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Florida Baptist Association

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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.

Article 3. The letters sent by the churches at each session of the Association shall express their respective members in full fellowship, those baptized, 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.

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 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 Association as specified by said churches, and when not specified it shall be apportioned 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.

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 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 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 meeting 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 approved 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 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 imposition of the hands of the Presbytery.

MINUTES

The Eightieth Annual Session of The Florida Baptist Association convened near Bristol, Florida, October 2, 1922, with the Lake Mystic Baptist Church.

The meeting was called to order by Rev. W. A. Burns, former moderator.

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. J. B. Webb. Text, "God forbid that I glory save in the cross of Christ." Gal. 6:14.

A hearty welcome was extended to all by Rev. S. J. Revels.

Letters were presented, and these showed following named churches represented, and persons qualified to constitute the roll call of delegates.

THE ROLL OF DELEGATES AND CHURCHES

Amon—By letter.

Antioch—T. C. Craven, R. L. Parramore and R. E. Parramore and wife.

Calvary—J. P. B. Feldman, J. T. Davis.

Corinth—J. D. Turner, Mrs. S. C. Rhoden.

Concordia—By letter.

Ebenezer (J)—By letter.

Ebenezer (L)—By letter.

Flat Creek—W. F. Cowan, L. J. Clark, W. D. Fletcher, G. H. Cowan.

Greensboro—E. B. Fletcher, U. F. Kemp, Gardner McPherson.

Gretna—S. B. Timmons, Clifford Timmons.

Indian Springs—J. R. Miller, R. P. Tomberlin.

Lake Ellen—By letter.

Lake Mystic—C. M. Peddie, R. A. Strickland, Wm. Larkin, Steve Bateman, S. T. Singletary.

Mt. Besor—By letter.

Monticello—By letter.

Olive—J. W. Barratt, G. D. Demott.

Providence—W. D. Richards and wife, C. E. Blount, G. D. Fletcher.

Quincy—W. A. Burns and wife, R. H. Gee and wife, J. T. Maddox and wife, D. A. Avant, W. E. Shelfer, Mrs. W. C. Winans.

River Junction—J. F. Grant, O. E. McKeown.

Salem—By letter.

Sumatra—John McCranie, Almetta McCranie, Henry Scott.

Sundown—By letter.

Sycamore—D. W. Sealey and wife, C. B. Potter.

Tallahassee—B. Stephens, W. H. Rugely and wife, E. C.

Roberts, E. S. Roberts, Mrs. W. B. Bryan.

Telogia—W. C. Holley, J. T. Morgan, Fate Mercer.

Waukeelah—James Kilpatrick, Frank Colson.

Woodville—C. Frank Wells.

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

Following committees appointed by the Moderator:

Preaching—O. N. Revels, E. S. Roberts, R. O. Strickland.

Aged Ministers—L. J. Clark, W. D. Fletcher, S. T. Singletary.

Stetson University—J. F. Grant, R. O. Strickland, Steve Bateman.

Children's Home—W. E. Shelfer, Wm. Larkin, Clifford Timmons.

State Missions—B. Stephens, S. B. Timmons, G. McPherson.

Home Missions—O. N. Revels, R. L. Parramore, W. L. Todd.

Foreign Missions—J. B. Webb, R. E. Parramore, J. R. Miller.

Bible School—E. C. Roberts, E. S. Roberts, O. E. McKeown.

B. Y. P. U.—Marvin Rowan, G. D. Fletcher, C. E. Blount.

Duties of Church to Pastor—J. P. B. Feldman, J. T. Davis, R. P. Tomberlin.

Evangelism—D. A. Avant, J. W. Barrett, G. D. Demott.

Prohibition—E. M. Walsh, E. B. Fletcher, C. M. Peddie.

W. M. U.—Mrs. I. T. Maddox, Mrs. W. H. Rugely, Mrs. W. B. Bryan.

Periodicals—W. V. Knott, John McCranie, R. H. Gee.

When committees were named a recess was taken during noon hour.

TUESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

After devotional services, led by B. Stephens, a motion prevailed to have all reports relative to 75 Millian Campaign read, and discussed jointly.

The report on Stetson University was read by Rev. J. Frank Grant.

We, your Committee on Stetson University, beg leave to submit the following report:

John B. Stetson University, our Baptist School at DeLand, opened its 39th fall term September 20th with the largest registration in the history of the College. The attendance last year numbered 534, while the registration for this year is not yet complete, we are advised by Dr. Hulley, President, that the attendance this year will exceed that of any previous year.

The College this year is fortunate to have added several new professors and teachers to the faculty of the school, with increased faculty will tend to add many fold to the efficiency of the University.

In addition to more than \$400,000.00 originally invested in land, buildings and equipment, now considered worth over one million dollars, the University has productive endowment funds amounting to about \$1,023,000.

We, as Baptists, should be proud of this school and extend to it our fullest support, recommend it on every occasion to those who anticipate a university course.

We lay this splendid institution on the hearts of our Baptist people, and ask that it be remembered by those who believe in prayer and in the kingdom of God and its extension.

FRANK GRANT
W. S. BATEMAN,

Committee.

Children's Home by Bro. W. E. Shelfer.

We, your committee, beg to submit the following report on Orphanage:

The Florida Baptist Childrens' Home is located at Arcadia, Brother J. E. Trice, Superintendent. The plant is valued at

\$61,000.00 in the last Baptist Yearbook. It consists of five modern buildings, well equipped for the needs of the Home. The Superintendent's Home, Girls' Building, Boys' Dormitory, Maxie Memorial Babies' Building, Dining Hall, and large Boys' Living Room.

The children that are taken: The smallest babies, boys to the age of ten, girls to the age of 12, who are without father or mother. Wherever a full orphan child is found with no one to care for it, a place is provided in the Home for such a one. When children are taken into the Home they become permanent members of the family to enjoy the blessings of home life there just as long as they should need it. None of them look forward to a day, when, because of age limit, they will be forced to leave. They can always live and be happy in the thought that whenever they should need protection and help, even after they voluntarily leave to enter some vocation for self-support, they can return as one of the big family and enjoy the happy privilege of "coming back home to visit or for help." They live, they play, they work, they learn, they mix and mingle with the outside young life, they grow up normally, they are made happy, they are taught the best things, they are given training for self-support, they go out and take positions of trust and responsibility, they marry and make homes, and happy is the thought that, with but few exceptions, they go out into the world to become useful Christian citizens, to take their part in the activities of social and civic life, reflecting credit upon the work of friends in providing the necessary home for their development and training.

At Play, Health, Happiness and Growth.—The play time in the life of a child is just as important as the work time and rest time. Every normal child must have a certain amount of healthful recreation. The situation of the Home down on the peninsular, with its sunshine and salt breezes, in the midst of citrus groves and beautiful flowers, is admirably adapted to the needs of the playful children. In the work with children every means is used that is possible to fill their hours so that there will be no idleness. We have found the old saying, "The idle brain is the devil's workshop," true. Whenever we can keep a child employed, either at work or play, we have no need of corrective discipline. But just as soon as children become idle our trouble begins; so of necessity, even if we had no higher motive than this, we provide as much diversity of amusement and entertainment for our children in its proper place, as we can possibly do, not to interfere with other important departments of the child's activities. In the Home as in thousands of other homes in our fair land and country, there is doll playing, doll dressing, picture cutting, swinging, tennis, playing basketball and such amusements for the girls, and for the boys, football, baseball, tennis, trapping, kite flying top spinning, marble playing, and various other kinds of play and enjoyment.

At Work and at School.—One of the best compliments paid any institution for the care of children is by the children themselves, when found successful in the different vocations of life after leaving their Home. We need to provide a sufficient amount of work to teach the responsibility side of life, and is an obligation on us. To the credit of the Home it can be said this is done. And the

school life, is fundamentally first. The Home has its own school, its own teachers, and every child of school age attends. The school work is independent of the public school system, and whenever a boy or girl finishes the course of study here, they are ambitious to go higher, they are sent to high school, and private parties interested in our plans usually make provisions for them to attend college. The same obligation that would inspire the parent to provide every opportunity for their children, prompts us to do the same thing for our children.

We respectfully commend to you as individuals and churches, the need of our cheerful support and liberal contributions to this great institution for our orphans. Let us not neglect so great a privilege of doing something for these children that are in our care.

Respectfully submitted,
W. E. SHELFER, Chairman,
W. M. LARKINS,
CLIFFORD TIMMONS,
Committee on Fla. Baptist Children's Home.

State Missions by Rev. Bunyan Stephens.

It is hard to give a good definition of State Missions. Illustrations of activities and results of State Missions abound. This phase of our denominational work has to deal, first of all, with the citizenry of Florida. This great force informs the people of the State as to conditions in the State, in the Nation and in the world. Not even the religious paper is more active in the field of publicity than the board which carries on in the State this endless task of keeping the people informed.

Another feature of the State Mission activities is that of enlistment. This work has been well nigh over worked in recent times, but the work of enlisting the unenlisted has only begun. Reference to the letters presented to this Association reveals the fact that fifteen out of the thirty-nine churches made no contributions last year to the 75 Million Campaign Fund. Surely our work of enlistment, so far as this Association is concerned, is considerably short of completion. Multiply this by the number of associations in the State (27) and you will begin to get some idea of the largeness of our enlistment task.

Then our State Mission activities are employed largely in supplying the destitution within the borders of the State. Not in furnishing the destitution; other forces furnish destitution. We have the responsibility of supplying the means and the men necessary to overcome the destitution. There are eighty-one men and women on the pay roll of our State Board at this time who are giving practically all of their time and on very inadequate salaries in a sacrificial effort to redeem souls and situations, as well. Co-operation with individual churches in the construction and repair of houses of worship is a large part of the work. Ninety-four houses of worship are now in the course of construction, or under repair, and \$25,000 of our State Mission Fund is being invested in these houses this year.

In order to more permanently establish our work in this state and to increase the efficiency of the boards office force in Jacksonville, as well as to save large sums in rent, our board recently purchased real estate in Jacksonville at a cost of \$20,000.

As always, State Missions serve all other missions. The 75 Million Campaign could not have operated one month without the assistance of our State Mission Boards. The work of the campaign centers in each state in this board. The collecting and transmitting of large sums of money for the great world-wide work has fallen upon the willing shoulders of this unselfish agency. In speaking of the State Mission organizations Dr. Gambrell said in *The Primacy of State Missions*: "These have a double purpose, first, to spread the gospel over the State, to knit up the forces in the State, to develop and conserve them; and in the second place, to turn all these forces on the wider fields beyond."

BUNYAN STEPHENS,
SAM TIMMONS
GARDNER McPHERSON,
Committee.

Home Missions by Rev. O. N. Revels.

As will be learned from the annual report of the Home Mission Board made to the Southern Baptist Convention at Jacksonville last May, the Board presented a record of wonderful achievements. The previous year had been the greatest in all the history of the Board and though there was retrenchment in the force of workers, the past year in results was even greater.

The million dollar mark was reached in the Church Building Loan Fund which is loaned to churches in the erection of church buildings.

It was the greatest year in soul saving and in the enlistment of our forces in the work of the kingdom, in advancement towards self-support in so many of our fields, all of which conspired to render the year memorable in our history.

Sometimes statistics are tiresome and uninteresting, but such as the following ought to cause thanksgiving to God on our part and resolutions to make it possible for even greater results through the labors of our Home Mission Board:

There were last year under the employment of the Board, independent and co-operative workers, a total of 1,188 missionaries who supplied 3,131 churches and missions, delivered 165,445 sermons and addresses, made 236,992 religious visits, baptized 36,164 converts, received 83,994 additions to the churches, organized 308 churches, built or improved 456 houses of worship, organized 786 Sunday schools and did a vast work in personal visitation among the sick and distributed millions of pages of tracts and thousands of copies of the Scriptures.

What a mighty work is being accomplished through this great agency of Southern Baptists, the Home Mission Board. Surely the Lord of Hosts is with us, making bare His mighty arm in the salvation of the lost.

The Board's work is done under the following departments: Co-operative Missions, Enlistment, Evangelism, Mountain Schools, Foreigners, Indians and Negroes, Cuba, Panama, Soldiers and Seamen, Publicity, Southern Baptist Sanatorium, Church Extension.

In every department of the work there has been splendid progress, especially on the lines of Evangelism and Enlistment, which two departments have recently been more closely co-ordinated and are working hand in hand for the salvation of the lost and the development of the saved.

The Board for two years has been heavily in debt because of the enlargement of the work at the beginning of the 75 Million Campaign and a great falling off in receipts during the past year. This has made it necessary for retrenchment wherever possible and has at the same time made it impossible for the Board to respond to numerous and pressing calls for help.

Financial conditions are improving and the Board is encouraged to believe that its receipts will be in advance of those for last year and thus make it possible to lessen the Board's debt and turn our forces towards the larger opportunities that are found on every hand.

Foreign Missions by Rev. J. B. Webb.

Southern Baptists are not a provincial people. The lines of our Foreign Mission endeavor have been extended into sixteen countries of the world. In these sixteen countries the population is twenty-five times as large as that which resides in the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention. In these whitened harvest fields we find twenty-five persons to every one in our Southern States.

Our Foreign Mission Board has occupied vast territory in China. Our great missions are laid out in that land in what are known as the North, Interior, Pakhoi, Central and South China Missions. In the six provinces of China in which we labor there are more people than there are in the entire United States, and yet there are twelve other Provinces in China in which we have no work. Out of the 462 missionaries supported by the Foreign Mission Board in all lands, 253 are in China. More than half of our Foreign Missionaries are in China, and yet how few they appear to be in the Chinese population, which is about four times as large as that of the United States.

Our other Far-East field is Japan, with a population almost twice as large as that of our Southern States. The Board has in Japan twenty-eight missionaries. A like distribution of preachers in our Southern States, made according to population, would not provide even one preacher for every state. Our work prospers in Japan. We could do wonders in that country now with the new spirit of friendliness that has come over it, if we would at once double our missionary force.

The closest Foreign Mission field to us is Mexico, which has as many people in it as are in Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Tennessee and Kentucky. It is a fruitful mission field. In spite of the unsettled conditions and our

reduced Foreign Mission force we had 465 baptisms in Mexico last year. Indeed it appears that the very unrest of the country affords peculiarly favorable opportunity for missionary endeavor. There are urgent reasons for reinforcing at this time our mission work in Mexico.

Our Foreign Mission work extends into four countries in South America—Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina, and Chile. With the exception of Uruguay these are vast lands. Brazil is as large as the United States. Argentina is about equal to our territory east of the Mississippi River; Chile is as large as Texas, with a population about equal to that of Texas. Our Brazil Mission stands next in size to those in China. We have 98 missionaries in Brazil, and the work in that country has grown rapidly. It ranks second in number of church members. There are 20,614 members of our churches in Brazil as compared with the 26,577 members in China, our oldest field. This comparison does not discount the work in China—indeed the work in China is most gratifying—but it is good to note the encouraging progress that attends our efforts in Brazil. The work in the other South American countries is comparatively new but has taken a firm hold and is growing at a rapid rate. The Argentine Baptists gave last year more per capita than the Baptists in any of our other fields, even more than the per capita gift of the Baptists in the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention. Argentina Baptists gave last year \$22.80 per member, and Southern Baptists gave \$10.52 per member for all objects.

On the west coast of Africa is the British Protectorate of Nigeria. In this region, one of the largest and richest of the British Protectorates, is located our work in Africa. The most inspiring development of our work in Nigeria has been the remarkable success that has followed the efforts of the native Christian traders who have gone far interior in pursuit of their business. Their testimony to the Gospel has brought to Christ and called numerous churches into existence. The missionary who wrote the last annual report of the African Missions, says: "Our Baptist ideas and work are spreading into all parts of Nigeria. Churches are springing up in far distant places by no effort of our own, the result of the labors of those who have gone on before, and we are not ready or able to enter into their labors. Still the cry comes from every direction, from the East, the West and the North, 'Send us men! Send us missionaries, pastors and teachers!' But there are none to send. We need more men from home to take up the burden and go into these more distant parts where our work has gone before us. Today the difficulty is not to do advance work, but to keep up with what already is being done."

Interest deepens in our European work. The old work in Italy has experienced a prosperous year. The acquisition of the fine property in Rome for a church, missionaries' residences and publication headquarters has greatly increased the efficiency of the work in that city. The purchase of a splendid piece of property on the out-skirts of Rome for an Orphanage has brought great encouragement to our people.

During the past year much has been done towards evangelizing the new fields in Europe. Dr. Everett Gill, the Superintendent of our new work in Europe, appointed in June, 1921, has been able

to do much in Spain, Jugo-Slavia, Roumania, and Hungary. He has found many Baptist brethren and has helped to organize the work. There is much to be done but progress is being made. The Rev. H. E. Porter, our first missionary to Russia, has been able in connection with the American Relief Administration to go to Moscow, where he has done valiant service in relief work, and has been able to do some evangelizing. The conditions in Russia do not yet permit freedom of religious endeavors. The Board is anxious to develop the work in South Russia and will do so as soon as conditions will permit. For the present the most that can be done is in extending relief to the starving multitudes. In this gracious charity Southern Baptists have done well and must continue to do much, at least through the coming winter.

The work in Syria and Palestine given to our Board by the brethren of Illinois has passed through a fairly good year. The two native missionaries have been faithful. The Board at its meeting in May, 1922, appointed two young men, who with their wives will soon go to Palestine for the purpose of laying the foundation of a wide work in the Holy Land.

Such is a very brief review of the work of Southern Baptists in foreign fields. A glance at some statistics may help. We now have 622 churches in our foreign fields with a membership of 64,251. Of these churches, one-third, or 206 are self-supporting, and 375, or more than half, own their houses of worship. They gave on an average of \$7.24 per member last year.

We have a total of 694 schools of all grades with an enrollment of 26,507 students. This enrollment is about equal to the enrollment in all the Baptist Colleges in the South. While our foreign mission schools are not all of the college grade, yet we have these students under our tutorship as long as the usual college here at home has its. And we have our foreign students at a more tender and impressionable age than that of the college students in our Southland. The result is that a very large proportion of our church members are converted in our schools. One of our outstanding missionaries in China says that 50% of our church members in China were reached in the schools. The school is a great evangelizing agency.

We lay also great emphasis on the Sunday School. We had last year in our 971 Sunday Schools, 53,691 scholars.

The crowning glory of all the work done last year was the 7,891 baptisms. This was almost one thousand more baptisms than we have ever recorded in any year in our Foreign Mission history. God be praised for His blessings.

The most discouraging feature of our foreign mission work during last year came not from the fields abroad, but from the response to this cause here at home. Southern Baptists gave during the last year \$1,755,678 as against \$2,498,381 year before last. This is a drop in foreign mission gifts of \$742,703 in one year. This is most serious. Our work abroad has been expanded greatly. It will be dreadfully embarrassed if its support is cut down this year like it was last year. The churches should wake up to the seriousness of our foreign mission situation. Even though conditions in America should be as bad this year as they were last, Southern Baptists must support and reinforce these heroic missionaries they have sent to represent them in the front

line of service in foreign fields. Doors of opportunity stand wide open every where. The needs of a broken hearted, suffering, sinful world call to us with a persistence that must be heeded now. We must not halt in our mission. We must at whatever cost of sacrifice and consecration preach in this opportune day Christ's gospel unflinching to the whole world for which He died.

J. R. MILLER,
R. E. PARRAMORE,
J. B. WEBB,
Committee.

Those taking part in the discussion of these subjects were J. F. Grant, B. Stephens and J. P. V. Feldman.

On motion, above named reports were adopted.

The report on W. M. U. was read by Mrs. J. T. Maddox, and on motion adopted.

The W. M. U. of the Florida Association, presents greeting to the Florida Association.

At the Southern Baptist Convention in Jacksonville the W. M. U. presented, perhaps, the greatest report in the history of our organization, representing thousands of Christian women and young people in Southern Baptist Churches.

The W. M. U. seemed to have made special efforts during this year to dispel the darkness in hearts and homes near and far.

Organized 34 years ago for the purpose of stimulating missionary spirit and the grace of giving among the women and young people of the churches and aiding in collecting funds for missionary purposes.

Union members have discovered afresh, that by studying missions they not only become intercessors for others, but also the light shines brighter in their lives.

The task of trying to interest the uninterested and training the children and young people still rests upon the W. M. U. Love, hope and faith are continually building wings to carry forward our victorious task.

We have in our State, 457 W. M. U.'s, 62 Y. W. A., 57 G. A., 36 R. A., 357 Sunbeams.

We are very much interested to know of the work in the Florida Association.

We have 12 W. M. U., 1 Y. W. A., 3 G. A., 1 R. A., 4 Sunbeams.

When will our task end?

When Jesus comes—

God is able to lead us to a victorious end.

MRS. I. T. MATTOX.
MRS. W. H. RUGELY.
MRS. A. J. BRYAN.

Preaching Committee reported Rev. Bunyan Stephens preach Tuesday night, Rev. W. A. Burns, Wednesday at eleven A. M., and Rev. J. P. B. Feldman, Wednesday night.

A recess was taken until 9:30 A. M. Wednesday.

WEDNESDAY—MORNING SESSION

C. Frank Wells led the devotional service.

D. A. Avant read report on Evangelism.

Your committee begs leave make the following report:

The word Evangelist occurs three times in the New Testament, (Acts, 21:8; Ephes. 4:11; 2 Tim. 4:5), and carries with it the thought of preaching the gospel in such a way as to arouse the hearers to a renunciation of sin and acceptance of Jesus as Savior and Lord. The word means good news, glad tidings, the Gospel.

The people called Baptist, especially Southern Baptist, have an enviable evangelistic record. Our statistical glory and spiritual power are due to our loyalty to the truth as it is in Christ Jesus, and to our zeal in the supreme task, that of winning souls.

Within the bounds of the Southern Convention last year we received on profession of faith two hundred and sixty thousand souls. The denomination in America nearest approaching this number was Northern Methodism with less than half this figure. The mission stations of our Foreign Mission Board now nearly encircle the globe; being at work in nineteen nations, preaching the gospel of Christ of the representatives of an audience of nine hundred millions of people in territory twenty-five times the size of the Southern Convention territory. This territory and audience is larger than has ever confronted any other Protestant organization in all time.

During the past two and a half years Southern Baptist have placed more than thirty-five millions of dollars on God's Evangelistic Altar, being a larger amount than was ever before offered by any Evangelistic organization in a like period of time. We have more money invested in education, and likewise more missionaries at home and abroad than any other American organization.

With our simple Bible doctrines, and democratic form of church government so in conformity with the trend of the times we are confronted with more open doors and enticing calls than have ever before challenged the faith and courage of the people of God. Surely God has chosen us to carry all of His word to all the people of all the world.

In view of what we are doing it might appear to some that we have occasion for boasting—and truly the things that are being accomplished are glorious. Glorious the thought that two hundred sixty thousand souls were led to Jesus in our Home field last year, and for these we thank God and take courage,

but when actually analyzed is this record anything to boast of? There are more than twenty thousand Baptist preachers and twenty-eight thousand Baptist churches in the South. That means one conversion per month for each Baptist preacher, or one conversion every forty days for each Baptist church. If all Baptist preachers in the South would put in just one honest day's work per month, winning one soul to Christ, they would win as many as were won last year, and have the other 29 days in which to go fishing. If every church in the Convention were only a once-a-month preaching station and the whole membership of each church combine its efforts to win one soul each month, and have him ready for baptism when the preacher comes we would baptize a third more in a year than we did last year.

With these facts staring us in the face who is ready to boast? Here and there our churches are making good in evangelism. Nearly 600 churches reported as many as 50 baptisms, and 250 churches reported more than 100 baptisms each. This is as it should be. But, as ashamed as we are to write it down, more than 5,000 churches did not report a single conversion for the entire year, and more than 7,000 churches did not as much as have an evangelistic meeting. Who, I say, is willing to try to boast in the face of such a record. We almost wonder that we still have the heart to call ourselves an Evangelical Denomination. Certainly God is not pleased with such lethargy on the part of His people.

Our greatest evangelistic responsibility is to push our program out to these out-of-the-way and forgotten places, and enlist them, especially the young people. Our greatest strength, yea, God's most valiant soldiers of the Cross, come from the countryside. Two men of about the same age and native ability move to town from the country. Both become prosperous. When boys, one was led to Christ and the other was not. Under which one's influence would you like for your boy to come? One will spend his money in riotous living, and the other will give his thousands to churches, schools, hospitals, etc., and best of all, through his influence perhaps hundreds or thousands of souls will be led to Christ. Through the other man's influence some mother's boy or girl may be dragged to the bottomless pit. Let us evangelize these places today, for tomorrow will be too late.

Evangelism looks toward the regeneration of the individual, and through the individual to the regeneration of society, the State, the National and the World. Regeneration is the only hope for a lost world. Culture will not save a people; if so Greece would not have fallen. Legislation will not save a people; if so, Rome would not have fallen. She surpassed the world in legislation. Fertile land and prosperity will not save a people; if so, Egypt would not have fallen. The valley of the Nile is the garden spot of the world so far as fertility is concerned. Militarism will not save a people; if so, Germany would not have fallen. She had the most terrible military machine the world ever saw. Only divine character given in regeneration, the new birth, and a saving knowledge of the Christ will save a people. Jesus says: "I am the way, the truth and the life: No man cometh to the Father by Me." (John 14:6). With-

out God men are depraved and hopeless. The gospel is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth.

Christ's plan of evangelization is to give the gospel to each individual soul, regardless where he lives, or the color of his skin. Our Lord Himself toured the regions round about proclaiming the gospel of salvation, first to the lost sheep of the house of Israel, then to all classes, kindreds, tribes and tongues. He trained His early followers to be evangelistic, and sent them forth to declare the healing message. Step by step were they led from the narrow confines of Judaism to a holy passion for the souls of lost men everywhere. His death on the Cross was and is the one atonement for sinning and suffering humanity the world around. No other hope can be held out for any soul. Thus the necessity for His messengers to carry the news of this provision to the ends of the earth in each succeeding generation. Then in His ascension to the Father, His parting admonition to His followers was in the form of a command to "go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." This command has never been annulled, and is today the clarion call to His people every where to evangelize the world. Not only so, but this is the only provision He made for the evangelization of the peoples of the earth. He is depending absolutely and entirely on us to carry His message to those who know it not.

The world today is in a state of unrest. We hear much of wars and rumors of war, capital and labor, etc. In August, 1914, the world was startled by the unexpected announcement that Austria-Hungary had declared war on Serbia. In a few hours came the tidings that Russia and Germany were involved, and shortly nearly all Europe, and later nearly all the world, was engaged in the bloodiest conflict of all time. Millions of men, women and children were slain, or died of disease and starvation, and multiplied billions of dollars were spent in an effort to halt the onrush of a nation of mad people. Who will question that God could and would have raised up a "Moses" fifty years ago to lead and direct these people, had there only been a "Pharaoh's Daughter" to nourish, teach and "Evangelize" him. Who will question that had one millionth the men and money been given 50 years ago to evangelize Europe this terrible war would have been prevented, and today instead of yon Flanders fields being draped in black, holding in her bosom millions of the world's fairest sons, she would today be blossoming as the rose, yielding grain and fruit to feed the starving children of the "Near East" and the world. Does it cost too much to be evangelistic? Then what does it cost to withhold our talents from God?

The revolution that threw Russia into the hands of Bolshevistic dictators was possible only because of the years of autocratic despotism, unspeakable persecutions and martyrdoms without number that had preceded. Today Russia needs a "Moses" as perhaps no other people on earth. Why haven't we seen to send her? Why hasn't the Florida Association raised up some Christian giants and statesmen to take their places in strategic points of the earth to lead the people to a knowledge of the Christ and of brotherly love?

Today China is being referred to as a "sleeping lion," and so Russia might well have been referred to 50 years ago. What are

we doing today to prevent a cataclysm in China 50 years hence. This is no time for faint hearts and faint hearted messages or messengers. It is a time that tries the souls of men; a time when our denomination and our Lord are in need of Joshuas and Calebs. Jesus Christ is the only name under heaven given whereby men or nations may be saved. "Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent?"

Evangelism is the key word to the world situation, the key word to the newly coined word "Normalcy." Now is the accepted time. Tomorrow will be too late. Our King has given us our marching orders, and he who fails to keep step will be forced to pay the price.

Respectfully submitted,

D. A. AVANT,
J. W. BARRETT,
G. D. DEMOTT,

Committee.

After a general discussion of the board's work by Rev. W. W. William, representing State Board of Missions, the report on Evangelism was adopted.

Rev. W. A. Burns preached annual sermon at eleven o'clock; subject, "Doctrinal," text, Rom. 11:25.

Adjourned until 1:30 P. M.

WEDNESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

Rev. W. A. Burns led devotional service.

E. Curtis Roberts read report on Bible School.

We, your committee, beg to make the following report as our findings of the Sunday Schools:

By computing the reports of our State Secretaries of the Sunday Schools for the year of 1921, which seems to be the latest data from such boards up to this time, which gives the following figures: 560 Sunday Schools with enrollment of 42,933 pupils. Taught 94 training classes during the year, granted 306 diplomas, awarded 208 seals, and held 47 institutes. We also note from other data that we have 763 Baptist churches in the State, with a membership of 72,385.

These 560 Sunday Schools compose a great teaching force in our State, and by the aid of the ministers and our boards, who are teaching the training classes throughout the State, we are

steadily growing more efficient in teaching and training in higher ideals. These training classes are confined too much to the larger towns and city churches. While the smaller churches are anxious to have the training, they find it a very difficult matter owing to the fact that many of the pastors live a distance, and cannot conveniently meet with such a class once or twice a week for this training.

We have 28 churches reporting this year to this Association, and we find in the 28 churches there are 19 Sunday Schools reported. This year our Association reports 1,646 pupils enrolled. All of these report proportionate offerings to the different causes that our denomination stands for.

We would make the following recommendations to the Association:

First—That the Pastors and Superintendents of the Churches and Sunday Schools whose officers and teachers have not taken the Normal Manual Training Course, that they seek faithfully and diligently to interest them individually or in classes to take such training as this will well solve the problem which now exists in shortage of teachers and inefficiency of our teaching force. This course will better inform anyone in class organization. And a study of the individual pupils requirements, together with a broader knowledge of teaching the word. We would recommend that each church composing this Association hold two or more of these training classes during the year, where it is possible for them to do so.

Second—We strongly recommend the six-point system for the Sunday Schools of this Association, and the organized class plan as outlined by our board at Nashville, Tenn., as this will solve many of our troubles and hinderances, and will surely lead to the building up of any school that will faithfully carry them out, bringing about a new spirit of interest on the part of each individual of the schools from the beginners to the adult department.

Third—That our pastors, superintendents, teachers and officers closely co-operate with our State Boards in the Sunday School work by direct communication with such boards, also by attending the conventions and assemblies when possible to do so, that the teaching and directing forces may get a spirit of progress as well as learning more definite plans, and principles of this important work of our Master.

Fourth—Be it resolved, That this Association form an Associational Sunday School Convention to meet once each year, the date to be Friday and Saturday before the first Sunday in June, 1923. This Convention to discuss only the subjects pertaining to the welfare of the Sunday School and the Sunday School work of the Association.

G. D. Fletcher read report on B. Y. P. U.

We, your Committee on B. Y. P. U., beg to submit the following report:

We are glad to note the activities of the B. Y. P. U. work in

this Association. The B. Y. P. U. movement in the South started in Nashville, Tenn., in 1893, during the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, which led to the establishment of the Young Peoples Union, first monthly then weekly. The paper provided for topics and gave study courses. Later an organization of a B. Y. P. U. was effected in Atlanta, Ga., in 1896. The headquarters of the B. Y. P. U. were first in Birmingham, Ala., and later in Louisville, Kentucky.

A secretary was put in the field and a general meeting was held annually in connection with the Southern Baptist Convention. After some years the B. Y. P. U. was taken up by the Sunday School Board's report to the Convention, the Convention instructing the Sunday School Board to take over all the B. Y. P. U. work, and thus we have continued to grow until the B. Y. P. U. work in the Southland is one of the greatest works that our churches are doing today, with an enrollment of 418.

The training services of our Unions are very essential in all the churches in our Association, whether it be country or city church.

The reports up to now show four B. Y. P. U.'s having two Unions, Senior and Junior; three churches with three classes; seven churches that have no B. Y. P. U.'s at all, with Quincy, Tallahassee, Calvary, Gretna and River Junction having a good number taking some study course books.

Tallahassee with two volunteers for ministry or mission work and Quincy having four volunteers for ministry or mission work, we are glad to report that through the effort of the B. Y. P. U. work in our churches are greater than any previous year.

Any information along the line of organization can be had by writing W. W. Willian, 205 Peninsular Building, Jacksonville, Florida.

Respectfully submitted,

G. D. FLETCHER, Chairman,
C. E. BLOUNT.

After two reports, Bible Schools and B. Y. P. U. had been discussed jointly by Bro. R. P. Tomberlin and Rev. W. W. Willian, they were adopted.

The Moderator appointed E. C. Roberts as President, and R. P. Tomberlin, Secretary, of the Sunday School Convention.

J. P. B. Feldman read report on Duties of Church to Pastor, who also spoke to the report, and it was adopted.

Perhaps the worst canker on the body of the Church is the existence of Nicolaitans. The word means "those who would lord it over God's heritage," from nikao—to conquer, and laos—the people or laity. The division between clergy and laity is not

scriptural, and Baptists do not accept any castes or ranks among the people of God. But the fact remains that among many other precious gifts, the Lord gave to the churches some pastors, and the relationship between pastor and church should be held as sacred as the bond of marriage. Consequently the pastor owes certain duties to the church, but the church just as positively owes an equal number of duties to the pastor.

We might sum up the entire subject in the one phrase: A church owes its pastor wholehearted support. The pastor was designed by the Great Shepherd to be an under-shepherd, a leader, an overseer, a teacher, a comforter. To all these functions the true pastor adds that of a prophet (a forth-teller rather than a fore-teller), and this office is always greater than that of a priest. The New Testament gives no priestly authority to the pastor, but it does endow him with all the duties and privileges of a prophet of God. Hence it follows that a church owes its pastor reverence, for he ministers in the holy things of God. It owes him a certain amount of obedience, for to him have been entrusted the oracles of God in a measure above the average. It owes him love and sympathy, for he shares the sorrows of his flock, and serves the members of the church in hours of deepest grief. It owes him financial support, not as the wage of an hired man, but to relieve the pastor of carking cares which hinder him from giving his time to prayer and study. A pastor of the New Testament Church ought not be compelled to waste his energies in providing for the daily needs of his fleshly family, when he ought to provide for the soul-needs of his spiritual family. No man can do great things in the service of God, while he is occupied in the things of this world.

A church ought to be honest with its pastor. To promise to attend the means of grace in the house of God, then to allow any slight thing to keep one from fulfilling the promise, is not honesty. To lead a pastor to expect the presence of his congregation at a service, to cause the pastor to spend hours of study and labor in the preparation of a discourse which is needed by the people, and to compel him to deliver the God-given message to empty pews, is not honesty. To contract with a messenger of God that he would be paid a certain fixed sum for his services, allow this servant of God to assume obligations relying upon the stipulated compensation, and then to brand this pastor as a man who does not pay his debts, is dishonesty on the part of the church. I have heard preachers and pastors accused as bad debtors, when the true charge should have been made against the Church for "breach of contract." I care not how poor the members of the congregation claim to be in this world's goods, as a rule they are much better off than the pastor. I know churches, and so do all my brethren in this Association, which do not deal with their pastor as honestly as they do with a negro hand.

A church ought to pray for its pastor. Let churches do this, and the improvement in the pastor's work and preaching will be startling.

The members of the church ought to relieve the pastor from all tasks foreign to his great office. A pastor should not be required to be a financier, or a social mixer, a good manager in business affairs; he ought not be expected to plan for things per-

taining to the material side of church work or organizations. God sent him forth to proclaim a message surpassing the ability of angels in heaven, and all burdens and hindrances should be removed from him by the members of the flock.

J. P. B. FELDMAN, Chairman,
R. P. TOMBERLIN,
J. T. DAVIS.

M. D. Fletcher read the report on Aged Ministers.

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

We find that in our Association we have a number of aged ministers, whose lives once strong and active, who have preached the gospel of Christ,

Dedicating their lives to the service of Him some of them being forced to work on the farm or some trade to support their families, and preaching the gospel on the Lord's day. These old soldiers of the Cross are just as devoted and a heart full of love for the service of God for which they gave their lives. Some of them have been blessed with a portion of this world's goods, others have not.

We recommend that this Association extend to these ministers such financial assistance as necessary to make life comfortable, and that our clerk be requested to send each a personal letter advising them of our love and appreciation for the services they have rendered and that we request the churches to remember them in their prayers and in financial aid.

L. J. CLARK,
M. D. FLETCHER.

The report was adopted.

Rev. J. B. Webb read report on Prohibition.

Since the passing the the Eighteenth Amendment, the activity along Prohibition lines has somewhat abated; not but what the work is being kept alive and supporters are kept all the while, at work, and on the alert. There is nothing like the amount of drunkenness and debauchery that there was when the open saloon obtained, of course enemies to the cause of prohibition, report that drunkenness is on the increase, but according to statistics, such is not true, and they know it.

The Anti-Saloon League is continually on the job, and is pressing the enforcement of law as much as possible, although somewhat handicapped on account of dishonest people, and lack of funds, however, it has been a great force in driving the saloon and the liquor traffic out of the country.

Your committee would recommend to all the churches of Florida Association, that they make a faithful and earnest effort in their

territory to free it of the "moonshiner and bootlegger," reporting all such coming within the knowledge of any member of the churches, keeping officers of the law well informed as far as possible of the doings of such characters, and so rid our country of all such persons.

We would prayerfully request the Legislature, at its next session, to pass a law restraining the court from assessing a money fine, but making each offense of illicit distilling of liquor a fine from six months to as many years as the crime may warrant, on the chain gang at hard labor.

Men, who once spent all their money for "booze," are now living well, and many have bank accounts, their children are well provided for and are in school; such are some of the advantages of prohibition, and may we, as Christians, ever pray that our country may soon be freed from this tyrant and monster.

E. B. FLETCHER,
C. M. PEDDIE.

Brother Webb spoke to the report briefly and it was adopted.

Motion, the Sunday School Convention be held with Indian Springs Baptist Church, first Sunday in June, 1923.

Motion, next session of the Association be held with Calvary Baptist Church, Apalachicola, Florida, Oct. 16-17, 1923.

Motion, Rev. Bunyan Stephens preach introductory sermon, and Rev. W. A. Burns preach doctrinal sermon at next session.

W. D. Richards read report on Finance and Obituaries.

We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to report:

The different churches has sent up to the Association, for minutes and clerk, \$96.35.

We find from the letters that was sent up that there were 2,092 members last year and 2,297 at present, an increase of 205 members over last year. 166 were received by baptism.

From W. M. U., \$2.10.

W. D. RICHARDS,
W. H. RUGELEY,
T. C. CRAVON.

C. Frank Wells, J. B. Webb, J. P. B. Feldman, O. N. Revels, Hugh McKeown and Sam Tindell were named as messengers to the State Convention.

J. B. Webb was named as messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention.

C. F. Wells read Treasurers report.

RECEIPTS

1921	
Oct. 8—Finance Committee	\$118.95
1922	
May 10—River Junction Church	5.00
May 18—Tallahassee Church	5.00
May 19—Pleasant Grove Church .....	.70
June 8—J. R. Miller, Indian Springs Church	1.00
June 19—Mrs. H. J. Davis, Quincy Church	5.00
Sept. 27—Salem Church	5.00
Total	\$140.65

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid to T. J. Appleyard	\$ 88.00
Paid Clerk of Association	50.00
Paid postage, mailing minutes	1.65
Paid deficit	10.51
Total	\$150.16
Leaving balance due	9.51

Respectfully submitted,
C. FRANK WELLS, Treasurer.

Report was adopted.

Motion, Clerk be paid fee of \$50.00.

Motion, Clerk be instructed to have 500 copies of minutes of Association printed.

Resolution offered by Dr. Feldman as follows:

Resolved, That the Florida Baptist Association renders heartfelt thanks to Lake Mystic Church, Pastor Revell, the community and people of Bristol, for the cordial and generous entertainment received.

J. P. B. FELDMAN.

Prayer was offered and the final benediction spoken by Rev. W. W. Willian.

Association adjourned to meet with Apalachicola Baptist Church, October 16, 1923.

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

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY MEETING

Minutes of the Woman's Missionary Union held at Lake Mystic Church, October 3d, 1922:

Meeting was opened by our President, Mrs. W. A. Burns, with song, "Something for Thee."

Devotional—Mrs. W. H. Rugely.

Committee Appointed for Nominations of Officers—Mrs. Rugely, Gee and Miss McRainey.

Committee for Literature—Miss Flossie Anderson.

Reports read from the W. M. S. of the Association.

Sunbeam Band from Providence Church—Clara Anderson.

Mrs. W. A. Burns gave a splendid talk on our work.

Talk on Answered Prayer—Mrs. Strom.

Round table discussions.

P. M. session opened with song.

Report of nominating committee:

President—Mrs. W. A. Burns.

Vice-President—Mrs. M. L. Maige.

Secretary—Mrs. I. T. Mattox.

District Superintendents—Mrs. J. W. Cook, Mrs. M. A. Love,

Mrs. John McDonald and Mrs. Rushing.

Mrs. Bunyan Stephens, chairman of 75 Million Campaign.

Devotional—Mrs. Rugely.

Talk by Mrs. Burns.

Talk by Mrs. Mattox.

Closed with song, "God be with you till we meet again."

MRS. I. T. MATTOX, Secretary,
Quincy, Florida.

Collected for Associational minutes, \$2.10.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES

Gretna—Bro. L. H. Andrews, Sister Bethe Timmons.

Sundown—Sister Amanda Boatwright.

Tallahassee—Deacon Newton A. Blitch, Bro. J. G. Dedge,
Sister Park Trammell, Sister A. Neal Bradford, Sister
Reuben Williams.

Providence—Deacon M. B. Anderson, Bro. W. W.
Edwards, Sister Sydnah Suber.

Greensboro—Sister J. B. Webb, Bro. Frederick B. An-
derson.

Waukeenanah—Sister R. P. Tomberlin.

Quincy—W. J. Cox, Sister D. E. Weatherly.

Monticello—Bro. John D. Richert, Bro. W. A. Simmons,
Sister R. L. Kilpatrick, Bro. John H. Shuman.

Indian Springs—Bro. E. L. Lewis.

Salem—Sister Ann Bowen.

Mt. Beser—Bro. J. V. Wood.

Chaires—Sister C. J. English.

Calvary—Deacon J. F. Buck.

W. D. RICHARDS,

W. H. RUGELY,

T. C. CRAVON.

In Memory of DR. J. P. B. FELDMAN

Death, the grim messenger that knows no rank, degree, or station, has again by his visitation made known to us the frailty of human life and the imperfection of human plans.

Dr. Feldman was present during all the session of Association, and there was no thought in our minds but that many years of service was ahead of him.

His ready wit, his culture, and spirituality gave him pre-eminence and a place of usefulness among us.

Dr. Feldman was a Jew, belonging to one of the wealthy family of Jews of the State of New York, but heeding the Heavenly Call he became a follower of the Godman, Christ Jesus, choosing rather to suffer such afflictions as come to him, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season.

In following Christ, he lost father, mother, sisters and brothers, and other Jewish friends, he lost his place socially and his wealth, but like Paul, he seemed to count it all joy.

A few days after the Association adjourned Dr. Feldman was stricken with dengue fever, and while he slept the angel whispered to his spirit, come, and Feldman had gone to his reward, leaving a loving family, a devoted church and many friends in sadness.

Feldman had suffered much for the cause of Christ, let us now, as we mourn, remember that Feldman is happy. The earthly love that he had lost also the things material are restored to him fourfold in the love and presence of Jesus.

C. FRANK WELLS.

B. Y. P. U.

CHURCH	PRESIDENT	ADDRESS	Number Enrolled	Number Taking Study Course	Number Giving Systematically
Salem	Iva May Sperry	Apalachicola, Fla.	38	14	12
Corinth	Leon Williams	Hosford, Florida	25	6	.....
Fiat Creek	Mrs. Nellie Rowan	River Junction, Florida	22	.....	.....
Greensboro	Miss Ruth McGeachy	Greensboro, Florida	41	.....	.....
Gretna	Vernon Hough	Gretna, Florida	20	12	.....
Lake Ellen	R. W. Langston	Arran, Florida	30	.....	12
Providence	Earnest Wilder	Juniper, Florida	96	.....	.....
Quincy	Lella Borling	Quincy, Florida	73	58	35
River Junction	Mrs. Lockland	River Junction, Florida	76	12	10
Salem	Mrs. Mattie Maize	Carrabelle, Florida	.....	.....	.....
Sumatra	Mrs. Bettie Spence
Tallahassee	Clyde Atkinson	Tallahassee, Florida	29

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SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS

Name of Church	Name of Superintendent	Address	Number of Teachers and Officers	Number of Pupils	Baptized from S. S.	Expenses Paid by S. S.	Benewolences and Other Objects
Arran	W. L. Todd	Juniper, Fla.	6	68	.....	.....	.....
Calvary	J. P. B. Feldman	Arran, Fla.	14	58	9	\$ 180.00	\$ 241.00
Concordia	Mrs. S. C. Rhoden	Hosford, Fla.	1	131	20	32.00	.....
Greensboro	E. M. Walsh	Javana, Fla.	7	77	.....	.....	.....
Gretna	J. C. Brewer	Greensboro, Fla.	7	70	14	77.00	.....
Hopeful	H. L. McKeown	Quincy, Fla.	7	75	.....	55.00	.....
Indian Springs	T. W. White	Metcal, Ga.	7	31	6	.....	.....
Lake Mystic	J. A. Scruggs	Joyd, Fla.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Besor	J. M. Roberts	Sopchoppy, Fla.	8	54	3	.....	.....
Monticello	J. L. Maize	Monticello, Fla.	14	55	1	168.00	155.00
Providence	W. H. Dean	Juniper, Fla.	11	128	.....	.....	.....
River Junction	W. E. Shiefer	River Junction, Fla.	22	182	18	27.00	27.00
Salem	O. E. McKeown	Arrabelle, Fla.	6	267	.....	421.00	100.00
St. Marks	A. R. L. Moore	St. Marks, Fla.	9	50	.....	40.00	.....
Sumatra	Almeria McCranie	Sumatra, Fla.	.....	90	2	.....	25.00
Tallahassee	J. H. Roberts	St. Marks, Fla.	8	60	.....	22.26	1.98
Telogia	E. C. Holley	Telogia, Fla.	31	38	1,001.40	5.80
Woodville	Mrs. F. C. Williamson	Woodville, Fla.	5	462	57	19.97	184.50
			4	391	1.90

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WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION AND OTHER SOCIETIES

Name of Society	Name of President	Address of President	No. of Members	Paid to the 75 Million Campaign	Paid to Other Purposes
Arran	Mrs. J. B. Laws	Arran, Florida	5	35.80	36.20
Calvary	Mrs. J. B. Laws	Apalachicola, Florida	18	456.50	150.00
Monticello	Mrs. W. L. Malice	Monticello, Florida	50	880.48	6.63
Providence	Mrs. C. E. Blount	Quincy, Florida	75	10.00	200.00
Quincy	Mrs. G. H. Boring	River Junction, Florida	15	80.00	11.00
River Junction	Mrs. A. L. Shelfer	Carrabelle, Florida	4		
Salem	Mrs. N. W. Coleman	Tallahassee, Florida	7		
Tallahassee	Mrs. W. H. Rugely	Woodville, Florida			
Woodville	Mrs. M. E. Merritt				

Counselor Young Woman's Auxiliary—Calvary, Mrs. J. F. Buck.

Leader Girls Auxiliary—Quincy, Elmer Wilcox.

Leader Sunbeam Band—Monticello, Mrs. J. G. Anderson; Providence, Susie Dean; Quincy, Grace Mitchell.

Leader Royal Ambassador—Monticello, Mrs. A. R. Hughes.

FINANCIAL

Name of Church	Pastor's Salary	For Building and Repairs	Visiting Ministers	R. Y. P. U. and Sunday School Expenses	75 Million Campaign	For the Poor	Value of Home	Value of Church Property	Total Value of Property	What Debt on Church Property	Other Items	Total for All Local Expenses
Aetna	55.00			2.00		10.30		300.00	300.00		65.00	182.30
Antioch	180.00			10.00				800.00	800.00		20.00	227.00
Arran	180.00			30.00				1,000.00	1,000.00			1,551.00
Calvary	1,200.00	100.00	346.00	125.00	136.20	88.00	5,000.00	7,000.00	12,000.00		2.00	66.50
Chatham	64.50				200.00			800.00	800.00			
Concordia	200.00		275.00	32.00	60.00			2,600.00	2,600.00			
Crawfordville	250.00							1,200.00	1,200.00			
Ebenezer (J)	135.00		17.50					400.00	400.00			
Ebenezer (L)	25.00							800.00	800.00			31.00
Flat Creek	250.00	15.00						1,000.00	1,000.00			265.00
Greensboro	600.00	78.00	120.00	79.08	294.70		1,200.00	3,250.00	4,450.00		30.00	1,400.00
Gretna	1,200.00	500.00	80.00	65.00	151.50			3,600.00	3,600.00	300.00		
Hardaway												
Havana	125.00				42.00			1,000.00	1,000.00			
Hopetown	250.00				40.00			1,500.00	1,500.00			
Indian Springs	120.00	25.00	47.50	10.00		30.00		1,500.00	1,500.00		7.50	12.00
Lake Ellen	184.12	100.00		15.00	270.50			8,500.00	8,500.00	4,500.00		312.62
Lake Mystic												2,312.20
Mt. Eion	200.00	10.00	75.90	26.72								
Mt. Besor	1,500.00	412.00	150.00	122.80	1,358.00	15.00	3,000.00	8,000.00	11,000.00		116.00	312.62
Monticello												2,312.20
New River												
Pleasant Grove	140.00	16.00	30.00	12.75	250.00			700.00	700.00			
Providence	600.00	27.62		46.40	800.00			2,000.00	2,000.00			374.00
Quincy	2,100.00	1,121.00	222.00	321.25	1,705.40	15.00	5,000.00	40,000.00	45,000.00	475.00		4,251.25
River Junction	1,200.00	15.00						2,250.00	2,250.00		35.00	
Salem	900.00	48.50		39.80								
Shady Grove												
St. Marks	148.98		57.60	6.00		12.00						
Sumatra	100.34			59.40	17.78			320.00	320.00			155.82
Sundown	25.00		5.50	5.60	2.70			500.00	500.00			37.60
Sycamore	170.00	1,870.00		1,036.90	15.50	189.08	5,000.00	62,500.00	75,000.00	2,053.75		
Tallahassee	2,800.00		66.35		3,282.38			1,000.00	1,000.00			
Telogia	55.77		76.00									
Waukegan	80.00											
Woodville	150.00				5.00			1,500.00	1,500.00		9.45	

NUMERICAL

Name of Church	Name of Pastor	Pastor's Address	Name of Clerk	Clerk's Address	Increase This Year				Decrease This Year				Membership This Year	Net Decrease	Net Increase	Year Church Organized	What Sundays Have Preaching	Church Have Revival Last Year	How Many Families in Your Membership Take State Paper
					By Baptism	By Restoration	By Letter or Statement	Total Increase	By Death	By Letter	By Expulsion	Total							
Aeon	E. Newberry	Quincy, Fla.	W. E. Grey	Tallahassee			1						32		10	1848	Third Sunday	*	
Antioch	O. N. Revels	Bristol, Fla.	R. L. Parramore	Juniper	21			21					85		21		First Sunday	*	
Arran	C. Frank Wells	Woodville, Fla.	J. B. Laws	Arran								3	79	3			Fourth Sunday	*	3
Calvary	J. P. B. Feldman	Apalachicola, Fla.	D. B. Maddox	Apalachicola	28		14	42					112		32	1886	Full Time	*	8
Chaires	L. A. Roberts	Spring Hill, Fla.	W. D. Boyd	Chaires					1				18	1		1897	Fourth Sunday	†	
Corinth			J. D. Turner	Hosford	39			39				7	110		32	1871	Second and Fourth Sunday	*	12
Concordia			C. H. Darsey	Amsterdam, Ga.						3		5	128	5			Fourth Sunday	†	
Crawfordville			M. W. Moore	Crawfordville									46		4	1843	Third Sunday	*	
Ebenezer (J. Co.)	C. F. Wells	Woodville, Fla.	R. T. Freeman	Nash	6			6				2	30	1			Second Sunday	†	
Ebenezer (L. Co.)	L. A. Roberts	Spring Hill, Fla.	D. I. Barineau	Tallahassee						1			119		6	1876	First and Third Sunday	*	
Flat Creek	J. Frank Grant	River Junction, Fla.	Miss Eria Shepperd	River Junction	5		1	6				4	87	16		1907	Second and Fourth Sunday	*	10
Greensboro	J. B. Webb	Greensboro, Fla.	J. C. Brewer	Greensboro	20			20					120		1	1912	First and Third Sunday	*	4
Gretna	J. Frank Grant	River Junction, Fla.	S. B. Timmons	Quincy	2			2		1		3							
Hardaway			R. L. Bradley	Hardaway															
Havana	I. I. Roberts	Havana, Fla.	T. L. Edwards	Havana								3	58	6			Second Sunday	*	
Hopeful			T. C. Wheeler	Metcalfe, Ga.	6		3	9				3	62				Second Sunday	*	
Indian Springs	W. J. Adair	Norman Park, Ga.	J. R. Miller	Lloyd			4	4	1	2		3		1			Second Sunday	*	1
Lake Ellen	C. Frank Wells	Woodville, Fla.	R. W. Langston	Arran		1											Second Sunday	*	
Lake Mystic	O. N. Revels	Bristol, Fla.	W. D. Bateman	Bristol	3		1	4					132			1889	Fourth Sunday	*	8
Mt. Elon												5	67	5			Third Sunday	*	
Mt. Besor	O. N. Revels	Bristol, Fla.	M. O. Strickland	Sopchoppy	6		4	10	1	4							Every Sunday	†	20
Monticello	W. L. Maige	Monticello, Fla.	John H. Shuman	Monticello			16	16	4	10		14		2		1841		*	
New River	S. J. Revels	Bristol, Fla.	B. B. Summer	Vilas														*	
Olive	P. N. Shepard	Metcalfe, Ga.	George Demott	Monticello	8		7	15		1	2	3	119	13		1859	First Sunday	*	
Pleasant Grove			Wm. Clark	River Junction														*	
Providence	J. B. Webb	Greensboro, Fla.	G. D. Fletcher	Juniper	5			5	2	5	1	8	196	3		1843	First and Third Sunday	*	
Quincy	W. A. Burns	Quincy, Fla.	J. J. Love	Quincy	21		32	53	2	14		16	284	37			Every Sunday	*	20
River Junction	J. F. Grant	River Junction, Fla.	O. E. McKeown		6		21	27		11		11	64	16		1907	Second and Fourth Sunday	*	4
Salem			Miss Mattie Maige	Carrabelle	2			2	1	4		5	102		3	1887	Second and Fourth Sunday	†	8
Shady Grove	Rufus Tucker	Arran, Fla.	R. Langston	Smith Creek								5	75	2				*	
St. Marks	R. T. Alcorn	Woodville, Fla.	Frank Linton	St. Marks	5	1	1	7		5		2	43	5		1906	Second and Fourth Sunday	*	
Sumatra	O. N. Revels	Bristol, Fla.	Miss Almetta McCranie	Sumatra	4	1	2	7		2		1	10	2		1916	Second Sunday	*	1
Sundown	W. S. Kelly	Madison, Fla.	J. Q. Hagerman	Ebb			3	3	1			6	34				Fourth Sunday	*	
Sycamore	B. L. Simmons	Hardaway, Fla.	M. C. Stringer	Greensboro								45	532	61		5 1912	Third Sunday	*	1
Tallahassee	Bunyan Stephens	Tallahassee, Fla.	W. H. Rugeley	Tallahassee	68		38	106	4	40		6	67		4	1912	Every Sunday	*	2
Telogia			Earnest Bass	Talogia			2	2	1	5		2	22		2	1920	Second Sunday	*	1
Waukeenah	C. Frank Wells	Woodville, Fla.	Frank Colson	Waukeenah						2		2	22		2	1920	Third Sunday	†	2
Woodville	C. Frank Wells	Woodville, Fla.	Mrs. M. E. Merritt	Woodville	2		1	3		4		4	61		1	1906	First Sunday	†	6

* Yes. † No.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF TREASURERS

Name of Treasurer of 75 Million Campaign—Aeon, W. E. Grey, Tallahassee, Fla.; Calvary, D. B. Maddox, Apalachicola, Fla.; Flat Creek, E. J. Cowan, River Junction, Fla.; Greensboro, F. A. Green, Greensboro, Fla.; Gretna, S. B. Timmons, Quincy, Fla.; Hopeful, W. D. Odom, Metcalf, Ga.; Indian Springs, J. R. Miller, Lloyd, Fla.; Lake Ellen, J. I. Langston, Arran, Fla.; Lake Mystic, E. S. Bateman, Bristol, Fla.; Monticello, W. M. Scruggs, Monticello, Fla.; Olive, C. S. Hatchett, Monticello, Fla.; Providence, W. D. Richards, Juniper, Fla.

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THE CAMPAIGN FUND

Campaign funds, divided as follows:

	Per Cent.
State Missions	28½
Home Missions	18½
Foreign Missions	20
Christian Education	17
Orphanage	10
South-Wide Institute	4
Aged Ministers	2

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS AND ADDRESS

Rev. James Holland	Tallahassee, Fla.
Rev. W. D. Anderson	Tallahassee, Fla.
Rev. Wm. Lee Popham	Apalachicola, Fla.
Rev. L. A. Roberts	Spring Hill, Fla.
Rev. J. F. Grant	River Junction, Fla.
Rev. J. B. Webb	Greensboro, Fla.
Rev. Robert Pigott	Arran, Fla.
Rev. O. N. Revels	Bristol, Fla.
Rev. S. J. Revels	Bristol, Fla.
Rev. C. S. Peddie	Bristol, Fla.
Rev. Jas. S. Shuman	Louisville, Ky.
Rev. J. A. Davis	Monticello, Fla.
Rev. Scott Patterson	Africa
Rev. F. M. Wells	Juniper, Fla.
Rev. S. F. Blount	Juniper, Fla.
Rev. W. J. Fillyaw	Juniper, Fla.
Rev. W. A. Burns	Quincy, Fla.
Rev. R. T. Alcorn	Woodville, Fla.
Rev. John McCranie	Sumatra, Fla.
Rev. Bunyan Stephens	Tallahassee, Fla.
Rev. L. I. Roberts	Havana, Fla.
Rev. Rufus Tucker	Arran, Fla.
Rev. Zander Cox	Smith Creek, Fla.
Rev. C. Frank Wells	Woodville, Fla.

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Rev. J. D. Turner	Hosford, Fla.
Rev. Jessie Coggins	Arran, Fla.
Rev. B. F. Russell	Monticello, Fla.
Rev. W. L. Maige	Monticello, Fla.

