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STANDING COMMITTEES FOR 1927-1928

MISSIONS

State Missions—W. L. Maige.
Home Missions—W. H. Rugely.
Foreign Missions—Mrs. Meade Love.

SOCIAL SERVICE

Children's Home—W. M. Scruggs.
Mutual Relation Church and Pastor—J. E. Shelfer.
Prohibition—Willie Dean.

EDUCATION

Stetson University—S. T. Mathews.
Bible School—D. A. Avant.
Periodicals—J. A. Scruggs.
B. Y. P. U.—Miss Susie Dean.
W. M. U.—Mrs. J. L. Burnette.
Stewardship—J. R. Miller.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

W. H. Rugely, J. E. Shelfer, D. A. Avant, J. A. Scruggs,
E. C. Roberts.

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 next session of the body and until their successors are elected. The Moderator shall preside at the meeting 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 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.
6. When any member is about to speak in debate he shall rise and address the Moderator.
7. If any member, while speaking or otherwise employed, transgress the rules of decorum, the Moderator shall, or any member may, call him to order.
8. When two or more members shall rise at the same time, the Moderator shall decide who is first entitled to the floor.
9. No member shall indulge in unkind remarks in debate, nor shall any member speak more than twice on the same question without leave from the Association, nor more than once until every one choosing to speak shall have done so.
10. While any member is addressing the Association, it shall be the duty of the Moderator to suppress all private discourses that may be entertained between the members, and require strict attention on the part of the members.
11. When a motion is made and seconded it shall be stated by the Moderator before debate.
12. Every motion shall be reduced to writing if desired by any member of the Association.
13. After a motion is made and seconded it shall be deemed in possession of the Association, but may be withdrawn at any time before being discussed or amended.
14. When a question is under debate no motion shall be entertained unless to amend it or refer it to a committee, or for the previous question, or for adjournment.
15. A motion for adjournment shall always be in order, and decided without debate.
16. Any member may call for a division of a question when two or more distinct propositions are set forth, and when the substance will admit of division.
17. Motions and amendments may be referred to a committee at the pleasure of the Association.
18. Every resolution shall receive two statements or readings in the Association previous to its passage. The first shall be for information, and the second when the decision of the Association is to be made.
19. These rules may be changed or amended at any full 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.

MINUTES OF THE FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

The Florida Baptist Association met with the Tallahassee Church on Thursday, October Thirteenth. Called to order promptly at ten o'clock. Association opened with song and prayer.

Upon motion, the enrollment of the messengers present, secured, provision was made that those arriving later might enroll.

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

ARRAN—J. F. Trice, G. W. Taff.
 AENON—W. E. Gray, J. H. Fountain.
 CAPITOLA—Mrs. Mary Thompson, Miss Mary Hilda Footman, Mrs. Dan Quick, Mr. G. T. Footman.
 CRAWFORDSVILLE—S. B. Forbes, W. N. Moore.
 CONCORDIA—C. E. Butler, Mrs. L. E. Butler, J. B. Joiner, A. C. Camp, A. L. Vickers.
 CORINTH—By Letter.
 EBINEZER—T. P. Barineau, Mrs. D. M. Holland.
 FLAT CREEK—L. J. Clarke, Mrs. L. J. Clarke, M. P. Clarke, J. C. Clarke, R. S. Clarke.
 GREENSBORO—E. B. Fletcher, Cecil Shepard, Mrs. J. G. Shepard, R. L. Green, Mrs. J. W. Green.
 GRETNA—Miss Susie McKeown.
 HAVANA—J. E. Shelfer, J. B. Stephens, Mrs. J. B. Stephens, H. W. Mangum.
 INDIAN SPRINGS—J. A. Scruggs, Mrs. J. A. Scruggs, L. G. Reeves.
 LITTLE SYCAMORE—D. W. Cealy, C. B. Potter, M. C. Stringer, J. R. Nettles, Mrs. J. R. Nettles, Miss Essie Potter.
 LAKE ELEN—J. W. Coggins, Clarke G. Durrance, W. G. Durrance.
 MT. ELAN—J. W. Langston, Mrs. J. W. Langston.
 MONTICELLO—S. C. Walker, W. M. Scruggs, B. J. Hanrick, W. J. Glover, Mrs. S. C. Walker, Mrs. Ola Hughes, Mrs. S. Henderson, Mrs. W. L. Maige.
 MT. BESOR—J. M. Roberts, Mrs. S. W. Revells, Mrs. M. O. Strickland.
 OLIVE—C. C. Chapman, I. D. Martin, J. W. Scott, J. W. Barrett.
 PROVIDENCE—C. E. Blount, W. H. Dean, J. E. Suber, A. E. Bowen, I. B. Blount, Miss Susie Dean, Miss Namomi Anderson, G. D. Fletcher, Mrs. A. J. Chester.
 QUINCY—Mrs. M. A. Love, Mrs. R. H. Gee, Mrs. W. M. Massey, Mrs. H. J. Davis, D. A. Avant, Mrs. G. H. Boring, Mrs. J. C. Harris.

RIVER JUNCTION—J. H. Ramsey, Mrs. J. M. Gilchrist, Mrs. E. H. Boyken.

SUNDOWN—Rev. C. Frank Wells.

SALEM—Rev. C. E. Hollifield, S. C. Council, W. T. Earnest, A. Richards, Mrs. C. F. Wathen.

TALLAHASSEE—B. Stephens, E. C. Roberts, W. H. Cates, W. M. Cates, Mrs. W. H. Rugely, Mrs. B. Stephens, W. C. Geddie, B. C. Tharpe, J. F. Dorman, Mrs. B. C. Tharpe, Mrs. Jennie Alligood.

WOODVILLE—G. W. Rhodes, A. B. Cogswell.

Permanent organization of the Association was effected by the election of E. C. Roberts, Moderator; J. K. Hutchings, Clerk; and W. H. Rugely, Treasurer.

Visitors were recognized: Carlyle Brooks, Atlanta, Ga.; R. J. Carroll and wife, Middle Florida Association; Rev. A. C. Camp and Brother Andrews, Middle Florida Association, and A. I. Caudle, representing Baptist Witness.

Letter received from Rev. J. E. Turner expressing regret that he could not be present at the Association.

Upon motion the clerk was instructed to write letters to brethren Turner, Wells and Holland—three of our faithful and aged ministers. Prayer was offered for these brethren by Dr. Bunyan Stephens.

Introductory sermon preached by Rev. J. E. Dupree. Text, Acts 1-8.

COMMITTEES

State Missions.—J. E. Dupree, D. W. Sealy, J. M. Rowan, J. L. Trice.

Prohibition.—J. R. Miller, Mrs. M. A. Love, Mrs. W. H. Rugely, R. S. Clark.

W. M. U.—Mrs. W. H. Rugely, Corine Hodge, Mrs. J. E. Dupree.

Home Missions.—J. K. Hutchings, W. E. Gray, E. B. Fletcher.

Aged Ministers.—B. J. Hamrick, R. H. Gee, Mrs. J. F. Stephens, L. A. Roberts.

Stewardship.—D. A. Avant, A. C. Camp, Mrs. L. B. Ellinor, W. C. Geddy.

Foreign Missions.—Rufus Tucker, R. L. Green, W. W. Moore.

Stetson University.—Bunyan Stephens, C. E. Blount, L. G. Reeves, L. E. Butler.

Finance and Obituaries.—John Scruggs.

Evangelism.—S. E. Matthews, Chas. Watenbager, C. Frank Wells, C. C. Chapman.

Bible Schools.—A. H. Cates, Mrs. J. W. Footman, Mrs. W. W. Massey.

Baptist Children's Home.—G. W. Rhodes, J. A. Scruggs, J. W. Scott.

Periodicals.—J. B. Joiner, Willie Dean, J. F. Dorman.

Mutual Relation of Church and Pastor.—W. L. Maige, A. B. Cogswell, L. J. Clark.

B. Y. P. U.—Hugh McKeown, H. W. Mangum, C. R. Camp, W. M. Scruggs.

Association adjourned for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Opened with song, "He Leadeth Me." Prayer by H. W. Mangum.

Report on Periodicals read by J. B. Joiner; spoken to by A. I. Caudle and W. M. Scruggs. Report adopted.

Report on Home Missions read by J. K. Hutchings.

Report on State Missions read by J. M. Rowan.

Report on Foreign Missions read by Dr. Stephens.

Reports discussed by Rev. Joseph Connell and Dr. Bunyan Stephens, and adopted.

Report of fifth Sunday meetings given by D. A. Avant.

Upon motion Association adjourned.

EVENING SESSION

Sermon by Dr. Stamps, missionary to China.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Association met at ten o'clock. Devotional led by Bro. Willie Dean.

Dr. Bunyan Stephens read a letter of Memorial to Rev. L. A. Roberts.

Report on Stetson University.—Dr. Bunyan Stephens.

Report on Sunday Schools.—Brother Will Cates.

Report on W. M. U.—Mrs. W. H. Rugely.

Report on Stewardship.—D. A. Avant.

Reports discussed by Dr. B. Stephens, Will Cates, D. A. Avant, Rev. Rufus Tucker, Mrs. W. M. Rugely, E. C. Roberts, H. W. Mangum. Reports adopted.

Association adjourned for lunch.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Association called to order 2 o'clock. After song and prayer, report of Committee on time and place was given.

The following reports were received:

Report on Prohibition.—J. L. Miller.

Report on Baptist Children's Home.—John Scruggs.

Report on Evangelism.—C. C. Chapman.

Report on B. Y. P. U.—H. W. Mangum.

Report on Relation of Pastor and Church.—W. L. Maige.

The reports spoken to by J. L. Miller, Dr. B. Stephens, D. A. Avant, Mrs. W. H. Rugely, W. M. Scruggs, Mrs. W. F. Eaton, John Scruggs, C. E. Camp, H. W. Mangum, W. L. Maige.

Reports adopted.

Report of Treasurer adopted.

D. A. Avant elected as delegate to Southern Baptist Convention.

Dr. Bunyan Stephens elected member State Board of Missions.

Committee appointed to secure provisions for Orphans' Home as follows: L. J. Clarke, Quincy; W. M. Scruggs, Monticello; W. G. Durrance, Isaah Revell.

Resolution offered by Brother Willie Dean thanking the Tallahassee people for their kindness and hospitality in the entertainment of the Association.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

Resolved that we, the messengers and visitors to this Association, tender our sincere thanks to the members of the First Baptist Church of Tallahassee; also to anyone else who in any way contributed to the success of this session.

Offered by Brother Willie Dean.

Resolution expressing sympathy to Dr. S. T. Matthews in the recent loss of his mother.

No other business, the Association adjourned until Thursday after the Second Sunday in October, Nineteen Hundred and Twenty-eight, ten o'clock Eastern time, at Providence Baptist Church.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

Our State Mission Board is that State agency of our Baptist State Convention which deals especially with State Missions, and serves as a clearing house for all Florida Baptists, handling all funds given to all causes included in our Southern Baptist co-operative program.

At our Association held last year with Quincy Baptist Church, the Budget Committee recommended that the budget for missions and benevolences for the ensuing year, 1926-27, be fixed at \$10,000. This was a reduction of \$2,000 from the previous year's budget, but an increase of approximately \$1,500 over what was actually given to these causes that year. The latest figures we have seen show that the Association as a whole has fallen considerably short of the amount undertaken for the year now closing, though it is hoped the letters to this body may show last-minute contributions which will greatly reduce this shortage. When we consider the limited funds at the disposal of our efficient State Board there is a vast amount of work being accomplished; but because of insufficient funds the work is greatly handicapped, and there is much that should be done which the State Board, for lack of funds, cannot even attempt.

There is no State in our Southern Baptist Convention territory in which the work of State Missions is of more importance than in the State of Florida, the importance of this work being greatly multiplied in recent years because of the rapid development that has been, and is, going on in the State. And instead of decreasing our gifts to State Missions we should, in the face of the great opportunity and responsibility which are ours as Baptists, increase these gifts year by year.

When we find within the bounds of the Florida Association, and within seventy-five miles of Tallahassee, the capital of the State, sections in which men and women have grown into manhood and womanhood and into fatherhood and motherhood without ever hearing the gospel preached, we would like to recommend the placing of an all-time missionary in this territory by the State Board, but in the face of the great shortage of funds, and continued decline in contributions by the churches we cannot make such recommendation, urgent as the need appears.

We do, however, appeal to the messengers here present from the various churches of the Association and to the pastors, leaders and members generally of our churches, to preach, talk, study and pray about missions, making conditions here in our own Association a special object of study, prayer and missionary endeavor until it cannot longer be said that such condition exists in our borders.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. DUPREE,
J. L. TRICE,
J. M. ROWAN.

SUGGESTED ASSOCIATIONAL REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

At the Southern Baptist Convention in Louisville, Ky., last May, the Home Mission Board presented its eighty-second annual report. The workers of the Board, independent and co-operative, during the year delivered 109,419 sermons and addresses; conducted 19,966 prayer meetings; made 171,239 religious visits; added to churches by baptism 20,686 members; total additions, 36,233; won 840 volunteers for Christian Service; constituted 168 churches; built or improved 278 church houses; organized 406 Sunday Schools; distributed 11,847 Bibles and Testaments, circulated 1,651,204 pages of religious tracts.

This fine record is worthy of all praise and calls for grateful thanksgiving to God for His wonderful favor. But for the lack of means many new fields white unto harvest would have been entered.

The Convention in Louisville instructed the Board in laying out its work for the new year not to go beyond the receipts of last year in its appropriations. This called for drastic retrenchment at the annual meeting of the Board the first of June. In one department, that of Independent and Direct Missions, twenty-five missionaries were dropped and similar cuts were made in all departments. It is enough to stir stony hearts—these open doors in ripe fields and no laborers to enter in to reap the harvest. Let us pray the Lord of the harvest to send more laborers into His harvest through the liberality of our people.

The heavy debt on the Board must be lifted as soon as possible in order that this great task of saving our beloved Southland for Christ may be carried on in a way worthy of our people, so numerous and well able to accomplish it and for the glory of God.

Three recent Home Mission books should be read and studied by our people, namely:

"The New Challenge of Home Missions," by E. P. Alldredge; price 60c.

"A Tale of Two Peoples—Gentiles and Jewes," by W. M. Seay; price 60c and \$1.00.

"Just Around the Corner Tales," by Mrs. Una R. Lawrence; price 50c.

The above prices are just about the cost of publication and can be had direct from the Home Mission Board or the Baptist Book Store of our State.

The Board has a fresh supply of tracts and leaflets on all phases of its work, which can be had without charge on request of the Home Mission Board, 804 Wynne-Claughton Building, Atlanta, Georgia.

Let us pray constantly for the Lord's blessings upon our Home, upon our Home Mission Board and its work. This Board has been the great unifying, co-ordinating agency of Southern Baptists, and probably more than any other agency has been the greatest force for unifying Southern Baptists.

Respectfully submitted,

J. K. HUTCHINGS,
W. E. GRAY.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

When we come to consider Foreign Missions our vision must be as clear and far-sighted as Christ's; our love for lost men as passionate and strong as God's; and our thoughts, inspired by the Holy Spirit, big enough to encircle the whole round world.

The picture which Jesus paints in the twenty-fifth chapter of Matthew, when He comes in His glory and all the angels with Him, is nothing more nor less than the picture of what His Gospel will do for a lost world. He says, "I was ahungered, athirst, a stranger, naked, sick and in prison and you gave me relief inasmuch as you did it unto one of the least of these, my brethren." Ninety per cent of the world's nakedness, hunger, sickness and imprisonment is caused by sin. We have greatly limited our impressions of the scene at the Judgment by our local charities of ten and twenty-five cents.

Jesus, with His world-wide vision, saw the universe with its miseries from jail sentences; with its nakedness as a result of sinful indulgences; with its sore hunger as a result of wicked living. He tells His disciples that, to rid the world of this condition, they are to visit the sick with hospital and medical aid, build homes for orphan children and set the prisoner free by getting his heart right. In short, if you preach the Gospel to lost men and women, they will clothe and feed themselves, stay out of trouble and have homes of their own. The scene at the Judgment is no nickel and dime charity proposition. It is a world-wide Gospel dissemination proposition. This scene is missionary to the core.

The program that Christ gave to the church is staggering in its gigantic proportions. The world is big, with its millions of people; and preaching the Gospel is a man-sized job. For eighty-one years Southern Baptists have made an effort to carry out this program. The work has grown from a small beginning to great proportions. We have work in thirteen countries, with eighteen mission stations. There are 1,215 churches on our foreign mission fields, 557 of which are self-supporting. In these churches are 140,488 members and they reported last year 13,269 baptisms. We have grown from a few missionaries to 389 missionaries, 590 ordained native workers and 2,054 unordained native workers. Our equipment on the foreign fields has developed from rented halls to 24 hospitals, 6 colleges, 45 middle schools and 20 seminaries, with 480 men preparing to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ to their peoples. Great sums of money could be wisely spent in further equipment which has been earnestly hoped for by our missionaries and earnestly expected by the native peoples.

We now have the greatest missionary opportunity that Southern Baptists ever had in their history. The Orient is casting off the grave clothes of ancient religious systems. Oriental peoples are realizing that heathen temples and idols have no message for them. If we do not meet them with the message of the living Christ, they will drift into the darkness of atheism and agnosticism. Now is the time to strike for Christ. Now is the tide that will lift us to victory.

In Europe the Baptist message is winning thousands of men and women who have fed so long on the husks of Catholicism. In Turkey Mohammedanism has been discarded. The Caliphate

has been abolished, the state has been freed from religious domination, the mosque schools closed, a new code of laws adopted, polygamy made illegal and the western calendar, dating from the birth of Christ, has been adopted, in place of the Hegira of Mohammed.

The debt of the Foreign Mission Board cannot be attributed to the failure of that Board to get results; for last year reached the highest peak in baptisms. There was a gain of one to ten; while here in the homeland, where sentiment and customs and thinking are in our favor, it took seventeen church members to get one convert. The debt of the Board is an index to the crass materialism which, in the last few years, has swept over the South. In all Kingdom activities, we reach the highest point of spirituality in Foreign Mission work. When we become materialistic, we manifest it here first. Our hope lies in developing a new passion and a new zeal for things spiritual. We need the passion and zeal which characterized the Crusaders in the Middle Ages; when an effort was made to wrest the burial place of Christ from the Saracens.

As much as our hearts have been made to bleed by the reports from our Foreign Board of the sad lack of funds and of the retrenchment which they have been forced to make, we believe that there is a way out; that there is a solution to our problems. God's people have found themselves, through the centuries, in very embarrassing situations; but always there came the Divine voice calling to them and the Divine hand pointing the way out. Red Seas have been crossed and swollen; Jordans have been held back. Southern Baptists have not lost their love for Foreign Missions. That love just needs to be rededicated. Florida Baptists still believe in the Great Commission. In the "love offering" they came third in their gift among the States, only Texas and Virginia outdoing them. We are persuaded that, when we get our forces together and our hearts knit to the broken, bruised heart of our Lord, and our people realize that they are commissioned—every one of them—to be His witnesses unto the ends of the earth, then the Foreign Mission Board will feel mightily our response to the call of our Lord to spread His Kingdom from shore to shore.

Respectfully submitted by Chairman,
RUFUS TUCKER.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BIBLE SCHOOLS, FLORIDA ASSOCIATION, SESSION 1927

In reviewing the status of the Sunday Schools in the Florida Association at the end of the fiscal year 1926 we find the total enrollment of the entire Association to be 2,621. Of this number Tallahassee reported 657, Monticello 218, Quincy 314, River Junction 176, Havana 145, and all others of the twenty-one reporting one hundred or less. Of this total enrollment the five churches listed above reported 1,510, or over 50% of the total Sunday School enrollment of the entire Association.

From the information available in the letters to the Association now in session we find that for 1927 a total enrollment of approximately 2,700, or an increase of about eighty. Of this total Tallahassee reported 794, Quincy 409, Monticello 224, River Junction 143, Carrabelle 110, Havana 115, and Greensboro 105.

The total for the seven schools listed above is 1,900, or two-thirds of the enrollment of the entire Association.

It is apparent from the above figures that the need of the Bible Schools of our Association is greater co-operation between the larger and smaller Sunday Schools of various communities. The larger Sunday Schools are well organized, have well-trained teachers and officers and have large numbers of prospects to draw from. If these schools will lend some assistance to the smaller ones they, too, can show a marked improvement.

Our organization and efficiency programs are showing very good results but there is a woeful lack of evangelism in the modern Sunday School. The ultimate object of the Bible School is the training of young minds in the teachings of Christ and in so doing to help them to become followers of Him. We should stress evangelism more and more.

We would recommend that the interest in the smaller Sunday School be stimulated, either through a Sunday School Convention in each one of our Union Meetings, or by a special program put on each Sunday morning of our fifth Sunday meetings. Or it might be possible that our executive committee could arrange districts and give our Sunday Schools this needed attention.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. CATES,
MISS FOOTMAN,
MR. MASSEY.

REPORT ON EVANGELISM

There seems to be a growing opposition to the professional evangelist and to professional antics in evangelistic meetings. The newspapers and magazines, and our religious press is not free, are asking, "Where does the sawdust trail lead?" It is easy to find fault and to criticize; it is not easy to do constructive work. After you have said all the hard things possible about the evangelists and their methods and the lack of permanent results, etc., the fact remains that we are conscious of the need of a great spiritual awakening in the world today.

It is not a far stretch of imagination to suppose that a deepening and quickening of the spiritual life of the members of the churches would go a long way towards the solution of many of the problems confronting the churches today. A widespread revival of the saner sort would bring us to our knees in prayer for ourselves, as well as for others. Having found forgiveness for our own sins we might arise from our knees and go forth to win others to Christ. What Christian men and women need is more of the Christ spirit. How can we hope to win sinners to Him while we live unbecomingly?

How are we going to usher in an era of real heaven-born evangelism? Just before Christ ascended to be with the Father He commanded His Disciples to tarry in Jerusalem until they were endued with power from on high before they undertook definitely the task of witnessing for Him in Jerusalem, in Judea, in Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth. The story of how they spent the days in searching the Scriptures, prayer and meditation, and how at the conclusion of that period of preparation, the Holy Ghost descended upon them in power, and people were immediately converted by the thousands, is a

familiar one. Had all the churches of the first and succeeding centuries followed the example of the first church at Jerusalem, the whole world would, doubtless, long ago have been brought to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. We have tried various methods: organization, advertising, great evangelistic campaigns (and we have no criticism to offer as to any or all of these), and seemingly we have not gone forward as rapidly as we should in evangelizing the world. May we not suggest that our failure is probably due to our failure to pray as those first disciples did? Let us pray for and expect a great revival of heaven-sent religion. Such a revival would cleanse and purify our minds and hearts, solidify our forces, bring us into new and vital relationship with our Lord, lead us to a rededication of ourselves, our time, our talents, our substance and our service to Him and His cause, and lead to the conversion and salvation of multiplied thousands who need to know Him in the forgiveness of sin.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. L. WATTINBARGER,
C. C. CHAPMAN,
C. F. WELLS,

Committee.

REPORT FLORIDA BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME, ARCADIA, FLORIDA

To love and support orphan children, is given as one of the evidences of pure and undefiled religion in the first chapter of James, thus the support of the Florida Baptist Children's Home at Arcadia, in which there are at present 158 boys and girls, is scriptural. All real needs necessary to make this a real home and provide our children with the necessities of life and opportunities for the best development and preparation for usefulness, is a just and righteous obligation. This obligation rests upon every individual Baptist and every organization of Baptists entered into for the advancement of God's work in the State of Florida.

The Home is under the wise management of a Board of Trustees of fifteen efficient and capable men who are directing the policy of the work through the superintendent, with the best interest of the children permitted to their care at heart. The health of the children continues good. The work for their education, improvement and development has been the best, and what we have in the way of buildings and equipment is being taken care of in a perfectly satisfactory way.

We have room for only two or three more children with our present equipment. A new building is under construction, which will be used for school purposes when completed and will relieve the crowded condition in some departments of the work, but will not provide more dormitory room. Florida Baptists should not be satisfied with the number of children they now have in the home, but should make provision for a large family, so that all of the appeals for a home on the part of worthy applicants might be met, and all children really needing the protection of our Home could be cared for.

The receipts during the past year have not been sufficient to meet the current needs of the Home. As a result we have fallen behind in our current support fund. The Unified Program, from

which it was planned to furnish the Home \$3,000.00 a month, was behind with the Home the first of September \$12,815.18, and while independent contributions were allowed by our State Convention, they have been very small this year and not sufficient to supplement the receipts from the Unified Program so that all expenses might be met. Our Home was in debt the first of September \$8,000.00 in the current support fund, and owing to the present financial conditions over the State and the impossibility of borrowing sufficient money to meet all bills the management has been placed in an embarrassing position.

The Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees, knowing this condition, secured the consent of the Executive Committee of the Convention to put on a campaign in all of the churches in the State the last Sunday in September to raise \$8,000.00 for the relief of the Home. The result of this campaign is not known yet, but it is to be hoped that the full amount or more might be realized.

Your Committee would urge on the part of all churches a larger financial support of the Home that proper enlargement of the work might be made to meet all of the needs of our present work and all of the appeals from orphan children who need a home. We further recommend prayerful interest and the more general giving of donations, clothing, and food supplies to the Home.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. RHODES,
J. W. SCOTT,
JNO. A. SCRUGGS.

REPORT ON PROHIBITION

The Florida Baptist Association:

The Eighteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States should by precept and example be lived up to by Baptists as a denomination, who should lend every encouragement to all citizens to abstain from the use of all intoxicants, and encourage and stand by our enforcement officers in the discharge of their official duties.

Christians are presumed to be a people who will do all in their power to comply with the Divine Will of the Heavenly Father, which will promote that which is for the best interest of humanity, from the standpoint of Christianity, morality, mentality, the physical preservation of the body, and the universal happiness of mankind.

A professed Christian cannot wield the proper influence for the upbuilding of our Lord's Kingdom, nor can one be an ideal citizen of our country, and at the same time violate the Will of God and the laws of our Government.

Intoxicating liquors are a great menace to mankind, affecting the happiness and well-being of those who do not, as well as those who indulge in them.

Strong drink invites and causes disease, and insane minds, and crimes all over our country. It uses the savings of people and causes poverty. Persons that drink lose the sense of right and wrong, and finally lose all power of doing right. The excessive use of strong drink, on the part of a people, will surely bring that people into ruin. That is why our country is trying to change the course of many of her people.

The desire for intoxicants among people, is, to a large extent, hereditary. Generations for ages past, having been imbibers, impart the desire for intoxicants to succeeding generations; therefore, the task of completely ridding our country of the drink habit is a huge task, that will need the combined effort of all churches and other organizations which oppose the use of intoxicants, the Federal, State and county authorities, to successfully combat this great menace to the people of our country.

We urge the membership of our denomination, our preachers and teachers, and every citizen who will, to wield the greatest influence possible for the cause of Prohibition; the living up to, and the enforcement of all laws relative to the Eighteenth Amendment to the Constitution of our country.

Fraternally submitted,

J. R. MILLER, Chairman;
MRS. M. A. LOVE,
MRS. W. H. RUGELEY,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MUTUAL RELATION OF CHURCH AND PASTOR

Among many other precious gifts, the Lord gave to the churches, 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.

A church owes its pastor whole-hearted support. The pastor was designed by the Great Shepherd to be an under shepherd, a leader, an overseer, a teacher, a comforter, hence the church owes the pastor reverence, for he ministers in the holy things of God. It owes him love and sympathy, for the true pastor shares the burdens and 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 a hired man, but to relieve him of all cares, which compel him to waste his time and energy in providing for his fleshly family, when he ought to spend his time in prayer and study to provide for the soul needs of his spiritual family. No man can do great things, or his best in the service of God, while he is occupied in the things of the 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 call a pastor to a field of labor, and lead him to expect the presence of his entire congregation at the services, and cause him to spend hours of study and labor in the preparation of a discourse which is needed by the people, and then compel him to deliver a God-given message to empty pews is not honesty or loyalty. Let us not criticize our pastors, but let us pray for them and the Holy Spirit will come upon them with increasing power, and the improvement in his work and preaching will be stratling.

The church should realize the pastor is human, should sympathize with him, overlook his weaknesses, and pray daily that he may have a most powerful influence, intellectually, morally, socially and spiritually in the entire community in which he lives.

The pastor owes it to his church, to know every member of

his flock by name, their burdens, sorrows, temptations and all their hardships, as well as their virtues and abilities. He owes it to them to keep in strictest confidence all things concerning them personally and help them bear every burden, to preach the whole truth and spare none. To study to show himself approved, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed. May we as churches and pastors better understand each other and our relations to each other and work together wholeheartedly for the glorious upbuilding of Christ's Kingdom.

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. MAIGE, Chairman;
L. J. CLARK,
A. B. COGSWELL.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF

The care of our aged ministers and the widows of deceased ministers is a prime obligation upon all the churches; not only a single church but upon all the churches as they co-operate in the State and Southern Baptist Conventions. Nearly a decade ago the Southern Baptist Convention assumed the responsibility for leadership in this matter, and all the States, with the single exception of Missouri, are administering to these Veterans of the Cross through the Relief and Annuity Board, with headquarters at Dallas, Texas. Since the organization of this Board nearly a million dollars has been distributed to the beneficiaries who have been recommended by associational committees and State authorities. The Relief Board cannot do all it would like (it craves to do vastly more), but that which it has been enabled to do is by no means to be despised. The funds administered by this Board for relief work come from two sources: First, from the gifts through the Unified Program; and second, from invested funds. The invested fund is a little more than \$500,000.00, and the gifts from the churches amounted last year to a little less than \$100,000.00—a sum far too small with which to meet the urgent appeals of really needy ministers and the widows of deceased ministers.

THE ANNUITY FUND

The Relief Board has another department of its work, known as the Annuity Fund. Nearly thirteen hundred ministers are active members of this fund. They pay a small sum into the treasury of the Relief Board annually and the denomination undertakes to add four dollars for every dollar thus contributed by the minister, so that when he reaches the age of sixty-eight he will receive an annual pension of \$500.00 so long as he lives, and should he break down permanently and totally at any time after his membership begins, he receives the same amount annually. Should he die, his widow receives \$300.00 per year so long as she is his widow, and if the widow remarries and there are orphan children under twenty-one years of age, the widow's annuity is distributed to them. This is a great boon to the ministers who have availed themselves of it, and many ministers and their widows are now drawing their pensions regularly. The accumulations in the treasury of the Relief Board in this fund are ap-

proximately two million dollars and all of this and much more will be needed to pay the pensions contemplated by this plan. Ministers in active service who are under fifty-nine years of age, and in good health, are eligible to membership in this fund. More of our preachers should avail themselves of its benefits.

THE NEW PENSION PLAN

The Relief and Annuity Board is promoting a plan which it hopes to put into operation by 1930, which will go farther than the present plan in making provisions for aged ministers, and in providing disability benefits to those who become permanently and totally disabled. This plan when understood by a minister, will certainly appeal strongly to him, and likewise to the churches. The plan contemplates a payment to every minister who joins the fund, at age of sixty-five, provided he retires, or later if he chooses, an amount equal to 50% of his average salary, based on thirty-five years of service, and a disability pension, after one year's membership in the plan, if he breaks down permanently and totally, of approximately 40% of his average salary for the five years preceding. Though the widow would get one-half of the amount allotted to the husband. This plan is to be financed very differently from the present Annuity Fund. The minister will be expected to pay 2½% of his salary annually to the board, while his church or churches will pay an amount equal to 8% of his salary. This plan is already in operation in several denominations, and among the Baptists of the North, and has been heartily approved more than once by the Southern Baptist Convention. It will unquestionably be the prevailing plan in future years, and is the nearest approach to any adequate provision ever wrought out by Baptists.

THE DEATH OF DR. WILLIAM LUNSFORD ON MAY 24, 1927

After a long period of suffering, Doctor William Lunsford, the corresponding secretary of the Relief and Annuity Board from its organization, passed to his reward. The loss to the Southern Baptists of this good man, and especially to the cause of ministerial relief in the South, is beyond computation.

The Board at its annual meeting on June 2, elected to succeed Dr. Lunsford, Doctor Thomas J. Watts, who has so ably served as associate secretary for the past two years.

It is needless to say that the work of the Relief and Annuity Board, which was placed upon a sure foundation by its faithful founder, who was the friend of all ministers and particularly of disabled and aged ones, will go on performing its task with the greatest fidelity, through the years to come, and we bespeak for the new secretary the prayers and cooperation of the brotherhood.

Respectfully submitted,

B. J. HAMRICK, Chairman;
R. H. GEE,
L. G. ROBERTS,
MRS. STEPHENS,

Committee.

STEWARDSHIP

When we hear the word "Stewardship" we immediately think of money, and begin to tremble for fear someone will ask us for a dime or a quarter to feed the orphans or send the Gospel to the far-flung mission fields. But Stewardship means more than

money. We are stewards of our time, our talents and our influence as well as of our money. God has ample money. The silver and the gold, He says, are mine. "The land is mine." "The cattle upon a thousand hills are mine." "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and they that dwell therein." It all belongs to God because He made it. We belong to God because He has redeemed us. "Ye are not your own for you are bought with a price." Then, if all material things belong to God, and we belong to God, we can but be stewards or trustees until He calls us hence to give an account of our stewardship.

We must account to Him for our time; how it is spent. Too many of us use our time as though it would last always. The Psalmist said: "Lord make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days." And again: "Teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." Solomon said: "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth." Time is life. Time is opportunity. Someone has said "Time is money." It is more. Time wasted for the Lord is life and opportunity gone forever. Jesus said: "I must work the works of Him that sent me while it is day. The night cometh, when no man can work."

We must account to Him for our talents; how they are used. Too many of us feel that we have no ability, but each of us undoubtedly has some ability. We may sing, pray, teach, preach, or if nothing more we certainly may speak a word of encouragement to some less fortunate than we. God will help us develop ability, even as He did Moses, if we will but call on Him.

We must account to Him for our influence; which way it is directed. Some are so careless as to say they have no influence, but without a doubt all of us have influence, either for good or for evil. We should shun the very "appearance of evil," lest some should fall. Christ says, speaking of offenses: "Woe unto him through whom they come. It were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck and he cast into the sea than that he should offend (or be a stumbling block) to one of these little ones. Paul says, "I am become all things to all men that some may be saved."

A steward then is diligent in the employment of time. He is anxious to develop his talents. He is careful of his influence; prudent not to waste or lose money, but he uses all his entrustedments, time, talents, influence, money, everything, in a manner pleasing to God, the owner of all.

Respectfully submitted,

D. A. AVANT,
A. C. CAMP.

THE FLORIDA MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION REPORT ON PERIODICALS

We, your Committee on Periodicals, find it necessary, and feel that we, as a religious people, could not say that we had fought a good fight until we have done all that is within our power to put religious literature in the homes of our people, and urge them to read it.

If there ever was a time when the parents needed to draw a line on what their children were reading, and see that they read

good literature only, it is now. Our children have a dislike for the Bible and other good books, and we are to blame for it.

We hear them talking about the prize fights, they know all about that; they know all about the ball games and the card parties, and other worldly things; but what do they know about the Word of God? If you want to know, just try them out at Sunday school.

What teaching they get today, they get it from some one other than their parents as a rule, and we are sorry, but the truth must come. Some of them are being taught things that isn't fit, and are being practised by some of them.

We are not able to find where the heathens ever indulged in some of the things that are taught in some of the tax-supported schools.

So, if we do not call a halt and re-establish the old torn-down family altar, and carry them to a throne of grace, daily, furnish them with good, religious literature, and persuade them to read it, the Lord only knows what kind of fathers and mothers the next generation will have.

Be it Resolved, That we exert every effort possible to furnish our people with religious literature.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. JOINER,
J. F. DORMAN,
W. H. DEAN,
Committee.

REPORT OF B. Y. P. U.

The purpose of the B. Y. P. U. is to train the young people in the work of the church. It is a training school for young Christians in which they are trained for service in the Master's Kingdom. The B. Y. P. U. plays an important part in the development of the young Christian into an efficient worker in the church. Not only is the B. Y. P. U. a school of training, but it is a school of vision as well. In the B. Y. P. U. the young people are brought face to face with the world task of Evangelism. They are given a vision of God and His love, power, beauty and righteousness. They are made to see their relation to Him and to realize their responsibility to Him. Such a vision gives a greater desire to serve and prompts a deeper consecration.

With a vision of God and a realization of responsibility to Him, linked with the wonderful training of the B. Y. P. U., the young Christian is filled with a greater desire and enthusiasm for the Kingdom's advancement. The B. Y. P. U. is an important part of every church. It is a great factor in the development of the spiritual life of the young people. The value of the B. Y. P. U. cannot be over-estimated. It is a great source of enthusiasm and service in the church. It is a wonderful agent in soul winning. The winning of souls should be the chief aim of every church activity. It is the greatest service that can be rendered and the B. Y. P. U. has ever had a great share in this important work.

The B. Y. P. U. is so important and so worthwhile that it deserves the earnest prayers and sincere co-operation of every member of every church. It is of great value to the Kingdom's progress and we should support it whole-heartedly. We, your

committee, earnestly request that every member of every church in the Florida Association take a greater interest in this important work and lend to the young people every possible assistance in their great work.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY D. MANGUM,
HENRY W. MANGUM,
Z. R. CAMP,
W. M. SCRUGGS.

REPORT OF STETSON UNIVERSITY

Stetson University has had, this Fall, one of the best openings in its history. It was thought by many that the financial depression of the past summer would be reflected in a small attendance this fall. Such is not the case, however. The school opened with a fine enrollment, which has been steadily swelling.

Another cause for satisfaction is the high character of this year's student body. As one of the field representatives of the University said: "The students we are getting this year mean business." They are indeed a splendid body of young people. Practically all of them are church members, although not all of them are Baptists. Furthermore, they are affiliating themselves with the various churches of the city, and are active in the Young People's Societies, and in Sunday School.

There is also a splendid band of Ministerial students, and volunteers for missionary, and other religious work. The young men of this band have their own separate dormitory on the campus. They have organized themselves into a Club, called the "M. & M. Club" (ministers and missionaries). The spirit and influence of this group is very marked on the campus. There are about twenty of them.

Many other young men in the State wanted to join this band in Stetson this fall, but found it impossible to finance their way. This is too bad. The University gives them full tuition amounting to \$150 per year, and many of them are given positions by which they can work their way in part. The State Board of Missions also aids some of them to some extent. This fund, however, is woefully inadequate. This year there were applications totalling over \$3,000, with only about \$1,000 in the fund to distribute. The Committee apportioned aid for the first three months of school, hoping that the next State Convention will remedy the situation. If help is not provided for these young people, many of them will have to drop out of school after the first term. They are a splendid band of young men, but poor in this world's goods, and are having a hard struggle to prepare themselves for the ministry and for missionary service. Surely we can and ought to help them.

Another matter of pride is the splendid Christian atmosphere at Stetson. Every school morning the students assemble in the beautiful chapel for devotions. The president reads the Scriptures, offers prayer, and the students join in the singing of hymns. The chapel service is most impressive and helpful. The students themselves hold a vesper service every evening just after supper. They have also organized prayer bands in some of the various halls. There is a strong Y. W. A. and Y. W. C. A. Most of the leaders in student activities are also strong Christians as well.

This winter, Dr. Sampey, of the Louisville Seminary, will conduct a special meeting for the students. We hear that Dr. Sampey held the best meeting at Furman University that was ever held there. We are expecting great things from him here.

The pastor of the DeLand Baptist Church, Dr. J. H. Thayer, is very active among the students, and is succeeding exceptionally well in his work among them.

Recently there was printed in the *Baptist Witness* a report of Dr. Hulley's address at the opening of school. It is worthy of careful reading. Dr. Hulley reaffirms Stetson's stand on the fundamentals of the Christian faith.

Stetson is doing its best to serve the Baptists of this State faithfully and loyally. With a larger endowment it could serve in a larger way, but not more faithfully than it is now doing. Let the Baptists of the State rally to its support with their prayers, their love, and their loyalty. Also let them remember that a school cannot be run without students, and that Stetson is the place for their boys and girls.

All deep-thinking Christian people are persuaded that Christian education is vitally necessary. If it is worth while, it should be adequately and loyally supported and not allowed to struggle for a meager existence on meager support. If it is not worth while, let us give up the struggle and close all our Christian schools, thus surrendering to the materialism of the age. This same materialism is sweeping in in a great tide of unbelief all over the world, and rising constantly higher in America. The unthinking masses are not aware of it. The Church and the Christian school are the only bulwarks in its path. They must hold, or the next generation will receive the deluge.

BUNYAN STEPHENS, Chairman;
L. E. BUTLER,
C. E. BLOUNT.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION OF THE FLORIDA ASSOCIATION, WHICH MET WITH GREENSBORO AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH, SEPT. 22, 1927.

The meeting was called to order by our President, Mrs. J. K. Hutchens, Monticello, with W. M. U. song, "Jesus Calls Us." Devotional led by Mrs. Hughs, Monticello. Welcome address, Mrs. Dupree, Greensboro. Response, Mrs. Stephens, Tallahassee.

ROLL CALL

Monticello, 5; Tallahassee, 2; Quincy, 16; River Junction, 0; Apalachicola, 5; Carrabelle, 0; Providence, 7; Concordia, 3; Havana, 2; Flat Creek, 4; Chattahoochee, 0.

REPORT FROM SOCIETIES, Y. W. A., R. A., S. B. B.

Three-minutes' talk on Royal Service, Mrs. Chas. Moore, Monticello; Home and Foreign Field, Mrs. Stephens, Havana; Baptist Witness, Mrs. Moore, Tallahassee.

Song.

Committees appointed as follows:

Nominative.—Mrs. Love, Mrs. Shephard, Mrs. Faircloth, Mrs. Massey.

Budget.—Mrs. Mathews, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Ellinor.

Time and Place.—Mrs. Dean, Mrs. Butler, Mrs. Anderson.

Resolutions.—Mrs. Howell, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Faircloth.

Closing prayer, Mrs. Love.

Recess.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Song.

Devotional.

Address by Mrs. W. L. Harrell.

Report from Committees read and accepted.

APPOINTING OFFICERS

President—Mrs. W. H. Rugely, Tallahassee.

Vice-President—Mrs. Chas. Moore, Monticello.

Secretary-Treasurer—Mrs. L. B. Ellinor, Havana.

CHAIRMEN

Personal S.—Mrs. C. L. Shephard, Apalachicola.

Steward S.—Mrs. J. K. Hutchens, Monticello.

Margaret F.—Mrs. Lonnie Clark, Greensboro.

Training School—Miss Susie McKeown, Gretna.

Publicity—Miss Jessie Brewer, Greensboro. Later Mrs. W. W. Massey, Quincy.

Mission Study—Mrs. Burnett, Tallahassee.

White Cross—Miss Clara Fletcher, Greensboro.

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS

Quincy—Mrs. E. H. Boykin, River Junction.

Tallahassee—Mrs. H. Howard, Tallahassee.

Monticello—Mrs. Jim Cook, Monticello.

Apalachicola—Mrs. R. M. Anderson, Apalachicola.

Young People's Leader—Mrs. Frank Stephens, Havana.

Song.

Report of Chairmen.

Report of District Superintendents.

Talk by Mrs. Love on Apportionment.

The Budget Committee recommend that the W. M. U. of the Florida Association assume one-third of the apportionment for the Florida Association.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Resolved, that the W. M. U. of the Florida Association extend to the W. M. S. of the Greensboro Baptist Church hearty thanks for the cordial hospitality during the Association's meeting.

Resolved, that we thank all those who took part on the program, especially Mrs. Harrell for her helpful and inspirational talk.

Resolved, that we thank the Heavenly Father for His guidance and for the presence of His Spirit.

Havana extended a cordial invitation to the W. M. U. of the Florida Association to meet with them Wednesday after third Sunday in September, 1928. The invitation was accepted with thanks.

Closing prayer by Bro. Mangum, Havana.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK

In the Florida Association the Woman's Missionary Union gave to the co-operative program of the Southern Baptist Convention \$1,159.29 from October, 1926, to October 11, 1927.

The new organizations in our Association during the past year, so far as we have been able to learn, are a G. A. and an R. A. at Apalachicola.

There have been issued 95 Mission Study Awards to the Florida Association during the year, as follows: 70 W. M. S., 17 Y. W. A., 3 Sunbeams and 5 G. A.'s.

The women have done and are doing a great work in stimulating the spirit of missions, but there is yet much in our Association that needs to be done.

The last minutes of the Florida Association shows that there are 28 churches, and only 12 W. M. S.'s. This shows that the task of enlisting and training is by no means complete, but is only just begun.

There is much need for earnest prayer, faithful and continuous effort that the unenlisted women of our 16 other churches may be organized and lined up in the great work.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. E. DUPREE.

MRS. W. H. RUGELEY.

REPORT OF TREASURER

Received from Finance Committee Oct. 15, 1926.....\$144.12

Disbursements—

Paid T. J. Appleyard for Minutes.....\$72.00

Paid D. H. Mays, Clerk.....50.00

Paid D. H. Mays, Clerk, Postage.....3.00 125.00

Balance on hand\$ 19.12

W. H. RUGELEY, Treasurer.

LIST OF CHURCHES IN FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION NOT REPORTING AT THIS SESSION

- ✓ Antioch—R. L. Parramore, Clerk.
- ✓ Calvary.
- ✓ Chaires—W. D. Boyd, Clerk.
- ✓ Concord—C. H. Dorsey, Clerk. *See Concordia*
- ✓ Curtis Mill.
- ✓ Ebenezer-(Jefferson)—R. T. Freeman, Clerk.
- ✓ Hardaway.
- ✓ Lake Mystic—W. D. Bateman, Clerk.
- ✓ New River.
- ✓ Orange.
- ✓ Pleasant Grove.
- ✓ Port St. Joe.
- ✓ Sumatra—A. D. Hinson, Clerk.
- ✓ Shady Grove. *See Jackson Co. (1926)*
- ✓ St. Marks.
- ✓ Telogia.
- ✓ Ocklocknee.

IN MEMORY OF OUR BELOVED BROTHER AND PASTOR BROTHER L. A. ROBERTS.

Brother Roberts was born April 3rd, 1849, in Sumpter County, South Carolina, and when a very small boy moved with his parents to Sopchoppy, Wakulla County, Florida, where he lived until 1885, at which time he moved to his home at Spring Hill, Leon County, where he lived until his death, which occurred June 29th, 1927.

Brother Roberts has been a most loyal and consistent member of the Missionary Baptist Church the major portion of his life, and so great was the call upon him for service that he began preaching the Everlasting Gospel at the age of forty-five years. He was loved and appreciated as pastor of many churches in north and west Florida. Brother Roberts was kind and cheerful, a loving husband and a sympathetic father. He was ever striving to brighten and better sinful men. He is gone now, and we miss him it seems more and more as the days go by, but we can rejoice that he now rests from his much-loved labor as he mingles with the redeemed in heaven, and his influence still lives with us, encouraging and beckoning us on through life's rugged pathway, and at last to meet him in Glory.

May the God of Heaven so use such a great influence as was his life, to lead men and women along life's narrow pathway, and at last to meet their God crowned as good and faithful servants.

OUR DEPARTED DEAD.

In the Providence of God brothers and sisters whose labors in this world have ended, and have been called to their final reward:

- Indian Springs—Mrs. Cornelia B. Hines.
- Tallahassee—Mrs. Eliza Kersey, Mrs. A. B. Barineau, Miss Clem Hampton, Mr. F. M. Phillips, Deacon A. J. LaRose.
- Mt. Besor—Miss Zilpha Nickols, Mrs. Lellia Roberts.
- Concordia—Mrs. B. H. Vickers, Miss Lila Liang, Mrs. Orien Barker.
- Havana—Mrs. T. D. Blackburn.
- Monticello—Mrs. Strickland.
- Providence—Miss Lou Strum, Mrs. Emaline Suber, Mr. C. H. Richards.
- Mt. Elan—Mr. Ernest Reynolds, Mrs. Maurice Lawhorn.
- Arran—Mr. J. E. Vance.
- Quincy—Mr. Fred B. Jones, Mrs. P. J. Neely, Mrs. Julia Boring.
- Greensboro—Mrs. Edna B. Dones, Mrs. J. E. Bruver.
- Corinth—Mrs. Margaret Chester, Mrs. Emma Ferrill, Mrs. Harvey Tharpe.
- Flat Creek—Miss Ellinor McDonald, Mr. Lindsay E. Smith.
- Gretna—Mr. J. W. Cross.
- Salem—Mrs. Thomas Gray, Mrs. J. D. Robinson, Miss Pearl Rickards, Mr. James Storrs, Mr. E. R. L. Moore.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. SCRUGGS,
J. R. MILLER,
W. H. DEAN.

REPORT OF SECRETARY OF FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION FOR QUARTER OF YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 22, 1927

NAMES OF W. M. S., G. A., R. A., Y. W. A. AND SUNBEAM BAND (Please Designate Each)	NUMBER OF				NO. SUBSCRIBERS				CONTRIBUTED TO				
	Members	Titlers	Study Classes	Awards	Royal Service	H. & F. F.	World Comrades	Witness	Children's Home	Value of Boxes	Apportionment	Local	Other Objects
Monticello—G. A., Y. W. A., R. A., S. B....	60	0	4	15	0	1	1	20	4	56	\$ 240.40	\$ 325.00	
Quincy—S. B., G. A., Y. W. A.	88	26	7	40	10	6	2	35	1	100	110.25	847.79	3.00
Calvary	25				25	2		25	1	25	42.00	840.00	2.50
Greensboro	20	5			6	2		5	1	15	5.00		20.00
Flat Creek	18				7	5		9	10	25	12.00		12.00
Providence	25	5	1		5	2		1					120.65
Concordia—G. A.	15		3		20	1		50			591.00	110.50	
Tallahassee	75				16	1		10			15.00	100.00	
Havana	18				4			2					
Woodville	9												

Society	President	Secy.-Tres.	Address
Monticello	Mrs. A. R. Hughes	Mrs. S. C. Walker	Apalachicola
Quincy	Mrs. Nell Faircloth	Mrs. O. C. Musgrove	
Calvary	Mrs. R. M. Anderson	Mrs. W. P. Dodd	
Greensboro	Mrs. O. P. Green	Mrs. M. H. Ventry	
Flat Creek	Mrs. L. J. Clark	Mrs. Lorene Young	Greensboro
Providence	Mrs. L. W. Fletcher	Mrs. Fletcher Edwards	Quincy, Route C
Concordia	Mrs. L. E. Butler	Mrs. Hoyt Herring	
Tallahassee	Mrs. Stonewall Howard	Mrs. L. C. Powell	
Woodville	Mrs. M. E. Merritt	Mrs. C. M. Alcorn	
Havana	Mrs. A. J. Warthy	Mrs. Clarence Morgan	

WOMAN'S WORK OF FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

CHURCHES	Number of Women's Missionary Societies.	Number of Y.W.A.'s.	Number of G.A.'s.	Number of R.A.'s.	Number of Sunbeams.	Total W.M.U. (Organizations.	W.M.S. Members	Y.W.A.'s. Members	G.A.'s. Members	R.A.'s. Members	Sunbeam Members	Total Enrolled in Mission Study Courses.	Gifts to Local Church Work.	Gifts to Missions and Benevolences.	Total Gifts All Purposes.
Concordia	1					1	25					25	\$ 231.15	\$ 15.00	\$ 231.15
Corinth	1					1	14					14	125.00	12.25	140.00
Flat Creek	1					1	12					12			12.25
Greensboro	1					1	20					20			
Havana	1					1	18					15	475.00	240.00	715.00
Monticello	1					1	60	15	21	15	24	140	7	32.65	32.65
Providence	1					1	23	10	33		16	143	363.64	75.00	438.64
Quincy	1					1	86	31	21		19	30	643.76	99.05	742.81
River Junction	1					1	19	19	21		27	46	68.10	13.50	81.60
Salem	1					1	15					9		591.20	591.20
Tallahassee	1					1	75								
Woodville	1					1	9								

B. Y. P. U. S. OF FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

CHURCHES	THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK								Total Systematic Bible Readers
	Senior Unions	Intermediate Unions	Junior Unions	Senior Enrolled	Intermediate Enrolled	Juniors Enrolled	Total Enrolled	Total Systematic in all Unions	
Capitola	1	1	1	31	15				
Concordia	1	1	1	16	28		43	15	12
Flat Creek	1	1	1	29			22	15	13
Greensboro	1	1	1	38			56		
Gretna	1	1	1	38			18		
Havana	1	1	1	17	25	18	54	12	5
Monticello	1	1	1	20	12	12	52	14	10
Providence	1	1	1	22	32	22	78	50	36
Quincy	1	1	1	32			30		
River Junction	1	1	1	25			25		
Salem	1	1	1	35			103		
Tallahassee	1	1	1	35					

These Columns to be Used for "Special" or Designated Gifts Only

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CHURCH PROPERTY OF FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

CHURCHES	Does Your Church Own Its House of Worship?	When was It Built?	Materials Used.	Persons Seated.	Number of Rooms.	Are All Departments in Sunday School Provided For?	Are All Sunday School Classes Provided For?	Value of Church House and Grounds.	Value of Mission Chapel If Any.	Value of Pastor's Home.	Total Value All Church Property.	Indebtedness on All Church Property.	Insurance Carried.
Arran	Yes	1848	Wood	300	1	Yes	No	500.00	0	0	500.00	0	0
Aeon	Yes	1926	Wood	200	1	Yes	No	400.00	0	0	400.00	0	0
Capitola	Yes	1926	Wood	200	1	Yes	No	1,200.00	0	0	1,200.00	0	0
Crawfordville	Yes	1926	Wood	200	1	Yes	No	1,200.00	0	0	1,200.00	0	0
Concordia	Yes	1912	Wood	200	1	Yes	No	1,200.00	0	0	1,200.00	0	0
Corinth	Yes	1912	Wood	200	1	Yes	No	1,200.00	0	0	1,200.00	0	0
Ebinger	Yes	1902	Wood	300	1	Yes	No	1,200.00	0	0	1,200.00	0	0
Flat-Creek	Yes	1907	Wood	250	1	Yes	No	1,500.00	0	0	1,500.00	0	0
Greensboro	Yes	1912	Wood	250	1	Yes	No	1,500.00	0	0	1,500.00	0	0
Gretna	Yes	1912	Wood	250	1	Yes	No	1,500.00	0	0	1,500.00	0	0
Havana	Yes	1908	Wood	200	1	Yes	No	3,250.00	0	1,500.00	4,750.00	0	0
Indian Springs	Yes	1912	Wood	200	1	Yes	No	3,600.00	0	0	3,600.00	0	0
Little Sycamore	Yes	1912	Wood	200	1	Yes	No	3,600.00	0	0	3,600.00	0	0
Lake Ellen	Yes	1912	Wood	200	1	Yes	No	2,000.00	0	0	2,000.00	0	0
Monticello	Yes	1914	Wood	300	1	Yes	No	1,800.00	0	0	1,800.00	0	0
Mt. Elean	Yes	1914	Wood	300	1	Yes	No	1,800.00	0	0	1,800.00	0	0
Mt. Besor	Yes	1906	Wood	150	1	Yes	No	500.00	0	0	500.00	0	0
Olive	Yes	1897	Wood	250	1	Yes	No	1,000.00	0	0	1,000.00	0	0
Providence	Yes	1925	Wood	400	1	Yes	No	1,500.00	0	0	1,500.00	0	0
Quincy	Yes	1907	Brick	800	45	Yes	Yes	75,000.00	0	4,000.00	79,000.00	17,375.00	40,000.00
River Junction	Yes	1907	Wood	150	1	Yes	No	2,500.00	0	2,500.00	5,000.00	580.00	2,000.00
Salem	Yes	1900	Wood	300	1	Yes	No	700.00	0	0	700.00	0	0
Sundown	Yes	1915	Brick	500	12	Yes	No	75,000.00	0	10,000.00	85,000.00	1,500.00	32,000.00
Tallahassee	Yes	1915	Brick	500	12	Yes	No	75,000.00	0	0	75,000.00	0	0
Woodville	Yes	1906	Wood	200	1	Yes	No	1,500.00	0	0	1,500.00	0	0

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SUNDAY SCHOOLS OF FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF FLORIDA, OCTOBER, 1927.

CHURCHES	Is It a Village, Town, City or Country Church?	Secretaries and Post Offices	Officers and Teachers.	3-5 Years.	Primaries 6-8 Years.	Juniors 9-12 Years.	Intermediates 13-16 Years.	Young People 17-24 Years.	Adults 25 Years and Up.	Grade Roll Under 3 Years.	Home Department.	Total Enrollment.	What Is Your Average Attendance?	Is the School Graded?	Is It Standard A-1?	Teachers Holding Normal Diplomas.	Baptisms from School.	Gifts to Local Church Work.	Gifts to Missions, Orphanage, etc.
Arran	V	J. E. Vance, Arran, Fla.	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	43	16	No	No	0	0	0	0
Aeon	V	J. E. Vance, Arran, Fla.	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	51	16	No	No	0	0	0	3.50
Capitola	V	Grady Hill, Capitola, Fla.	8	11	5	23	22	25	10	0	0	94	55	Yes	No	0	6	55.00	10.00
Crawfordville	C	Miss Lucile Walsh, Havana, Fla.	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	35	No	No	0	15	25.00	
Concordia	C	Nellie F. Mitchell, Havana, Fla.	9	16	5	12	15	16	10	0	0	67	35	No	No	0	17	25.00	
Corinth	C	Miss Branch, Tallahassee, Fla.	10	16	18	23	16	18	14	0	0	40	30	No	No	0	17	94.70	50.00
Ebinger	C	Evelynne Clarke, Greensboro, Fla.	10	8	6	23	3	8	11	0	0	45	30	No	No	0	17	0	30.25
Flat-Creek	V	Lotus, Quincy, Fla.	7	5	13	30	14	21	23	0	0	115	45	Yes	No	0	8	164.07	
Greensboro	V	E. L. Timmons, Quincy, Fla.	10	5	13	30	14	21	23	0	0	115	45	Yes	No	0	8	164.07	
Gretna	V	E. L. Timmons, Quincy, Fla.	10	5	13	30	14	21	23	0	0	115	45	Yes	No	0	8	164.07	
Havana	C	E. L. Timmons, Quincy, Fla.	10	5	13	30	14	21	23	0	0	115	45	Yes	No	0	8	164.07	
Indian Springs	C	E. L. Timmons, Quincy, Fla.	10	5	13	30	14	21	23	0	0	115	45	Yes	No	0	8	164.07	
Little Sycamore	C	E. L. Timmons, Quincy, Fla.	10	5	13	30	14	21	23	0	0	115	45	Yes	No	0	8	164.07	
Lake Ellen	C	E. L. Timmons, Quincy, Fla.	10	5	13	30	14	21	23	0	0	115	45	Yes	No	0	8	164.07	
Monticello	C	Louise Tully, Monticello, Fla.	8	6	6	16	7	2	7	0	0	52	40	No	No	0	0	0	0
Mt. Elean	C	Effie Scurry, Monticello, Fla.	17	20	22	32	36	23	45	12	17	17	115	Yes	Yes	16	3	178.14	268.19
Mt. Besor	C	Leroy Cox, Smith Creek, Fla.	6	5	9	0	26	0	22	0	0	64	45	No	No	0	0	0	0
Olive	C	Reese Coaly, Sopchoppy, Fla.	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	No	No	0	0	0	0
Providence	C	Eunice Wooten, Monticello, Fla.	7	6	0	7	10	0	13	0	0	43	25	No	No	0	0	0	0
Quincy	C	Susie Dean, Quincy, Fla.	11	6	0	22	50	25	13	0	0	66	40	Yes	Yes	13	73	500.22	67.95
River Junction	C	N. F. Fain, Quincy, Fla.	18	23	19	28	10	13	40	1	30	144	75	Yes	Yes	13	33	363.93	35.00
Salem	C	J. O. Baggett, River Junction, Fla.	5	4	17	20	0	25	10	0	0	79	387	Yes	No	1	24	1,282.10	32.47
Sundown	C	Mrs. V. L. Hagerman, Ebb, Fla.	5	3	32	10	105	190	149	30	0	110	75	Yes	No	0	0	10.00	32.47
Tallahassee	C	Earline Campbell, Carrabelle, Fla.	5	52	89	124	105	190	149	30	0	110	75	Yes	No	0	0	1,282.10	147.00
Woodville	C	J. T. Diamond, Tallahassee, Fla.	5	52	89	124	105	190	149	30	0	110	75	Yes	No	0	0	1,282.10	147.00
	V	C. Alcorn, Woodville, Fla.	6	0	6	8	10	10	7	0	0	64	25	No	No	0	0	0	0

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CHURCH MEMBERSHIP, ETC., FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

CHURCHES	Is it in a Village, Town, City, or Country?	When Constituted	Church Clerks and Post Offices	Days of Meeting	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP										Revival Meetings Held During Year	Observances of Lord's Supper During Year	Families Receiving State Baptist Paper
					Gains					Losses							
					Baptisms	Letters	Statements	Restorations	Letters	Exclusions	Erasures	Deaths	Total Present Members	Total			
Arran		1848	John B. Laws, Arran, Fla.	4th Sunday	75	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aenon		1848	W. E. Gray, Box 309, Tallahassee, Fla.	3rd Sunday	26	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Capitola		1826	Wilson Boyd, Capitola, Fla.	3rd Sunday	20	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crawfordville		1826	W. N. Moore, Crawfordville, Fla.	2 & 4 Sun.	12	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Concordia		1852	C. H. Dorsey, Amsterdam, Ga.	1st Sunday	147	6	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Corinth		1871	C. M. Gibson, H. Sanford, Fla.	2nd Sunday	235	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ebenezer		1876	D. J. Curran, Tallahassee, Fla.	1st Sunday	30	9	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Flat-Creek		1876	L. J. Clarke, Greensboro, Fla.	2 & 4 Sun.	106	30	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Greensboro		1907	J. C. Brewer, Greensboro, Fla.	2 & 4 Sun.	122	26	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gretna		1912	S. B. Timmons, Quincy, Fla.	Full Time	128	3	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Havana		1906	A. L. Stephens, Havana, Fla.	2nd Sunday	78	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Indian Springs		1912	J. R. Miller, Lloyd, Fla.	2nd Sunday	44	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Little Sycamore		1870	M. G. Stringer, Greensboro, Fla.	2nd Sunday	54	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lake Ellen		1870	W. G. Durrance, Arran, Fla.	Full Time	57	9	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monticello		1841	P. R. Whitaker, Monticello, Fla.	2nd Sunday	98	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mt. Eban		1854	E. J. Langston, Smith-Creek, Fla.	1st Sunday	95	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mt. Besor		1858	J. W. Scott, Monticello, Fla.	2nd Sunday	120	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Olive		1843	G. D. Fletcher, Quincy, Fla.	1 & 3 Sun.	227	29	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Providence		1897	H. G. Davis, Jr., Quincy, Fla.	Full Time	315	77	25	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Quincy		1897	O. E. McKeown, River Jc., Fla.	Full Time	126	7	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
River Junction		1897	L. Hagerman, Ebb, Fla.	1st Sunday	126	7	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Salem		1887	M. L. Mangle, Carrabelle, Fla.	2 & 4 Sun.	126	7	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sundown		1887	W. H. Rugeley, Tallahassee, Fla.	Every Sun.	126	7	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tallahassee		1849	Mrs. M. E. Merritt, Woodville, Fla.	1 & 2 Sun.	126	7	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Woodville		1906	Mrs. M. E. Merritt, Woodville, Fla.	1 & 2 Sun.	126	7	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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