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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 church 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

- At every meeting of the Association the Moderator shall call the members to order and cause the clerk to read the minutes of the previous Association.
- The Moderator shall preserve order, and shall speak on any point or 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.
- When any member is about to speak in debate he shall rise and address the Moderator.
- 7. If any member, while speaking or otherwise employed, transgress the rules of decorum, the Moderator shall, or any member may, call him to order.
- When two or more members shall rise at the same time, the Moderator shall decide who is first entitled to the floor.
- 9. No member shall indulge in unkind remarks in debate, nor shall any member speak more than twice on the same question without leave from the Association, nor more than once until every one choosing to speak shall have done so.
- 10. While any member is addressing the Association, it shall be the duty of the Moderator to suppress all private discourses that may be entertained between the members, and require strict attention on the part of the members.
- 11. When a motion is made and seconded it shall be stated by the Moderator before debate.
- 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.
- 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 decsion 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 approbated by two-thirds of the members present before they shall be acted on.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

EIGHTY-SECOND SESSION

Monticello, Fla., Oct. 16, 1924.

The opening devotional service, beginning at 10 o'clock, was conducted by Rev. W. A. Burns.

Songs of the kingdom were sung. Prayer was offered by Rev. B. Stephens.

The Eighty-second Session was formally called to order by the former Moderator, Rev. W. A. Burns.

ENROLLMENT

On motion of Dr. B. Stephens, the enrollment of the messengers present be secured. It was provided that those arriving later might enroll, and that the entire body thus enrolled, shall constitute this Association.

The enrollment of messengers, and churches was finally made up as follows:

Aenon-J. H. Fountain, Hardy H. Grey.

Antioch—By letter. Arran—By letter.

Chaires—G. T. Reeves, B. L. Smith. Concordia—C. H. Darsey and wife.

Corinth-J. D. Turner.

Ebenezer-(J. Co.)-R. T. Freeman and wife.

Flat Creek—J. W. Clark, L. J. Clark, Miss Willie Smith, Mrs. E. B. Young.

Greensboro—R. A. McPherson, E. L. Rowan, J. C. Brewer.

Gretna-H. L. McKeown.

Havana—S. R. Skinner and wife, Mrs. J. T. Stevens, Mrs. J. E. Watson, J. E. Shelfer, Henry Walsh.

Indian Springs J. A. Scruggs and wife, J. R. Miller and wife.

Lake Ellen—By letter.

Lake Mystic—A. W. Turner, O. N. Revels, Miss Lillian Thaggard, Miss Maggie Singletary. Monticello—J. K. Hutchings, P. R. Whittaker, W. L. Maige, R. B. Hurst, L. N. Reed, S. C. Walker, W. M. Scruggs, Mrs. W. F. Eaton, Mrs. Dawkins, Miss Rosa Lee Shuman.

Olive—C. S. Hatchett, Geo. DeMott, J. D. Anderson, E. J. Wooten, J. L. Rains.

Providence—W. H. Dean and wife, G. E. Suber, J. E. Dean, Miss Susie Dean, Miss Nellie Dean.

Quincy—R. T. Russell, D. A. Avant, E. S. Wright and wife, Mrs. M. A. Love, Miss Ella Fair, R. H. Gee and wife.

River Junction—O. F. Locklin, J. M. Rowan, W. M. Smith.

Tallahassee—B. Stephens, W. H. Rugely and wife, C. L. Holten, E. C. Roberts, Koy Peterson.

Woodville-C. F. Wells.

Mt. Besor-By letter.

Mt. Elon-By letter.

Organization—Permanent organization of the Association for this session was effected by the election of Rev. S. R. Skinner, Moderator, and Rev. C. Frank Wells, Clerk.

Introductory Sermon—Rev. J. K. Hutchings, the appointee, preached the introductory sermon. His text was John 12:32, and his theme, "The Uplifted Christ."

COMMITTEES

MISSIONS

State Missions—J. K. Hutchings, J. D. Turner, R. A. McPherson.

Home Missions—C. L. Holten, chairman. (Other names not given.)

Foreign Missions—S. R. Skinner, E. C. Roberts, Henry

Evangelism—R. T. Russell, W. H. Rugely, O. F. Locklin.

EDUCATION

Christian Education—Bunyan Stephens, G. E. Suber, E. S. Wright.

Bible School—J. A. Seruggs. (Other names not given.)
Periodicals—W. H. Dean, J. R. Miller, P. R. Whittaker,
B. Y. P. U.—H. L. McKeown, J. M. Rowan, Mrs. J. F.
Stevens.

W. M. U.—Mrs. Hattie S. Dawkins, Mrs. M. A. Love, Mrs. S. R. Skinner.

SOCIAL SERVICE

Baptist Children's Home-W. H. Rugely, W. M. Smith, J. E. Shelfer.

Mutual Relation of Church and Pastor-Koy Peterson, J. A. Scruggs, W. L. Maige.

Prohibition—O. N. Revels, D. A. Avant, C. L. Holten. Stewardship—Bunyan Stephens, W. M. Scruggs, R. H. Gee.

Nominations and Religious Services—W. L. Maige, J. A. Scruggs, J. E. Dean.

Finance and Obituaries-P. R. Whitaker, D. A. Avant, J. E. Shelfer.

On motion the association recessed until 2 p. m.

THURSDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

With Moderator in the chair, a devotional service was conducted by Bro. Koy Peterson.

By request, the congregation sang together, "How Firm a Foundation."

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MISSIONS

Bro. E. C. Roberts read report on Bible School Convention.

State Missions-J. K. Hutchings.

Home Missions—C. L. Holten.

Evangelism—R. T. Russell.

Foreign Missions—S. R. Skinner.

These reports were discussed by W. A. Burns, C. L. Holten, R. T. Russell, J. D. Turner, and adopted.

Dr. J. W. Mitchell presented claims of Baptist Witness. The report on Baptist Children's Home was read by W. H. Rugely, spoken to by J. N. Shepard, Dr. S. B. Rogers, and on motion adopted.

Motion to employ missionary for the Association, was referred to the Executive Committee.

Motion prevailed to adjourn until 7 p. m.

EVENING SESSION

Thursday Evening, 7:30—Song service led by Bro. Koy Peterson. Prayer by Rev. J. N. Shepard.

The report on B. Y. P. U. was read by Bro. Hugh Mc-Keown. The usual time given to discussing this report was given for the rendering of a B. Y. P. U. program by the different societies of the Association.

Dr. Rogers presented, in an able and thrilling manner, the needs and scope of our missionary activities.

FRIDAY MORNING

The morning service was opened with song and devotional service, led by the Moderator.

Reading of reports continued.

Report on Periodicals read by W. H. Dean. The report was spoken to by W. H. Dean, W. A. Burns and Mrs. Peelman, and adopted.

The report on Stewardship was read by B. Stephens, spoken to by B. Stephens, W. A. Burns, R. T. Russell, and on motion adopted.

At this time the meeting was turned over to the ladies of the W. M. U.

Doctrinal sermon at 11 a. m., by Rev. Bunyan Stephens. Text, Matt. 18:21-35. Subject, Forgiveness.

Adjourned for dinner.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Song service by the congregation; devotional service by Rev. J. K. Hutchings.

The report on Mutual Relation of Church and Pastor was read by J. A. Scruggs, and on motion the report was adopted.

Bro. R. Carrol and wife, from Middle Florida Association, were invited to seats with us.

Reports continued.

Bible School—Read by J. A. Scruggs.

Christian Education-Read by B. Stephens.

Woman's Work-Mrs. Dawkins.

The reports were discussed jointly, by W. L. Maige and Mrs. Peelman, and on motion the reports were adopted.

The report on Prohibition was read by O. N. Revels, and on motion the report was adopted.

Resolution of thanks, offered by Bro. Stephens, adopted. Resolution of remembrance, from the Association to Rev. F. M. Wells, was offered by Bro. Hutchings and adopted by the Association.

Report of Executive Committee, read by Bro. J. A. Scruggs. Report was adopted.

Report on Finance and Obituaries, read by Bro. P. R. Whitaker. Report was adopted.

Report of Committee on Nominations, read by W. L. Maige. Report was adopted.

On motion, Executive Committee also act as Committee on Evangelism.

On motion Clerk have usual number of Minutes printed, and be paid \$50.00 for his service.

Treasurer's report read and adopted.

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds" was sung by the entire congregation, all joining; also in giving the parting hand. The Association adjourned to meet Thursday before the Second Sunday in October. 1924.

REV. S. R. SKINNER, Moderator.

REV. C. FRANK WELLS, Clerk.



COMMITTEE REPORTS

SUGGESTIONS FOR REPORT ON STATE MISSION ACTIVITIES-1923

We have 29 Associations in Florida, 790 white Baptist churches in the state, with a total membership of 81,108.

There were 4,696 baptisms in the State last year; of this

number 994 were baptized by our missionaries.

The total number received into the church on our mission fields last year were 1,986. We employed in whole o rin part, 77 missionary pastors and evangelists.

The Board contributed \$17,477.66 to pastoral aid at needy points, 80 per cent of which went to the aid of country or vil-

lage churches.

The Board paid on appropriations for church building, \$10,-600.00 and there was collected by our field workers and reported to the Mission office for this purpose, \$13,183.02.

The Board appropriated for the maintenance of its Sunday School Department, \$3,227.79; for its W. M. U. Department,

\$4,295.64; for its B. Y. P. U. Department, \$3,757.73. The Board appropriated to Ministerial Relief, through the Dallas Relief Board to disabled preachers in this State \$3,335.56.

The Board paid into the treasury of the Orphans' Home for the year \$19,905.07.

Florida contributed for Foreign Missions \$33,355.59.

And for Home Missions \$30,853.92.

For the cause of Christian Education, we paid into the endowment of Stetson University for the year \$26,226.01. Paid into the Southern Educational Board, and Southwide institutes for the education of ministers and mission workers, \$6,671.12.

There was collected for the Campaign last fiscal year \$166,-

777.97.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE MISSIONS

We are very much encouraged over the situation and are indeed grateful to God for the really marvelous growth of Baptists in Florida.

The past five years has meant much to our State. The Seventy-five Million Campaign has given us a new impetus and has helped to open our eyes to the needs of the world.

The large number of baptisms in the past year, a large per cent of whom were baptized by our missionaries, is very strengthening and encouraging to our denomination and should inspire us to enter heartily into the program for the next year.

The zeal and self-sacrifice of our State missionaries is unquestioned and the remarkable effectiveness of their work proves conclusively that the Holy Spirit is leading them, and that we should pledge to them, our prayers, our loyalty, and our constant devotion.

The church building program in Florida has moved steadily forward in the past year and we are delighted with the progress that we have made along this line. Many beautiful churches have been completed recently and many others are in process of construction. The work of our State Board along this line has been indeed inspiring. We heartily commend them in their efforts to aid this building program. Some of the country churches in the Florida Association have recently repaired their church buildings. Sunday School rooms and other additions have recently been completed in the towns and villages of the Association.

We are fully conscious of the fact that the Baptists of Florida occupy a stragetic position and that there is much work to be done if we are to meet the requirements of our gigantic task. People from all over the world are coming to Florida. There is no section in our great State that is not being developed. Many sections are experiencing phenomenal growth, All classes of people are coming to us, must of them with their efforts directed toward commercial development rather than spiritual development.

We, the committee, therefore, recommend that we awake to the responsibilities of the task which lies before us: enlarging our program, uniting ourselves with each other and above all, with God, in the effort to claim for Christ the vast hordes who

are coming into our midst every day.

While the streets of our towns and villages are being paved. and while the development companies are building bungalows upon the lots, and while the schools and colleges are having growing pains; we, the Baptists of Florida, must put on a program which will be in line, remembering always the words of our Master-when he sad, "And I if I be lifted up will draw all men unto me."

Respectfully submitted,

J. K. HUTCHINGS, J. D. TURNER.

R. A. McPHERSON,

Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS

The Board refers with gratitude to the wonderful progress made during the last few years in Home Mission endeavor. especially during the five-year period of the 75 Million Campaign, which has been unique and outstanding in Baptist annals. A study of the Board's annual reports for these five years reveals a record of great achievements. Notwithstanding the embarrassment of a heavy debt that has rested on the Board for four years past, God has bestowed unwonted favor upon the labors of the missionaries and evangelists of the Board. Meetings of great power have been held in various fields and thousands have been brought to Christ. Fields notably hard, where for years we have been laboring and laying foundations, are coming to self-support and in turn are having a part in our denominational work. Enlargement is called for from every direction. The calls are many and heart-searching from weak churches needing help and destitute fields needing missionaries in the countryside and in our growing towns and cities.

Changing conditions in the industrial world, the migration of the Negroes by hundreds of thousands to the North, the test of our civilization by the creeping in of insidious error in our schools and colleges, all these call for the leavening power of the gospel. Who that reads our daily papers can deny that there is throughout our land a deplorable attitude on the part of multitudes of people with respect to law and government. The gospel is pure corrective for all these things and our Home Mission Board furnishes for Southern Baptists a great Southwide agency for giving the gospel in its purity and power.

The Home Mission Board, notwithstanding its burdensome debt and consequent retrenchment in its forces, presents a wonderful outlook for the future. So marvelous have been God's favors upon our people in the past few years, and especially during the Five-year Campaign, that we are able by virtue of our forces and resources to seize the present situation and make Southern Baptists the greatest single religious force in the South and throughout our nation. The South constitutes the nursery, the training ground, the granary, the source of supplies, indeed, for our conquest in all lands. If we fail here we fail everywhere! If we succed here we can succeed everywhere! May God help our people in this great day of opporturity with high rsolve to meet the issues worthily and hasten the coming of His Kingdom throughout the earth!

The following is a brief summary of some features of the Board's work for the last five years: Sermons and addresses, 802,382; prayer meetings, 101,075; religious visits, 1,238,210; baptisms, 203,532; total additions to churches, 180,918; workers' conferences held, 4.667; volunteers for Christian service, 15,049; church houses built or improved, 2,225; Sunday Schools organized, 3,183; copies Scripture given, 55,533; page tracts dis-

tributed, 35,812,479. The 75 Million Campaign closes with December, 1924, and it has been stated that if we raise the full 75 Million Dollars and Home Missions receives its due proportion we can pay off all of the Board's debt and be ready for an aggressive work for the future.

A free supply of tracts and leaflets can be had from the Home Mission Board, 1004 Healey Building, Atlanta, Georgia. Their splendid Home Mission books are sold at actual cost.

C. L. HOLTON, Chairman of Committee.

REPORT ON EVANGELISM

Your Committee on Evangelist submits the following report: We believe that evangelism is our task supreme. The supreme task of every Sunday School teacher, every department of our church life, and of every preacher. We should take every opportunity to make disciples of our people by proclaiming the "Good News."

While some of our churches are doing well in this work of evangelism, we wish to call your attention to the great need of our Association in the matter of evangelism. Pastorless churches that are failing at the job of evangelism and great sections of our Association that are not reached.

We would recommend that our churches endeavor to keep

the evangelistic fires burning brightly.

We further recommend that our Association work out some means whereby they may put an Associational Missionary in this Association, whose duty it will be to preach in these weak places, building them into fields and locating pastors. Respectfully submitted,

R. T. RUSSELL, Chairman, W. H. RUGELEY, O. E. LOCKLIN.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

Never in the history of Christendom has there been such wonderful progress made on the foreign fields as has been the case during the last five years. It has been almost unbelievable.

The Foreign Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has labored under distressing conditions during four years of this time. They have been instructed each year to enlarge the work but at the same time the churches have contributed less and less for their support.

We have in our Foreign Mission fields 1,095 churches, in which are enrolled 111,872 members. This is one twentyseventh as many churches as there are in the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention, and one-thirtieth as many members. Three hundred and eight of our churches abroad, or about one-third, are self-supporting. This shows a gain of 97 over the year before, or an increase of self-supporting churches of almost 50 per cent in one year.

It is nothing less than remarkable that results have been so large from the disappointingly small expenditures which we have made. We quote the following figures from the report of the Foreign Mission Board in 1924, which give the results during the four years of the 75 Million Campaign:

	1919	1924	Gain
Missionaries	328	544	216
Native workers	627	2,494	1.867
Churches	505	1,095	590
Members	49,659	111,872	62,213
Self-supporting churches	143	308	165
Contributions\$	173,372	\$444,568	\$271,296
Baptisms	5,635	12,856	7,221



It should be kept in mind that in such matters as the fruits of the Spirit much cannot be tabulated.

We sent out 54 missionaries during the year, bringing the total of our foreign missionaries up to 544. This gain is heartening, but is far below the number which should have been sent. We need to send this year 229 others. The building up of the native working force is a necessity. We shall continue to need many foreign missionaries, yet we cannot depend upon missionaries sent from America to do the major part of the preaching to any country. The final evangelization of every land must be done through its native workers.

Hence it is obvious that we must maintain mission schools. This has been an encouraging year in our Foreign Mission schools. The number of pupils enrolled in our grade schools is about equal to the number of students in all our Baptist schools in the Southland. Best of all there are seventeen Bible and Theological schools, in which schools are being trained 416 young preachers. While these schools are all rendering a great service in the general uplift of the people, our chief interest in them lies in the fact that through them we turn many to Christ, and train these students for more effective Christian service.

Time and space fails us to speak more fully of the medical work carried on in many of the fields. And of the publishing houses in many of the countries where we have missions, from which are issued many tracts, Bibles, Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Quarterlies, and many other helps.

Thus our work abroad presses forward with the favor of God upon it. Southern Baptists rejoice in it, yet they are not supporting it as they should. The Board has been compelled to halt in its great program right at the time when it could press the work most advantageously.

In May, 1923, the Board reported a debt of \$403,000. In spite of the greatest economies this debt grew by May, 1924, to \$711,000. When appropriations were made for 1924 over \$1,600,000 in requests from the fields were denied. The Board was able to appropriate for 1924 only for current expenses. It allowed nothing for buildings and equipment. At its meeting in June, 1924, the Board decided not to send out new missionaries this year, except in a few instances where the salary and expenses have been especially provided. This means that practically all new equipment and new missionaries were cut off from the foreign fields this year. What this lack of help will mean to the cause no one can estimate.

The situation is distressing. The only hope for remedy for it is in the payment of our 75 Million Campaign pledges. If these pledges are paid we can take care of the work.

In view of the above facts your committee would urge:

- That each church in our Association, during these closing days, give as liberally as possible to the 75 Million Campaign so that all debts can be paid.
- That every church follow the suggestions and leadership of Dr. Rogers and other Board officers in the campaign for

1925, which must be put on at once, ever keeping in mind that unless our quota is reached all of our causes will suffer. Let us keep step with our Master.

S. R. SKINNER, E. C. ROBERTS, P. H. WALSH.

FLORIDA BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME REPORT

LOCATION

Our Children's Home, as everyone in the State should know, is located in Arcadia, Florida. It is in reality in the corporate limits of the city, on the Dixie Highway, entering the city on the north. We have eighty acres of land, a very valuable piece of property, located as it is with the southeast corner of the property the geographical center of the City of Arcadia.

MANAGEMENT

The management of our Home is placed in the hands of a Board of Trustees of fifteen members, appointed by the State Convention, five members retiring each year and new members appointed. These trustees have the complete management of the Home, meeting in their semi-annual meeting at the Home and the annual meeting at the time of the meeting of the State Convention. They make an annual report to the State Convention in detail about the work. Rev. J. E. Trice is the Superintendent, with Mrs. J. E. Trice matron in charge, with, of course, other necessary helpers to carry on the work.

BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS

On the eighty acres of land, twenty-seven acres are in cultivation, fifteen acres are in the play grounds and campus, on which there are located four two-story buildings, three of brick and one concrete, the nursery building is of concrete one-story building and a superintendent's home, two-story frame. There are other outbuildings such as the cannery, barn, woodshed, carpenter, paint and blacksmith shops. Eight acres are in bearing orange and grapefruit grove and thirty acres in pasture land for the cows.

CHILDREN AND THEIR HOME

We have one hundred and ten boys and girls with a capacity in our Home to care for one hundred and twenty-five if received in the right ages to suit our buildings. There are thirty-five girls in the girls' building, fourteen small girls in the Priscilla English Memorial Dormitory, sixteen boys in the large boys'



dormitory, twenty-one middle size boys in the small boys' dormitory, twenty-four children at the nursery, ten boys and fourteen girls. We have a matron for each building but have no servants as the children do all the work. We have three teachers in our school, one for the advanced grades, one for the primary and one teaching stenography and bookkeeping. We educate and train our children so that they can become self-supporting when they leave the Home. We have no age limit but make our Home a real home for the children to give them care and attention as long as they need it. The boys are allowed the privilege of leaving when they are eighteen years old and the girls are secured positions and allowed to leave as soon as they are old enough and capable of taking care of themselves.

THE RELIGIOUS LIFE

Our children attend services at the First Baptist Church in Arcadia, attending the Sunday School, church services and prayer meeting. A number of the older children are members of the B. Y. P. U. and several of the children from the Home are officers in the different departments of the church work. We have religious services each morning in the main dining room and the nursery dining room and conducted by the Superintendent. We, of course, employ only Christian helpers and have a continuous oversight and care of the children's Christian life.

With but just a few exceptions, all of the children in the Home old enough are members of the church.

RECEIVING AND DISMISSING CHILDREN

We receive children in ages from infancy to twelve years old for girls, and boys (ten years old), who are full orphans. The Board of Trustees has found it necessary to confine the work of the Home to the full orphan children on account of so many half orphans applying for a place in the Home, who, if taken, would displace the full orphan and most needy child and leave no room for this class of children. All children are received into the Home upon an application furnished by the Superintendent and properly filled out with a doctor's certificate attached, and no children can be carried to the Home until first communicating with the Superintendent. Children dismissed from the Home when they are capable of earning their own living, and sometimes children are dismissed to make their home with relatives where relatives are located and found to be in a position to support the child. Children are not promiscuously placed out in homes, only infants are placed in homes where there are no children. The Board of Trustees has found it unsatisfactory to place larger children out in private homes, so they are making the Home at Arcadia a real home for boys and girls.

SUPPORT AND NEEDS

We derive a large portion of our support from ten per cent of the Campaign Fund. This is not, nor has it been sufficient to support the work, so we are dependent upon independent gifts of friends sent in independent of the Campaign obligation to support the work. Friends and societies over the State are supplementing the financial support during the year. There is no improvement or building fund provided for carrying out any plans for future enlargement. This is a real need in our work and there should be in the near future, such a provision made as will provide such a fund. We should have three hundred and fifty children in our Home at Arcadia and to do the work for this number of children that we are doing for our present family of boys and girls. Your committee would recommend that more independent gifts and more independent larger donations be sent. That every church and Sunday School in the Association plan to have a worthy part in the annual gift week to the Home and that every Baptist in the Association remember the work constantly in prayer.

Respectfully submitted. W. H. RUGELY, Chairman. W. W. SMITH. J. E. SHELFER. Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PERIODICALS

Brother Moderator and Brethren:

Your committee feels a hesitancy in trying to write up a re-

port because of the demand of the work.

First we would take note of the environment needed to have a clean paper. We need to have men with clean hearts to write our books and periodicals, that we will have no hesitancy in placing in the hands of our children and loved ones, at home and abroad. And we would urge upon all that are interested to strive to get the literature that we need in our work.

Second point of interest is the distribution of this prepared literature. The business world has discovered the fact that it pays to advertise. Every paper or magazine that we pick up is full from beginning to end with advertisements. Much of this matter is lost, however, in failing to appeal to men to read. There is no use to advertise our goods or our works if we fail to get it properly distributed.

We are trying to do a great work for the Master, and we need the hearty co-operation of all that are interested. Our work is preaching the Gospel to the lost souls of men, which is the power of God unto salvation. And we want it advertised broadcast all over our land that all of our people may hear the glad news. And we want it sent across the seas, that other nations may be lead into the faith of the Lord Jesus Christ.

As individuals we should be glad to proclaim to the world

the glad message of love. When we reach the end of our cabletow we want to turn to the religious periodicals and enlist them
in the publication of this happy message. We have many papers
holding forth and advocating the work of the gospel. We have
the Florida Baptist Witness, in Jacksonville, that calls us to
service. And we earnestly urge all of our people to take the
paper. In it we find what the brethren are doing over the State.
Instructing us, too, in the way of God that we may be more
efficient workers together with Him, and in the careful reading
of the Witness we may get inspiration for our work. Then there
are many other papers in the Southland that are worthy of our
patronage.

Let each one resolve, therefore, to do what we can for the Master's Kingdom unto the uttermost parts of the world; all of which is respectfully submitted for your inspection.

W. H. DEAN, Chairman,

J. R. MILLER,

P. R. WHITAKER.

B. Y. P. U. REPORT TO FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

We, your committee, wish to make the following report:

The work of the B. Y. P. U. is fast coming to its own. However, we feel that there are some of the churches that still have the erroneous conception that the B. Y. P. U. is only a place of amusement and entertainment for our young people, with little or no spiritual value, but such is not the case with a real B. Y. P. U.

Some of the scriptural authority that back our B. Y. P. U. work are found in 2nd Tim. 2:15, 1st Tim. 4:12, 13 and 14, and the last injunction of the Great Commission, which shows that the B. Y. P. U. has an important place to fill in the churches.

The B. Y. P. U. is to the church exactly what the training camp was to the United States army. The training camp made strong, efficient, well-trained, soldiers out of recruits. The B. Y. P. U. takes the youth of our churches and trains it for a more efficient Christian service in the churches.

The records of the Jacksonville office show that in 1922 there were 383 B. Y. P. U's in Florida of all grades, while the records for 1923 show 507 Unions, an increase of 124 Unions in a single year for Florida. The records also show Florida to have 15 Associational, County or City Federations, to which the State Secretary gives much credit for the fine work done in our local Unions.

Florida Association showed 39 churches in 1923, with 14 doing B. Y. P. U. work; 1924 shows to have 12 churches doing B. Y. P. U. work.

We note from the Baptist Witness that there is to be a large blackboard displayed at the State Convention showing the B. Y. P. U. study courses by Associations. We hope the Florida Association will not be ashamed of her record when the blackboard is displayed. Since the Association met last year West Florida has held a B. Y. P. U. Convention and perfected a permanent organization. This convention was well represented from all parts of West Florida.

SOME RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That every messenger here from churches not having B. Y. P. U. organization in their churches put forth a special effort to see that they are organized, on their return to their churches.

2. That every B. Y. P. U. put on a study course before the 15th of November and report the results to the Jacksonville office, that Florida Association may get the credit and at the same time equip our young people for a wider field of service.

3. That where enough Unions can be grouped together a Federation be organized, meeting with one of the churches in a program and social meeting once a month. In going over the records we find that nine-tenths of the A-1 or Standard Unions hold membership in some kind of federation.

4. That every B. Y. P. U. co-operate in every way possible to help our B. Y. P. U. Convention and the West Florida Baptist Assembly, and especially in seeing that someone represents the Union at each.

Respectfully,
H. L. McKEOWN,
MRS. J. F. STEVENS,
J. M. ROAN.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY MEETING OF FLORIDA ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Woman's Missionary Union held at Bethel M. E. Church, October 16, 1924, near Monticello, Fla.

Meeting was called to order by President Mrs. W. A. Burns with song, "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross."

Prayer by Mrs. Rugely.

Welcome address by Mrs. Jennie Gilbert.

Response by Mrs. Burns.

Nominating Committee—Mesdames Love, Bryant, Stephens and Shuman.

Resolutions-Mesdames Jno. Cook, Massee and Skinner.

Literature and Publicity—Mesdames Pate, Faircloth, Cook and Rugely.

Reports from W. M. U's.

Talk on W. M. U. Work by Mrs. Maige, Mrs. Massee, Mrs. Skinner and Mrs. Rugely.

Report on Sun Beams, Mrs. Skinner and Mrs. Rugely.

Report on B. Y. P. U., Mrs. Rosa Lee Shuman. Report on District Work, Mrs. Meade Love.

Talk on Woman's Work of State and suggestions to work until last hour on 75 Million Campaign, by Mrs. Peelman.

Quiet Hour, by Mrs. Rugely.



Open for discussion, Whether or not Woman's Meetings should be held separate from Associational Meetings.

It was moved and carried that the women hold their meet-

ings separate from Association.

Monticello extended an invitation to hold first meeting with them on first Thursday in September, 1925.

On motion, adjourned.

FRIDAY MORNING

Meeting called to order by president. Song, "I'll go where you want me to go." Prayer, Mrs. Rugely. Reports of committees read. Officers for ensuing year as follows: President-Mrs. S. R. Skinner, Havana. Vice-President-Mrs. Hattie S. Dawkins, Monticello. Secretary and Treasurer-Mrs. Ola Hughes, Monticello. District Superintendent-Mrs. C. L. Shepherd, Apalachicola; Mrs. Jno. Cook, Monticello; Mrs. R. F. Godard, Quincy; Miss Lilla Williamson, Tallahassee.

Young People's Leader-Miss Rosa Lee Shuman, Monticello. Publicity Chairman-Mrs. Bunyan Stephens, Tallahassee.

An offering was taken for publication of minutes, amounting

A rising vote of thanks was given our retiring president, and an invitation extended her, to visit us in our meetings in the future. May God bless her as she goes into a new Association and endear her to these people, and may she live in their hearts as she does in the ones she is leaving. So loyal, so kind, so sympathetic, always happy when doing her Master's work.

A vote of thanks was given the pastor and people of Olive Church and community and pastor and people of Monticello church for their hearty welcome and splendid hospitality.

MRS. HATTIE S. DAWKINS, Secretary pro tem.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MUTUAL RELATION OF CHURCH AND PASTOR

To the Florida Baptist Association:

We, your Committee on Mutual Relation of the Pastor and Church, respectfully report as follows:

Every pastor should live in the vicinity of his church or as nearly so as possible, should never be far removed from any church he serves.

He should be able to give all of his time to his work and association with his church members, and should literally do these things.

He needs to know his people, know their weakness, know their strength; know their ability, know their inability; know their vices, know their virtues; know when they need encouraging, know when they need chastising, and know when they need leading and when they need driving.

He should be among them in their pleasures and joys; share with them in their adversities as well as their prosperity, and comfort them in their sorrows and griefs.

He should be a leavening influence in the entire community, with the energy, the knowledge and the ability to guide and direct and control the best moral and religious emotions of his people in a way to produce the greatest results for his Master. His Master has intrusted to him a great charge. His responsibility to his Master is enormous.

The Church also has many responsibilities and burdens to bear. They should so arrange the work that he could live in the midst or as near the church or churches he serves as possible. They should enable him to live near enough to be a real pastor. They should be so cared for by the church or churches that they should have no financial worries, in order to live in comfort. The Church should stand ready and willing to aid them and join them in carrying out the work of the Master at all times. The pastor, too, has frailties, his temptations, his trials, griefs and sorrows. He is only human.

The Church is held as strictly accountable to the Master

in her duties as is he.

We, therefore, recommend: That all churches arrange to have pastors advantageously located for real service.

That they provide as for themselves for the real needs of their pastor.

That they realize he is only human and give to him the encouragement, help, sympathy and friendship he often needs.

That they make it their business to see that every advantage, opportunity and assistance is given him to perform his real duties and glorious work for the church and the Master.

Respectfully, J. A. SCRUGGS. W. L. MAIGE. KOY PETERSON. Committee.

REPORT ON STEWARDSHIP

A steward, we find, is a person entrusted with the management of things not his own; he controls and gives out for another. The nobleman in the parable of the pounds did not give a pound to each servant to be his very own, but simply put it in his keeping with the direction, "Occupy till I come." Each understood the pound was entrusted to him to be multiplied for the benefit of the giver, and realized that the appropriation for his own use, either of the principle or its increase, would be

Since such is a standard, stewardship must involve: First, occupancy or possession with full control, and practically the rights of ownership; second, responsibility, holding the possession thinkingly, with due precaution against waste and loss; third, accountability, with constant remembrance of a day of reckoning. This, then, is stewardship: Occupancy, responsibility, accountability.

THE OWNERSHIP OF OUR POSSESSIONS IS WITH GOD

Ownership and possession are not the same. The sheep possesses the wool, but sheep and wool alike belong to the owner of the sheep. The farmer possesses any quantity of wild game but the ownership of the game is vested in the county. We are God's and what we possess belongs to Him. "Say not in thine heart, my power and the might of thine hand hath got ten me this wealth, but thou shalt remember the Lord thy God; for it is He that giveth thee power to get wealth." (Deut. 8:12-18.)

Ownership is with God by creation. "God has made all things for himself." "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." "The land is mine." "Every beast of the forest is mine." "All the cattle upon a thousand hills." "The silver and the gold are mine." "The sea is his for he made it." "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and they that dwell therein."

Ownership of the possessor is with God by purchase. "Ye are not your own for ye are bought with a price." "Ye are redeemed with the precious blood of Christ."

MAN'S POSSESSION OF WHAT GOD OWNS IS IN TRUST OR STEWARDSHIP

Stewards or trustees are required to be constant or faithful. "It is required in stewards that a man be found faithful." In Luke 19, Jesus tells the parable of the nobleman who called his servants and gave them certain pounds and said unto them, "Trade ye herewith till I come." Only the unfaithful servant complained that the master was austere and hard.

The steward is diligent in the employment of time, as well as in the development of talents. The steward is prudent, so as not to waste or lose. He uses his entrustments: time, money, influence, everything, in a manner that is pleasing to the owner.

THE STEWARD IS ACCOUNTABLE TO GOD THE OWNER

When? "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God has prospered." I Cor. 16:2. This involves regularity. The haphazard method has been our ruin.

How? "Every man as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly or of necessity, for God loveth a cheerful giver." II Cor. 9:7. In the Christian life the more we serve the better we like it. The master in the parable seemed hard only to the idle servant. A "cheerful giver" always has something to give; his cheerfulness seems to increase his capital.

What? Everything. It all belongs to the Lord. The Old Testament emphasizes the tithe: "Of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee." Let us emphasize the whole man, with all that he has. Hold back nothing.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Your committee respectfully urges: that the pastors and other officers of the churches secure from the State Mission Board and other sources available literature on the subject of stewardship and distribute this in a wise and tactful manner among all the people; that tithing bands or stewardship clubs be formed in all the churches for the purpose of studying the Scriptures and other literature on stewardship; that all churches be urged to make "every member canvasses" before or soon after the first of Januar; formulating definite financial budgets for local expenses and benevolences; that we co-operate with other churches in this Association and the State to formulate a great worth-while pregram of activities for 1925 and then press with consecrated vigor to joyful and victorious accomplishments.

BUNYAN STEPHENS, Chairman, W. M. SCRUGGS, R. H. GEE,

Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BIBLE SCHOOL

To the Florida Baptist Association:

We, your Committee on Bible Schools, realizing the woeful lack of knowledge anong even the members as well as the children of Baptist families and others of Baptist inclinations and the fact that the Sunday School is the only practical place where this knowledge may be acquired; therefore, we recommend that every effor be made to promote and advance every phase of the Sunday School work throughout this Association and the entire State of Florida.

The State of Florida has shared in the South-wide progress in Sunday School work. At this time it is impossible to give figures and data for 1914, but in every phase of the work there is evidently a great advance over 1923.

We deem it unnecessary to name the new Sunday School buildings now under construction or being remodeled so as to give additional Sunday school room. The progress along this line is outstanding and the items are many. This wonderful work is going on throughout the entire State.

This seems to be the day for large Sunday Schools everywhere. The big Sunday school idea is sweeping Florida. Practically all of the largest cities and towns are sharing honors

Reports for 1923 show Florida with 634 Sunday Schools, with an enrollment of 59,686. We estimate at least 12 per cent increase for the year of 1924. With this we are and should indeed

feel very gratified; but there is much here yet to be done. Too many children in the towns and cities are not yet attending; too many of the older members are practically ignorant of many of the principles taught in the Bible. Some concentrated effort should be put forth at once to bring these into the Sunday School work. We should somehow arouse these parents to a sense of their responsibility. Go out on the streets and in the alleys and gather these children in for instruction. However, it seems that the crying need is of the rural communities. Establish Sunday Schools there with teachers and officers of sufficient ability to gather in, hold and enlighten the children of these communities; for it is here we must build the future of Christianity, more than any of us seem to realize. From these communities will come to the towns and cities many of their strong, dominant leaders in their affairs. If these are neglected now, it is sure to tell in our work and progress when their leadership sways other affairs there. We therefore trust that this Association and the State Board may find the solution and devise the way to reach the children of the rural communities with this great work.

There is a steady increase being reported in the teacher training work in Florida. This is undeubtedly one of the great solutions for our Sunday School problems, both city and rural; yet, we still have to admit that out of the 634 Sunday Schools, not more than 40 per cent have done regular teacher training work. Herein lies one of our greatest opportunities!

There are four main factors that make for progress in this field; the active, wide-awake pastor with a great Sunday School vision; the well informed, enthusiastic, energetic God serving perintendent. Our Sunday School Convention and the Bapst Assembly,-May the influence of these great factors be increased in every way possible. May the organized Sunday Schools be promoted and pushed in every instance possible, for only in organization can we secure a maximum of good results. Respectfully submitted,

JNO. A. SCRUGGS.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

But for the launching of the 75 Million Campaign at the time t was projected many of the Southern Baptist schools would have been forced to the wall by the ressure of heavy debts. They have been saved to their teaching and training ministry ly this movement, however, and grealy strengthened in every vay. In these schools are studying to fit themselves for larger ærvice approximately 40,000 Baptis young people, including more than 3,000 candidates for the mnistry and nearly as many other young men and women who are preparing themselves for other definite forms of Christian service.

The South-wide schools at Louis'ille, Fort Worth and New Orleans are crowded, but each doing a great work. Our own school at DeLand, Stetson University, has a crowded condition. Students are there from many States. The plan for additional

buildings and larger equipment is now under way, and definite announcements from the trustees may be looked for at any

Two great needs are to be emphasized:

First. Make our Christian schools thoroughly Christian-in teaching and spirit.

Second. Baptist people ought to send their children to Baptist schools. They need our support in money and in men.

BUNYAN STEPHENS, G. E. SUBER. E. S. WRIGHT,

Committee.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK

Never in the history of our wonderful church life has there been such an opportunity for our woman's work.

The W. M. U's are working wonders, and mighty and telling results are following the labors of these good women, who never seem to tire of the great work God wants them to do. The world is ours. Let us take it now for Jesus.

Financially, our women have done well. The W. M. U. in many places have gone over the top in the 75 Million Campaign

We are proud to say the women of Florida have paid their pledges in full, but are still working earnestly to uphold the honor of Baptists in completing the task.

The women's work of the Southern Baptist Convention shows wonderful progress during the past year.

All of our organizations show great development.

The Margaret Fund has increased in value until it has reached the sum of almost \$30,000. This fund is used for the education of our missionaries' children and is of inestimable value to them.

The work of our training schools has so broadened that they are unable to accommodate the large number of consecrated girls that wish to prepare themselves for missionary work.

Our personal service work has grown beyond our wildest expectations and has been of untold value to thousands, has also been the means of leading many to our Master.

The Assembly work has proven a wonderful factor in training leaders for our denominational work. We find these Assemblies in every State in our Southland. In our own State the work has become so great that instead of one Assembly we have three.

The women have caught the vision of the glorious opportunities and will make rapid strides forward in the future until the great work is finally done as God wants it done. Respectfully submitted.

MRS. HATTIE S. DAWKINS. MRS. MEADE LOVE. MRS. S. R. SKINNER.

Committee.

For years we have worked, toiled, prayed and voted for men who would enact prohibitory laws.

As a result of these efforts we today have the Eighteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States which places the laws against whiskey on a par with, as firm and deeprooted as any of the fundamental laws of our nation.

It now, therefore, behooves us to be obedient to our laws.

both State and Federal.

We would recommend that the members of this Association endeavor to live an obedient life, first to the revealed will of our Lord, then to civil laws of our land. Especially would we commend that our parents earnestly endeavor to instill in the young lives of children the importance of obedience in the hame. This being done, we feel that in one generation we would need no more revenue officers, but that our people as a whole would be law-abiding and God-fearing.

O. N. REVELL, D. A. AVANT, C. L. HOLTON.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

To the Florida Baptist Association:

We, your Executive Committee, after conference with Dr. Rogers and careful consideration, reached the unanimous conclusion that a regular Association Evangelist for our Association would be impracticable and that results would not justify the necessary expenditure of funds and time; but, that better results could be obtained otherwise. We, therefore, recommend;

First. That we do not employ a regular Association Evan-

gelist.

Second. That an Evangelistic Committee of five be appointed to confer with the churches without pastors, to assist them to thoroughly organize and secure pastors, endeavoring where practical to group them together, or with other churches, in order that a pastor may have full time in churches separated by the least possible mileage.

Second. That this committee shall call upon the pastors and laymen, where expedient, of the larger churches to assist in this work and, where necessary, even the State Board, to the extent of recommending financial aid for such groups or fields.

Fourth. That said committee shall aid, assist and encourage these churches in having one good, real revival each year with

an able worker to assist the pastor.

Fifth. That the larger, stronger churches shall each interest themselves in an endeavor to assist the weaker ones adjacent to or nearest to them in every way to secure better organization, better pastors in the territory and to cooperate with and assist your Evangelistic Committee at all times in every way possible.

JNO. A. SCRUGGS, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES

Whereas, Since our last meeting, God has, in His infinite wisdom, called to their eternal reward the following members of this Association:

OUR DEPARTED

Aenon-Sister Getie Atkinson, Sister Emma R. Geddie. Arran-Sister Frances Elizabeth Vause. Concordia-Sister Carrie Hendry, Sister Nellie Johnson. Corinth-Sister Annie Terrell, Sister Roland Williams. Indian Springs-Brother James Miller.

Lake Ellen-

Monticello-Brother W. D. May, Brother N. L. Reed.

Mt. Bessar-Sister Lizzie Todd, Sister Katie Oliver, Brother Noah Hodge.

Olive-Brother William Davis. Providence-Sister Ida V. Owens.

Quincy-Brother L. I. Bush, Brother W. E. Tomlinson,

Brother J. E. Jessup.

Tallahassee-Sister Lenora Farrior, Sister Willis Watts, Sister Rivers Buford, Sister Lula Robertson, Brother Clarence Laing, Brother E. H. Manning, and Brother D. R. James.

Woodville-Brother Porter, Sister Boyd and Brother J. But-

Sumatra-Sister Jewell Roberts.

Flat Creek-Sister Susie Shepard, Sister E. C. Ramsey.

Lake Mystic-Rev. S. R. Revell.

Havana-Elizabeth Ellinor.

Be It Resolved, That this Association pause for just a moment and humbly bow in submission to His divine will, and silently pray for a continuance of the many rich blessings which have been ours in years past.

Be It Further Resolved, That a page in our annual minutes be set aside and these resolutions be inscribed thereon, in honor

of the memory of these departed saints.

Respectfully submitted. P. R. WHITAKER, Chairman. D. A. AVANT.

REPORT OF BIBLE SCHOOL CONVENTION

To the Florida Baptist Association, in session with Olive Baptist Church. To the Moderator and Members:

It is with pleasure we are able to make the following report for the past Associational year for the Bible School Convention to this body.

Our spring session was pleasantly entertained by the River Junction Baptist Church, which was well attended by a number of enthusiastic Sunday School workers and speakers, as well as several of the local church members and Pastor Hill. A regular

program was carried out at this meeting dealing with Sunday School problems and discussed by appointed speakers and members present with enthusiasm and earnestness.

This meeting closed by the members present with one day ses-

August 7th and 8th, the Convention convened with Lake Mystic Church, the first day being given to Associational Rally of this association, which was by request of our state board, and the meeting conducted by Dr. Hobson, member of our State Board of Jacksonville, Fla. He mostly dealt with the carrying out and closing up of our seventy-five millions campaign.

August 8th, the Sunday School Convention was called to order by the President, and after devotional services the following sub-

jects were discussed:

Advantages of Teachers' meeting.

Problems of the Rutal Sunday School and how to solve them.

Round table on Sunday School problems.

Activities of the organized class.

These subjects were earnestly spoken to by a number of speakers, a number expressing themselves as being encouraged to return to their home church with new efforts and energies for a better work in their home schools.

At the close of the discussions the business meeting was entered into, which included the election of officers for the next

Associational year and resulted as follows:

For President, E. C. Roberts, Tallahassee, Fla.

For Secretary-Treasurer, W. H. Rugely, Tallahassee, Fla.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

E. C. ROBERTS, Pres. W. H. RUGELY, Sec'y-Treas.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

We, the Nominating Committee, respectfully recommend that our Moderator, Rev. S. R. Skinner, be elected to preach the Introductory Sermon at our next session.

Rev. R. T. Russell be elected to preach the Doctrinal Sermon. That the next session be held with Flat Creek Baptist Church on Thursday and Friday after the second Sunday in October, 1925. We wish to advise that Flat Creek Church can be reached by automobile from all points, and those going on train can change to automobile either at Gretna, Quincy, or Greensboro.

Rev. Bunyan Stephens be re-elected as member of the State

Mission Board.

That Rev. J. K. Hutchings be elected as messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention, and the following delegates to represent this Association at the State Convention at Lakeland in December: Rev. Bunyan Stephens, Rev. Frank Wells, Rev. S. R. Skinner, Mrs. Skinner, J. A. Scruggs, W. L. Maige. Respectfully submitted,

W. L. MAIGE, Chairman, J. A. SCRUGGS, J. E. DEAN.

Committee.

RESOLUTION AS TO BRO. F. M. WELLS

Whereas, Brother F. M. Wells was moderator of this Association for fifteen years; and

Whereas, His services in this Association were faithful and

efficient; and

Whereas, He is now oil, inactive and almost blind; and Whereas, We believe that there should be some action of this body which would give him the assurance that we have not forgotten him; therefere, be it

Resolved-

First. That this body express to him their deep and sincere appreciation for his faithful services in past years.

Second. That we invoke the blessings of Deity upon him now, in his declining years and failing strength.

Third. That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the Association and a copy be sent to Bro. Wells.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

Be It Resolved, That the Florida Baptist Association extend to the pastor and members of Olive Baptist Church hearty thanks for the cordial Christian hospitality during the session of this Association. Be it further

Resolved, That the Association recognize and commend the fine spirit of co-operation shown by the members of the Monticello Baptist Church and the members of Bethel Methodist Church in assisting the members of the Olive Baptist Church in entertaining the association. Be it again

Resolved, That we thank our Heavenly Father for the conscious presence of His Spirit in our meetings and for the ideal weather conditions.

BUNYAN STEPHENS.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Received of Finance Committee	109.95 4.00 6.00
Sundown Church	4.00
on minutes	20.10
Disbursed—	\$136.15
Paid to T. J. Appleyard	88.00
Paid to Clerk of Association	50.00
Paid deficit	12.80
	150.80
	136.15
Leaving balance due	14.65

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

Name. Rev. S. F. Blount Rev. A. Cox. Rev. J. A. Davis Rev. F. L. Dykes. Rev. W. A. Filyaw Rev. J. K. Hutchings Rev. Jas. Holland Rev. Robt. Pigott Rev. C. M. Peddie Rev. O. N. Revels. Rev. L. A. Roberts R. T. Russell Rev. S. R. Skinner Rev. Bunyan Stephens Rev. Rufus Tucker Rev. C. Frank Wells Rev. F. M. Wells	Monticello, Fla. River Junction, Fla. Juniper, Fla. Monticello, Fla. Tallahassee, Fla. Arran, Fla. Bristol, Fla. Spring Hill, Fla. Quincy, Fla. Havana, Fla. Tallahassee, Fla. Arran, Fla.
Name. Rev. Jesse Coggins Rev. W. L. Maige Rev. Koy Peterson Rev. B. F. Russell Rev. J. D. Turner	Tallahassee, Fla. Monticello, Fla. Monticello, Fla.

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Your Committee on Finance submit a partial report with the recommendation that this report be held open until ample time has been allowed for all outstanding letters to come in, and that the Clerk of the Association be instructed to make a special effort to get these letters before sending the Munites of this Association to the press, as this report, when it reaches press, becomes church history and the information and data contained in same is essential, as a statistical report of the Baptist denomination in this State is made therefrom.

Respectfully,

R. R. WHITAKER, Chairman. J. E. SHELFER.

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SCHOOL STATISTICS	Superintendent's P. O. Address	Juniper, Fla. Arran, Fla. Amsterdam, Ga. Hostord, Fla. River Junction, Fla. Greensboro, Fla. Havana, Fla. Arran, Fla. Sochoppy, Fla. Sochoppy, Fla. Juniper, Fla. Mt. Pleasant, Fla. Mt. Pleasant, Fla. Sumatra, Fla. Tallahassee, Fla. Tallahassee, Fla. Telogia, Fla. Woodville, Fla.
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