPORT.

"Go make disciples of all nations" is a command from our Saviour that every Baptist should hasten to obey. "Tis pity, pity 'tis, 'tis true" that we are not obedient to this command, but there is a remnant in Israel who are seeking to carry out the behest of their Lord. May many more join their ranks this year!

How and what we are doing to obey this command of Christ?

Foreign Mission Board.

Through this board, located at Richmond, Va., Dr. W. H. Smith, Corresponding Secretary, the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention are sending the Gospel to foreign countries.

China.

We began work there in 1848, and have now 97 churches and 248 out stations. Baptisms last year, 3,073. Present membership of church 13,267. Bible schools 240, with 10,265 scholars. We have 550 workers, and the contributions for last year by Chinese churches amounted to \$11,728.04.

Africa.

We began work there in 1850, and have now 17 churches and 14 out stations. Baptisms last year, 199. Present church membership, 969. Bible schools 24, with 1,196

pupils. We have 51 workers, and the contributions for last year by African churches amounted to \$1,577.90.

Japan.

We began work there in 1890, and have 10 churches and 9 out stations. Baptisms last year, 60. Present church membership, 617. Bible schools 22, with 1,365 pupils. We have 48 workers, and contributions by Japanese churches for last year amounted to \$1,170.72.

Italy.

We began work there in 1870, and have 42 churches and 88 out stations. Baptisms last year 144. Present church membership, 1,314. Bible schools 40, with 1,505 pupils. We have 50 workers, and contributions for last year by Italian churches amounted to \$2,937.55.

Mexico.

We began work there in 1880, and have 42 churches, and 76 out stations. Baptisms last year, 194. Present church membership 2,208. Bible schools 43, with 1,349 pupils. We have 82 workers, and the contributions for last year by Mexican churches amounted to \$3,104.52.

Brazil.

We began work there in 1882-4, and have 159 churches, and 340 out stations. Baptisms last year 1470. Present church membership 11,116. Bible schools 157, with 5,867 pupils. We have 172 workers, and contributions for last year by Brazilian churches amounted to \$66,750.98.

Argentina.

We began work there in 1903, and have 13 churches

and 15 out stations. Baptisms last year, 112 Present church membership 610. Bible schools 16, with 475 pupils. We have 27 workers, and the contributions for last year by Argentina churches amounted to \$3,890.78.

Medical Missionaries.

Number of missionaries 12; hospital buildings 8; dispensaries 13. Number of Inn patients 1,482; out patients 65,341. Total patients treated last year 74,829.

Schools.

Day schools 304, with 7,157 pupils. Boy's boarding schools 14, with 772 pupils. Girl's boarding schools 20, with 1,153 pupils. Colleges 3, with 427 students. Women's training schools 5, with 183 scholars. Theological schools 11, with 237 students.

Recommendations.

We, your committee, beg to respectfully make the following recommendations:

First: That the pastor of each of the different churches preach at least three missionary sermons during the ensuing year.

Second: That a Missionary Committee, consisting of three members interested in mission work, be appointed, whose duty it will be to disseminate information on missions by securing tracts from the Foreign Mission Board, and get subscriptions to the Foreign Mission Journal.

Third: That this committee solicit contributions for missions from each member of the church.

Very respectfully submitted,

T. N. JONES,
D. A. AVANT.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Every department of missions is to a servant of God who obeys His commands of vital importance. We must carry the gospel to the ends of the earth; we must care for strangers and aliens who come to our shores and come ignorant of the religion of our Saviour; we must preach the word over our whole State.

Today there is no other State in the American Union which is every year receiving into its bounds so many of foreign birth and so many from other States, who seek in Florida health or improvement in fortune.

Therefore, the clearest call now is for aid to State Missions. To this evangelizing power, under God, we must look for the conversion, by the influence of the spirit, of men and women from distant lands who are seeking a living here; of a vast number of those whom we call "home-seekers" from the North, the East, the West; of our own Florida people who in many places now have no preaching, no Baptist church organization.

With all the devotion of an ardent nature, with all the consecration of a God-led soul, with all the power of a powerful mind, Bro. S. B. Rogers, our Secretary, is doing his best; but he cannot do this mighty work alone.

Help for State Missions must be the cry of our people from this day until December; \$20,000 must be raised before that date; 77 missionaries must be paid or they and their families will suffer almost destitution, and the cause dear to our hearts will languish.

In this time when some of our great industries are well nigh paralyzed, when the dreadful war in Europe is causing depression of all business in our country, we are called upon to make sacrifices unknown before and to prove ourselves faithful servants of God, to whom we owe all that we are, all that we have.

\$2,000 must be raised to care for ministerial students in Columbia College, and in our Seminary at Louisville. Last year Bro. Rogers advanced to our ministerial

students out of his own pocket \$250.00. This in honor bound we must pay.

Let us determine that this Association shall do its part, and a great part, for State Missions.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. Y. EVERTON.

Moved that next session be held with the Gretna Baptist Church, Gretna, Fla.

Moved that the previous rulings of the association in regard to appointing chairmen for the different committees, was renewed.

Moved that the Clerk be paid usual amount for his services.

Resolution of thanks was offered to the church and people generally of Sopchoppy, Fla., for their splendid hospitality, their courteous attention, and the royal manner in which they have entertained us.

The Association then adjourned to meet with the Gretna Baptist Church, Gretna, Fla., Tuesday after the first Sunday in October, 1915.

The parting hand was given while singing "God be with you 'till we meet again."

F. M. WELLS, Moderator.

C. F. WELLS, Secretary.

PERMANENT ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Tuesday, after first Sunday in October, 1915, at 10 o'clock—Opening services and organization; applications from churches asking admission to the Association.

11 o'clock—Introductory Sermon, Announcements of Committees.

Afternoon Session, 2 o'clock—Enrollment of additional messengers and visitors; admission of new churches; election of messengers to State Convention, and the Southern Baptist Convention; reports of Standing Committees.

Evening Session, 7 o'clock—Doctrinal Sermon.

Wednesday Morning Session, 9 o'clock—Reports of Standing Committees (continued); election of Executive Committee and Treasurer; selections of place for next meeting; new and unfinished business.

11 o'clock—Missionary Sermon.

Afternoon Session, 2 o'clock—Unfinished business (continued); adjournment.

NAME OF CHURCH.	PASTOR.	POSTOFFICE	CLERK.	POSTOFFICE	Increase this Year.			Decrease this Year.			Membership this Year.	Net Decrease.	Net Increase.	What Sundays Have Preach- ing.
					Increase this Year.			Decrease this Year.						
					By Baptism.	By Letter.	By Restoration.	By Letter.	By Expulsion.	By Death.				
Arvon	L. A. Roberts	Spring Hill, Fla.	W. E. Gray	Tallahassee, Fla.	2	1	12	2	1	1	83	0	3rd Sunday.	
Antioch	F. M. Wells	Juniper, Fla.	C. W. Blount	Wetumpka, Fla.	6	0	0	0	0	0	107	0	4th Sunday.	
Arran	J. E. Clements	Arran, Fla.	C. R. Yause	Chattahoochee, Fla.	6	0	0	0	0	0	74	0	2nd Sunday.	
Chaires	L. A. Roberts	Spring Hill, Fla.	J. C. English	Chattahoochee, Fla.	6	0	1	0	0	0	24	0	4th Sunday.	
Curtis Mills	Rufus Tucker	Arran, Fla.	S. T. McNeil	McIntire, Fla.	6	0	0	1	0	0	25	0	3rd Sunday.	
Concordia	W. Y. Everton	Carrabelle, Fla.	J. D. Turner	Concord, Fla.	12	12	0	0	63	12	70	70	4th Sunday.	
Cornth	Moses Ward	Boston, Ga.	R. T. Ferguson	Drifton, Fla.	0	6	1	25	16	1	19	0	1st-3rd Sun.	
Ebenzer (J)	L. A. Roberts	Spring Hill, Fla.	M. Harrison	Tallahassee, Fla.	0	0	0	4	4	0	31	0	1st-3rd Sun.	
Ebenzer (L)	J. H. Chason	Hosford, Fla.	B. R. Chambers	Tallahassee, Fla.	1	23	0	0	0	0	4	0	2nd Sunday.	
Fanlow	F. M. Wells	Juniper, Fla.	W. N. Smith	River Junction, Fla.	2	0	0	10	0	0	43	0	1st Sunday.	
Gretna	C. E. Glover	Hosford, Fla.	J. C. Brewer	Greensboro, Fla.	0	4	0	12	1	0	93	0	1st Sunday.	
Hardway	W. A. Burns	Quincy, Fla.	S. B. Timmons	Quincy, Fla.	0	0	0	4	0	0	37	0	4th Sunday.	
Havana	E. J. Moore	Quincy, Fla.	G. W. Kennedy	Havana, Fla.	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	1st-3rd Sun.	
Isabella	S. J. Moore	Andersonville, Ga.	P. W. White	McCall, Ga.	1	1	0	8	1	0	48	0	1st Sunday.	
Island Springs	E. J. Moore	Andersonville, Ga.	J. J. Miller	Lloyd, Fla.	4	4	0	8	6	1	28	0	2nd Sunday.	
Lebanon	S. J. Revells	Hosford, Fla.	J. O. N. Revells	Hosford, Fla.	0	0	0	0	0	0	78	0	4th Sunday.	
Lake Ellen	Rufus Tucker	Arran, Fla.	J. W. Cogins	Arran, Fla.	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	6	2nd Sunday.	
Monticello	J. E. Clements	Arran, Fla.	E. J. Langston	Smith Creek	7	22	1	10	7	0	55	0	3rd Sunday.	
Mt. Eban	L. A. Roberts	Spring Hill, Fla.	M. O. Strickland	Sopchoppy, Fla.	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	0	1st Sunday.	
Mt. Besor	Moses Ward	Dixie, Ga.	M. S. Hatchett	Monticello, Fla.	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	0	1st Sunday.	
Orange	S. J. Revells	Hosford, Fla.	C. K. Dason	Orange, Fla.	5	1	0	6	0	1	15	0	1st Sunday.	

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Owing to the omission of a line of ciphers opposite Mt. Elan, it is necessary, beginning with Mt. Besor, to read the figures one line above each name following Mt. Besor.

FINANCIAL.

	Pastor's Salary.	Building and Repairing.	Incidentals.	Visiting Ministers.	Paid on Old Debt.	Associational Missions.	State Missions.	Home Missions.
Aston	\$ 31.50	\$	\$ 10.75	\$	\$	\$	\$ 1.50	\$
Antioch	90.00			5.75	1.50			
Arran	50.00						7.45	
Chaires	37.00	5.75	1.50					
Curtis Mills	39.00							
Corinth	225.00	33.00	61.50	65.00				28.00
Concord	150.00	164.00		32.50	154.00	2.25	6.25	2.00
Deer (L)	10.00						3.50	
Essex	33.35							
Fort Allen	92.00						2.88	2.00
Fruit Creek	180.00		13.20	25.10			3.50	
Grensbore	135.00	500.00						
Hanna	30.00	60.00	48.10					
Hawley	180.00	15.00					4.84	2.46
Hopewell	150.00		45.00				6.00	5.25
Indian Springs	200.00		30.00					3.40
Lake Myrtle	20.00			7.00				
Lake Ellen								
Monticello								
Mt. Egan	60.00						5.00	2.00
Mt. Rose	75.00		53.00			1.50	4.00	
Olive								5.00
Orange	15.35							
Providence	107.00		7.00			1.00		1.00
Quincy	1,183.35	395.15	210.65			10.50	17.85	8.00
River Junction						5.00	125.10	149.70
Salem	251.85	5.00						
St. Marks	50.00			50.00			30.50	5.00

Sycamore	50.00	17.00	13.50			1.00	1.80	.50
Tallahassee	1,300.00	2,300.00	300.00				100.00	90.45
Telogia	70.00	5.00					10.00	43.31
Woodville	38.00		12.00			4.00	3.00	
Wrenner (J)	50.00							
Sundown								

FINANCIAL—Continued.

	Foreign Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Columbia College.	Seminary.	Aged Ministers.	Orphanage.	Minutes and Clerk.	Total.	Total Value of Property.
Amenon	\$ 1.80	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 1.20	\$	400.00
Antioch									340.00
Arran									500.00
Chaires							1.30		600.00
Curtis Mills							1.50		625.00
Corinth							2.00		1,000.00
Concordia					2.00	2.00	2.00		1,487.00
Epworth (L.)	7.00						1.50		50.00
Fort Braden	5.50								900.00
Flat Creek	1.35						3.00		500.00
Greensboro							12.00		2,000.00
Hartsville							3.00		3,000.00
Havana							1.00		500.00
Hopewell				1.50	5.25	14.00	1.00		1,200.00
Indian Springs	1.55		8.25				12.00		300.00
Lake Myrtle	2.00	6.50	5.00				1.80		475.00
Lake Ellen									200.00
Monticello									1,000.00
Mt. Egan	1.50					6.00			350.00
Mt. Besor							2.00		2,000.00
Olive	3.00				3.00	2.50			6,000.00
Orange	1.00						3.20		1,800.00
Providence			82.25			101.15	5.00		1,800.00
Quincy	240.45		55.00	20.00	20.00				75.00
River Junction									
Salem	5.00								
St. Marks							2.00		

Sycamore	50	137.00			11.08	145.09	3.00		400.00
Tallahassee	95.45								21,000.00
Telogia						2.35	2.25		117.08
Woodville							2.10		650.00
Ebenezer (J)						1.50	2.00		250.00
Sundown									

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

CHURCH.	SUPER-INTENDENT.	POSTOFFICE.	SECRETARY.	POSTOFFICE.	No. of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	No. of Pupils Enrolled in Home Department.	Pupils Enrolled.	No. of Baptisms in School.	Is Total Enrollment as Large as Church Membership.	Have You a Teachers' Training Class.	Expenses of School.
Aenon	W. E. Gray	Tallahassee, Fla.	D. I. Barrineau	Tallahassee, Fla.	1	6	49	50	..	..	..	..
Antioch	W. L. Todd	Wetumpka, Fla.	Hugh Todd	Wetumpka, Fla.	1	1	..	25	..	..	..	..
Arran	J. E. Laws	..	J. E. Vause	Arran, Fla.	1	1	..	15	..	..	..	..
Chaires	John Sanders	McIntire, Fla.	Miss Mattie Trice	McIntire, Fla.	1	1	..	35	..	..	..	..
Curtis Mills	J. B. Perkins	Concord, Fla.	Miss Mattie Connell	Concord, Fla.	1	1	..	49	..	..	..	..
Concordia	T. H. Murphy	Horsford, Fla.	D. M. Johnson	Horsford, Fla.	1	12	35	125	..	..	..	122.05
Cortish	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Crawfordville	W. E. Gray	Tallahassee, Fla.	D. I. Barrineau	Tallahassee, Fla.	1	6	49	50	..	..	..	..
Ebenzer (J)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ebenzer (L)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Fanlew	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Fort Braden	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Flat Creek	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Greensboro	J. C. Brewer	Greensboro, Fla.	Miss Bernice Shepherd	Gretna, Fla.	1	8	157	157	..	..	..	40.50
Gretna	J. B. Bauldres	Hardway, Fla.	Ed Earnest	Hardway, Fla.	1	5	..	..	..	..	..	7.35
Hardway	G. W. Kennedy	Havana, Fla.	Oscar Lott	Havana, Fla.	1	8	60	60	..	..	..	60.49
Havana	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Hopeto	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Island Springs	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lake Mary	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lake Pines	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Monticello	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Mt. Elen	E. C. Roberts	Sopchoppy, Fla.	Grace Grant	Sopchoppy, Fla.	1	7	84	84	..	..	..	50.00
Mt. Besor	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Olive	B. H. Dyson	Orange, Fla.	W. A. Lewis	Orange, Fla.	1	4	27	27	..	..	..	17.05
Orange	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

Providence	D. N. Clark	Juniper, Fla.	Corry Chason	Juniper, Fla.	6	83	10.00
Quincy	W. E. Sheller	Quincy, Fla.	James Love	Quincy, Fla.	20	157	213.10
River Junction	H. B. Maboney	Carrabelle, Fla.	E. Maige	Carrabelle, Fla.	..	..	..
Salem Dell	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sundown	T. A. Linton	St. Marks, Fla.	W. H. Harrell	St. Marks, Fla.	7	30	1.85
St. Marks	M. C. Stringer	Greensboro, Fla.	Miss Annie Rowan	Greensboro, Fla.	5	32	..
Sycamore	N. A. Biltch	Tallahassee, Fla.	W. H. Ruggley	Tallahassee, Fla.	21	252	535.10
Tallahassee	M. B. Patton	Telogia, Fla.	T. M. Newton	Telogia, Fla.	5	45	20.65
Telogia	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Woodville	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION.

CHURCH.	PRESIDENT.	POSTOFFICE.	SECRETARY.	POSTOFFICE.	Total for All Ex-penses.
Chalres	Mrs. A. F. Hightower.	Chalres	Mrs. Nellie Boyd	Chalres	..... Fla. \$.....
Corinth	Mrs. L. Hubbard	Hosford	Mrs. W. Kelly	Hosford	..... Fla. 4.00
Hardaway	Mrs. Mac Bradley	Hardaway	Mrs. J. D. Bailey	Hardaway	..... Fla.
Havana	Mrs. L. V. Porter	Havana	Mrs. M. C. Kennedy	Havana	..... Fla.
Indian Springs	Mrs. W. H. Miller	Lloyd	Mrs. E. S. Hires	Meconukie	..... Fla. 6.20
Mount Besor	Mrs. C. K. Allen	Sopchoppy	Mrs. W. G. Campbell	Sopchoppy	..... Fla.
Quincy	Mrs. W. A. Burns	Quincy	Mrs. C. C. Mack	Quincy	..... Fla. 362.85
Tallahassee	Mrs. Park Trammell	Tallahassee	Mrs. C. W. Richardson	Tallahassee Fla. 175.25

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CHURCH.	PRESIDENT.	POSTOFFICE.	SECRETARY.	POSTOFFICE.	Total for All Ex-penses.
Corinth	J. W. Hosford	Hosford	Mrs. L. W. Hubbard	Hosford	..... Fla. \$.....
Greensboro	J. T. Solvey	Greensboro	Mabel Shepherd	Greensboro	..... Fla. 25.00
Providence	Miss Ellie Blount	Juniper	Howell Dean	Juniper	..... Fla.
Quincy	James Love	Quincy	Hugh Mattox	Quincy	..... Fla. 137.55
Salem	Storrs	Carrabelle	Miss Edna Matigs	Tallahassee	..... Fla.
Tallahassee	Miss Mary Hays	Tallahassee	Wm. H. Caffey	Karrabelle	..... Fla. 40.50

ORDAINED MINISTERS

J. D. Adams	Tallahassee, Fla.
W. A. Burns	Quincy, Fla.
E. M. Allen	Homestead, Fla.
S. P. Edwards	Sanford, Fla.
J. F. Chassey	Hanford, Ky.
J. E. Clements	Jackson, Fla.
W. Y. Everton	Seelyville, Mo.
James Holland	Orlando, Fla.
W. W. Lambert	Orlando, Fla.
R. G. Pugh	Arden, Fla.
C. M. Packer	Brown, Fla.
E. J. Russell	Hanford, Mo.
L. A. Roberts	Spring Hill, Fla.
Edna Tucker	Arden, Fla.
P. M. Webb	Sanford, Fla.
C. Frank Wells	Greenwood, Fla.

DISCIPLED MINISTERS

John E. Baskins	Hardway, Fla.
A. Frank Dwyer	Orlando, Fla.
J. D. Faine	Rockford, Mo.
J. A. Whitstone	Arden, Mo.
J. T. Fitzgerald	Harlem, Fla.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

P. M. Webb	Sanford, Fla.
L. A. Roberts	Spring Hill, Fla.
J. D. Adams	Tallahassee, Fla.
J. C. Brewer	Greenwood, Fla.
James Holland	Orlando, Fla.