

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Seventy-third Session

OF THE

Florida Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Gretna Baptist Church

OCTOBER 5th and 6th, 1915

OFFICERS

REV. W. A. BURNS, Moderator.

REV. C. FRANK WELLS, Clerk.

Next session to be held with the Indian Springs Baptist Church, Leon County, at 10 A. M., Tuesday after the first Sunday in October, 1916. Miccosukee, on A. C. L. R. R., nearest railroad station.

T. J. Appleyard, State Printer, Tallahassee, Florida.

COMMITTEES AND CHAIRMEN FOR 1916.

Foreign Missions—Rev. J. Dean Adcock.
Home Missions—Rev. J. W. Kesterson.
State Missions—Rev. J. D. Overstreet.
Orphanage—Rev. D. F. Barry.
Columbia College and Ministerial Education—Rev. G. E. Glover.
Aged Ministers—Rev. F. M. Wells.
Periodicals—Rev. L. A. Roberts.
Woman's Work—Rev. C. Frank Wells.
B. Y. P. U.—Mr. D. A. Avant.
Prohibition—Rev. S. J. Revells.
Duties of Church to Pastor—Mr. D. N. Clark.
Sunday Schools—Mr. N. A. Blitch.

MINUTES of the Florida Baptist Association

The Seventy-third Session of the Florida Baptist Association convened with the Gretna Baptist Church, Tuesday morning, October 5th, 1915, at 10 o'clock, and was called to order by Rev. F. M. Wells, a former Moderator, who read the 8th Psalm.

Roll call of the churches was responded to by the following named Brethren, as delegates:

Aenon—By letter.
Antioch—C. W. Blount, Tom Craven, Caddy Grey.
Arran—By letter.
Chaires—G. T. Footman and G. T. Reeves.
Curtis Mills—By letter.
Concordia—Arthur Vickers, Edward Walsh.
Corinth—Rev. J. D. Turner, S. C. Rhoden, J. C. Smith.
Ebenezer (J)—M. D. Colson, Chas. Hawk.
Ebenezer (L)—Rev. L. A. Roberts.
Fort Braden—By letter.
Flat Creek—W. D. Furgeson, S. W. Clark, E. J. Cowan, M. N. Smith.
Greensboro—J. W. Green, O. C. Brewer, E. B. Fletcher.
Gretna—W. M. McKeown, D. B. Scott, L. Johnson.
Hardaway—Robt. I. Bradley.
Havana—T. L. Edwards, P. H. Walsh, P. W. Shelfer.
Hopeful—T. A. White.

Indian Springs—E. L. Billingsley, J. P. Billingsley.
 Lake Mystic—Rev. S. J. Revels, John T. Morgan.
 Lake Helen—By letter.
 Monticello—Rev. J. W. Kesterson, May Armstrong,
 Jim Cook.
 Mt. Elon—
 Mt. Besor—A. S. Roberts.
 Olive—N. B. Gilbert.
 Orange—
 Providence—Rev. F. M. Wells, W. D. Richards, D. N.
 Clark, M. B. Anderson.
 Quincy—W. A. Burns, W. E. E. Shelfer, R. H. Gee,
 D. A. Avant.
 River Junction—O. F. McKeown.
 Salem—By letter.
 Sunny Dell—
 Sundown—By letter.
 St. Marks—
 Sycamore—D. W. Sealey, Theo. Hare, Eldridge Hare,
 W. H. Glenn.
 Tallahassee—Rev. J. Dean Adcock, W. H. Rugely, A.
 Pichard.
 Telogia—By letter.
 Woodville—J. D. Butler.
 Crawfordville—
 After roll call, permanent organization was effected
 by the election of Rev. W. A. Burns, Moderator, and Rev.
 C. Frank Wells, Clerk.
 11:00 o'clock—Introductory sermon was preached by
 Rev. J. W. Kesterson.
 The following named Brethren were appointed to serve
 as Committees:
 Foreign Missions—J. W. Kesterson, F. M. Wells, C. W.
 Blount.
 Home Missions—W. A. Burns, G. T. Footman, T. L.
 Edwards.

State Missions—F. M. Wells, G. T. Reeves, S. C.
 Rhoden.
 Sunday School—L. A. Roberts, M. D. Colson, W. D.
 Furgeson.
 B. Y. P. U.—W. E. Shelfer, E. B. Fletcher, J. P. Bil-
 lingsley.
 Aged Ministers—C. F. Welles, E. L. Billingsley, J. T.
 Morgan.
 Columbia College and Ministerial Education—J. D.
 Turner, D. A. Avant, W. M. McKeown.
 Prohibition—J. D. Adcock, Jim Cook, D. W. Sealey.
 W. M. U.—S. J. Revels, A. Pichard, O. F. McKeown.
 Duties of Church to Pastor—S. C. Rhoden, J. D. Butler,
 M. B. Anderson.
 Orphanage—P. H. Walsh, Tom Craven, S. W. Clark.
 Periodicals—J. D. Overstreet, D. B. Scott, N. B. Gil-
 bert.
 Finance and Obituaries—W. D. Richards, M. N. Smith,
 W. D. Furgeson.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

1:30 o'clock—Devotional service by Moderator.

Call was made for visiting Brethren, and Rev. B. B.
 Blitch, of West Florida, and Rev. J. K. Smith, of Ken-
 tucky, were seated among the body.

On motion, Rev. C. F. Wells was elected Treasurer of
 the Association.

On motion, the Church newly constituted at Port St.
 Joe, Fla., was received into the membership of the body,
 the right hand of fellowship being extended by the Mode-
 rator to their delegates.

On motion, the Moderator was asked to appoint dele-
 gates to the State Convention.

The following named Brethren were appointed: Rev. C. Frank Wells, Rev. J. D. Overstreet, Rev. J. W. Kesterson, Rev. C. E. Glover, Rev. D. F. Barry, Rev. F. M. Wells, Rev. J. Dean Adcock, Bro. R. H. Gee, Bro. E. L. Billingsley and A. Pichard.

On motion, Rev. F. M. Wells was elected as delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, and Rev. J. Dean Adcock, J. D. Overstreet and Bro. W. E. Shelfer were elected as a committee to arrange for the finances of representative.

Report on B. Y. P. U. was read by Bro. W. E. Shelfer, spoken to by Bros. W. E. Shelfer and J. Dean Adcock, and adopted.

REPORT ON B. Y. P. U.

We are living in an age of progress. We are not satisfied to do things the way our fathers did. The merchant, farmer, manufacturer, banker has learned that if he is to keep pace with his neighbor he must adopt new methods and ideas that will give him better results for his labors.

We are glad to see this in our church life. In the days of our fathers the church was satisfied for only a few of the older members to do all the work, and the young men and women were not called on or expected to do anything.

The B. Y. P. U. has been instrumental in bringing about a change. Now we see the young men being trained to take an active part in all departments of the church, and the young women are receiving training in the B. Y. P. U. for active work in the W. M. U. After our young folks are thus trained for service, our churches are finding places in the Sunday School for them as teachers and officers, and in all the activities of the church. We find scores of young people in our churches of to-day who are

willing and anxious to do anything that they are called upon to do for their Master.

New Unions.

Since the last Association there are reported the following Unions organized within the bounds of the Florida Association:

Concord,
Monticello,
Gretna,
Flat Creek.

This, with the six Unions reported last year, make a total of ten Unions.

Training for Service.

We cannot over-estimate the value of the B. Y. P. U. It has been said that the Sunday School is the teaching force of the church and the B. Y. P. U. is the training force. It is to the church what West Point Military Academy is to the United States army. The young Christian just entering into church life is untrained and not prepared to fight the battles of life. He needs the church's help. The B. Y. P. U. fills this need in teaching him the fundamentals of our faith and doctrines taught in the Bible. Many a young Christian has gone shipwreck simply because they were not taught the great principles for which the church stands. Many a life has been wasted because they were not trained as a good soldier in the Master's service. Many a lost soul has not been won because the church has not had in its ranks trained men and women in the art of soul-winning.

If Christians are to do God's work they must be trained for His service. We believe that the greatest mistake any church can make is to let its young converts grow up in

idleness, unprepared to take up the duties and responsibilities that should be laid upon them.

Therefore we, your Committee, recommend:

First—That every church endeavor to organize a B. Y. P. U. during the next year.

Second—That each B. Y. P. U. endeavor to organize one or more Unions in churches where there are no organizations.

Third—That each B. Y. P. U. organize a B. Y. P. U. training class and teach one or more books published for B. Y. P. U. work by the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Fourth—That each Union send as many of their young people as possible to the Florida Baptist Assembly next summer, which will be held at Lake City, to take advantage of the course of study prepared for them under able experts.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. SHELFER, Chairman.

J. P. BILLINGSLEY.

E. B. FLETCHER.

Report of Committee on Home Missions was read by Rev. W. A. Burns, spoken to by Rev. W. A. Burns, Rev. J. K. Smith and Rev. J. Dean Adcock, and adopted.

HOME MISSIONS.

The mission task is world-wide. "Going, make disciples of all nations." But world wide means our own land also, which is as much a part of the world-wide task as any other.

Southern Baptists are performing their home mission task through the Home Mission Board, located at Atlanta, Ga. This Board has charge of the work that Baptists are

doing for the cause in the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention, in the Island of Cuba and in Panama. The work done by this Board covers the following fields of activity:

Aiding Weak Churches to Have Preaching

In every State Capital in the South, except Frankfort, Ky., the churches have been aided in the days of their weakness by this great agency. This work was more pronounced possibly on our great frontier than in any other part of the country—building houses, keeping pastors at weak churches, sending missionaries to plant churches. Eternity alone will reveal the part that it played in building the Christian life of our mighty southwest territory.

Mountain Schools.

What is known as the Southern Highland Region comprises an area of about 76,000 square miles, containing 176 counties in seven States. Population, 1910 census, 3,334,000. Out of every 100 church members 48 are Baptist. Mountain School Department was organized in 1900. We had in 1914, 34 mountain schools, 156 teachers and 5,218 students. These schools are under the superintendency of Dr. A. E. Brown, Asheville, N. C.

Evangelism.

This is the effort of Southern Baptists to send out capable men with the good news of Salvation. This work was begun by order of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1906. The work is under the direction of Dr. Weston Bruner. They go into the fields where the needs seem greatest. In the years 1913-1914 the labors of the evangelists resulted in 8,414 baptisms and a total of 12,248 additions to the churches, reaching all classes of people, from the most highly cultured to the outcasts of the slums and dens of vice.

Church Building.

We have in the bounds of our Convention 3,689 houseless churches, and 4,310 who are inadequately housed. We are trying to raise a church building fund of \$1,000,000 to help these struggling churches to build.

Indians.

There are now in America about 300,000 Indians. We have among them eighteen missionaries. Many of them are being led to Christ.

Negroes.

There are in the South about 9,500,000 negroes. Of these, nearly 2,400,000 are Baptists. The Home Board is doing a co-operative work with the Home Board of the Negro Baptist Convention. It provides equally with them the salaries of forty missionaries among them.

Foreigners.

We are supporting workers at some of the larger ports of entry, who meet immigrants when they land, help them to find the places they want to reach, give them Bibles, tracts and other religious literature. These must be Christianized or they will Romanize or heathenize us. Which? The Home Board began work in Cuba in 1886. We have 40 missionaries, 27 churches and 26 other preaching stations. Our Baptist College at Havana has five teachers and about 100 pupils. We are conducting nine other schools on the island.

Enlistment.

There are in the Southern Baptist Convention territory 25,000 Baptist Churches. Of this number, 40 per cent are out of touch with the things of our denominational life. They do not give to missions or interests fostered by our

organized work. Of these churches, about 20,000 are in the country or in towns of less than 2,500 people. Eighteen thousand of them have only once-a-month preaching; most of them a non-resident pastor. This is our Home Mission task. May we meet it like men of God.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. BURNS,
G. T. FOOTMAN,
T. L. EDWARDS.

Report on Columbia College and Ministerial Education was read by Rev. J. D. Turner, spoken to by Rev. J. D. Turner, Rev. J. Dean Adcock and Bro. D. A. Avant.

COLUMBIA COLLEGE AND MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

In this fast age people have advanced intellectually to where it is necessary for those who lead to be educated. The God called preacher is God's under-shepherd. The shepherd must lead, not follow. The preacher's duty is to solicit, to combine and to direct the forces over which God has placed him, and his work is such as to make it necessary that he should be educated. Moses, Israel's leader, and Paul, the missionary to the Gentiles *i. e.*, to the heathen) were both trained in the best schools of their respective ages.

The preacher ought to be a man of trained mental power, as well as heart power, to enable him to protect his people against the fanaticisms and heresies of the age.

Our pioneer preachers, though many of them uneducated, wrought well against great odds, and we should ever hold them in reverence, thanking God for giving them unto us and for the record they have left for us in their lives. But if we fail to build on the foundation they have left for us and to take advantage of all oppor-

tunities we will prove to be unworthy sons of noble parentage.

To educate is not to create, but education prepares the mind for performing the duties for which God has created it.

Education means to bring up to a higher state of efficiency, and should have for its aim the development and the greatest possible perfection of the whole nature of man, physical, mental and moral.

To accomplish this end we must develop the mind so as to be able to think wisely, but we cannot use our mental faculties correctly unless we have something to give direction to our thoughts. Great harm has been done by leaving untrained minds to grapple with difficult problems, or to be developed by ungodly instructors and go unguarded against evil influences.

The mind must be developed in the right direction, so we see the necessity of an education under Christian influences.

It has only been a short while since it looked as if institutions of learning without Christian influences would drive denominational schools from the field of action, but there has been a great revolution, a great revival of interest in the importance of training under Christian influences.

Men of all stages of life have given of their means for the founding and maintaining of Christian schools, and the uneducated as well as the educated are taking greater interest in these schools and the teachers for the training of their youth, which resulted in the establishment of Columbia College some eight years ago, which has in that time enrolled some 1,300 students, about 550 of whom it has helped with scholarship, work given and otherwise representing an outlay on the part of the College of about \$38,000.

Each year about ten to twelve young preachers have been in attendance and a number of these are now in active pastorates.

Some five or six young women have begun in the College to make ready for service in the Foreign Mission field.

The immediate needs of the College are funds with which to pay its debt and to provide a sum which shall be supplemental to its income from students.

All State colleges have help, running from \$25,000 to \$100,000 annually. Columbia needs at least \$10,000 a year, a part to use on its debt, a part to help the current fund.

If every Baptist Church will help, the College will grow to a larger development, which will mean a more progressive denomination and greater intelligence in doing the Lord's work.

Therefore, your Committee would recommend that the Baptists of the Florida Association patronize Columbia College and give of their means for its support, and that not only Baptists, but Christians of all Protestant denominations, advocate the employment of Protestant Christians as teachers of our public schools.

Your Committee would also recommend that not only each Baptist Church, but each Baptist home, maintain a Bible study and prayer service, which, in the minds of your Committee, would be of inestimable aid in the moral training of the rising generation.

We further recommend that the Florida Association give of its means to the support of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., which has proven to be of great worth to the advancement of Christian education.

J. D. TURNER,
D. A. AVANT,
W. M. McKEOWN.

Report on Prohibition was read by Rev. J. Dean Adcock, spoken to by Rev. J. D. Adcock, Rev. J. W. Kesterson, and adopted.

REPORT ON PROHIBITION.

Temperance has been defined, and rightly so, we believe, as moderation in the use of that which is good, total abstinence from the bad and co-operation with all forces now at work to train the rising and the coming generations against intemperance in eating and drinking the good and using our citizenship, together with all our influence, to abolish the bad.

Prohibition is, therefore, aggressive temperance, by which we mean crystalized temperance sentiment into an organized militant force, waging relentless warfare against the liquor traffic. It presupposes, just as our government does, that a large per cent of our population are incapable of taking care of themselves. It therefore appeals to the law-making bodies of our State and Nation to write into laws the opinion of the majority of our citizenship on the question of Temperance.

Its dictum is, "Thou shall not." And no new doctrine this, for it is according to the sacred traditions of our country that the will of the people shall be all-powerful, and it is only where the people have expressed themselves by their elective franchise that this decree issues forth. However, so universally prevalent has the prohibition doctrine become that the nation is now saying "Thou shalt not," and soon we believe we shall have the authority of the national government, as well as State, county and municipal, for within the last year the National Congress has voted by a large majority to submit an amendment to the Constitution. In the meantime the militant army marches on, conquering State after State, until we have nineteen prohibition States and more than that

number fifty per cent of whose territory has long since been dry.

We are rejoicing in the achievements of the past, thrilled with the bright hopes of the future. We call upon the membership of our every church to stand together on this great question and to march in solid phalanx at every opportunity to cast a vote for the cause which means better homes and better citizenship and until we shall have a stainless flag and saloonless nation.

Respectfully,

J. DEAN ADCOCK, Chairman.
D. W. SEALEY

Rev. F. M. Wells read the report of the Treasurer.
On motion, the report was adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

F. M. Wells, in account with the Florida Association,
for the year 1915.

	Dr.	Cr.
Oct. 8, 1914—Received from Finance Committee	\$79.00	
Oct. 11, 1914—Received from Greensboro Church	2.15	
Oct. 19, 1914—Paid S. B. Roger.....		\$26.75
Oct. 19, 1914—Received from Providence Church	2.00	
Oct. 25, 1914—Received from Antioch Church	2.00	
Oct. 26, 1914—Received from Sundown Church—		
For minutes	2.00	
For orphanage	1.00	
Oct. 26, 1914—Received from Ebenezer Church L. Co.....	2.10	

Oct. 30, 1914—Paid C. F. Wells, Secretary of Association	20.00
Nov. 2, 1914—Received from Flat Creek Church	1.00
Nov. 15, 1914—Received from Providence Church	2.00
Nov. 16, 1914—Paid to Appleyard for printing minutes	39.68
Nov. 16, 1914—Paid express on minutes..	.75
Dec. 10, 1914—Paid distribution minutes.	2.90
Dec. 10, 1914—Paid for postage.....	.16
Dec. 10, 1914—Balance on hand.....	3.00
Total.....	\$93.25 \$93.25

On motion, adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

The evening session was dispensed with, and the congregation listened to a splendid doctrinal sermon and historicacal discourse delivered by Rev. J. Dean Adcock.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION.

Song by audience.

Prayer by Rev. B. B. Blich.

Minutes read and approved.

On motion, Rev. F. M. Wells, Rev. L. A. Roberts, Rev. James Holland, Rev. W. A. Burns and Bro. J. C. Brewer were elected as the Executive Committee for the ensuing year.

On motion, Rev. J. Dean Adcock was elected to serve as a member of the State Board of Missions from our Association.

On motion, Rev. F. M. Wells, Rev. J. W. Kesterson and

Rev. L. A. Roberts were appointed as a Budget Committee.

Report of Committee on Finance and Obituaries was read by Bro. M. N. Smith, and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND OBITUARIES.

We, your Committee on Finance, respectfully submit the following report:

The Churches have sent to the Florida Association by their messengers the following amounts:

For Minutes and Clerk.....	\$54.40
For Associated Missions.....	3.00
For Orphanage	5.70
Total.....	\$63.10

W. D. RICHARDS,
M. N. SMITH.
W. D. FURGESON.

We, your Committee on Obituaries, respectfully submit 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:

Arran—Sister Sarah Tucker.

Quincy—Sister M. L. Glenn.

Indian Springs—Sisters L. H. Avereth and Susan Bunker; Bros. W. H. Miller and W. H. Avereth.

Havana—Sister Sara C. Shelfer, Bro. Robert Daniels.

Gretna—Bro. Horace Thompson.

Providence—Sisters Elizabeth Hawkins and Alice Dean.

Tallahassee—Bro. W. B. Lee.

Flat Creek—Bro. J. C. J. Shepard.

Lake Mystic—Bro. W. T. Strickland.

Antioch—Bro. Richard C. Gatlin.

Monticello—Sisters Addie Belle McClellan and M. P. Walker.

Greensboro—Sister Lera Fletcher.

W. D. RICHARDS,

M. N. SMITH,

W. D. FURGESON.

Report on Sunday Schools was read by Rev. L. A. Roberts, spoken to by Rev. L. A. Roberts, Rev. B. B. Blitch and Rev. J. W. Kesterson, and adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK.

Sunday Schools are great factors in the spiritualization of our youth and for many of our older people. There can be more time given for thought and meditation and more truths can be imparted to the youth and, in fact, to the masses, than in any other way. We have teachers for the different grades and lessons so simple that the smallest child can fully comprehend the great teachings of our Lord. High ideals can be inculcated in the minds of the pupils under the management of able teachers and truths can be learned that will never leave them.

The Sunday School is the great builder of our churches. If the Sunday Schools can reach the young as they should, and can have the co-operation of the children's parents, their salvation is assured, for they will seek after spiritual things and will find salvation.

The proper organization is very essential to a successful Sunday School. We should have system. We need trained teachers, the best literature, and plenty of it. We need the co-operation of the parents and church mem-

bers. We need the influence of the pastor. All should be willing and capable of doing their full duty towards the school.

Every church should have a good, live Sunday School. It should be a center of community worship when there are no regular church services. We recommend that every church that has not a Sunday School, to organize one at once.

We are glad to report unusual progress in the growth and general progress of the Baptist Sunday Schools of the State. May the Lord bless the endeavors of the faithful superintendents, teachers and pastors and all others in the great efforts being put forth towards the upbuilding of this noble work.

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. ROBERTS,

M. D. COLSON,

W. D. FERGUSON.

11:00 o'clock—Illustrated sermon by Dr. S. B. Rogers on the subject of "Missions and Efficiency."

On motion, adjourned at 1:30 P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

Song, "There shall be showers of blessings."

Prayer by Rev. H. S. Howard.

Report on Woman's Work was read by Rev. S. J. Revels, spoken to by Rev. S. J. Revels and Rev. J. D. Adcock, and adopted.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

The women of the churches connected with the Southern Baptist Convention, desirous of stimulating a missionary spirit and grace of giving among the women and

young people of the churches, organized twenty-seven years ago, in the city of Richmond, Va.

Each State sent women delegates to this first meeting, and the autonomy was recognized, as each State was to distribute missionary literature, raise money and to organize societies, all of which was reported through the State organization and recommended by the Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention. Since the organization they have fostered every cause the S. B. C. has recommended. The Women Mission Union is asked now to support all the women Florida missionaries and to assist in all forms of Home Mission work, namely, mountain schools, port work and mill districts. The young women are asked to support the Florida hospitals and maintain the mountain schools as their home mission work. The Royal Ambassadors and Sunbeams have their allotted work. In our own State the work has grown slowly until the last few years, now nearly all the Associations have their organizations. And the Churches having half or full-time preaching are considered backward if they do not have a W. M. U.

In conclusion, we should like to recommend, first, that we, as an Association, lend every encouragement and assistance to the W. M. U.; second, that quarterly meeting be held in connection with the fifth Sunday meetings; third, that the W. M. U. be represented at all meetings, namely, Institutes, fifth Sunday meetings and Associations.

S. J. REVELS.

Report of Committee on Orphanage was read by Bro. P. H. Walsh, spoken to by Bro. Walsh, and adopted.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

We, a Committee on Orphanage, submit the following report:

Our Orphanage is located at Arcadia, Fla. We have eighty-six children in the home. The home is supported by voluntary contributions from churches, societies and individuals; in fact, gifts are accepted, when voluntarily given, from any business or association. We receive no State aid in support of our work.

The policy pursued by the Board of Trustees maintaining the work is to make the home a real home for our orphan children. We are preparing these children for life's work. Most of these children have spent several years in our home, receiving their training and their education. Some are learning the printer's trade, some barbers, some mercantile business, some stenographers, some machinists. We have one girl who will enter high school next time to prepare herself to teach.

The past few months it has been the most trying. We found it almost impossible to secure sufficient funds to meet our current expenses.

The home is under the instruction of J. E. Trice, Superintendent.

Respectfully submitted,

P. H. WALSH,
S. W. CLARK,
T. C. CRAVEN.

Report on Duty of Churches to Pastor was read by Bro. S. C. Rhoden, and adopted.

DUTIES OF CHURCH TO PASTOR.

Committee on Duties of Church submit the following:
"Awake, thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give them light."

Many of our churches are dead, or mightily soundly sleeping as to their obligations to the pastor.

Awake, and Christ shall give thee light. Hear him, the laborer is worthy of his hire.

The individual who refuses to pay the man who serves him is dishonest; so is the church which fails to pay its pastor.

Again, God has taught: Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn.

Paul interprets this passage—Does God take care of oxen—for our sakes—this is written: "Thou shalt not muzzle, is God's command.

"Awake," and listen to God again: "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel shall live of the gospel." Here God is speaking to both church and preacher. "You shall live of the gospel" is binding on the preacher. This excludes farming and other secular labor. If all would take God at his word and look solely after spiritual things, the churches would more readily do what is commanded of them.

We recommend that our churches take steps to enlist all the membership in the support of the work.

S. C. RHODEN,
M. B. ANDERSON.

Report of Committee on State Missions was read by Rev. F. M. Wells, spoken to by Rev. F. M. Wells, and adopted.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The subject of missions should appeal to the finer instincts of the human heart, as it has much to do with human life in its relation to this life and the next, as it carries the promise of improved conditions to the weary pilgrim, and points the way to that house not made with hands, and was taught by our Lord in its world-wide

scope in his last instruction to the Apostles; and State Missions increase in importance in our minds as we are able to see the need of the world for the gospel, as State Missions form the basis of world missions, as the brook is tributary to the great stream.

What I can do or give to the work of sending the gospel to all the world would go but a little way, but added to the contribution of my church it may accomplish more, and so with my Association and its work. We need, therefore, the co-operation of the State, or we need to co-operate with the State in this work of God in sending the gospel to a lost world, and then as our offerings are brought together with the stream of missions for home and foreign work we take our place beside those who are trying to carry out our Lord's request to give freely of our means for this work, as we have received freely from Him and others.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

F. M. WELLS,
G. F. REEVES,
S. C. RHODEN.

Report on Aged Ministers was read by Rev. C. Frank Wells, spoken to by Rev. C. F. Wells, Rev. D. F. Barry, Rev. B. B. Blitch and Rev. W. A. Burns, and adopted.

REPORT ON AGED MINISTERS.

We, your Committee on Aged Ministers, submit the following report:

Believing as we do that our Baptist ministers as a body are God-fearing, conscientious and self-sacrificing men who have given of their time and means to develop and promote the Kingdom of God; and realizing that the remuneration received for their services is not sufficient for the support of their families and the laying up in

store for old age, we earnestly recommend that our brethren contribute liberally of the wealth of which God has made them stewards, to the support of these old Soldiers of the Cross, who have wrought so nobly under God for the salvation of souls, the building up of the Kingdom and the strengthening of the Saints, but who at last must retire from active service, and having made no provision for old age, be in destitute circumstances, if left to their own resources.

Respectfully submitted,

C. F. WELLS,
J. T. MORGAN,
E. L. BILLINGSLEY.

Report on Foreign Missions was read by Rev. J. W. Kesterson, spoken to by Rev. J. W. Kesterson and Dr. S. B. Rogers, and adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Our foreign mission work is the effort on our part to carry out the last command of our Lord and Master to go into all the world and make disciples of all nations. The challenge of the hour to all our churches is the present call of our foreign mission work. The conditions of the world to-day are giving tremendous emphasis to the fact that all men need a simple New Testament religion. The non-Christian nations are awakening in a wonderful way and inquiring for the path of peace and the way of life. The doors are wide open. The people are more accessible than ever before. The harvest fields are ripe, and we should now thrust in the sickle and reap on a scale that will far transcend anything in the past.

The Foreign Mission Board, located at Richmond, Va., composed of eighteen local members and eighteen State members, representing each State in co-operation with

the Southern Baptist Convention, is conducting work in Italy, Brazil, Mexico, Argentina, China, Japan and Africa. In these fields the missionaries reported last year 382 churches with 819 out-stations, 33,584 church members, 442 Sunday Schools with 23,959 scholars and 8,833 students in mission schools, 384 of whom are in theological seminaries and training schools, preparing to preach the gospel to their own people. There are 300 missionaries on the fields, 20 of whom were sent out during the past year, and a total of 651 native workers. Notwithstanding difficult conditions on many of the fields, caused by the European war and the injury to the work in Mexico from chaotic political conditions in that country, 5,190 baptisms were reported during the year.

The distressing financial conditions throughout the South created by the war in Europe caused a falling off in contributions to foreign missions last year. Many of the churches made heroic and sacrificial efforts, but some of them were not able to keep up their usual contributions. This will make it more difficult for us to maintain the work this year, unless God's people meet the situation in a still more heroic spirit. The Convention in Houston asked for an apportionment of \$624,000 for foreign missions this year. Every dollar of it will be needed to carry on the work successfully. Our supreme task now should be the raising of the apportionment as a minimum in every Association and every State. We should not for a moment think of anything less, and we must do more than this if possible.

We therefore recommend:

1. That we as an Association undertake to raise for foreign missions our full proportion of the above sum; that this amount be divided among the churches on an equitable basis; that we earnestly urge the churches to contribute the amount asked of them; that each church inaugurate a plan of systematic weekly or monthly giv-

ing and remitting for this cause, so that the work may be taken care of and debt and interest payments may be avoided.

2. That each pastor in the Association appoint a committee in each church of which he is pastor to canvass the membership with a view to securing a subscription to the Foreign Mission Journal in every Baptist family within our bounds, so that our people may be more fully informed as to our world-wide work.

J. W. KESTERSON,
F. M. WELLS,
C. W. BLOUNT.

Report on Periodicals was read by Rev. J. D. Overstreet, spoken to by Rev. J. D. Overstreet and Rev. C. Frank Wells, and adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Inasmuch as the day has come when our children and young people read much, and as what one reads largely determines his character, and seeing that the city, town and country are flooded with literature, the tendency of which is to degrade rather than to build Christian character, we deem it a matter of the highest importance that their eager and plastic minds should be fed with the most wholesome literature.

This is a day of much publication. In every home to-day we find all kinds of current literature, but seldom do we find periodicals of educational and religious value. The daily papers, containing whiskey advertisements in glaring headlines, are now going into our homes, even in the country. We find that in our homes to-day too little attention is paid to the class of literature and books that go into our homes. We are negligent about the development of the minds of our young people. And we desire

to recommend a more wholesome class of reading matter than that usually found. Nature teaches us that youth is the time of moulding character, and that the first impressions are the most lasting upon young minds; and that principles instilled into the minds of the young people by trashy reading remains through life.

We urge the Sunday Schools to supply the young people with *Kind Words*, a publication by our Sunday School Board. This little paper is very valuable. We also mention our *Florida Baptist Witness* and insist that it go into every Baptist home. Also the "*Foreign Mission Journal*" and "*Home Field*" are two publications necessary in order that we keep well informed on our field work. And last and most important of all is the Bible. This book of all books should be studied more thoroughly in our homes around our firesides.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. OVERSTREET,
D. B. SCOTT,
N. B. GILBERT.

On motion, the next session of the Association will be held with Indian Springs Church.

On motion, report of Woman's Auxiliary be incorporated in the Minutes of the Association.

REPORT OF WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

The W. M. U. Association Auxiliary meeting was ordained at Greta, October 5, 1915.

Opened by song and prayer.

The following officers were duly elected:

President—Mrs. W. A. Burns, Quincy.

Vice President—Mrs. J. D. Adcock, Tallahassee.

Secretary—Mrs. I. T. Mattox, Quincy.

It was decided to have county superintendents to look after the W. M. U. work in their respective counties. They were elected as follows: Mrs. J. D. Rainey, Monticello; Mrs. Annie Rhoten, Hosford; Mrs. C. D. Robertson, Tallahassee.

Mrs. Cliff Kennedy, of Havana; Mrs. Overstreet, of Greensboro, and Mrs. F. Williamson, of Woodville, were elected to work with the President and Secretary in preparing programs for the fifth Sunday meetings.

Eight churches were represented in our meetings, viz: Gretna, Quincy, Greensboro, Sycamore, Flat Creek, Providence, Concord, Tallahassee and Lake Mystic.

It was decided to hold our meetings separate in our fifth Sunday meetings, giving one hour to our meeting.

Minutes were read and approved.

Closed by prayer by Mrs. Burns.

MRS. S. T. MATTOX, Secretary.

Report of Budget Committee was read by Rev. F. M. Wells, and adopted.

We, your Budget Committee, recommend that the churches of the Florida Association raise for the objects fostered by our Boards the sum of \$1,500 or more, for the year 1916, and we further urge that each church of the Association, at their first business meeting, agree to assume whatever amount of this sum they will try to raise.

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. WELLS, Chairman.

J. W. KESTERSON, Secretary.

L. A. ROBERTS.

On motion, Rev. J. W. Kesterson prepared and offered a resolution pertaining to the work of the Interdenominational Sunday School Board, as follows:

RESOLUTION REPORT BY BRO. KESTERSON.

Resolved, That the Florida Baptist Association, now in session, urge our churches to not co-operate in any way with the Interdenominational Sunday School Convention, which convention insists upon meeting with our churches and devising plans and methods by which we are to separate our Sunday School work, since we feel that the Baptists of this Association are capable of caring for and fostering our interests.

J. W. KESTERSON.

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

Resolution of thanks was offered to the church and to the people of Gretna 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 Indian Springs Baptist Church, in Leon County, on Tuesday after the first Sunday in October, 1916.

The parting hand was given while the congregation sang, "God be with you till we meet again."

REV. W. A. BURNS, Moderator.

REV. C. FRANK WELLS, Clerk.

FINANCIAL.

The Following Amounts Have Been Paid This Year and Include

NAME OF CHURCH.

	Pastor's Salary.	For Building.	Incidental and Improving.	For Visiting Ministers.	Associational Missions.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Current Exp. and End. Co.	Endowment S. B. T. Seminary.	Ministerial Education.
Aenon	\$ 36.00			\$ 25.00	\$ 2.85						
Antioch	60.00			25.00							
Arran	40.00										
Chaires	52.76	114.35	25.05								
Crawfordville				25.00	1.00	1.00					
Curtis Mills	28.00		5.00	30.00		12.00	2.05	5.25			
Concordia	240.00	125.00	3.70	10.00		3.80					
Corinth	150.00	108.70		4.50		1.50	1.00	1.50			
Ebenezer (J)	7.85										
Ebenezer (L)	30.00			15.00		5.70					
Fort Braden	36.00										
Fiat Creek	240.00	600.00	177.25	32.00		8.25	4.00	8.75			1.25
Greensboro	200.00	500.00	500.00	40.00							
Gretna			176.00				9.00	9.00			
Hardaway	240.		25.00		3.00	3.00	1.50	5.00	6.00		5.04
Havana	100.00					110.15	3.00	5.00	10.00		
Hopeful	200.00			60.00		22.00	2.10				
Indian Springs	25.00					40.00					
Lake Mystic											
Lake Ellen	840.60	5,200.00	152.00	13.50							
Monticello	35.87		15.00								
Mt. Besor											
Mt. Eian	50.40										
Olve											
Orange											
Providence					5.36	21.40	5.50	6.00			24.86

Quincy	1,200.00	133.00	430.00			3.00	108.42	131.75	206.55	112.58	10.00
River Junction	192.00		17.85								
Salem	450.00		21.00								
Sunny Dell							30.00		25.00		
Sundown			2.00								
St. Marks	60.00					1.10	2.00				
Sycamore	1,500.00	17,450.00	195.00				186.70	150.00	150.00	120.15	
Tallahassee	100.00										
Telogia	33.83		54.95			5.20					
Woodville											
Port St. Joe	100.00										

FINANCIAL.

NAME OF CHURCH.	Amount from Sunday Schools, W. M. S. and other Societies in the Church.									
	Educational— (General.)	Aged Ministers.	Orphanage.	For the Poor.	Minutes and Clerk.	TOTAL.	Value of Pas- tor's Home.	Value of Church Property.	Total Value of Property.	
Acnon					1.40			\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	
Antioch					1.50			300.00	300.00	
Arran			5.00		1.30	7.30		300.00	300.00	
Chaires					1.00			800.00	800.00	
Crawfordville										
Curtis Mills			5.00		2.80	22.30		1,200.00	1,200.00	
Concordia					1.50			250.00	250.00	
Corinth					1.00			500.00	500.00	
Ebenezer (J)			2.45		1.00			150.00	150.00	
Ebenezer (L)					1.00			1,000.00	1,000.00	
Fort Braden			3.80		1.70		750.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	
Flat Creek					1.00			3,000.00	3,000.00	
Greensboro		.50	3.75		2.00			3,000.00	3,000.00	
Gretna										
Hardway			4.50		1.50			500.00	500.00	
Havana		1.00	10.00		1.25			1,000.00	1,000.00	
Indian Springs		1.00	1.00		1.50			300.00	300.00	
Lake Mystic					1.75			515.00	515.00	
Lake Ellen					5.00		3,000.00	8,500.00	11,592.00	
Monticello					2.75			1,000.00	1,000.00	
Mt. Besor										
Mt. Elan			5.70		2.45			285.00	285.00	
Olive										
Orange										
Providence			.25		4.00			1,000.00	1,000.00	

Quincy		42.00	92.00		2.00	2,245.00	2,000.00	4,000.00	6,000.00
River Junction								1,500.00	1,500.00
Salem								1,800.00	1,800.00
Sunny Dell			50		.25				
Sundown									
St. Marks								550.00	550.00
Sycamore				100.00	5.00		5,000.00	35,000.00	44,000.00
Tallahassee		24.45	128.92		1.50				133.00
Telogia									
Woodville					1.40				
Fort St. Joe									

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

NAME OF CHURCH.	NAME OF SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT.	SUPERINTENDENT'S POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	Number of Schools.	Number of Pupils.	Number of Teachers.	Scholars Baptized.	Sunday School Expenses.	Missions and Benevolence.	Total for All Purposes.
Aeon.....	W. J. Todd	Wetumpka, Fla.	1	30	6	.....	5.00	.....	5.00
Antioch.....	J. B. Laws	Arran, Fla.	1	.....	8	.....	.....	.....	.....
Arran.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chaires.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Crawfordville.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Curtis Mills.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Concordia.....	J. B. Perkins	Concord, Fla.	1	58	9	.....	.....	4.37	4.37
Corinth.....	L. W. Hubbard	Hosford, Fla.	1	65	9	.....	25.00	.....	25.00
Ebenezer (J).....	W. T. Colson	Nash, Fla.	1	20	5	.....	3.00	.....	3.00
Ebenezer (L).....	W. E. Grey	Tallahassee, Fla.	1	30	3	.....	5.00	.....	5.00
Fort Braden.....	J. O. Allen	Tallahassee, Fla.	1	35	4	.....	2.00	.....	2.00
Flat Creek.....	W. F. Cowan	River Junction, Fla.	1	55	8	.....	.....	.....	.....
Greensboro.....	J. C. Brewer	Greensboro, Fla.	1	118	9	.....	23.75	23.75	23.75
Gretna.....	O. T. McKown	Quincy, Fla.	1	60	10	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hardway.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Havana.....	G. W. Kennedy	Havana, Fla.	1	60	8	.....	62.53	62.53	.....
Hopeful.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Indian Springs.....	O. N. Revels	Bristol, Fla.	1	41	6	.....	4.00	.....	4.00
Lake Mystic.....	S. A. Baker	Arran, Fla.	1	25	3	.....	3.00	.....	3.00
Lake Eilen.....	J. E. Nobler	Monticello, Fla.	1	100	10	.....	124.00	.....	124.00
Monticello.....	Curtis Roberts	Sopchoppy, Fla.	1	84	10	.....	25.00	.....	25.00
Mt. Bezer.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Elean.....	N. B. Gilbert	Monticello (Route 1)	1	40	4	.....	.....	.....	.....
Olive.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Orange.....	D. N. Clark	Juniper, Fla.	1	85	10	.....	10.00	10.00	10.00
Providence.....	W. E. Shelfer	Quincy, Fla.	1	195	18	.....	.....	.....	.....
Quincy.....	W. D. Spivey	River Junction, Fla.	1	48	5	.....	.....	.....	624.35
River Junction.....	E. R. L. Moore	Carrabelle, Fla.	1	75	11	.....	.....	.....	13.58
Salem.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

Sunny Dell.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sundown.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
St. Marks.....	.....	.....	.....	35	6	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sycamore.....	M. C. Stringer	Greensboro, Fla.	1	293	22	.....	.....	.....	428.25
Tallahassee.....	N. A. Blitch	Tallahassee, Fla.	1	30	4	.....	24.40	.....	24.40
Telogia.....	M. B. Patton	Telogia, Fla.	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Woodville.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Port St. Joe.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

NAME OF CHURCH.	NAME OF PRESIDENT.	PRESIDENT'S POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	Contributed for Missions and Benevolence.	Value of Missionary Boxes.	Total for All Purposes.
Aenou.....			\$.....	\$.....	\$.....
Antioch.....					
Arran.....					
Chaires.....	Mrs. A. E. Hightower	Chaires, Fla.			
Crawfordville.....					
Curtis Mills.....					
Concordia.....					
Corinth.....					
Ebenezer (J).....					
Ebenezer (L).....					
Fort Braden.....					
Fiat Creek.....					
Greensboro.....					
Gretna.....					
Hardway.....					
Havana.....	Mrs. M. C. Kennedy	Havana, Fla.	20 00		20 00
Hopeful.....					
Indian Springs.....	Mrs. W. H. Miller	Lloyd, Fla.	6 30		6 30
Lake Mystic.....					
Lake Ellen.....					
Monticello.....	Mrs. V. D. Rainey	Monticello, Fla.	17 75		17 75
Mt. Besor.....					
Mt. Elean.....					
Olive.....					
Orange.....					
Providence.....					
Quincy.....	Mrs. W. A. Burns	Quincy, Fla.	243 75		243 75
River Junction.....					

Salem.....	Mrs. W. B. Mahoney	Carrabelle, Fla.			
Sunny Dell.....					
Sundown.....					
St. Marks.....					
Sycamore.....					
Tallahassee.....	Mrs. Park Trammell	Tallahassee, Fla.			103 75
Telogia.....					
Woodville.....					
Port St. Joe.....					

OTHER SOCIETIES.

NAME OF CHURCH.	NAME OF SOCIETY.	PRESIDENT.	PRESIDENT'S POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	Contributed for Missions and Benevolence.
Acron.				
Antioch.				
Arran.				
Chaires.				
Crawfordville.				
Curtis Mills.				
Concordia.				
Corinth.				
Ebenezer (J)	B. Y. P. U.	Nelson.	Hosford, Fla.	
Ebenezer (L)				
Fort Braden.				
Flat Creek.				
Greensboro.	B. Y. P. U.	Miss Willie Smith.	River Junction, Fla.	
Gretina.	B. Y. P. U.	Miss Clara Fletcher.	Greensboro, Fla.	
Hardway.	B. Y. P. U.	Neal Johnson.	Gretina, Fla.	5.00
Hopetown.				
Indian Springs.				
Lake Myrtle.				
Lake Myrtle.				
Monticello.				
Mt. Bower.	B. Y. P. U.*	Miss Alline Sledge.	Monticello, Fla.	
Mt. Bower.				
Oliver.				
Orange.				
Providence.	B. Y. P. U.	H. W. Dean.	Juniper, Fla.	
Quincy.	B. Y. P. U.	T. J. Farr.	Quincy, Fla.	94.20
River Junction.				

Salem.	B. Y. P. U.	Miss Maud Storrs.	Carrabelle, Fla.	
Sunny Dell.				
Sundown.				
St. Marks.				
Sycamore.				
Tallahassee.				
Telogia.		Robert Duval.	Tallahassee, Fla.	212.75
Woodville.				
Port St. Joe.				

*—Newly organized.

OTHER SOCIETIES.

NAME OF CHURCH.	NAME OF SOCIETY.	PRESIDENT.	PRESIDENT'S POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	Contributed for Missions and Benevolence.
Acron.....				\$.....
Antioch.....				
Arran.....				
Chalres.....				
Crawfordville.....				
Curtis Mills.....				
Concordia.....				
Corinth.....				
Ebenezer (J).....	B. Y. P. U.	Nelson.	Hosford, Fla.	
Ebenezer (L).....				
Fort Braden.....				
Flat Creek.....				
Greensboro.....	B. Y. P. U.	Miss Willie Smith.	River Junction, Fla.	
Gretna.....	B. Y. P. U.	Miss Clara Fletcher.	Greensboro, Fla.	
Hardway.....	B. Y. P. U.	Neal Johnson.	Gretna, Fla.	5.00
Havana.....				
Hopeful.....				
Indian Springs.....				
Lake Mystic.....				
Lake Ellen.....				
Monticello.....				
Mt. Besor.....	B. Y. P. U.*	Miss Ailine Sledge.	Monticello, Fla.	
Mt. Eian.....				
Olive.....				
Orange.....				
Providence.....	B. Y. P. U.	H. W. Dean.	Juniper, Fla.	
Quincy.....	B. Y. P. U.	I. J. Farr.	Quincy, Fla.	94.20
River Junction.....				

Salem.....	B. Y. P. U.	Miss Mand Storrs.	Carrabelle, Fla.	
Sunny Dell.....				
Sundown.....				
St. Marks.....				
Sycamore.....				
Tallahassee.....		Robert Duval.	Tallahassee, Fla.	212.75
Telogia.....				
Woodville.....				
Port St. Joe.....				

*—Newly organized.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Jas. Holland	Ocklocknee, Fla.
J. E. Clements.....	Arran, Fla.
Rufus Tucker	Arran, Fla.
D. F. Barry.....	Concord, Fla.
J. F. Chason.....	Hosford, Fla.
L. A. Roberts.....	Spring Hill, Fla.
John C. Allen.....	Holland, Fla.
J. D. Overstreet.....	Greensboro, Fla.
S. J. Revels.....	Bristol, Fla.
J. A. Whetstone.....	Arran, Fla.
R. B. Pigott.....	Arran, Fla.
J. Spears	Ivan, Fla.
J. W. Kesterson.....	Monticello, Fla.
F. M. Wells.....	Juniper, Fla.
S. F. Blount.....	Juniper, Fla.
W. A. Burns.....	Quincy, Fla.
J. D. Adcock.....	Tallahassee, Fla.
C. Frank Wells.....	Teloga, Fla.

LICENSED MINISTERS.

J. D. Turner	Hosford, Fla.
J. Frank Duggar.....	Apalachicola, Fla.
W. L. Maige.....	Monticello, Fla.
John Bauldree	Hardaway, Fla.