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CONSTITUTION OF THE FLORIDA BAPTIST

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be known by the name of The Florida Baptist Association. The object of this Association shall be to conduct the work of missions, colportage, Sabbath School enterprises, and other work that will tend to the spread of the Gospel.

Article 2. This Association shall be composed of white male members chosen by the respective churches in its union, in the proportion of two members for each church of fifty or less, and one additional delegate for every twenty-five members over fifty. No church, however, shall have more than four delegates.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Article 11. The Association shall have power, first, to provide for the general union of the churches; second, to give the churches advice in matters of difficulty; third, to inquire into the cause of

RULES OF DECORUM OF THE FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSO-CIATION.

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

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

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

4. The Moderator shall appoint the committees, except in cases

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

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

and address the Moderator. 7. If any member, while speaking or otherwise employed, transgress the rules of decorum, the Moderator shall, or any member

may, call him to order. 8. When two or more members shall rise at the same time, the Moderator shall decide who is first entitled to the floor.

9. No member shall indulge in unkind remarks in debate, nor shall any member speak more than twice on the same question without leave from the Association, nor more than once until every one choosing to speak shall have done so.

10. While any member is addressing the Association, it shall be the duty of the Moderator to suppress all private discourses that may be entertained between the members, and require strict attention on the part of the members.

11. When a motion is made and seconded it shall be stated by

the Moderator before debate. 12. Every motion shall be reduced to writing if desired by any

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

14. When a question is under debate no motion shall be entertained unless to amend it or refer it to a committee, or for the previous question, or for adjournment.

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

decided without debate.

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

17. Motions and amendments may be referred to a committee

at the pleasure of the Association.

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

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

ing of the Association.

20. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer each day by the Moderator or some other member.

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

ARTICLES OF FAITH OF THE FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSO-CIATION.

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

Article 2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice. Article 3. We believe in the doctrine of particular and eternal election.

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

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

Article 6. We believe that we are justified in the sight of God

only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

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

Article 8. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace

and never finally fall away.

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

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

and a general judgment.

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

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

MINUTES

The Seventy-fifth Session of the Florida Baptist Association convened with the Salem Baptist Church, Carrabelle, Fla., Tuesday morning, October 8, 1917, at 10 o'clock, and was called to order by former Moderator Rev. W. A. Burns.

Roll call of churches was responded to by followingnamed brethren as delegates:

- 1. Aenon-Rev. Jas. Holland and J. L. Hartsfield.
- 2. Antioch—C. W. Blount, W. L. Todd, R. E. Parramore.
 - 3. Arran-W. M. Moore.
 - 4. Chaires-G. T. Reeves.
 - 5. Concordia-J. H. Dorsey, E. M. Walsh.
 - 6. Corinth-Prof. R. E. Turner.
 - 7. Ebenezer (J)-R. T. Freeman.
 - 8. Ebenezer (L)—Rev. L. A. Roberts.
 - 9. Crawfordville.
 - 10. Curtis Mill.
 - 11. Fort Braden-By Letter.
- 12. Flat Creek-W. D. Ferguson, E. J. Cowan, C. B. Shepard, S. W. Clark.
 - 13. Greensboro-Rev. J. D. Overstreet, E. B. Fletcher.
- 14. Gretna Clifford Timmons, Hugh McKeown, Drew Hare.
 - 15. Hardaway-By Letter.
 - 16. Havana—Dr. Jas. L. Folsom, E. H. Walsh.
 - 17. Hopeful-T. W. White.
 - 18. Indian Springs—By Letter.
 - 19. Lake Ellen-By Letter.
 - 20. Lake Mystic—Rev. O. N. Revels.
 - 21. Monticello-Rev. A. J. Krollinger.

- 22. Mt. Besor-A. S. Roberts.
- 23. Mt. Elon-R. B. Langston, N. T. Langston.
- 24. Olive-E. H. Clark.
- 25. Orange
- ¹ 26. Providence—W. D. Richards, C. E. Blount, D. N. Clark.
 - 27. Quincy-Rev. W. A. Burns.
 - 28. River Junction-O. F. McKeown.
- 29. Salem—S. C. Counsel, J. L. Robinson, E. R. L. Moore.
- 30. Sundown-By Letter.
- 31. St. Marks-By Letter.
- 32. Sycamore-By Letter.
- 33. Tallahassee-Dr. J. Dean Adcock, W. H. Rugeley.
- 34. Telogia-Rev. C. Frank Wells.
- 35. Woodville-By Letter.
- 36. Port St. Joe.
- 37. Sumatra-By Letter.
- 38. Apalachicola-Rev. O. E. Tebou.

After roll call of churches, permanent organization was effected by the re-election of Rev. W. A. Burns for Moderator, and Rev. C. Frank Wells, Clerk.

11:00 o'clock—Introductory sermon was preached by Dr. Jas. L. Folsom.

The following-named brethren were appointed to serve as committees:

Foreign Missions-Rev. J. D. Overstreet, R. B. Langston, C. E. Blount.

Home Missions—Dr. J. Dean Adcock, J. L. Robinson. State Missions—Rev. C. Frank Wells, A. S. Roberts, D. N. Clark.

Orphanage—W. D. Ferguson, C. W. Blount, W. L. Todd. Columbia College—W. H. Rugeley, Clifford Timmons, E. B. Fletcher.

Aged Ministers-Rev. L. A. Roberts, E. J. Cowan, M. W. Moore.

Periodicals—Rev. O. N. Revels, J. T. Hartsfield, G. T.

Woman's Work-E. R. L. Moore, R. T. Freeman, S. W. Clark.

B. Y. P. U.—Hugh McKeown, Drew Hare, C. B. Shepherd.

Prohibition—Rev. Jas. Holland, N. T. Langston, E. H. Clark.

Duty of Church to Pastor—J. H. Dorsey, S. C. Counsel. Sunday Schools—Rev. A. J. Krollinger.

The Moderator, Rev. W. A. Burns, with E. B. Shelfer and D. A. Avant, were elected as committee to report next session on condition of Sunnydell Church.

Charges of heresy were brought against Fort Braden Church, and Rev. L. A. Roberts, Rev. Jas. Holland and W. D. Ferguson were appointed as committee to report condition next session.

Same brethren to report condition of Crawfordville Church and property.

The Moderator appointed E. M. Walsh, W. D. Richards and R. E. Parramore as Committee on Finance and Obituaries.

On motion, adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Song and devotional service led by the Moderator, after which business of the session was resumed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

The report on Foreign Missions was read by Rev. J. D. Overstreet, spoken to by Rev. Overstreet, Dr. Folsom, Bro. E. R. L. Moore, Rev. Krollinger and Dr. Adcock, and adopted:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Foreign Mission Board, located at Richmond, Va.,

in its last report tells of a year of success. It raised for all purposes \$751,356.57. Not including amount raised on old debt, nor that collected on Judson Centennial notes, the Board handled \$560,767.52. Home expenditures, including only items authorized by the convention, cost \$54,775.61, or 9 3-10 per cent of the whole amount. The amount that actually reached the foreign field was \$529,405.03.

We have on the foreign fields 458 churches with a membership of 47,161. We have also 307 missionaries and 809 native workers. There were 6,347 baptisms. The force conducted 474 schools of all grades with a total enrollment of 12,930 students. Our 15 medical missionaries treated 67,556 patients.

As to our needs, we submit for consideration the fact that without larger resources the Board cannot meet, successfully, any longer, the exigencies of the work now on its hands already entered on the missionary fields. To fail to increase our resources, then, means inevitable loss to the work or another great debt on the Board. The incomparable magnitude of the task is evidence enough that it has larger needs than any other enterprise of our work. There should be added to our present force about 150 more men and women. We, your committee, beg to urge the brethren of this Association to increase our resources for this greatest of all denominational enterprises.

Resources may be provided by the application of a few general principles. We must have permanently organized plans and definite missionary policies. We must know and remember that the appeal for foreign missions is unique. Any comparison of any one of the objects of Christian benevolences at home with foreign missions is making a part equal to the whole.

This is a momentous hour in human history. Things mighty are crumbling and men are planning to build upon the ruins thereof. Democracy is having a new birth. And the day of the Southern Baptists is at hand.

Your committee submits this report in prayer to God, and with an earnest appeal to the brethren of this Association that great plans shall be laid at once to give our missionary message to the nations needing it, because the Gospel of Christ is the only seed of political and spiritual freedom. Surely we will awaken to our opportunities and not be recreant to the trust God has placed in us.

Respectfully,

J. D. OVERSTREET, R. B. LANGSTON, C. E. BLOUNT.

The report on State Missions was read by Rev. Wells, spoken to by Rev. Tebou and Dr. Adcock, and adopted:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

We have, brethren and sisters who interpret Christ's commission, to go unto the uttermost part of the earth and preach the Gospel to every creature, to mean just what it says, and to these there is no foreign, no home, no State missions, but an ever-ready and willing response to such calls as are made for the advancement of Christ's kingdom at home or abroad.

There are others who are perhaps as liberal, but who feel more interest in the work in our own Southland, and to these the work of the home mission appeals more strongly, and they are ever ready to meet such calls as are made for the building up of our mountain schools, sending missionaries to Cuba and Mexico, and such other work as is done under direction of the Home Mission Board.

Then there are others who believe that charity begins at home and that we ought to first sweep before our own doors, and to these the work that is under the direction of our State Mission Board appeals the most.

And, indeed, it is here that we are all agreed as concerning the importance and pressing necessity of State missions.

To lengthen the cords abroad we must strengthen the stakes at home.

Florida is, and should be, a great Baptist stronghold.

Our free, untrammelled open-air life develops independent thinking, and when a man stands amid nature's creations and communes with nature's God, he comes to realize that a man spiritually is answerable only to God; that no man has a right to lord it over God's heritage; that man is entitled to free speech and a right to worship God according to his own conscience.

Self-government, too, or the idea of self-government, "a rule by the people," develops rapidly under such environment, and these are things for which Baptists have ever stood—democracy, rule by the people, free speech, free press, separation of church and state, the right to worship God according to the leading of our own consciousness. Florida's climate, Florida's breezes and her environment generally develop democratic or Baptistic tendencies.

So with the cooperation of these natural forces around us to advance the efforts of our hands, we should be content with nothing less than Florida for the Baptist, and hence the cause of Christ.

But as small leaks will sweep the strongest levees, so small inroads here and there will destroy our opportunity

And while Florida folks are naturally democratic, liberty loving, Baptistic in their tendencies, they can be led into isms and seductive heresies by teachers who have itching ears, and who pervert the truth and teach the doctrines of men.

Then let us, we who have "the truth" as it is in Christ Jesus, who have a constituency naturally tending to the Baptist cause, take this great State for Christ and His cause.

C. F. WELLS, A. S. ROBERTS, D. N. CLARK.

The report on Columbia College was read by Bro. W. H. Rugely, spoken to by Rev. Krollinger, Prof. Turner, Dr. Adcock and Bro. Moore, and adopted:

REPORT ON COLUMBIA COLLEGE.

Your Committee on Columbia College and Ministerial Education beg leave to submit the following:

Columbia College has now been in existence for ten years and has had enrolled about 1,700 student boys and girls from homes in Florida and sister States during that time.

The College is now a standard school of higher learning and has the privilege of having its graduates' diplomas accepted without examination for certificates to teach in the public schools of Florida. In its ministerial department it has had enrolled about forty students, a number of whom are now serving churches in this State with credit to themselves and the institution which gave them training. The College has also assisted about five hundred young men and women by giving them scholarships and work in the various departments of the College, so as to enable them to earn enough to pay their way wholly or in part through College, thus helping any deserving boy or girl to get the advantages of a higher education not withstanding the handicap of poverty.

Columbia College is the sole educational institution owned and controlled by the Florida Baptist State Convention and should be loyally supported by all Baptists of the State, both with their money and by sending their boys and girls to attend its sessions. The College needs this support and appeals to the Baptists of the State to help the faculty to make it a success. It has a competent president and faculty, and if the Baptist people of Florida will get behind the College and give it their united support we will soon have an institution of which we shall all be proud.

The College needs about \$10,000 per year from the Baptists of Florida, in addition to what is received from board and tuition, to meet the heavy expenses of an institution of this kind, and to enable it to compete with the State endowed schools, which receive from one hundred and fifty to two hundred thousand dollars each year from the State treasury.

The College is absolutely loyal to Bible teachings as to faith and practice, and its faculty are all faithful to Baptist doctrines, no doubters or higher critics being tolerated.

Your committee earnestly urge that the pastors and laymen of this association do all in their power to help our Baptist College to fulfill its mission to give our boys and girls the very best training and education that it is possible to give. We also urge any of the churches that have failed to meet the amounts requested of them in the late campaign to put the college on a cash or pay-as-you-go basis, to send the amount at once to the treasurer of the College or to Bro. S. B. Rogers, State Secretary.

In conclusion, we ask the prayers of God's people everywhere for the success of the College and for guidance to its officers and teachers.

> W. H. RUGELEY, E. B. FLETCHER.

On motion, adjourned.

Tuesday night the congregation listened to a great doctrinal message from Dr. Adcock.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, ...

9 o'clock.—Meeting was opened by song and devotional service.

Petitionary letters called for, and was responded to by the Apalachicola Baptist Church, with Rev. O. E. Tebou as delegate.

Motion carried to dispense with the afternoon session and accept, with thanks, the invitation of Bro. Moore for a trip down the bay, the Association to meet again in the evening at 7:30.

The report on Orphanage was read by W. D. Ferguson, spoken to by Dr. Folsom and Dr. Adcock, and adopted:

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

We, your Committee on Orphans, beg to submit the following:

Our Orphans' Home is located at Arcadia, Fla. The home has at this time 97 inmates to be cared for.

The home is supported by voluntary contributions from churches, societies and individuals.

All gifts are accepted when voluntarily given by 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 the children. We are preparing these children for life work in giving them an education and teaching them trades of various kinds. The girls learn sewing, laundering, house-keeping and bookkeeping, and the boys learn various trades, and they are all taught the word of God and to love, serve and obey His teachings, and to be truthful men and women.

They need all of our support, as they are not able to support themselves, and we heartily recommend them to you, and may we all lend a helping hand. We find that the churches of the Florida Baptist Association have given this year about \$467.50, \$175.83 better than the last year.

Respectfully,

W. D. FERGUSON, W. L. TODD, C. W. BLOUNT.

P. S.—That pastors and delegates present make effort to get every member of our Association to give the earnings of orphanage day to the home.

Report on Aged Ministers read by Rev. L. A. Roberts, spoken to by Rev. Roberts, Dr. Adcock and Rev. Krollinger, and adopted:

REPORT ON AGED MINISTERS.

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

We learn from the statistical report that we have seventeen (or thereabout) of the aged ministers in this State, who toiled without reservation, comfort or compensation, who preached and scattered the seeds of everlasting Truth, who endured hardship without complaint, and we cannot afford to neglect them. There is no claim which should come closer to our hearts than a call to aid these worn-out and worthy men and their families.

We are happy to report that this is growing, and the amount contributed each year is between \$800 and \$1,000.

The spirit of mission is Divine in origin, and we learn from the Holy Scripture that when Jesus came into the world his motive was to glorify the Father, and through Him God spoke to the world, and through His ministers He is speaking to the people today. Taking into consideration these facts, a few of these ministers devoted their lives and undertook to deliver the gospel to the destitute places 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.

The supporting of these faithful soldiers ought to be considered a part of our State Mission work.

> L. A. ROBERTS, E. J. COWAN, M. W. MOORE.

Report on Prohibition was read by Rev. J. D. Overstreet, spoken to by Rev. Burns, Dr. Folsom, Prof. Turner, Bro. Moore and Dr. Adcock, and adopted:

REPORT ON PROHIBITION.

Prohibition in our State is making some progress. While it was thought all of the counties in our Association were dry, after the passage of the bone-dry bill in the Legislature it was discovered that Liberty and Wakulla counties became the dumping ground for all who wished to do violence to the cause of prohibition, and make themselves and others more and more intemperate.

But the good people in those counties, seeing the dilemma into which they had fallen, rose in their might and made it unlawful for the booze traffic to be carried on in their midst, and that of course gives our Association dry territory. But all of this availeth not so much so long as we see others bearing the reproach and our women bearing the insults and hardships that come to them as a consequence of the booze traffic. But as Duval county is now struggling to throw off the yoke of bondage, let us all come to her relief with our prayers to the Heavenly

Father, as Esther did for the wicked devices of their enemy, Haman.

Intemperance is a mighty foe to the progress of an advancement of the Kingdom. Therefore, let us be temperate in all things, putting on the whole armor of God, always abounding in the work of the Lord.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES HOLLAND, N. T. LANGTHAN, E. H. CLARK.

Report on Periodicals was read by Rev. O. N. Revels, spoken to by Rev. Burns and Dr. Adcock, and adopted:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

It is no longer a question whether it is wise for Christian people to create and circulate good literature. Reading today rules the world. The people who do not create a literature and get into the hands of the multitudes will be crowded out by the people who do. The whole land is sown down with literature, good, bad and indifferent. The enemies of the truth were never in the history of the world so aggressive in the circulation of subverting books, tracts, newspapers, leaflets, etc. If Baptists are to fulfill their mission they must use the press with increasing vigor; they must give the people good reading to prevent bad reading. This is preeminently the day of reading, and reading rules in all the relations of life, because it makes sentiment.

I fear more money is spent in a single political campaign for printing and circulating literature than all the religious denominations spend in a year for the purpose of propagating the faith of the Gospel.

The Mormons issue their literature by the ton and send

their missionaries two and two in every direction to butt into the homes of the people. Thus do they seduce the multitude to their pernicious ways.

Brethren and sisters, we ought to awake and put forth greater effort in the use of more money and work to get our literature into the homes of our people. The trend of the times, the forces at work everywhere, bring us and others and other denominations to the place where we must either suffer a gradual effacement of the truth we stand for and of ourselves a little later, or recast our thinking and our plans concerning denominational literature. With the enlargement of everything about us we must enlarge our plans so as to meet the growing condition under which we live, or we must surrender to the inevitable and consent that a commercial press shall dominate the thinking of our own people, or worse still, consent that the propagandists of error, more purposeful than we, wiser than we, shall lead the thinking of the multitudes into whose homes they convey their publications bearing a distinct message.

The reading of the people is of so much importance to the future of our cause that it becomes a first consideration in all wise plans for the enlargement of the Kingdom.

In Florida we want the people to become used to this formula of progress—enlightenment, enlistment, enlargement. To a degree we have tried it and proved it. In reason, any Baptist knows we can not advance beyond the enlightenment of the people. This is the rule in all democracies. Christ set the plan before us. He came to deliver the race from bondage. His plan was, and is, to deliver them through enlightenment. Truth is the only true liberator. To scatter truth like Autumn leaves by the printed page is one of the easiest and cheapest ways to enlighten the masses. No good cause ever failed if the people would read about it, and if people will not read they are a prey to whoever comes after them.



Now, as we see things, the great problem is how to get what literature we have into the hands and homes of the brothers and sisters. But we can only try, and keep trying persistently and continuously to urge upon all that we meet with to take and read our literature. But newspapers are only one thing to go into worthy denomination program, for good tracts, leaflets, books, etc., especially we ought to take the Witness, every family in all the State.

O. N. REVELL, G. T. REEVES.

Report on Duty of Church to Pastor was read by Bro. J. H. Dorsey, spoken to by Bro. Dorsey, Rev. Glover, Bro. Moore, Bro. Walsh and Dr. Adcock, and adopted:

REPORT ON DUTIES OF CHURCH TO PASTOR.

The injunction, "Speak evil of no man," is especially applicable to members, and condemns speaking evil of ministers.

The church should pray for the pastor, that the Word they preach be glorified. The church should also pay their pastor. The Bible is our guide and the following are passages bearing on pastoral support: 1st Tim. 5-18: "Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn," and the laborer is worthy of his reward, the workman is worthy of his meat.

Paul says: "Do ye not know that they that minister about holy things live of the things of the temple, and they that 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 Florida Association look well to the proper support of their pastor, 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 for raising the pastor's salary other than through free-will-offering.

We would suggest as an effective plan to have each member pledge a certain sum to be paid each week or month to the treasurer.

Respectfully,

J. H. DORSEY.

On motion, adjourned.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

7:30 o'lock.—Song and devotional service led by Dr. J. Dean Adcock. Prayer by Rev. J. D. Overstreet.

The report on Sunday Schools was read by Rev. A. J. Krollinger, spoken to by Rev. Krollinger, Rev. Tebou, Rev. Burns and Dr. Adcock, and adopted:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sunday Schools begs leave to submit the following report:

There are within the bounds of the Association, 1916 data, 27 Sunday Schools with an enrollment of 1870 pupils and a working force of 216 teachers. These schools fail to make full and accurate report of work accomplished and money raised for current expenses and benevolences. Total amount of money raised for all purposes, as reported, amounted to \$1,225.86.

Present-day, world conditions call for the placing of new emphasis on one of the cardinal doctrines of the Baptists as a distinct people, namely, a regenerated church membership. These conditions likewise call for new emphasis on a sane évangelism as the primary work of the



local church. On the other hand, the educational work of the church is secondary only in the sequence of events, not in its vital importance, for the Christ who commanded the church to make disciples likewise made it imperative for the church to make intelligent disciples. Your committee, in view of the above, and realizing the importance of the Sunday School as the teaching department of the church, respectfully makes the following recommendations for your prayerful consideration:

1. That pastors, superintendents and teachers lay greater stress than ever before on personal evangelism in the work of the school.

2. That the benevolences of the various boards be given a more prominent and larger place in the school.

3. That adequate provision be made for an Annual Associational Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Convention.

- 4. That schools, as far as practicable, group themselves and secure the services of our Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. secretary for Training School work in the systematic training of our Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. workers.
- 5. That adequate provision be made by each school in the Association to have every teacher in their school take the Teacher Training Course recommended by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.
- 6. That the literature published by our own Sunday School Board be used in all the schools of the Association.
- 7. That we heartily endorse the grading of and the use of graded literature in the schools of the Association.
- 8. That all schools make fuller and more accurate report to the Association of all work accomplished and money raised and expended during the year.
- 9. That the schools of this Association avoid, as far as possible, all entangling alliances with both the county and State work of the Florida Sunday School Association, an interdenominational organization.

REV. A. J. KROLLINGER, Chairman. CLIFFORD TIMMONS,

The report on B. Y. P. U. was read by Bro. Hugh Mc-Keown, spoken to by Bro. McKeown, Dr. Adcock, Rev. Overstreet and Rev. Tebou, and adopted:

REPORT ON B. Y. P. U.

We, your Committee on B. Y. P. U. work, beg to submit as follows:

This is the marked age of young people. The Bible says: Old men for council, young men for war.

The young people are fast coming into their own. The best places in all lines of business are now being filled by young blood. The church must foster and harbor all its youth and marshal them with the King's service. The B. Y. P. U. offers the best opportunity for all of the development of mental, social and spiritual life of our young. To fail is to lose a great blessing for our church and young.

Many of our young people have gone out from under our care and our chance for winning them to Christ is for a season, if not for all time, put off. The war in the east now has charge. Should this not stir us to do our duty by those left just for a while—but we fea rnot long.

In this Association of thirty-eight churches we have nine churches with B. Y. P. U.'s and twenty-nine without. Churches with B. Y. P. U.'s are as follows:

Tallahassee—President, O. G. Kendrick; secretary, Mrs. O. G. Kendrick.

Corinth—President, Olin Galoway, Hosford; secretary, Colis McIver, Hosford.

Gretna-President, H. L. McKeown, Quincy; secretary, Lamar Scott, Gretna.

Greensboro — President, Wells Fletcher, Greensboro; secretary, Edna Wells, Greensboro.

Sycamore—President, Dannie Potter, Greensboro; secretary, Dollie Kirkland, Greensboro.

Flat Creek—President, Albert Smith, River Junction; secretary, C.B. Shepard, River Junction.



Salem—President, Miss Janie Council, Carrabelle; secretary, Essie McKnight, Carrabelle.

Quincy-President, Joel Avant, Quincy; secretary, Jefferson Davis, Quincy.

Monticello-President, James Sherman, Monticello; secretary, Lillian Henderson, Monticello.

We recommend that every pastor and church wherever possible marshal the young forces in forming a B. Y. P. U. W. W. William, secretary of Sunday Schools and B. Y. P. U. at Jacksonville, will lend any aid that we may need.

Respectfully submitted,

H. L. McKEOWN, D. D. HAIRE, C. B. SHEPARD,

Committee.

The report on Home Missions was read by Dr. J. Dean Adcock, spoken to by Dr. Adcock, Rev. Overstreet, Rev. Tebou and Rev. Wells, and adopted:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Our Home Mission Board, located in Atlanta, Ga., is the greatest home missionary force in America. Though many other boards expend by far more money than does ours, yet, judged by results, there is no missionary agency approximating the work of our board. Receipts for Home Missions last convention year were \$474,792, and the administrative expense was only four and seven-tenths per cent. The board reported thirty-seven thousand seven hundred and twenty-four baptisms, and twenty-two thousand nine hundred and forty-five of these were by the missionaries.

While our board has a large place for service, is filling an unsurpassed position as an evangelistic and missionary force, and wisely uses all funds entrusted to their hands, we have developed a condition calling for a much larger task, viz., enlisting, developing and directing our sonstituency of nearly three million Baptists in the South. It is therefore necessary for the board to incur heavier expenses for this department of our work known as efficiency.

The great world war challenges every moral and spiritual force in America. Hundreds of thousands of our homes will experience a new soul-hunger, a new sense of need in the giving of their sons to fight in the nation's armies for justice and democracy. American farmers must feed the world. The farmers' churches have long since been furnishing our preachers and missionaries. Now as the farmer grows rich it is our heaven-born task and privilege to direct the farmers' church in the grace of liberality. We have in the South 19,000 country churches from which have come about 1,200 young preachers now in our colleges and seminaries, also some ten thousand young men and women in these same institutions who should be led into active missionary service. If these churches were properly instructed and led they would give to us money by the millions and men by the multiplied thousands. Then and only in this way when this world war is over will our forces be ready and waiting for our Lord's command to go up through the gates, which will then be open for a world conquest for Jesus Christ.

In view of present world conditions; in view of America's position of leadership in the shaping of world events, and in view of the part Baptists have had and must ever have in the shaping of the destinies of our great country, and in view of the glorious service which our Home Board is capable of rendering to our denomination, and in view especially of the demands which Florida must make, as well as what she has already made of our Board, we, your committee, recommend, first, that this Association assume a definite task for the next associational year, at least five hundred dollars, and as much more as is possible for

us to raise, which should be more than double that amount; second, that the executive committee of this Association be designated by this body to apportion to each church a definite amount which said church will be expected to raise, not only for this but for all objects fostered by our State Convention; third, that our churches be encouraged to form mission study classes, and that every church try at least to study Baptist Missions in the South, and that all of us subscribe for, pay for, receive and read our "Home and Foreign Field," our magazine published by the Sunday School Board of Nashville, Tenn., and further, that our pastors make use of our great supply of mission literature which is furnished free to all who will write Doctor V. I. Masters, Educational Secretary of the Home Mission Board, Healey building, Atlanta, Ga. Respectfully submitted,

> J. DEAN ADCOCK, J. L. ROBINSON.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION.

Devotional service by the Moderator. Dr. Adcock led the opening prayer.

After song service by the congregation, the business of the session was continued.

The report on Woman's Work was read by Bro. E. R. L. Moore, spoken to by Bro. Moore, and adopted:

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

We, your committee, beg leave to report the following: When God created man he also created woman to be a helpmate. For many years, and even centuries, however, she has worked silently and prayerfully, under the cloud resting over her, that she must keep silent. However, the mist is rolling away; she is coming into her own, and no longer is a woman a doll baby in service of the Master.

She long ago awoke to the fact that she was included in that great command, "Go ye into all the world." And long ago she put her shoulder to the wheel, and everywhere in all lines of church work her power is felt.

Education has aided her much in this and has broadened her field of usefulness, with her increase of power to think and to act. Our young people must be educated along these lines. The sin of indifference because of ignorance must not rest at our feet.

Already woman has organized over five hundred missionary societies in our State, and they have contributed much to the betterment of our Lord's work. This past year their contribution, in money, was over \$12,000.

In the Southern Baptist Convention there are 14,000 woman's organizations, with nearly a quarter of a million members. Their last year's contribution was nearly \$500,000 to the Lord's work. They spent much energy in other directions for the good of the cause of the Master, both at home and abroad.

Reviewing the work of the year just passed, we find it a joyous, busy year, and we believe there has been kindled much enthusiasm to live for Christ and do His work. However, they must not rest on their oars; let them have their aims still higher—the fields are white with harvest, they must increase their energy, faith and money, and plunge on. They should let their spiritual life grow, that the Christ life may be seen at all times.

At the meeting held during the session of this Association, Mrs. Louise Love was elected vice president. They request and urge that all the W. M. U. send messengers with reports to attend their meeting with the next Association.

Respectfully submitted,

E. R. L. MOORE, S. W. CLARK, R. T. FREEMAN. The W. M. U. of Florida Association held an interesting meeting in the M. E. Church at Carrabelle, Fla. There were reports from all the societies, which showed growth along all phases of the work.

Mrs. W. A. Burns, finding it impossible to continue the work as vice president, the Association nominated Mrs. Meade Love, who was unanimously elected. The session passed the resolution that the presidents of the several societies constitute Mrs. Love's executive committee.

After sentence prayer they adjourned.

Moderator Rev. W. A. Burns appointed chairmen for committees to report next year.

Also executive committee, as follows: Rev. F. M. Wells, Rev. L. A. Roberts, Rev. J. D. Overstreet, Bro. C. W. Blount, Rev. W. A. Burns.

Rev. J. D. Overstreet read report of his work as committee to raise money to pay delegates' way to Southern Baptist Convention, and offered resolution that the Florida Baptist Association pay way of delegates to Southern Baptist Convention. The resolution was voted favorably upon by the body.

On motion, Dr. Jas. L. Folsom was elected as delegate to Southern Baptist Convention.

Bro. Hugh McKeown was appointed to raise necessary money for expenses.

Resolution of thanks to the church and to the people of Carrabelle for their courteous treatment and unbounded hospitality was offered by Rev. A. J. Krollinger, and adopted unanimously by the Association.

The report on Finance and Obituaries was read by Bro. E. M. Walsh, and adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

We your Committee on Finance, respectfully submit the following report: The churches have sent to the Florida Association by their messengers the following amounts:

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Home Missions	5.50
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Aged Ministers	0.00
State Missions	8.00
Foreign Missions	4.00
Columbia College	0.00
Home building	1.00
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E. M. WALSH,	
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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES.

W. D. RICHARDS.

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

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

Arran-Bro. Willie Lawhorn.

Antioch-Sister Bertia Paramore.

Ebenezer (Jefferson county)—Sister Neley Roberts.

Tallahassee-Sister Alice Harrell.

Providence—Sister Susan Ann Edwards and Bro. John Hair.

Sycamore—Sister Caroline Garner.

Mt. Besor-Sister Susan Wood.

Lake Mystic-Bro. J. D. Smith and Sister Sallie Floid.

Gretna-Bro. C. R. Garner.

Aenon-Bro. E. D. Andrews.



St. Marks-Bro. R. S. Hudson.

Hardaway-Sister Maud Farrell.

Salem—Bro. A. E. Bryant and Sister Hattie Calhoon.

Corinth-Bro. William J. Ferrell.

Lake Ellen—Bro. W. Z. Sasser, Bro. Gus Nazworth, Sister Ella Carraway, Sister J. A. Whetstone.

Monticello-Senator Samuel Pasco.

Quincy-O. W. Pittman.

Respectfully,

E. M. WALSH, R. E. PARAMORE, W. D. RICHARDS.

On motion, the next session will be held with Havana Baptist Church.

A motion, or request from the Association, to the Western Union, asking that, provided that such action would not conict with the constitution of the Union, that she enlarge her territory and take in as members of her body all churches composing the Florida Baptist Association.

Delegates elected to State Convention are as follows: Rev. O. E. Tebou, Rev. A. J. Krollinger, Rev. C. Frank Wells, Prof. R. E. Turner, Bros. W. D. Ferguson, Drew Hare and E. J. Cowan.

The report of Treasurer was read by Rev. C. Frank Wells, and adopted:

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1916 AND 1917.

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Oct. 4-Recd. of Ft. Braden Church	.90	
Oct. 5-Recd. of St. Marks Church	2.00	
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Nov. 6-Mailing Minutes, postage		2.10
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Received \$102.90, disbursed \$99.10, leaving balance \$3.80 Respectfully submitted,

C. FRANK WELLS, Treasurer.

On motion, the Association then adjourned to meet with Havana Baptist Church, Tuesday after the first Sunday in October, 1918.

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

REV. W. A. BURNS, Moderator. REV. C. FRANK WELLS, Clerk.

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Rev. John Chason, Hosford, Fla.

Rev. L. A. Roberts, Spring Hill, Fla.

Rev. J. D. Overstreet, Greensboro, Fla.

Rev. S. L. Powell, Miccosukee, Fla.

Rev. R. R. Pigott, Arran, Fla.

Rev. J. F. Spears, Benhaden, Fla.

Rev. S. J. Revels, Bristol, Fla.

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Rev. J. A. Davis, Monticello, Fla.

Rev. Scott Patterson, Missionary to Africa, Monticello, Fla.

Rev. A. J. Krollinger, Monticello, Fla.

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

Rev. S. F. Blount, Juniper, Fla.

Rev. C. Frank Wells, Telogia, Fla.

Rev. W. A. Burns, Quincy, Fla.

Rev. J. R. Crandell, Carrabelle, Fla.

Rev. John McCraney, Sumatra, Fla.

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Rev. Frank Duggar, Bristol, Fla.

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The delay in printing the Minutes was caused by the inability of the printer to secure paper. It had been ordered, but had been shipped about six weeks before he received it.