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#### CONSTITUTION OF THE FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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

Article 5. The Assocation, when convened, shall be governed by a regular and proper decorum. A Moderator and a clerk shall be chosen by the votes of the members present, who shall hold their officers 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.

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 letterr and delegates; and if, upon examination, found to be orthodox, shall be received by the Assocation and 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 unity.

Article 11. The Association shall have power, first, to provide for the general union of the churches; second, to give the churches advice in matters of difficulty; third, to inquire into the cause of any failing to be represented at the meetings of the Association; fourth, to withdraw all connection from any church or churches in this union who shall violate the rules of this Association, or shall deviate from the orthodox principles of the revealed Word.

of God; fifth, to appropriate the money contributed and sent up to the Associaton as specified by said churches, and when not specified it shall be appropriated to promote the best interests of the Master's cause; sixth, to adjourn to any future time and place they may deem most convenient to the churches in the union.

#### RULES OF DECORUM OF THE FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

 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.

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 facor (as the question may be) say 'Aye'." And after the affirmative vote is taken, "As many as are of a contrary opinion say 'No'." If doubtful which voice is in the majority, it shall be decided by rising and counting.

 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 be given to the minority will make the division equal. In that case the question shall be lost.

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

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

When two or more members shall rise at the same time, the Moderator 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,

 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 definct 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 meeting of the Association.

20. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer

each day by the Moderator or some other member.

 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 Testament 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 santified 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 Carist; that nothing is Baptism except immersion; that believers are the only subjects of this ordinance, and that none but baptized believers are entitled to patrake 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 imposition of the hands of the Presbytery.

#### **MINUTES**

The seventy-sixth session of the Florida Baptist Association convened with the Havana Baptist Church, Havana, Fla., Tuesday morning, October 8, 1918, at 10 o'clock, and was called to order by the former moderator, Rev. W. A. Burns.

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

Aenon-H. Davis and J. P. Hartsfield.

Antioch-T. C. Craven and W. L. Todd.

Arran-W. D. Anderson.

Chaires-G. T. Footman.

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Concordia-E. M. Walsh, L. E. Butler and L. R. Walsh.

Corinth-J. D. Turner.

Crawfordville-By Letter.

Curtis Mill.

Ebenezer (J)-By Letter.

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Fort Braden.

Flat Creek-M. N. Smith and Reuben Clark.

Greensboro-A. E. Emfinger.

Gretna-W. M. McKeown and Graham McKeown.

Hardaway-C. Frank Wells, Ira Ventry and R. I. Bradley.

Havana—T. L. Edwards, P. W. Shelfer and F. Strickland.

Hapeful-D. A. Collins and W. H. Wright.

Indian Springs-J. A. Scruggs, J. R. Miller and S. L. Powell.

Lake Eller-J. I. Langston.

Lake Mystic-O. N. Revels.

Monticello-P. T. Taylor.

Mt. Besor—By Letter.

Mt. Elon-John Langston and J. E. Langston.

Olive—By Letter.

Orange.

New River—By Letter.

Pleasant Grove—By Letter.

Providence—F. M. Wells, C. E. Blount, W. D. Richards and Ralph A. Richards.

Quincy—W. A. Burns, J. E. Shelfer and W. E. Shelfer.. River Junction—By Letter.

Salem—J. R. Crandell, J. L. Robinson and S. Counsel. Sundoun—By Letter.

St. Marks-By Letter.

Sumatra—By Letter.

Sycamore-D. W. Sealey and Alex Kirkland.

Tallahassee—J. Dean Adcock, W. H. Rugeley, J. F. Dorman and E. S. Roberts.

Port St. Joe.

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 the introductory sermon was preached by Dr. J. Dean Adcock.

Following named brethren were appointed to serve as committees:

Foreign Missions—J. D. Adcock and F. M. Wells. Home Missions—Jas. L.Folsom and P. W. Shelfer. State Missions—P. T. Taylor and W. F. Strickland.

Columbia College—A. E. Emfinger and C. E. Blount Periodicals—W. D. Richards and J. E. Shelfer.

Orphanage-J. R. Crandell and S. L. Powell.

Aged Ministers—W. H. Rugely and J. F. Dorman. Woman's Work—O. N. Revels and A. Kirkland.

B. Y. P. U.-J. A. Scruggs and S. Counsel.

Prohibition-D. W. Sealey and J. P. Hartfield.



Duty of Church to Pastor-J. L. Robinson and Ira Ventry.

Sundey Schools—W. D. Anderson and G. T. Footman. Finance and Obituaries—E. M. Walsh, W. D. Richards and Robert I. Bradley.

On motion, adjourned.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Song service, led by Dr. Adcock. Prayer by Rev. F. M. Wells, after which business of session was continued.

Call made for Petitionary Letters. Pleasant Grove and New River Baptist Churches responded, and were received into membership of Association by unanimous vote.

Advisability of changing Article 2 of Constitution of Association, was discussed, and a majority vote was taken in affirmative.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Report on State Missions read by Rev. P. T. Taylor.

And on motion, report was recommitted to committee for correction.

Report on Foreign Missions read by Dr. J. Dean Adcock Spoken to by Dr. Adcock, Rev. Wells, Rev. Emfinger, Rev. Taylor, and on motion adopted.

On motion, the evening session was given to Dr. Bennett for discussion of State Board needs.

On motion, adjourned.

#### WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Session opened with devotional service led by Rev. Enfinger.

Motion to add to standing committees one on Evangelism.

Report on Home Missions read by Dr. Folsom. Protest against the ousting of camp pastors read by Dr. Adcock.

Report and protest discussed jointly by Drs. Adcock and Folsom, and on motion, adopted.

Motion carried to mail protest to our Congressmen and Senators in Washington. Report on Orphanage read by Rev. Crandell. Spoken to by Rev. Crandell, Dr. Adcock, and adopted.

Dr. Mitchell, Editor of Florida Baptist Witness, was given opportunity to present the Witness cause to the Association, which he did with "Gift and Grace," winning for himself our esteem, and for his work, the promise of greater effort and interest than before.

Report on Aged Ministers read by Bro. Rugely. Spoken to by Revs. Burns and Bennett, and adopted.

Report on Woman's Work read by Rev. Revels, and on motion adopted.

Report on Columbia College read by Rev. Emfinger. Spoken to by Rev. Emfinger, Rev. Burns, and adopted. On motion, adjourned.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

Meeting opened with devotional service led by Rev. W. D. Anderson.

Report on B. Y. P. U. read by Bro. Scruggs. Spoken to by Bros. Scruggs and Shelfer, and adopted.

Report on Sunday Schools read by Rev. W. A. Burns, and on motion adopted.

Report on duty of church to pastor read by Bro. J. L. Robinson. Spoken to by Bro. W. E. Shelfer, Rev. Turner, Dr. Adcock, and adopted.

Treasurer's report read and adopted.

Report of Committees on Finance and Obituaries read and adopted.

On motion, the next session be held with Hopeful Baptist Church in Jefferson County.

Delegates to State Convention are: Jas. L. Folsom, J. Dean Adcock, C. Frank Wells, J. D. Bailey.

Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention. F. M. Wells, with C. Frank Wells as alternate.

Bro. W. D. Richards appointed to raise money for expense of delegate to Southern Baptist Convention.



Report on Periodicals read by Bro. W. D. Richards, an? adopted.

Rev. F. M. Wells elected to preach the Introductory Sermon at next session, with Rev. P. T. Taylor as alnernate.

Motion to pay Clerk usual fee of \$20.00.

Clerk instructed to have printed the usual amount of minutes.

Resolution of thanks offered to Church and good people of Havana for their splendid hospitality.

Clerk instructed to purchase blackboard, to be used in next session.

Moderator appointed Brethren W. E. Shelfer, F. M. Wells, L. A. Roberts, W. A. Burns, E. M. Walsh as Executive Committee.

Motion then carried to adjourn, to meet with Hopeful Baptist Church, Jefferson County, Tuesday after the first Sundey in October, 1919.

Dr. Adcock led singing, while parting hand was given. REV. W. A. BURNS, Moderator.

REV. C. FRANK WELLS, Clerk.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Along any line of endeavor there must be some vital point of contact in order to do most successful work. The cause of Christ is the supreme task of mankind and should be the grandest and foremost program in every Christian's life. Every phase of the Christian life in winning the world of lost men and women to Christ inevitably touches every other phase. But there are some phases that are fundamental and basic. One of the most important of these is State Missions. State Missions is basal to every other interest.

We should look well to the operations of our State Mission Board. Why? Because we must be a force in our own State in order to be a force elsewhere. We must save our own if we would save others. The work of the Florida State Mission Board should especially appeal to Florida Baptists now because more than half of our population are a worldly, pleasure-loving, unsaved people; Because seventy-five per cent or more of our Church members are unenlisted; because there are more than one hundred congregations in the state that are without a Church home; because there are thousands of soldiers in training within our State for whom we are responsible spiritually; because our love for Christ should make us blush for shame in the face of these and many other deplorable conditions around up.

We, your committee, beg to suggest at least three things which in our humble judgment would stimulate our cause in Florida:

First, that a hearty cooperation with our beloved Secretaries be given in their effort and purpose to reach every point of need in the entire State, and also the W. M. U. workers, reporting all work each month to the General Secretary.

Second. That a competent force of soul winning evangelists be employed by the State Mission Board whose sole business it will be to cover the State with the Gospel of Jesus Christ in every nook and corner.

Third. That a vegorous campaign be put on to enlarge and place in every Baptist home in the State the Florida Baptist Witness, and that through its pages each week glowing accounts of the entire workings of the Baptist Church be given.

Respectfully submitted,

T. P. TAYLOR, Chairman,

For the Committee.

W. F. STRICKLAND.



#### REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Never in the history of Christianity has Foreign Missions made such an appeal as today.

This appeal is fourfold:

1. The appeal of a great task: The Southern Baptist Convention, in session at Hot Springs, decided that it should be requested to give one and one-half million dollars to this cause before the meeting of the next Convention. Compared with our wealth and what we are doing for other causes this amount is small, yet it is an increase of 75 per cent. over any previous year's gifts. While this increase is marked, and makes a great appeal to every loyal Baptist, it is not to be compared with the appeal for men and women to fill the places so rapidly opening in the Foreign field.

2. The appeal of great need. This will appear when you consider: We have sent our few missionaries who have gone to our Foreign Mission fields to labor among one thousand million people. These people need proportionately ten times more than we need at home of churches, preachers, schools and hospitals. But while they are in numbers one thousand times more and would, according to that ratio, need at least one hundred thousand to one, yet we are giving more than ten thousand at home for one dollar abroad.

3. The appeal of a great opportunity. Our Missionaries for last year in Mexico, South America, Italy, Africa, China nad Japan, baptized 6,290, and preached the gospel to hundreds of thousands who for the first time heard the gospel and who could easily be led into the Kingdom if we had the increased Mission force needed.

4. The fourth appeal is in the peril of the day.

A recent writer has said: "In India, China and Japan, there are hundreds of millions of active, ingenious, intrepid people. What a perishing of the world there could be if twenty, thirty or sixty years hence, if the mighty and mysterious East were to develop a grievance against unfaithful Christendom. Think what would be their argument: "You gave us guns, warships and flaming gas, and you inspired us with your own zeal for money, luxury and power, but you never thought of your Christ, which was our right the same is yours \* \* \* so now having received quite another gift, we hurl back on Christians the ammunition invented by Christians. Since you left us to perish we will take good care that we do not perish by ourselves. Let us make no mistake about it. The world has drifted into terrible dangers. We may form treaties and do all the rest but if we do not bow the knee to the Prince of Peace, our arrangements will be bent asunder and one war will only be the prelude to other wars for more destruction."

Let every pastor and every church at this Association lay large plans, make large appeals. We are asked to make a seventy-five per cent. increase. Shall we not make it one hundred?

DR. J. DEAN ADCOCK. REV. F. M. WELLS.

#### HOME MISSIONS REPORT

Once more, with profound gratitude to Almighty God, our Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ, we bring the sheafs of gathered grains from our great field of activity

THE HOME MISSION REPORT.

Baptist, letter ,	emember: 31,000 20,000	213 505	Bibles Churches Started Churches built S. S., new	1498 Workers in field
Total	51,000	100 BBC 8		BIG SCHOOL STATE

Catch the vision.



Of all the people on earth, Baptists are committed to the adoption and execution of the full commission of Jesus Christ for building a new heaven in a new earth.

The cry of the world is true democracy and that is one of our Baptist cornerstones.

We have the people, money, equipment and were more blessed of God that our great Home Mission Board which teaches every vital part of our Church as related to the Kingdom of God.

How well it has kept its high commission, their report shows the grandest year of mighty accomplishments the Baptist host ever knew in her glorious past history.

"Is there one so dead that to himself he has never said, this is my own, my blessed work?"

All parts of our work have had signal success and wonderfully met every new call upon its resources and devotion.

New churches spring up everywhere. Special work is met with zeal and faith in God. The great, cruel war has proven our test of faith. The Baptists were the first to mobilize for war work. We were free to co-operate. What profit if we have freedom if we fail to use it? Our fathers preached to the Continental army, yet we suffered more than all in cruel presecution, but Washington once declared, "The Baptist pastors were the most prominent and the most useful in the army to victory."

We are now doing the same grand work and please God will do it while our soldiers fight, and our boys leave our quiet homes for the camps. We have now a most enviable record; 1,258 baptisms, 9,205 professions of faith and one boy in every five in camps south is a member of the Baptist family

The new churches called for present a task God's people must meet.

Four thousand congregations call for help.

One-half million is asked for, all unanswered as yet. Shall we falter, shall we fail? No! On the day of battle before our boys go over the top, the engineers place a line of white posts from the cruel front trenches back to the base hospital so no one can miss the way. Eyes blinded, by blood, bodies weakened by shot and shell, follow the white posts and from the hell of the Huns to the haven of safety where Godly men and women minister to their needs of body and soul.

Oh, Go! shall we fail to place our Church so near along the line that every sin sick one may find his way from the battlefields of sin to the contentments of glory.

The answer must come from you, the Church, and your committee recommends—

1st. That Home missions be presented twice a year to each Church at the best time.

2nd. That study of Home Missions be taken up once a year in prayer meeting when special prayers shall be offered.

3rd. That this Association utter in appropriate way a resolution, a protest against the removal of camp pastors from army camps, because all expense is borne by the Church, and because the Constitution of the United States grants to us the rights that fickle men would deny us in the hour when we are about our Master's mission.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. FOLSOM, D. D., Committee.

PROTEST AGAINST REMOVING CAMP PASTORS.

Whereas, Southern Baptists have shown their devotion to the righteous cause for which the nation is fighting, by a resolution in Southern Baptist Convention in 1917, as follows:

"Resolved, That we, the representatives of 2,744,000 Southern Baptists in convention assembled, pledge to our Preident and Government our prayers, our loyel and sacrificial support in the war in which we are engaged."



To this end we pledge our property, our lives and our sacred honor,"

Which resolution the Convention re-affirmed in 1918, and,

Whereas, The principle of religious liberty is jeopardized if not actually subverted, in the recent order of the Third Assistant Secretary of War, Keppel, calling for the retirement of denominational camp pastors from the camps of the army, and,

Whereas, These camp pastors are rendering a vital service, in harmony with the other religious agencies in the camps, which cannot be performed by these agencies, therefore,

#### Resolved:

- 1. That we whole-heartedly reaffirm our devotion to the Government in the terms expressed by the Southern Baptist Convention resolution above.
- 2. That we respectfully but earnestly protest against the execution of the order ousting denominational camp pastors from the army camps.
- 3. That we, the Florida Baptist Association, in session, Havana, Fla., Oct. 9, 1918, instruct the Clerk of our body to send copies of this resolution to our Congressmen, United States Senators and the War Department.

Offered by Dr. Adcock.

#### REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Dear Brethren:—There has never been a time when there has been more reading done than at the present.

Neither has there ever been a time that we should be more careful of what we read.

And we recommend that we look after our young people and encourage them in the study of the Bible and see that they only read pure literature. We recommend the Florida Baptist Witness and are sorry that it is not found in more homes.

Respectfully submitted by your committee,

W. D. RICHARDS, J. E. SHELFER.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1917 AND 1918.

Oct. 11, 1917.—Rec'd from Finance Committee \$	104.10
Nov. 20, 1917—Rec'd from J. H. Shuman	
Oct. 15, 1917—Paid to Dr. Rogers, State Missions	
Oct. 15, 1917—Paid to C. Frank Wells, Clerk of	
Association	20.00
Jan. 5, 1918-T. J. Appleyard	50.60
Jan. 25, 1918—Express and mailing minutes	
Sept. 12, 1918-Mailing blank letters to churches	

Total received \$107.10; disbursed \$103.45. Balance on hand \$3.65.

#### COLUMBIA COLLEGE.

Never before has there been a greater need for our denominational school than now. The world's great war
is but opening our eyes to the failure of culture without
real heart culture. Germany with its institutions, great
teachers, etc., not regarding the training of the better
self, making and teaching that might is right has brought
a stigma on the world's civilization that will take centuries to remove. And not until that dominating spirit
is crushed will the nations have the right reverence for
our God. But what does the crumbling of Germany, with
its educational systems, have to do with Columbia College? It only brings to us very strongly the necessity of
an education that includes the whole man and this Columbia College is doing, or has done. The college has had
its struggles through all its years of existence, but out

of struggles come victory. She has already achieved, but greater things remain for her if the Baptists of Florida can but feel her importance.

The trustes met some weeks ago, after careful study of conditions decided, because of the calling of so many young men to the world's great struggle, not to open the institution until the war is over, but to ask every Baptist throughout the state to come to the rescue with their money and cooperation so we might be ready for a great opening when conditions permit.

If Columbia College has been needed in the past, a thousand times more is it needed now and will be in the future. What will the future be? With faith in God and our means on His altar, he will take care of our institutions through us. Some one has said that our churches have failed. Is it true? No. Never before has the church of our Christ had such influence as just now. The Baptist denomination, with her institutions of learning, are going to have much to do with the molding of religious life of the world when the war is over. What part will Florida Baptist and Columbia College have in religious democracy for the world? The time of small things is past. We must attempt large things for the future. What is your answer?

Submitted by

A. E. EMFINGER, C. E. BLOUNT.

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Facing a debt of some \$30,000, with the need of repairs on old buildings, etc., that will cost from \$20,000 to \$25,000;

Resolved, That every church in the Florida Association be asked to make special effort to help Columbia College ere the next gathering of the Association.

Committee.

#### REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

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

Our Orphans' Home is located at Arcadia, Fla. We have buildings and lands of which the Baptists of Florida can well be proud.

The policy of the Board of Trustees is to make this a real home for the children, in the institution and maintenance of this Home. We are not only giving shelter, food and raiment to the boys and girls committed to us, but we are preparing them to take their places in the marts of life, by giving them at least the rudiments of an English education.

We have at present one hundred girls and boys in the home to be cared for.

This is a worthy and christian work, and the management needs and should have your support, therefore heartily recommend them to you as objects of your care, and bespeak for them your helping hand.

The home needs supplies of different kinds—things for the table; anything not perishable will be gratefully received.

We, your committee, recommend, first, that our pastors and Sunday School superinttendents keep the work before the church and schools; and, second, that we continue the observance of Orphans' Day, which is the Sundey in October.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. CRANDELL, S. L. POWELL, Committee.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

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. Albert Sployn and Sister Mack Stephens. Antioch—Bro. C. W. Blount and Sister Ada Smith.

Concordia—Bro. J. H. Dorsey, Deacon Sister Jinnie Walsh and Bro. Marion Perett.

Indian Springs-Bro. Wilkes Mims.

Flat Creek—Bro. S. J. Fletcher and J. H. Tolar, Deacon.

Providence—Sister Elizabeth Clark, Bro. Henry H. Dean and Bro. W. E. Dean.

Hardaway—Sister Maud Terrell and Georgia Williams. Sundown—Sister R. A. Garner.

Monticello-Sister V. D. Rainey.

Tallahassee—Sister Martha A. West, Sister Elbert Roberts, Judge W. A. Hocker and Sister W. D. Wilson.

Corinth—Sister C. V. Toler. Mount Beson—Bro. George Rich.

Respectfully submitted,

E. M. WALSH.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT.

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

The Churches have sent to the Florida Association by their Messengers the following amount:

For Association purposes, \$100.00.

Respectfully yours,

E. M. WALSH, W. D. RICHARDS, R. I. BRADLEY.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AGED MINISTERS.

#### Dear Brethren:

It is with a sad heart that your committee makes its report on our aged ministers, when we find out how little we have done in the past towards the support of those men of God who have carried the gospel to the remotest parts of our State and country during the best years of their lives, and who now are dependent on their brethren for at least some degree of support. We only have about a dozen of these old pioneers left, and for the last two years there has only been about five dollars per month each contributed to their support by all the churches of our State. Surely, brethren, we can do better than that. Your committee would earnestly urge every minister and layman attending this Association to take this matter of our dependent ministers on their hearts and urge their respective churches to contribute more liberally to this cause. We are sure that there is no other department of our work which is more deserving and on which we would get a greater blessing. The old ministers who have worn out their lives in giving the Word of God to a lost world, have almost all done so at their own expense, as the meager salary paid them has in many cases hardly paid their necessary expenses, so that it has been impossible for them to lay up any means to keep them in their old age. It is our duty and should be our pleasure to make their remaining years at least comfortable, and not let it be said that the Church of God is the only institution that fails to take care of its old and worn out workers.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. RUGLEY, J. F. DORMAN, Committee.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON B. Y. P. U.

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

The present history of the nation and the world, profane and religious, is being largely made by new condi-



tions, new ideas, new inventions, young blood, new conceptions, and broader and grander ones of christianity, and christian influence by the world.

Young men with energy, brains, business ability, courage and spirituality, as never before in any era, are shaping the destinies of the world financially, commercially, politically, morally and spiritually; and they are doing these things upon a scale and magnitude beyond the conception of any mind of past years, and almost beyond the comprehension of the most visionary intellect of the present time.

In a short time, we hope, and before we are prepared for the new conditions, these soldier boys will be returning as civilians to our midst to begin, we trust, an even grander, nobler work of upbuilding our nation and christianizing the world. What the result shall be depends upon the church and her agencies to seize and utilize her opportunities.

We may rest assured these boys will be the master dominating influence in almost every sphere of life. Therefore, it behooves the church to be preparing for the situation; to make ready for the new conditions.

The future of America, perhaps of the world; the religious future and the future of the church depends on her and her agencies, conditions and preparations to draw them and hold them strongly and safely in her fold. And to utilize in the highest sense their youth, experience, ability, courage and spirituality.

This great work will require all the influence, all the ability, all the skill, and all the religious enthusiasm of a thoroughly trained young people of our churches. For none can reach and appeal to the young like the young.

Should the problems and conditions not arouse us to arise and do our duty by the young of our land remaining at home as never before in the history of christianity and church work? Should they not arouse us to the duty of preparing the young church members of our land

as they have never been prepared before for christian work?

The trained young workers will be the greatest power in wielding and shaping the social future, and drawing to the fold of the church and her work these young men as they return, thereby assuring to the church and christianity a glorious future.

The B. Y. P. U. is a magnificent and wonderful agency for the development of the social, mental and spiritual life of the young. One of the greatest organizations for the training of these young people in religious work. It should at once in the present emergency be made a greater one. Its growth has been steady and continuous but slow until its present strength has been attained and its usefulness and power fully recognized, with a fair record for work. But now it should have a rapid, vigorous growth, and its members skilfully and efficiently trained for the new conditions to come.

We recommend:

First. That the pastors, deacons and ladies interest themselves and exert themselves, as they have not done in the past, to encourage the young people in this work.

Second. That they endeavor to establish new Unions wherever conditions possibly warrant success.

Third. That the pastors and working church members meet with them at times, assisting, encouraging, preparing and pointing out to them the wonderful and glorious work that awaits them and for which they must be prepared would they serve well their country and their God.

Fourth. That they be used and encouraged more by the pastors in doing regular church work, that they may acquire confidence, courage and efficiency, a larger, grander way of doing the work of the Master and the church.

JNO. A. SCRUGGS, S. COUNSEL,

Committee.



REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WOMAN'S WORK.

We, your committee, beg leave to report the following: In the first of the gospel care we find the women the first to publish the gospel of the resurrection of Our Lord and Master, and we can say that the women are more dutiful than the men are in the Lord's work.

We find next the women the Samaritan woman at the well with Christ, and as she goes back to her home we hear her publishing the fact of a Christ being in the world to save all that come to him and accept him as their Lord.

We find that the woman's work of the State has made an increase of over \$3,000.00 from last year, which makes them raise \$15,535.51 this year. Let"s not be satisfied with this amount, but we see a still greater field of service for the women, as many of the boys and men are being taken from among us to fight the great war.

We recommend that all the pastors of this Association in all their churches organize the women in the various societies, as W. M.U., and the Sun Beam, and that we do a greater work the coming year than the one just past.

O. N. REVELL, A. KIRKLAND.

The W. M. U. of Florida Association held an interesting meeting in the M. E. Church at Havana, Florida. There were report from seven of the societies, which showed growth along all phases of the work.

Mrs. Meade Love being absent on account of illness, Mrs. W. A. Burns presided over the meeting.

Opened by song, "The Solid Rock."

Mrs. Burns conducted the devotional services, reading 1 Cor. 15; prayer by Mrs. Pulman. Election of officers: Mrs. Love, Vice-President; Mrs. Shuman, Second Vice-President; Mrs. P. R. Gregory, Secretary.

One minute talks from members of the societies represented.

Paper read by Mrs. Adcock, of Tallahassee, on Mission Study Class.

Round Table Talk, conducted by Mrs. Bevins.

Mrs. Pulman, our Corresponding Secretary, gave an extremely interesting talk, and urged all the societies to use the standard of excellence, and emphasized the need of more consecration and deeper spirituality.

Dismissed in prayer by Mrs. J. L. Folsom, of Havana.

#### DUTIES OF CHURCHES TO PASTORS,

Julging from our past records the churches have not all found out what their duties are, nor, in many cases, that they have any duties in this regard.

If we take the New Testament as our rule of faith and practice, as we claim to do, surely there are certain duties devolving upon our churches to their pastors as sacred as keeping the faith itself. It is the duty of the church to support their pastors. By this we do not mean merely to pay him—certainly it is their duty to pay him, and if they are honest they will pay him. But he needs their moral support. They should stand by him as their friend, and neighbor, and brother. They should support him with their prayers and friendship.

- 2. They follow him in every good word and work. Paul said to the Phillipean Christians: "Follow me as I follow Christ."
- 3. It is their duty to defend and protect the honor of his good name. For, how much will it profit if your pastor is supported so well that he can live like a king, if he has no standing as a man among men?

We, your committee, recommend that our churches:

- 1. See that their pastor is worthy of their support.
- 2. That they follow their pastor and make it possible for them to do their very best work.

To this end it is imperative that every member give to their support and follow their leadership and pray for their success.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. ROBINSON, D. A. AVANT, IRA VENTRY.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Our Lord's injunction, "Suffer the little children to come unto me," is a call to us today.

The great need of tomorrow, and, in fact, of today, is for trained leaders—men and women whose hands, and heads and hearts are trained for their special work.

And in the readjustments that are to follow the great world crisis through which we are passing, what is more essential than that our youth should have a firm grasp and clear conception of the teachings of God's word, the Bible?

The church to survive must have new additions, new energy, new life, and, as has been stated, the Sunday School is the nursery of the church. It is needful that we, through every medium and especially through the channel offered by the Sunday School, strive to make lisciples of the peoples among whom God has given us the privilege of working.

And in view of the fact that the work of the Sunday School is primarily to teach the word of God and to bring its constituency to a knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus Christ.

And as the Sunday School seeks to develop trained leaders, and encourages and teaches the need of systematic giving to the Lord's work, we, your committee recommend that each pastor and church of our Association endeavor to organi ezSundey Schools in every place possible.

And that the literature published by our own board be used in all schools of our Association.

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. ANDERSON, G. T. FOOTMAN.

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