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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 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 denom-

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.

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 any falling 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 Association as specified by said churches, and when not specified it shall be appropriated to promote the best interests of the Master's cause; sixth, to adjourn to any future time and place they may deem most convenient to the churches in the union.

RULES OF DECORUM OF THE FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSO-CIATION.

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

2. The Moderator shall preserve order, and shall speak on any point of order with reference to the other members, and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Associa-

tion, when requested by any two members.

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

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

of appointment by ballot.

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

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

and address the Moderator.

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

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, or 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 enter-

tained 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 ASSOCIATION.

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 4. 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 imposition of the hands of the Presbytery.

MINUTES

The Seventy-seventh Session of the Florida Baptist Association convened with the Hopeful Baptist Church, in Jefferson Co., Fla., Tuesday, Oct. 7, 1919, and was called to order by the former Moderator, Rev. W. A. Burns.

The roll call was responded to by brethren and churches as follows:

Aenon-By letter.

Antioch.

Arran.

Apalachicola.—By letter.

Curtis Mill.

Chaires-G. T. Footman, W. D. Boyd.

Concordia-E. M. Walsh, C. H. Dorsey.

Corinth-J. D. Turner, J. H. Salters.

Crawfordville.

Ebenezer (J)-R. T. Freeman, C. C. Corrin.

Ebenezer (L)—By letter.

Flat Creek-G. W. Rowan, R. E. Rowan, W. L. Shepard.

Gretna-Neal Johnson.

Greensboro-T. B. Fletcher, A. E. Emfinger.

Hardaway-C. Frank Wells.

Havana-P. W. Shelfer.

Hopeful-W. H. Wright, D. A. Collins.

Indian Springs-J. A. Scruggs, J. R. Miller.

Lake Ellen—By letter.

Lake Mystic-O. N. Revels.

Mt. Besor.

Mt. Elon.—By letter.

Monticello-G. B. Smith, Ben Hurst.

New River.

Olive-J. H. Shuman, Levy Melton, R. M. Gilbert Orange.

Providence-W. H. Dean, C. E. Blount.

Quincy-W. A. Burns, W. E. Shelfer, W. J. Roach.

River Junction-O. E. McKeown.

Salem-J. R. Crandall.

Sycamore-C. B. Potter, J. R. Nettles.

Sundown-By letter.

St. Marks.

Tallahassee—J. F. Dorman, W. H. Rugeley, A. Pichard, E. D. Moon, Bunyan Stephens.

Telogia.

Woodville-C. W. Monroe, W. J. Clements, Ross, Rhodes.

Port St. Joe.

Permanent organization was effected by the re-election of Rev. W. A. Burns as Moderator, and Rev. C. Frank Wells, Clerk.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Rev. B. G. Smith, subject, "The Church the Saving Power of the World."

Committees were named as follows:

Foreign Missions-Rev. B. G. Smith, Neal Johnson.

Home Missions—Rev. Bunyan Stephens, W. L. Shepard, R. W. Rowan.

State Missions—Rev. J. L. Folsom, W. E. Shelfer, R. M. Gilbert.

Stetson University-Hon. J. A. Scruggs, D. A. Collius, W. L. Maige.

Orphanage-W. H. Rugeley, P. W. Shelfer, R. E. Rowan,

Aged Ministers—Rev. J. R. Crandell, C. H Dorsey, Ben

Periodicals-W. J. Roach, C. E. Blount.

W.M. U.—A. Pichard, W. J. Clements, Ross Rhodes. Prohibition—Rev. A. E. Emfinger, J. R. Miller, H. H. Reeves.

Bible School—J. F. Dorman, E. D. Moon. B. Y. P. U.—T. B. Fletcher, W. D. Boyd.

Evangelism-Rev. F. M. Wells, W. H. Wright.

Duty of Church to Pastor—Rev. C. F. Wells, C. W. Monroe, W. H. Dean.

Digest of Letters-E. M. Walsh, W. E. Shelfer,, J. F. Dorman.

Visiting Brethren present were Rev. J. G. Connell,, Rev. P. N. Shepard, Rev. Smith, T. A. Griffin.
On motion, adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

The Association met at 1:30 P. M. Devotional service by Rev. J. R. Crandall.

New ministers welcomed were, Rev. Bunyan Stephens of Tallahassee and Rev. B. G. Smith of Monticello.

The report on Women's Missionary Unions was read by A. Pichard, and on motion adopted.

REPORT ON WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNIONS.

Since the beginning of time, Woman's work, although not always recognized by man, has been of extreme importance. Woman has always played an important part in the history of the world. Way back in the old Bible days we find Ruth and other women fighting the battles for their people. God honored woman above all creatures in Mary, the mother of the world's Saviour.

Later on Christ honored Mary for her kind, thoughtful deed and said that it should always be spoken of as a memorial to her. In the past few years we have witnessed and known of the unselfish and untiring efforts of women to alleviate the suffering of mankind in the terrible war. Many left pleasant homes to go to the battle front, and endured the hardships and danger with heroism and fortitude. Woman's work as Christians in our times is growing more important every day, and as Baptists we are particularly interested in our Women's Missionary

Unions. A Church is indeed a weak Church without a Woman's Missionary Society. Their work is true Missionary work. Personal work is the work that counts. They reach out for their fallen sister and the needy ones. Help the sick and console the departing ones.

The financial part of their work is by no means neglible.

In the last 31 years, Southern Baptist W. M. U.'s have given Missions the large amount of \$5,710,443.71. Of this amount, the FloridaW. M. U. gave \$239,753.45. These are large amounts but they are small in comparison with what they are doing today, and propose to do in the future. Our Florida W. M. U. made their budget for 1918, \$16,000 and they more than made good by giving \$17,543.37.

Our women are taking over a large part of our \$75,000,000. The W. M. U. of the South are to raise \$15,000,000.00, and our Florida women are to raise \$200,000, or \$40,000.00 each year for the next five years.

The W. M. U. is entitled to our heartiest co-operation and assistance, and if Florida Baptists follow their lead. we will more than double the million we are to raise.

A. PICHARD, W. J. CLEMMONS R. T. RHODES.

The report on Prohibition was read by Rev. A. E. Emfinger, spoken to by A. E. Emfinger, B. G. Smith and adpoted.

REPORT ON PROHIBITION.

Perhaps no question has been before our people for the past few years as prohibition. Very few would have dreamed ten years ago that today we would have a dry nation. Dry! Yes, dry in name but not in deed and truth. It now remains for those who appreciate law and



order to see to it that the prohibition law is obeyed. It is claimed that there are more than one thousand wild cat stills in Florida alone. If this be true, every lover of prohibition should do his bit to help adjust conditions and drive out this evil. What, "Am I my brother's keeper?" Surely God holds us responsible for the community in which we live.

The cry for a stainless flag has never come to our hearts with such appeals as today. We cannot afford to be satisfied with victories won, but must push on to greater achievements. The whiskey forces are not asleep but are up and on the job, and not until the coming of the Lord will they cease to work.

The Anti-Saloon League is now undertaking to make other nations dry, and will not let up in its efforts until Rum shall be no more.

On to victory, marching as to war, with the Cross of Jesus, going on before.

Respectfully submitted

A. E. EMFINGER, J. R. MILLER, H. H. REEVES.

The report of duty of the Church to Pastor was read by C. F. Wells, spoken to by J. G. Connell, J. D. Turne:, J. R. Crandell, J. A. Scruggs, A. E. Emfinger and adopted.

REPORT ON DUTY OF CHURCH TO PASTOR,

This question is as old as Christianity. The Apostles, and the early churches had their problems, their questions and difficulties. The work of the minister is primarily a spiritual work. Early in the history of the Church, the temporal affairs of the kingdom had increased in volume, magnitude and importance, and the Apostles were burdened with secular things to the ex-

tent that it conflicted with their work as Apostles, preachers of the gospel. The church was then admonished to set aside men of good report, whose office and duty would be to attend to the secular work of the churches, that the Apostles might be free to carry on their work of Evangelism, and preaching the word of God.

The tendency is still to burden the pastor with things that belong to some other department of the Church, and often the Pastor must be the Church's sexton, her deacons, her praying membership, in short the entire work of the Church is left for the Pastor to perform as best he can, and naturally the progress of the Church is slow.

There are other brethren and churches that expect even more than this. They expect their Pastor to be their spiritual leader, to attend to the financial affairs of the Church, to do such things as are needful for Kingdom's growth, and besides all this they expect the Pastor to make his own living.

They feel that when they have gone to church and listened to the sermon and songs, that their whole duty is performed, and the Pastor is left to make such arrangements as he can for the support of himself and his family.

Fortunately, this number is decreasing, still there are many Churches that fail to give their Pastor enough to keep himself and family even comfortable.

Is it any wonder that there is a lack of spirituality and power in the churches, and in the messages of a man of God, so hampered.

On the face of these facts is it not plain that the duty of the Church to her Pastor is to give him freedom from the secular and financial work of the Church and to make adequate arrangements for his support, that he may give himself to study, and to the things of the spirit?

Again the Pastor needs the companionship and the friendship of his brethren. He needs to feel that brotherly interest and sympathy sustain him in his every endeavor.



The Pastor is but a man, and is subject to err, in judgment or deed, especially is this true in the early years of his ministry, before he has learned discretion from the school of experience.

As the church gives him right of way in spiritual things as the shepherd of the flock, he must needs lead them, and because of his lack of knowledge of the pasturage, or the streams of the water of life, he possibly might lead them into desert wastes, or among the mountain cliffs. Here again the duty of the church is manifest. Those experienced, faithful, true servants of the King must lead their leader back into the straight paths where there is safety. Many a useful life has been made so by the wise counsel, the kindly advice of these noble men of God.

Again, all men love their home, with the familiar faces and friends, the pleasant associations, and memories that come to us here in life. The man of God should not be denied this privilege.

A minister is often able to do better work after he has been a few years on a field. He has learned its needs, and people. With this information to guide him, and with love as an incentive, he is beter able to get results,

How, sad, and often how useless, for the Pastor to have to sever those ties of fellowship and love that bind him and his people together to make way for innovations, or for the passing fancy of some part of the Church.

We have seen this and perhaps for a while the church did run well, then a desire and wish for their old pastor.

The perfect preacher is in Heaven, therefore the Man of God who has given evidence of Jiety and character and is doing his reasonable duty, should be given the assurance of the love and esteem, and of the readiness of the church to co-operate with him in every good word and work that

comes to the pastor whose charge has tendered him an indefinite call.

Respectfully submitted,
C. FRANK WELLS,
C. W. MONROE,
W. H. DEAN.

The report on the Bible School was read by Bro. J. F. Dorman, spoken to by Bunyan Stephens, W. E. Shelfer, W. H. Dean, W. A. Burns, and adopted.

REPORT ON BIBLE SCHOOLS.
J. F. Dorman and E. D. Moon.

The Bible School is the teaching service of the Church. Under the graded lesson scheme the school is really a school, and not the mere quiz classes it formerly was. The teachers are trained in methods of teaching as well as in the fundamental doctrines of the Kingdom of God. The "Seven Laws of Teaching" are just as applicable in the schools conducted on the Lord's day as they are in the day schools for secular instruction. The importance of teaching the whole of the Bible as the word of God must be emphasized. Our Sunday School Board is to be commended for its faithfulness in presenting some of the rock-bed foundation doctrines in the recent quarter of lessons.

The committee recommends the organization of Bible Schools in every church in the Association. The sooner our churches realize the advantages to be gained by well graded schools taught by men and women who know Christ as Saviour and Lord, the more readily will the masses of our people be brought to accept the Saviour and to live and become the Children of God.

We also recommend that the schools of this Association use the convention series of literature prepared by our Sunday School Board at Nashville. Whatever profits may be made by our Board are poured back into the various Missions fostered by our convention In addition the literature is the best available.

The Sunday Schools have an important part on the 75 Million program. It is proposed to add 1,500,000 to our S. S. enrollment, to give \$2,500,000 through the offerings on special days, to secure 150,000 diploma holders among our teachers, and to have every Baptist S. S. in the South well organized and active.

Let us rally to the support of the teaching service of our church and place our Sunday Schools in the front rank of our thinking and endeavor.

Report on Evangelism was read by Rev. C. F. Weils, spoken to by B. G. Smith, W. A. Burns and adopted.

REPORT ON EVANGELISM.

Brother Moderator and Brethren, too much stress can not be placed on the great theme submitted to your committee, on which to report. Our blessed Lord, when he came to earth in the silent watches of the night first opened His eyes on a sin cursed world; in a manger. His mission to the world was one of love and mercy, and His message to humanity was full of divine favor and while the weak and sin cursed reveled and wreaked in sin, there came a voice from Bethlehem that carried with it the glorious hope of the new birth, "for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people, for unto you is born this day, in the City of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." And for 33 years the wondrous Messiah was diligent in seeking out the lost sheep of the House of Israel. For 33 years he walked the earth with guilty men, that He might learn of their sorrows, become acquainted with their grief, that he might

manifest His power and readiness to seek and to save that which was lost. So when He had fulfilled the law and established the Church, and finished His work He sent His disciples out into the world with the glorious message of life, and we are indebted to their faithfulness to carry the gospel to every creature, in all the world, for the hope that we have of heaven, and from every one of God's people should give out the warning cry of turn ye, turn ye, for why will ye die. Our hearts should be enlisted in this service and we should be found faithful to His call to go every day, and everywhere to the largest cities, to the smallest hamlets, up on the mountains, or out on the plains. The Evangelists of today may acquit themselves as men who are in earnest in their efforts to bring the lost ones into the light, and send out the call of love. Come thou with us and we will do thee good, for the Lord hath promised good concerning Israel, so that not only civilized peoples may hear, but the pagan lands may hear the call and awake to the needs of the soul, and gladly turn to the Saviour when he says "Look unto me, all ve ends of the earth and be ye saved."

Respectfuly submitted

F. M. WELLS, Chairman. W. H. WRIGHT.

The report on periodicals was read by Bro. W. J. Roach, spoken to by P. N. Shepard, W. E. Shelfer and adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Dear Brethren :-

As this is a peoiod of education and people young and old are giving much time in reading, we recommend that parents and church officers be very careful in selecting source and kind of reading material that comes in to the homes and churches. We recommend the Fla. Baptist Witness, Home and Foreign Fields and appreciate efforts that are being made to place it in every Baptist home, also recommend that the Convention series of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., be used in our Bible School and B. Y. P. U.

These are suggested to be used in the Study of the Book of Books, the Holy Bible.

Respectfully submited,

W. J. ROACH, C. E. BLOUNT.

Committee.

Vote to change Article 2 of the Constitution was taken in the affirmative; and on motion it shall no longer read, "of male members," but "of members chosen by their respective churches," etc.

Treasurer's report read and adopted,

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TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1918 AND 1919.

| 1918. Recd. | Disb. |
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| Oct. 10, Recd. of Finance Committee\$100.00 | |
| Oct. 10, Recd. of J. H. Shuman 3.00 | |
| Oct. 10, Paid to C. F. Wells, Clerk of Asso. | \$20.00 |
| Dec., Ms. and Proof sheets to printer | |
| Both parcels insured | .42 |
| 1919 | |
| Feb. 4, Express and Postage on Minutes. | 2.60 |
| Feb. 5. To T. J. Appleyard, for printing | |
| Minutes | 36.80 |
| Sept. 5, Mailing blank letters to churches. | 1.00 |
| Sept. 5, Printed letter to the churches | |
| For the Executive Committee | 1.50 |
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| Sept. 18, S. S. Board Blackboard | 170000 | 2.50 |
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On motion adjourned to meet Wednesday morning 9 o'clock. I have a state of the stat

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Wednesday morning the session was opened by song and devotional service led by Rev. A. E. Emfinger.

On motion Rev. Bunyan Stephens preach introductory sermon at next session, with Rev. W. A. Burns as alternate.

Brethren W. H. Rugeley, A. E. Emfinger, J. R. Crandell, Bunyan Stephens and W. E. Shelfer were elected to represent Association in State Convention.

On motion the fee of Clerk be increased from \$20 to \$35.

Bro. W. H. Rugeley was elected to represent our Body in Southern Baptist Convention.

On motion, the present executive committee be continued.

Rev. C. B. Glaize was introduced and spoke concerning his work.

On motion, the churches are requested to make provisions for, and insist that their pastors attend the Preachers Institute of West Florida.

On motion, next session will be held with Monticello Baptist Church in Jefferson County.

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The report on Foreign Missions was read by Rev B. G. Smith.

REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Never in the history of our church have we faced such a wonderful opportunity as we have before us at this hour for Foreign Mission Work. The "World War" has opened the doors even wider than before to the gospel call. Never in the history of our denomination has there been such an appeal as there is at this time through the 75 Million Campaign. Baptists have always responded to the call for Missions and we have no fear that we will not do even more than we are called upon to do at this time.

Therefore we sincerely trust that this earnest appeal and wonderful opportunity will cause every true Baptist to give not only sacrificially of their means, but themselves as well, in whatsoever way the Lord directs.

The world's population equals one billion six hundred million, with less than six hundred million claiming any profession towards Christianity. This is the matter as we have it before us today. More than a billion souls to be evangelized. "Truly, the Harvest is plenteous, but the laborers are few."

We have been selfish with our workers and our means during the past. At home we have one minister to every seven hundred of our population, while in China, one to every two hundred thousand. We spend one hundred million dollars per year on our work at home, six million for the world.

There are one hundred and nine thousand, four hundred and forty souls in the world that go into eternity each day who have never known the Christ.

Therefore, let us, as workers in His Kingdom, pray the "Lord will send forth laborers into His vineyard."

Respectfully submitted,

NEILL JOHNSON, B. G. SMITH. Report on Home Missions read by Rev. Bunyan Stephens.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Last year was the greatest year in Home Mission history. Because of the engrossed concern of our people over the war and the many calls made upon our people to pour out their money for the prosecution of the war, naturally we experienced no little anxiety lest the great cause of missions suffer. But our people were loyal to the interests of the Kingdom of God, as well as to the allies and to our boys, and victory was the result.

The total receipts for current expenses for the year ending May, 1918, were \$589,987; for the year ending May, 1919, \$859,906—an increase of \$269,906. Receipts for the Loan Fund for the previous year were \$104,160; for the year just closed, \$147,574—an increase of \$43,414. The total increase in both funds for the year was \$313,333, or 45.15 per cent.

The number of workers engaged was 1,726. These workers baptized 39,068 converts and added 59,068 to the membership of our churches. The unmber of baptisms was about 10,000 more than the previous year. 10,050 of those baptized came through the Army work and 10,496 through the staff of Evangelists.

The last annual meeting of the Home Mission Board was notable for its spirit of unanimity and aggressive plans for the future. Enlargement was found to be necessary in every department; namely, co-operative missions, enlistment, evangelism, foreigners, Indians, negroes, Cuba and Panama, mountain schools, church building, and the work among soldiers and sailors in permanent camps and forts and base hospitals. Two of the most popular phases of Home Mission Work are the Baptist Bible Institute and the Tuberculosis Sanatorium. The total appropriation for Home Mission Board work for the current year is \$15,000,000.

The Home Mission Board part of the \$75,000,000 is \$12,000,000 for the five years. This will enable the Board to take care of a portion of the increasing demands made by the growing needs of its 40 mountain schools, 4,000 homeless churches, 10,000,000 negroes, countless foreigners, and better equiquent for our missionaries in Cuba and Panama as well as in the States. The Home Board hopes under God to win between 300,000 and 500,000 converts during the next five year period

"Millions for the Master," is the slogan in every department of our denominational work. Millions of individual Baptists enlisted, millions of dollars contributed, and millions of converts won for and to and through the Master.

BUNYAN STEPHENS, G. W. ROWAN, W. L. SHEPARD.

Report on Orphanage was read by Bro. W. H. Rugeley.

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REPORT ON THE FLORIDA BAPTIST ORPHANS HOME.

How the word orphan stirs our heart and brings to our vision, helpless children, left to the mercies of the world, with in many cases no provision made for their care or sustenance, and but for these homes kept up by different religious denominations and benevolent orders there would be no place to care for them. Our Florida Baptist Orphanage at Arcadia has now something over 100 of these children, many of them being infants and others not old enough to care for themselves, but must have constant attention from nurses and attendants thus entailing much expense for the helpless ones. All children old enough to assist in the running of the Home are required in addition to attendance at school, to help in the different departments of the institution, both boys and girls.

The Orphanage has eighty acres of land attached and this is cultivated, mostly by the older boys Part of this land is a fine orange grove which is becoming more valuable every year. The Orphanage has a canning outfit, a dairy, a poultry department, a laundry, a carpenter shop, a sewing department and other industries, all of which are mostly carried on by the boys and girls who are competent to do this work. Some of the older boys and girls are employed in the City of Arcadia learning different trades and professions and receiving regular compensation for their work, and in many other ways the children are taught to become self-sustaining, and be fitted to make their way in the world. Some of the boys that were raised in the Orphanage were in the war service in the different departments and served their country with fidelity and honor. The Baptists of Florida have a valuable asset in this Orphans Home and we should at all times be ready and willing to give of our means to keep the institution up to the high standard it has attained. In the \$75,000-000 campaign the sum of \$100,000.00 has been alloted to our Orphanage and our Florida Association should subscribe liberally to the cause as our State will get back from this fund far more than we will be able to put in it.

The Home is now making a special appeal to the Churches and Sunday Schools for funds to carry them through this year, as the \$75.000,000 campaign money will not be available until next year. Your committee would urge the pastors of our Asociation to make every effort to raise funds at once for this cause as the need is very urgent, and we feel that it is only necessary to bring the matter to the attention of the people who we know will give freely to this object.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. RUGELEY,
R. E. ROWAN,
P. W. SHELFER.
Committee.

The report on State Missions was read by Bro. W. E. Shelfer.

.. REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The State Mission Board has come to mean more in the denominationay life. It not only now looks after the financial life of the denominational work but functions in the organized life of the churches by furnishing special workers along all lines of the organized work.

In the 75 million campaign the secretary, Dr. S. B. Rogers has been made General Director of the State. The State Board of Missions becomes responsible for the financial assistance in the campaign, thus making it possible to have special men to help in the work.

In view of this fact we urge upon every church in the Association to fully organize and go over the top with their quots. We strongly urge that every church see to it that the work of canvassing each individual be thorough in order that every Baptist within the bounds of the Association be given the privilege of helping in this great and glorious task.

The Association gave last year as shown by the minutes \$2,184.96 for all benevolences. Over against this to raise our quota of the million to be raised in the State we will be called upon to give \$15,820 each year for the next five years. Or put it another way, we will increase our giving for all benevolneces from 67c per capita to \$5.00 per capita per year for 5 years. This we can do if we have the will to win.

Respectfully submitted,

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J. L. FOLSOM.

Report on Aged Ministers read by Rev. J. R. Crandell.

REPORT ON AGED MINISTERS.

We your committee on Aged Ministers submit the following report:

The aged, or worn out preachers, and their welfare should lay very near the heart of the church. They are a sacred trust God has committed to our hand.

These valiant servants of God, and the church, served well in their day and generation, enduring hardships and privations, to which we of today are strangers.

These old soldiers of the cross did not enjoy the advantages of today. The promise to them as young men, when felt and heard the call of God, was a life of sacrifice, yet they confessed not with flesh and blood, but were obedient to the heavenly vision. They have labored well, and while they linger on the western shore of life, we their successors are reaping the fruits of their labors. Many hearts over our fair Southland to day look up with gratitude to God, because of the labors of the heroes of the cross, for it was through their life and labors they were brought to Christ.

The care of our aged ministers, who by reason of their infirmities and age, are no longer able to engage in the active work of the ministry, and who thereby are silently laid on the shelf, is not only a worthy cause, but is a sacred trust committed to the church, and we note with pleasure the allotment of \$250,000 of the \$75,000,000 to be raised by the Southern Baptists within the next five years. In view of the great financial need of the different enterprises represented in the \$75,000,000, and looking through this to the mental, social and spiritual uplift of our churches and people,

Therefore, be it resolved, that this, the Florida Assocition of Southern Baptists, bend their energies to push this worthy cause on to victory. Let the words, "can't" and "failure," be an unknown tongue to us.

Respectfully,
J. R. CRANDELL,
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Report on B. Y. P. U. was read by Bro. T. B. Fletcher.

REPORT ON B. Y. P. U. and James Annual Controls

We your committee beg to report 7 Unions in our Association.

We understand this association contains about 40 live B. Y. P. U. be established in every church in our Association.

The Baptist Young People's Union is a great blessing to the church in that they are training the young people to love and do Christian work. What the training camp was to our soldiers through the late world war is what the B. Y. P. U. is to cur church.

We feel that the B. Y. P. U. work takes the next place to our Sunday School and sincerely hope in the near future we will have a Union in all our churches.

The B. Y. P. U. trains the young Christian for future activities and officers of the church, and there is no better argument in behalf of the B. Y. P. U. than the great army training camps, where thousands of our soldiers were trained for service in Europe. We need trained Christian soldiers in our churches. Let us have them by having a good Baptist Young People's Union in all of our churches.

Respectfully submitted,

On motion, Rev. W. W. Williams was given the eleven o'clock hour to discuss the work of the Board.

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On motion, a committee of three be elected to form an itinerary of the churches for the information of the Board's speaker.

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

EVENING SESSION.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator.
On motion, next session hold three days instead of two.
A poem of welcome by Bro. Chas. S. Miller was read by the clerk.

A WELCOME TO THE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

We welcome you, ye men of God, In hopeful Church to sing and pray; Whose feet are with the gospel shod, And pretty as the Golden Day.

O! look not back, but forward go, Is this your great Commander's cry; With dauntless courage face the foe, In words of truth that never die.

Faint not, nor stop as you proclaim,
The messages of Love Divine,
Till all the race as one do claim
This God of Love is ever mine.

Fight on, ye bravest of the brave, With Holy meekness as your shield; Relenting deeds of kindness crave To help in life's great harvest field.

Be sure to let the Master lead In acts that will no harm resent; The softest word and kindest deed Make often hardest hearts repent.

The battle here will soon be o'er,

When we will wail in sad defeat;

Or shout as victors on that shore,

Where good and ill can never meet.

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Then let us not the spirit grieve,
Who is our friend in life or death;
But let us pray like oceans heave,
That we might have immortal breath.

Thus welcome to you friends' divine,
Ye humble bearers of the cross;
Be faulty not in shade or shine
Though stung with shame and earthly loss.

The Master follow to life's close,
And wait His coming in the skies,
To take you where a welcome glows,
Through joyous life that never dies.

Very truly yours,

CHAS. L. MILLER.

The discussion of reports previously read, was opened by Rev. Bunyan Stephens, who spoke to the report on Home Missions.

Then followed Rev. J. L. Folsom speaking to report on State Missions.

Rev. J. R. Crandell reported on Aged Ministers. Report on Stetson University was read by Hon. J. A. Scruggs; spoken to by Bro. Scruggs; and reports, jointly read, were, on motion adopted.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

One of the most outstanding facts of our day is the increased interest in Christian Education. The great war has taught us the imperative necessity of the right kind of education. A great authority on German Education has

declared that if there had been a score of Christian Colleges in Germany the war would not have occurred.

The perpetuity of Christian civilization, the spread of Christianity, the leadership of our denomination and the welfare of our own boys and girls demand that increased emphasis be placed upon Christian Education. This is the only type of education that makes for efficiency plus character.

Our Southern Baptists are awake to the gravity of the situation. We have schools and colleges scattered through the South. These have done and are still doing a great and good work, but they have been handicapped for lack of funds and system. Several years ago the Southern Baptist Convention established an Education Commission, which has done great work along the lines of enlightenment and enlistment.

At the Convention last May a great forward step was taken. A campaign was launched to raise 75 million dollars in five years. Christian Education is to receive 20 million of this amount. Every dollar of it is needed, and every Baptist should do his dead level best to make the campaign a glorious success. The reports are most encouraging.

At the same meeting of the Convention an Education Board was established and located in Birminham, Ala. The hearquarters of this Board are in the South Side Baptist Church, Birmingham. Dr. J. E. Dillard is Acting Corresponding Secretary.

The Board maintains an office, which is a clearing house on Baptist Education. Here is gathered the literature from all the schools, reports of all similar boards and commissions, questionnaires, revealing the exact status of institutions of learning and such assemblage of materials as enables one to become conversant with conditions in the educational world.

The Roard will make surveys of the educational conditions existing in the various states, the needs of the

various schools, whether more schools are needed, whether certain courses of study should be added or dropped, whether schools should attempt junior or senior college work and in general will help to standardize, co-ordinate and correlate our schools.

The Board will consider and make recommendations on such problems as how to improve rural schools, how to relate State and denominational schools; the relations to be sustained between academies, colleges, universities and seminaries; how to relate our schools more closely to the churches, etc.

The Board will assist the various States in their educational campaigns for funds and students; provide or prepare a suitable education literature; seek to care for the Baptist boys and girls in the State and private institutions; will conduct a perennial campaign for students; will seek to enlist students of promise in special Christian service; will establish a Teachers' Bureau; solicit funds for education and in general use every legitimate means to increase the interests of our people in Christian Education.

Call upon this Board for literature, information and help. Brethren, work and pray, seek to enlist our young people in our schools, give your money and your efforts to the cause of Christian Education.

Our State is co-operating with the Education Board in its work, and our schools in this State will be greatly helped by the success of the great campaign, which is now under way.

On account of lack of funds to make Columbia College what it should have been, it was deemed wisest to affiliate with Stetson University. The differences that had existed were all smoothed out, and we now have every advantage we had at Columbia and a financial support and endowment fund, with a united interest of all Fla. Baptists, that will enable us to have a magnificently equipped institution with an exceedingly able faculty, that will be

a great credit and work wonders for the uplift of our cause and our people in Florida, if we Baptists get behind the move and co-operate in every way, which we your committee earnestly recommend.

Respectfully submitted, A and only

D. A. COLLINS,

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On motion, report of Committee on Digest of Letters was adopted.

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REPORT OF OBITUARIES.

We your committee on Obituaries respectfully submit the following report:

23 churches have sent letters. After examining the leters sent in from the different churches we flind death has taken the following named brothers an sisters:

Concordia-Bro. A. E. Perkins.

Cody Mills—Columbus Long, B. A. Kemp, and Sister Jennie Walsh.

Corinth—Bro. J. W. Sullivan and Sister Matilda Johnson.

Ebenezer (Leon)—Bro. Mosely Barnow and Sister Pauline Gray.

Charrs-Sister Maud Gray.

Lake Mystic—Rev. John Caison and Sister Viola Grantham.

Tallahassee—Bro. Charles O. Bowen, C. D. Robertson, C. W. Richards, Sister A. R. Hemmingway, Sister Fannie S. Lee, Sister G. W. Johnson and Sister Susan McGriff.

Woodville-Rev. J. E. Clemons.

River Junction—Sisters J. B. McCollum, J. W. Peacock and H. C. Spear.

Havana-Bro. T. F. Joyner and F. P. Farnum.

Monticello-Sister V. D. Rainey.

Olive-Bro. E. T. Wooten.

Salem—Sister Laura Mahoney, Sister Daisy Kersey and Bro. E. D. Murray.

Indian Springs—Bro. B. A. Minns and Bro. Jesse Hartsfield.

Providence—Sister Sarah Stom and Sister Anne Crawford.

Gretna-Sister D. N. Thompson, Sister Mary Cartwright, Bro. Oliver T. McKeown and Bro. A. C. Kinney.

Hopeful—Bro. J. D. Collins.

Quincy-Sister W. J. Roach.

Ebenezer (Jefferson)—Sister Mary Mabry.

We further report that we have received from the various churches of this Association for Associational purpose, \$63.85.

Respectfully submitted,

E. M. WALSH, W. E. SHELFER, J. F. DORMAN,

Committee.

On motion the report of Obituaries be given page in the minutes.

On motion, place of printing the minutes for the Asso. ciation was left to the discretion of the clerk.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet with the Monticello Baptist Church, Tuesday after the first Sunday in October, 1920.

Parting hand was given while the congregation sang "Blest Be the Tie that Binds."

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

RESOLUTION BY J. F. DORMAN OF TALLAHASSEE

Resolved, That the thanks of the Florida Association are hereby tendered to Rev. W. A. Burns, Moderator, for the able, dignified and impartial manner in which he has presided over its deliberations, and to the Clerk and other officers for the satisfactory manner in which they have discharged the various duties assigned them, and be it

Resolved, further, That we hereby extend to the citizens of this community our sincere appreciation for the hospitable manner in which they have entertained the Association.

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