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OF THE

Thirty-Third Anniversary

OF THE

Wekiva Baptist Association

HELD WITH

First Baptist Church of Sanford, Fla.

OCTOBER 6TH, 7TH AND 8TH, 1909.

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 Ludwick, J. F. Mont Verde, "
 Mueller, D. J. Sanford, "
 Murphy, W. E. Orlando, "
 Owens, C. A. DeLand, "
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 Richardson, J. H. Orlando, "
 Ross, F. M. Orlando, "
 Rogers, J. B. *Orlando* "
 Smith, E. Lee. Longwood, "
 Self, G. T. DeLand, "
 Savage, J. W. Christmas, "
 Stewart, W. H. DeLand, "
 Stephens, Bunyan. Kissimmee, "
 Wright, R. H. Orlando, Fla.

LICENSED.

ORDER OF BUSINESS,

1. Association called to order by former Moderator, or if absent, by the Clerk.
2. Devotional Service.
3. Read Church Letters.
4. Call for Petitionary Membership.
5. Election of Moderator.
6. Election of Clerk and Treasurer.
7. Order of Business Approved.
8. Fix Hours of Meeting and Adjournment.
9. Appoint Preaching Committee.
10. Recognize Representatives of Denominational Interest in their Official Capacity.
11. Call for Correspondence.
12. Invite Visiting Members to Seats.
13. Appoint Committees as follows:
 - a On Education.
 - b On State Missions.
 - c On Home Missions.
 - d On Foreign Missions.
 - e On State of Religion.
 - f On Sunday Schools.
 - g On B. Y. P. U.
 - h On Temperance.
 - i On Deceased Ministers and Deacons.
 - j On Religious Literature.
 - k On Finance.
 - l On Nominations.
 - m On Orphans' Home.
 - n On B. M. A. A.
 - o On W. M. Societies.
 - p On Columbia College.
14. Call for Treasurer's Report.
15. Appoint Executive Committee.
16. Call for Report of Committees.
17. Arrange for Printing Minutes and Paying Clerk.
18. Miscellaneous Business.
19. Reading Minutes.
20. Adjournment.

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The Association convened Wednesday morning, Oct. 6th. The former Moderator, Bro. E. Lee Smith, called the Association to order after devotional exercises by the acting pastor, Bro. F. M. Ross, and the morning session was devoted to discussing the work, helpful talks being made by Brothers Holmes, Richardson, Bell, Callaway, Pickern and Spicer. Meeting adjourned until 3:00 p. m.

Moderator called Association to order at 3:00 p. m., Bro. Bunyan Stephens lead in devotional exercises by reading a psalm which was followed by prayer. Brothers A. W. Hurley and A. V. Pickern were appointed to read letters; a motion to omit reading of letters was lost, and letters were read, and following churches and delegates reported:

Apopka—A. A. Richardson, A. V. Pickern.
Altoona—R. J. Gorbett, D. Palmer.
Boggy Creek—M. J. Alderman, B. F. Locke.
Cross Prairie—Mrs. M. E. Thomas.
Chuluota—(By Letter).
Geneva—I. D. Hart, Mrs. David Speer.

Kissimmee—Bunyan Stephens, Mrs. Bunyan Stephens, T. J. Bell, C. A. Carson, Miss Marie Huddleston.

Lake Gertrude—G. W. Holmes, Miss Roberta Frier, Mrs. D. L. Sellars, C. L. Stokely, Paul Stokely, N. W. Hawthorn.

Longwood—(By Letter).

Mont Verde—J. A. Lowry.

Orlando—T. F. Callaway, F. M. Ross, J. H. Richardson, Mrs. J. H. Richardson, W. P. Miller, R. H. Wright, Chas. Richards, J. A. Trovillian, A. J. Mostellar.

Pine Castle—W. E. Murphy, William Sphaler, Edward Johns.

Pine Grove—Miss Beulah Hodges, W. J. Osteen.

Plymouth—J. C. Stewart, Mrs. Julia Carpenter, Mrs. Edna P. Chapman.

Sanford—W. S. Baldwin, M. M. Stewart, Jno. D. Jenkins, M. A. Fortson, J. K. Johnson.

Umatilla—J. F. Holten, J. H. Nutt, Mrs. J. H. Nutt, Mrs. Bessie Smith, Mrs. C. Netherland, Mrs. F. F. Anderson.

West Apopka—Rev. Thos. W. Spicer.

Winter Garden—A. W. Hurley, W. L. Story, E. Lee Smith, Mrs. W. L. Story.

Midway in the Pines, } J. Myers,
Enterprise } H. L. Ryland.

Proceeded with election of officers, with result that Bro. G. W. Holmes was elected Moderator, and Bro. J. W. D. Jinkins elected Clerk.

Association adjourned until 7:00 p. m., at which time a steering committee was appointed, consisting of Brothers Callaway, Nutt and Pickern.

Brother Ross, acting pastor of Sanford Church, delivered a welcome address. Rev. Kirkland of the Congregational Church, also gave an address of welcome in behalf of the other churches of Sanford. Bro. E. Lee Smith responded.

Scripture lesson was read by Bro. Callaway, and a very

able sermon preached by Bro. Stephens on the subject "Being a Christian in the Home," in which he called attention to the responsibility of parents in bringing up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Moved and carried that Association meet Thursday morning at 9:00 o'clock.

Moved and carried that a committee be appointed to revise, revise or draw up articles of faith, by-laws and constitution for the purpose of including same in minutes; Moderator appointed Brothers Pickern, Bell and Smith. Meeting adjourned.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION.

Devotional exercises.

Minutes of previous day's proceedings read and adopted. Report received from Committee on Order of Business and adopted.

Moderator announced the following committees:

Sunday School—A. W. Hurley, Wm. Spahler, J. T. Denton.

B. Y. P. U.—T. F. Callaway, Mrs. David Speer, N. W. Hawthorn.

Temperance—J. H. Richardson, R. H. Wright.

Finance—A. J. Mostellar, Wm. Spahler, Bunyan Stephens.

Deceased Ministers and Deacons—D. Palmer, J. B. Rodgers, T. F. Callaway, J. H. Richardson.

Education—G. W. Holmes, J. T. Denton, W. L. Story.

State Missions—Bunyan Stephens, W. P. Miller, A. W. Hurley.

Foreign Missions—C. L. Stokeley, J. A. Lowry, Mrs. J. H. Richardson.

Home Missions—J. W. Boyd, R. J. Gorbett, Mrs. M. E. Thomas.

State of Religion—J. B. Rodgers, W. E. Murphy, J. H. Nutt.

Nominations—T. J. Bell, A. A. Richardson, W. L. Story. *Orphans' Home*—R. J. Gorbett, Mrs. D. L. Sellers, Miss Roberta Frier.

B. M. A. A.—W. T. Haizlip, T. J. Bell, D. Palmer.

W. M. Society—Mrs. David Speer, Mrs. J. H. Richardson, Mrs. Bunyan Stephens.

Columbia College—C. A. Carson, T. F. Callaway.

Religious Literature—A. V. Pickern, Bunyan Stephens, W. E. Murphy.

Visitor recognized by Moderator, Rev. C. M. Brittain, of the Beulah Association.

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

Letter from the Jacksonville Association in regard to Florida Baptist Witness read and received for further action.

Report read by Bro. A. V. Pickern; Bro. C. M. Brittain spoke on the subject, and of the needs of the Baptist Witness. A collection of \$6.00 cash, and pledges for \$54.00 was taken.

Your committee on Religious Literature begs to report as follows: We rejoice that Almighty God has blessed us as a people with printing and publishing facilities second to none.

There is a great need for denominational literature. Just as surely as there is justification for our denominational existence, there is need for an understanding of the grounds upon which we stand, and the principles which we act upon in maintaining our denominational enterprises.

Our current periodical literature is ample and of a high character embracing: 1st—The Florida Baptist Witness, which should certainly be in every Baptist home in our state. 2nd—The Home Field and The Foreign Mission Journal, issued by the Home and Foreign Boards respectively, both of which your committee would especially recommend as handbooks of Mission information.

Our Sunday School Board are giving us a valuable series of helps to the preparation of Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. studies, and your committee would urge their adoption and use by all churches in the Wekiva Association.

Your committee begs leave to call attention to our permanent

literature, such as: The Errors of Romanism, by Dr. W. J. E. Cox, of Mobile; The Moral Dignity of Baptism and the Memorial Supper of Our Lord, by Dr. Frost, published by our S. S. Board. The Axioms of Religion, by Dr. E. Y. Mullins; Christianity in Modern Japan, by Ernest W. Clement; The Divine Right of Missions, by Dr. H. C. Mabie, published by the Amer. Baptist Pub. Soc. We urge upon all our brethren a broader and deeper understanding of these great subjects, and cordially recommend these works.

In conclusion, while we rejoice because of all this literature, we urge that it shall nowhere be allowed to take precedence over the Word of God. We deplore the lack of interest in the Blessed Living Word, on the part of numbers of our people, and would rejoice to see our Sunday Schools and B. Y. P. U.'s leave the Quarterlies at home and use the Bible instead.

Finally, brethren, if we are to accomplish what we should in Florida, we must have a strong denominational paper. We can only have it by supporting it. Let us therefore strive to place the Witness in every home in our bounds. Let every Pastor urge his people to subscribe for, pay for, and read his state paper.

Respectfully submitted,

ASHLEY V. PICKERN, Chairman.

Report of committee adopted.

REPORT ON FLORIDA BAPTIST ORPHANS' HOME.

Report read by Bro. R. J. Gorbett, who spoke on the subject.

This home is located at Arcadia, and was established in 1904, and has cared for about ninety children since it was established. There are at present about sixty in the home. This is one of the most important institutions the Baptists have in the State. The home is not supported in any way by the State but depending solely upon the churches and Christian people for their support.

Your committee would recommend that each church in Wekiva Association set apart one Sunday during the year as Orphans' Home day and take a special collection for the home. Each church is urgently requested to make up a box of provisions, clothing and such articles as could be used in the home. Every pastor, S. S. Supt. and Teacher are urgently requested to bring this matter before the people.

Respectfully Submitted,

R. J. GORBETT.

Report adopted.

REPORT OF WOMANS MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Report read by Mrs. David Speer and adopted.

The committee beg to say that the vice-president who was to make this report is sick and no report has been sent in and none prepared, also that we go on with our program this afternoon, and Miss Spalding will be here at 10 a. m., Friday, to meet the ladies at a call meeting, for she has something good to bring us.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. DAVID SPEER, Chairman.

Letter from Church Midway in the Pines read, and a committee appointed to enquire into their standing; Committee recommended that this church be re-instated in the Association; recommendation adopted. Sermon by Bro. T. J. Bell, on subject: "Saved by Grace," presented with great power.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Devotional exercises.

Visitors recognized by Moderator, Rev. S. B. Rogers, Dr. H. W. Tribble.

Motion that Clerk be instructed to communicate with DeLand and other churches and endeavor to get letters from those churches whose letters have not been received. Motion was carried.

REPORT OF HOME MISSIONS.

Report written by Bro. J. W. Boyd, and read by Bro. Ross. Bro. Ross and Bro. Carson spoke on subject.

We, your committee, submit the following report on the Home Mission Work done on our great field during the past year. The results that have attended the work is a noble advance on the former record of this board. Between 1904 and 1909 the amount raised for Home Mission work has more than doubled. It has increased from \$127,850 to \$283,438. The results have made an even more pronounced advance. In five years baptisms have increased more than threefold. Five years ago there were 7,526. Last year there were 25,109.

A corresponding increase has transpired in other phases of the work. For instance, the total additions to Mission Churches in 1904 were 16,797, while for the present year 47,808. During the same time the number of churches organized has increased from 127 to 338. If we were to compare results with other Denominations it would show more strikingly the large opportunity and consequent obligations of Southern Baptists in the great Mission Field, and this is no reflection on others, but it is the Will of God that a glorious opportunity and a deep obligation rests upon Southern Baptists in the Evangelization of the nearly sixty millions of people in America who have no religious affiliation of any kind whatever.

The work of the Home Board is varied. In Cuba we have twenty missionaries and school workers successfully carrying the gospel to the Cubans. In the Canal Zone we have six missionaries and educational workers who are prosecuting the work there very successfully. Among other races, we have about seventeen missionaries preaching the gospel to the Indians, most of these workers are being paid out of the Home Board. Between fifteen and twenty missionaries are working in Texas among the 400,000 Mexicans, under the superintendency of Dr. C. T. Daniel. Among the immigrants and foreigners, the Board is increasing its staff of workers each year. Besides those mentioned above about a score of missionaries will this year be engaged in the parts of our large cities, leading foreigners to accept faith in Christ, which is the foundation of American greatness. The Board has more than twenty women missionaries and workers engaged in this service in the South. We have twenty-four Mission Schools, most of which are found in the mountain belt, employing 121 teachers and 43,000 students, the work is under Supt. Dr. A. E. Brown and is wonderfully successful.

The Home Board in connection with the various state boards is employing a number of Evangelists and a very large success has attended their work. The Home Board has done a most noble and lasting work in helping needy churches erect houses of worship. The Southern Baptist Convention, in order to prosecute this work further, has apportioned among the states for this year \$343,500. \$18,000 advance above last year.

Signed, REV. F. M. ROSS, Chairman.

Report adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Report read by Bro. J. H. Richardson and spoken on by himself, Brothers D. Palmer and C. A. Carson. Paul Stokely, the ten year old secretary of Lake Gertrude

Sunday School, recited in a touching way, "Why the Judge was a Teetotaler."

In this short report we shall not deal so much with the sin of intemperance, nor so much with the evils and curse of the whiskey traffic; these you know, but the state is sick, the nation is sick, homes are suffering, noble women—wives and mothers are broken-hearted and dying, America's sons are falling at the rate of 100,000 per year, victims to this destroyer of human lives and souls, but the cry comes now from every quarter and from all over our loved Florida, "The Remedy"! "The Remedy"! This is what we need, we must have relief. This brings us then face to face with these great questions. We are talking to you about Florida.

1st. Question is, *What* is to be done? 2nd. *How this what* is to be done? 3rd. When to do these things proposed to be done to rid Florida of the whiskey rule?

Now Here is the work on the "Trestle-board." Workmen look well to it. Quit you like men!

ORGANIZING.

Our constituents are everywhere asking for complete and thorough organization for the fight. The Headquarters Committee, representing the Trustees of the Florida Anti-Saloon League, have directed that the whole State be organized and have outlined the plans of organization. The Superintendents of the Anti-Saloon League have gladly and eagerly accepted those instructions and are undertaking to carry them into effect. And the Legislative Department has been made responsible for handling and completing the work.

The Headquarters Committee, as the controlling authority of the State League, has directed that a County Central Committee of at least three, shall be chosen for every county, through which the State headquarters office may keep in touch with the county and local work. The Superintendents, in consultation with the leaders in each county, are to appoint the members of this County Central Committee.

It is not thought best to delay organizing until a large constituency can be brought together into a local or county society and then elect officers, but rather to build a constituency around the County Committee by means of voters' pledges and local committees. We are directed to secure the appointment of a local committee in every voting precinct under the direction of the County Central Committee; men of tact, loyalty and influence who will be recognized as leaders.

Through these Committees, county and local, we are to carry out

instructions for the thorough, systematic campaign in all parts of the State, keeping in constant correspondence with every committeeman and his work. The plans already mapped out comprehend these special leading features:

1st.—We shall aim to secure a complete poll of the voters of every precinct of the State, in three separate lists, the dry voters, the wets, and the uncertain or doubtfuls.

2nd.—We want every local committeeman and every other worker for the cause to circulate and secure signatures to the voters' pledges soon to be sent out. Names of signers to be kept secret and lists with postoffice addresses to be sent to County and State headquarters.

3rd.—Individual, personal work with uncertain voters to be done largely under direction of local committees, the right person to have influence with such voter to be sent to win him.

4th.—Local committees are also expected to look after suitable and judicious distribution of campaign literature sent out to them.

5th.—The county and local committees will also act in conjunction with the agitation department under direction of Superintendent C. L. Collins in the conduct of the Speakers' Bureau, seeking and recommending public speakers and arranging for and advertising meetings.

6th.—Instructions regarding other work to be done later will be sent out in due time. These will include efforts with reference to registration, bringing out the vote, challenging illegal voters and watching the count of votes.

The success of our great campaign will depend very largely on the devotion, loyalty and self-sacrificing work of all these committeemen. Every possible vote must be secured, cast and counted. Constant vigilance, with organized, systematic faithful work will win. Without that, we can only expect failure in the face of such a determined, desperate foe.

We would respectfully but most earnestly request that all our constituents and co-workers co-operate in these plans, for the sake of unity and harmony, especially since these plans have been adopted by those put in authority as Trustees and Headquarters Committee of the Florida Anti-Saloon League by the Churches and temperance people of the State. The Prohibition people of the State cannot afford to work at cross-purposes nor follow divided courses. Unity, co-operation, and the systematic utilizing of all our energies is essential to success. We hope all the friends of the cause will co-operate with this system of organization. Let all communications regarding this department be sent to

J. J. THOMSON, Associate Superintendent,
Box 755, Jacksonville, Fla.

On one occasion a general said, "England expects every man to do his duty"—a greater than England, our blessed Lord, expects every Christian, man and woman to do his, or her duty. We rejoice and thank God and take courage for all the progress in the prohibition work in the North, in the South, in the East, in the West and in Florida—and would say "March on Christian Soldiers" until the saloons are pushed into the Great Lakes, and into the Gulf of Mexico, and until the *White Flag*, the emblem of purity floats from every home in our loved land.

Respectfully Submitted,
J. H. RICHARDSON, Chairman.

Report adopted.

REPORT OF B. Y. P. U.

Report read by Bro. T. F. Callaway, and spoken on by Bro. W. T. Haizlip.

The two great ends of the Church are to *Save* and to *Train*. Of the two, we believe it more important, if possible, to Train than to Save. To Save a soul means a unit is won for God; to Train a soul means a multiplication table is won for God. In a soul saved, one is blest; in a soul trained, many are blest. Training means that Character, Influence and Energy are saved for God as well as the soul. Training speaks advancement.

The one great OBJECT of the Baptist Young Peoples' Union is to TRAIN. It takes young Christians as they come into the church and develops them along every line of service. Creates a love and habit of Bible study; instills through its study courses, a thorough knowledge of Baptist principles and church history and inculcates through systematic study of missionary fields, enterprises and achievements, a genuine Missionary spirit and zeal. In a peculiar manner does the B. Y. P. U. develop the young Christian in public worship,—public prayers, testimony, leading of devotional services, personal work, etc.

I.—NEED. That such an organization is well nigh indispensable in our churches is shown by

1. The sad deficiency for service in the lives of the vast majority of Christian people. Truly, a regiment of raw recruits but a small company of trained, equipped, soldiers of the Cross to fight the battles of the Lord, are found in our churches.
2. The need of such an organization as the B. Y. P. U., is shown further by the obvious lack of Bible and Missionary study on the part of the Church as a whole.
3. The need is emphasized by the fact that except in the B.

Y. P. U. there is no place in our church organization in which the young Christian can without embarrassment be-
 the training and development of life for Christ.

4. That the B. Y. P. U. is needed is shown by the marvelous growth numerically it has experienced since its organization in Chicago in 1891. Today we have more than 600,000 bright, enthusiastic, young Christians at work in our Unions and in process of greater development.
5. The need of the work is shown by the character of the Product turned out by our unions. Surely every pastor in which are found B. Y. P. U. has experienced that it is the West Point of the Church from which he gets his leaders, teachers, deacons and workers generally. Many of our leading pastors first began their career in Christian work in the B. Y. P. U.
6. Lastly, the need of the B. Y. P. U. is shown by the duty the church of today owes the church of tomorrow. The future power of our church depends upon that training and development given the young Christians of today.

II.—Then what should be the attitude of every Baptist Church towards the Young People's Union

1. Sympathize. This sympathy should be genuine, expressing itself in encouragement and co-operation.
2. Organize. Every Church should have a union. Every church can have a union.
3. Vitalize. Put life into it. Make it go. This requires work, prayer, patience, but they are the price paid for every successful union.

Commendations:

1. We commend heartily the hearty co-operation being given this work by our Southern Baptist Convention.
2. We commend the action of our State B. Y. P. U. Convention in securing a state Field Secretary.
3. We commend the action of our State Mission Board in assuming primarily the responsibility for the salary and expenses of the field secretary.
4. We commend Bro. Louis Entzminger, state B. Y. P. U. field secretary, for his great work accomplished in that capacity.
5. We commend the rapid growth and healthy condition of the Young Peoples' Work in the Wekiva Association.

Recommendations:

1. We recommend heartily the use of the splendid literature prepared for our unions by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

2. We recommend the immediate organization of B. Y. P. U. in each church of our association where they do not exist.
3. We recommend that each union of our association adopt the splendid Christian Culture Courses, containing, as they do Bibles Reader's Courses and Sacred Literature course.
4. We recommend that each union take up monthly offerings for the support of our State Field B. Y. P. U. Secretary.
5. We recommend a more active co-operation with the B. Y. P. U. work by the Pastors of our Association.

T. F. CALLAWAY, Chairman.

Report adopted.

REPORT OF DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

Report read by Bro. D. Palmer, and discussed by him, also by Brothers Carson and Richardson, and report which is given on following page adopted.

Our Honored Dead.

While we rejoice that the hand of death has been stayed generally over our Association during the year gone by, it is with deepest regret that we report the decease of the following named brethren:

Rev. R. W. Lawton,
Of Oviedo.

Rev. L. D. Geiger, D. D.
Of Apopka.

Rev. W. A. Nelson, D. D.
Of DeLand.

Deacon J. E. Turner,
Of West Apopka.

Deacon J. J. Hodges,
Of Ft. Christmas.

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."

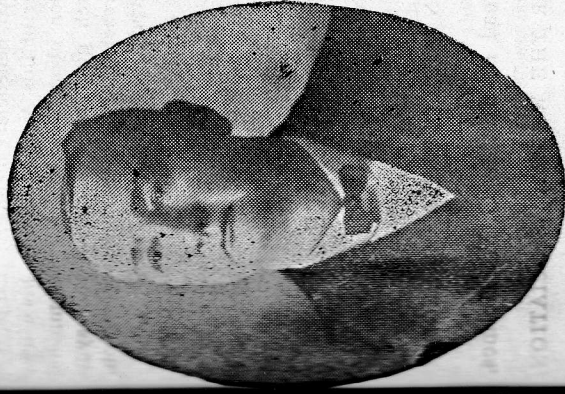
2nd Timothy, 4th chapter, 7th and 8th verses.
D. PALMER, Chairman.



REV. R. W. LAWTON,
for many years Moderator of the Wekiva Association
died at Oviedo, January 3, 1909.



REV. W. A. NELSON, D. D.,
Supt. of the Tabernacle Bible Training School,
Atlanta, Ga., was supplying as pastor at DeLand
at time of his death, April 20th, 1909.



REV. L. D. GEIGER, D. D.,
for many years Corresponding Secretary
of the State Mission Board of Florida,
died at Apopka, April 20th, 1909.

BAPTIST MINISTERS ASSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

Report read by Brother W. T. Haizlip, and discussed by Bro. D. Palmer and Bro. T. J. Bell; Bro. C. M. Brittain, as president of the Association made an appeal for this noble cause of assisting widows of ministers; it was stated that Bro. W. C. Foster, of Palatka, is treasurer of the Association, and remittances for dues can be made to him at any time. A call for new members was made and a number enrolled. Brother Nutt called attention to the lack of any provision for the sustenance and care of our aged ministers. Bro. C. A. Carson spoke on the subject.

The Baptist Ministers Assurance Association consists of two classes of members, those who are beneficiaries, and those who are honorary members, any person can be an honorary member, but to be a beneficiary you must be a Baptist minister of the State of Florida; at this time there are about 200 beneficiary members; that is, if a Baptist minister who is a member of this Association dies, his widow will receive from this Association about \$200.00. We recommend that each member of each church give this Association your sympathy and co-operation, and that each minister give it his co-operation. Respectfully submitted,

W. T. HAZLIP, Chairman.

Report was adopted.
Meeting adjourned.

THURSDAY EVENING SERVICE,

Devotional exercises.

REPORTS ON EDUCATION AND COLUMBIA COLLEGE.

Report on Education read by Brother G. W. Holmes.

REPORT OF EDUCATION FOR THE WEKIVA ASSOCIATION.

Bro. Moderator and Brethren:

The result of Education is the development of character. The character that uplifts man and makes him a blessing to his fellowmen is Christian character, and it is Christian education only that de-

velops such character. Where are our sons and daughters to obtain such education? Happily the Baptists of Florida, in the establishment of Columbia University at Lake City, has a source second to none in the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention, where Christian education can be procured in its perfection.

The training of the Christian College is to educate the entire individual, mind, soul and body. It seeks to promote the very highest training of every faculty and power. The finest elements of true manhood and womanhood are rendered radiant only when developed in the service of God and humanity. No form of instruction can take the place of that which prepares for moral leadership in the service of the human life. For this reason those who have an eye to the development of the highest ideals in their sons and daughters should patronize those institutions of learning, and those only, who are loyal to the Lord Jesus Christ, and stand uncompromisingly for the faith and practices of our Baptist fathers.

G. W. HOLMES, Chairman.

Report on Columbia College read by Bro. C. A. Carson, who gave a brief history of the college, its present condition, and the part it is bound to take in the destiny of this state.

Sermon by Dr. H. W. Tribble, of Columbia College.
Collection taken for the college; pledges received to the amount of \$212; and cash collection of \$8.75; total, \$220.75-

REPORT ON COLUMBIA COLLEGE.

The time is here when an education seems to be a necessity. To understand and successfully cope with the great problems of life, one should be thoroughly trained from a mental standpoint to grasp and search out, to investigate thoroughly and deeply, many things of vast importance. It goes without saying that this necessary culture and development can be had only through educational processes of the day, and thus these educational processes should be as efficient and as highly developed as the ingenuity of man can make them; but this mental education and mental grasp frequently becomes a menace to the Nation unless controlled and directed, in fact fully regulated, by a strong sense of moral obligations—indeed by the refining influences of Christianity. It behooves individuals to get all the learning possible, provided this is sanctified by Christianity. No individual is meeting his highest obligation unless he is either securing an education of this kind, or helping someone else to secure it.

A large religious denomination like ours is not doing its best work, or meeting its highest developments, unless it is actively engaged from a standpoint of interest and contributions in the educational institution which meets the requirements for the highest and best development of the young people. Where an individual, or a denomination, has a decided interest sufficient to call for a financial investment in an Institution of learning, he or it will lead out into new fields of endeavor that are useful and helpful to the denomination, and that will extend the denomination's life.

With this idea in view, the Baptists of Florida own and control Columbia College, situated in Lake City. The ownership of this magnificent property was made possible by the splendid generosity of the people of Lake City and Columbia County. The equipment of this Institution is better than that of the denominational schools of many States which have been in operation for a half century. The work done is of a very high order. The moral surroundings cannot be excelled. The need of this Institution is manifest from the fact that there have been more than a dozen ministerial students in attendance upon its sessions ever since its organization. They are equipping themselves for broader usefulness, and are doing splendid service as pastors of the Churches within the vicinity of the College.

No one can estimate the value of this Institution of Learning to the denomination of Florida in years to come. The denominational schools of the old States have played an important part in the life of the State, and of the Church, wherever they have existed.

To this school, parents may send their children with absolute guarantee of the best possible moral surroundings being provided for them. The third session of this school opened on September 29, 1909. Dr. Henry W. Tribble, of Charlottesville, Va., a scholar of rare accomplishment, of great success as a teacher, cautious, careful and sound to the core, has been placed in charge. He has associated with him teachers in the various departments of experience in most cases, and of thorough equipment in all cases, for the work assigned to them.

We respectfully urge a more decided interest, a more united and organized effort in behalf of this Institution. We commend it to parents seeking a school for their children, confident of the result.

Respectfully Submitted

C. A. CARSON, Chairman.

Both Reports adopted.
Meeting adjourned.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

Devotional Service.

Minutes of previous day read and adopted.

State Secretary S. B. Rogers addressed Association and requested that time for next meeting be left open to be fixed later by State Executive Committee.

STATE OF RELIGION.

Report written by J. B. Rodgers, and read by W. E. Murphy, spoken on by Bro. Murphy in an impressive manner on the vital importance of a higher state of religion in our churches.

We your Committee, on State of Religion, beg leave to report as follows:

The chairman of this committee, upon being informed that he had been appointed as such, wrote to all the clerks of the Churches within this Association, with possibly the exception of two or three, to find out the progress made during the past year, and the present spiritual condition of their respective churches. In response to this inquiry, he has only received about seven replies. Whether these churches that have not answered the inquires have made progress or not, and are in a good spiritual condition or not, or whether it has been simply negligence on the part of their Clerks, your committee is not prepared to say.

Most of those from whom we have heard report some progress on all lines of work, and a bright prospect for better things. In all the churches, there is a lack of real, true, vital interest, on the part of a great many of their members. We hope and pray that the faithful may continue so, and that those who are asleep to their opportunities and possibilities may wake up to them, and enter enthusiastically and whole heartedly into the work.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. RODGERS, Chairman.

Report adopted.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Report read by Bro. A. W. Hurley. Spoken on by Bro. F. M. Ross, G. W. Holmes and C. M. Brittain. Bro.

S. B. Rogers gave a brief outline of the work being done in Sunday Schools and B. Y. P. U. by Louis Entzminger.

We, your committee on Sunday Schools beg leave to offer the following report:

Realizing that the Sunday School is the nursery to the Church and therefore stands closer to the church than any other of its helps or societies, we wish to urge the body as a whole, each representative from the various churches, and especially the pastors and superintendents, to try to impress on our people the importance of this work of the Sunday School, and to study to learn how great the injury done to the Master's cause by the lack of interest in this most important department of the work. We trust that this coming together and the few minutes discussion on the subject may help us each one to return to our different places of work determined to do more efficient service in our Sunday Schools in future than we have ever done before. We recommend that literature of the Southern Baptist Convention be used by all Sunday Schools.

Respectfully submitted,

A. W. HURLEY.

Report adopted.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Report written by Bro. C. L. Stokley and read by Bro. Paul Stokley, spoken on by Bros. W. E. Murphy, J. A. Lowry, T. F. Callaway, F. M. Ross and Bunyan Stephens. Bro. Moderator and Brethren:

Your committee submit as their report the following facts:

We find that Foreign Missions are becoming more and more a part of our Associational work. We are grateful to God for that fact. It is with sorrow, however, that we find that quite a number of our churches in the bounds of the Association do not contribute anything to Foreign Missions. We lovingly call the attention of the entire Association to the fact that Foreign Missions is a direct and definite command of our Lord. We belong to Him and if we have anything of His Spirit, we must be missionaries.

Second. The heathen nations are in desperate need of the Gospel; they are wretched, burdened, with false religions, and hopeless, so far as this world and the world to come are concerned. Nothing but the Gospel can ever bring any help or hope to them. We have it, and we owe it to them to share our knowledge of the Gospel with them.

Third. The welfare of our own churches is wrapped up in the Foreign Missions movement. Christ commands us to go and make disciples of all nations and promises to be with us if we undertake to obey this command. If we are disobedient we have no right to claim His presence and power, and the spiritual life of our churches will languish and die. The work of world wide evangelization gives us a larger outlook and inspires our churches with a sense of importance and of the work for which they exist. Florida had 524 Missionary Baptist Churches; 175 contributed the last Conventional Year to Foreign Missions; 349 did not contribute anything. The Wekiva Association made a liberal contribution to the number of non-contributing churches. Your Committee earnestly recommends that both pastors and laymen zealously strive during the next Associational year to make every church within our bounds a liberal contributor to Foreign Missions.

A comparative statement of God's wonderful blessings on Foreign Missions for the past ten years through Southern Baptists, is as follows:

In 1899 we had 82 missionaries, and we had 449 baptisms; our income was \$109,267.00, and our average contribution per capita was 7 cents.

In 1909, we had 231 missionaries, and we had 2,905 baptisms; our income was \$460,797.00, and our average contribution per capita was 22 cents.

Signed by the Committee,

C. L. STOKLEY.

Report adopted.

Moved by Bro. Bunyan Stephens that Moderator appoint chairmen of committees for next meeting of Association. Motion was carried.

STATE MISSIONS.

Report read by Bro. Bunyan Stephens, followed by a sermon on State Missions by Bro. S. B. Rogers.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The growth of the Baptists of Florida is so rapid and far-reaching that it becomes well nigh an impossibility to tabulate the facts as they really are. The Southern Baptist Convention minutes report the membership of Florida for 1907-'08 to be 39,456. Our state secretary, in a communication of Sept. 15th, says: "There are in Florida about

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45,000 Baptists." This Association has a total membership of 2,151, a net increase of 225 for the year.

Our growth in giving is almost equal to that of numbers. It is true that in 1908 the state was one of the three states in the Southern Baptist Convention that fell behind their figures for 1907, but the giving for the past months of this year indicate that the report for this year will show an increase over both 1907 and 1908.

A comparison of our work in giving, with that of the Methodist and Presbyterian churches, may prove helpful. There are in this state 1,077 Presbyterians giving \$793 to the state work. This is an average of 73.5 cents per member. There are 29,036 Methodists giving \$6,231. An average per capita of 21 cents. There are 45,000 Baptists, giving in round numbers \$10,000, which is 22 cents per member. If our people had the average per member that the Presbyterians have, our gifts to State Missions would be \$32,850 instead of a little less than \$10,000.

The State Secretary reports the following gifts by this Association since January 1st: "State Missions, \$331.64; Building, \$29.00; Orphanage, \$352.30; Home Missions, \$603.26; Foreign Missions, \$423.23. There have been other sums for Education, Endowment, Ministerial Aid, Aged Ministers, etc., made by our Association in small amounts."

The needs of our state work are numerous and pressing. The need of evangelistic work in sections of the state that very seldom hear the word of God preached is one of the most urgent. There is a vast territory of undeveloped land, and people, bordering on many of our lakes and rivers. Settlements ranging from 25 to 100 people or more can be found on many of these lakes and rivers. The fact that many of them are already Baptists makes it all the more important that we should carry on an evangelistic work in these out of the way places. They are out in the by-ways and hedges, and our Master has said: "Constrain them to come in." We already have forty-four men doing this kind of work in different sections, but the Secretary says there is need of men for "more than a hundred fields."

Then, there is need of workers to go among the foreigners about the cities. It is true the city churches are doing a great deal in helping the state board in this great work, but the numbers are becoming so large that the efforts of the city churches must be reinforced in order to accomplish anything like what we ought to. The last report of the number of foreigners in Florida was made in 1905. 75,000 was the number reported at that time. We could easily say that there are 100,000 now.

Bro. Rogers is to be commended for the faithful and efficient service he has rendered the Baptists of the state in his work as Secretary of the Mission work. He took up the work at the close of the finan-

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cial depression that had been upon our country for nearly two years. He has overcome many obstacles and met the demands of many occasions in a manner that foretells great advances in our future endeavors. Let the Wekiva Association uphold him and move forward in the name of Christ, "attempting great things for God, expecting great things from God."

Respectfully submitted,

BUNYAN STEPHENS.

Report adopted.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Devotional exercises.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

Report of Committee on Constitution and By-laws was read by Bro. A. V. Pickern, and discussed by him.

CONSTITUTION OF THE WEKIVA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Article 1. This union of churches shall be known and distinguished by the style and title of The Wekiva Baptist Association.

Article 2. The Association shall be composed of representatives from the churches in the union. Each church shall be entitled to three delegates, and every additional twenty-five members above the first fifty shall be entitled to an additional delegate; and shall also be entitled to an additional delegate for each \$25 or fraction thereof contributed to missions.

Article 3. The delegates, when convened, shall organize themselves into a deliberative body by the appointment of a moderator and clerk; these officers shall be chosen by ballot at each annual meeting, and continue in office until new ones are chosen.

Article 4. This Association shall not interfere with the rights of the churches of which she is composed. She shall regard them as independent bodies in all measures of internal government and shall act only as advisory council, assuming no authority but what is expressly delegated to her by the churches. She, nevertheless, claims authority over her own members, the delegates of the churches, and shall have power to withdraw from and disown all churches that depart from the principles of this compact by becoming heterodox in faith or disorderly in practice. She should, therefore, regard all the

churches, united under the constitution, with a vigilant eye for good. Her principal business shall be to promote the declarative glory of God, by extending His kingdom of grace on earth, through the medium of preaching the gospel, and other means in accordance with that gospel; to cultivate union and fellowship with all the churches of Christ, and especially with those united in this Association.

Article 5. Newly constituted churches, or churches dismissed from other Associations of the same faith and order, may be admitted into this union on their sending up delegates to an annual meeting with a petition, and by those delegates agreeing to the abstract of principles adopted by this Association.

Article 6. The nominating committee shall nominate an executive committee to consist of five members, who shall be elected by the body and whose business it shall be to act as steering committee for the Association when in session, and when requested, to see to the time and place for the meetings of the body, and use their best efforts to promote the Lord's cause in the bounds of the Association in the intervals between the meetings of the body.

Article 7. The churches in this union shall transmit to every annual session of the Association written communication specifying the names of the delegates, number and fellowship, baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excluded, restored, deceased and all other information which churches may deem of importance, which shall be compiled and minuted accordingly.

Article 8. The Association shall furnish the churches with the minutes of every session.

Article 9. The Association shall take cognizance of no query sent up to the churches unless they have endeavored to solve the same and have failed, nor of any difficulty between churches unless they have pursued the direction contained in the eighteenth chapter of Matthew, and have not been able to settle them. Then the Association shall take such matters into consideration and act upon them at her discretion.

Article 10. The duty of the treasurer, who shall be elected at each session by ballot, shall receive all money from the committee of finance and manage the funds according to the order of the Association, presenting annually for insertion in the minutes a clear and full statement of all receipts and expenditures.

Article 11. It shall be the duty of the clerk to make and keep a regular file of printed minutes of every session of this body and deliver the same to his successor in office.

Article 12. This Association, when convened, shall be governed by proper rules of decorum, which she is authorized to make and amend according to her own views.

Article 13. This constitution may be altered or amended at a regular meeting of the Association by a concurring voice of two-thirds of members present.

Article 14. The moderator shall keep order and conduct the business of this Association in accordance with recognized rules of parliamentary law and practice.

Article 15. Each delegate to this Association shall be expected to remain in attendance until the close of the session, unless expressly excused by the body.

Article 16. The moderator shall appoint the chairmen of all committees for the ensuing year, at each session.

Respectfully submitted,

ASHLEY V. PICKERN, Chairman.
E. LEE SMITH.

Report adopted.

Report of Committee on Articles of Faith read by Bro.
A. V. Pickern discussed by himself and Bro. J. H. Richard-
son.

DECLARATION OF FAITH.

ARTICLE I.—OF THE SCRIPTURES.

We believe the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired, and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction; that it has God for its author; salvation for its end, and truth without any mixture of error for its matter. That it reveals the principles by which God shall judge us, that it shall remain to the end of the world the true basis of Christian union and the supreme standard of all judgement. Tim. 3:16-17. 2 Pet. 1:21. John 20:31. Psalm 33:4. Rev. 20, 12. Gal. 1:8-9.

ARTICLE II.—OF THE TRUE GOD.

That there is one and only one true and living God whose name is Jehovah, the Maker, and Supreme Ruler of heaven and earth; inexpressibly glorious in holiness; worthy of all confidence and love; revealed under the personal and relative distinctions of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; equal but distinct and yet harmonious. Gal. 3:20.

Ps. 83:18. Col. 1:16. Ex. 15:2. John 15:26. Col. 2:9. Phil. 2:6. Rom. 4:25. John 6:63.

ARTICLE III.—OF THE FALL OF MAN.

That man was created in a state of holiness under the law of the Maker by, voluntary transgression fell, consequently all mankind are sinners by choice, utterly devoid of holiness, therefore under just condemnation to eternal ruin. Ec. 7:29. 1 Cor. 15:22. Rom. 3:10-1;20.

ARTICLE IV.—OF THE WAY OF SALVATION.

That the way of salvation is wholly by grace through the offices of the Son of God, our once crucified but now exalted, yet tender compassionate, and all sufficient Savior. Eph. 2:8. 1 Tim. 2:5. Heb. 2:14. Heb. 4:15.

ARTICLE V.—OF JUSTIFICATION.

That the great gospel blessings bestowed by Christ is justification, not in consideration of works of righteousness, but solely through His righteousness. That it brings blessed peace, favor with God and every other blessing needful for time and eternity. Rom. 5:1. Rom. 3:25. John 3:37. Titus 3:5. Rom. 8:32.

ARTICLE VI.—OF THE FREENESS OF SALVATION.

That the blessings of salvation are free to all, that it is the duty of all to accept them, that nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner on earth except refusal to accept, which subjects him to an aggravated condemnation. Rev. 22:17. Isa. 14:22. Acts 17:30. John 4:40. Matt. 11:24.

ARTICLE VII.—OF GRACE IN REGENERATION.

That in order to be saved we must be born again by the Holy Spirit so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the gospel and that proper evidence of such birth is found in the holy fruits we bring forth to the glory of God. John 3:3. Eph. 23:24. John 3:8. John 14:23. Eph. 2:10. 1 John 5:18.

ARTICLE VIII.—OF REPENTANCE AND FAITH.

That repentance and faith are sacred, inseparable graces wrought in our souls by the spirit of God, whereby we turn to God supplicating for mercy, at the same time receiving the Lord Jesus Christ as our Prophet, Priest and King, and relying on Him alone as the only and all sufficient Savior. Mark 1:15. Acts 11:18. Acts 2:37-38. Rom. 10:12-13. Heb. 4:14. Rom. 10:9-10. 2 Tim. 2;12.

ARTICLE IX.—OF GOD'S PURPOSE OF GRACE.

That election is the gracious purpose of God according to which He regenerates, sanctifies and saves sinners; that being perfectly with the free agency of man, it comprehends all the means in connection with the end and is a glorious display of God's sovereign goodness to us; that it utterly excludes boasting, promotes humility, and deserves our utmost diligence. 2 Thess. 2:13. 2 Tim. 2:10. Eph. 1:4. Rom. 17:14. Rom. 8 33;34. 2 Pet. 1;10.

ARTICLE X.—OF SANCTIFICATION.

That sanctification is the process by which according to the will of God we are made partakers of His holiness. That it is a progressive work, begun in regeneration, carried on in the hearts of believers by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, and the use of appointed means. 1 Thess. 4:23. 2 Cor. 7:1-13. Eph. 1:4. Rom. 8;5. John 3;6. Phil. 1;12-13. Luke 11;35. 9;23. Eph. 6;18.

ARTICLE XI.—OF THE PRESERVATION OF SAINTS.

That only such are real believers as endure unto the end. That their persevering attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial professors, that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation. 1 John 2;19 3;9-10. 1 Cor. 10;13. 1 Pet. 1;5.

ARTICLE XII.—HARMONY OF LAW AND GOSPELS.

That the law of God is the eternal and unchangeable rule of His moral government, holy, just and good, that

the inability of fallen man to fulfill its precepts arises entirely from his love of sin. That Christ, the Mediator, answered to the Law, and is the end of the law to every one that believeth. Matt. 4:18. Rom. 7:12. Rom. 3:31.

ARTICLE XIII.—OF A GOSPEL CHURCH.

That a visible church of Christ is a congregation of baptized believers associated by a covenant in the faith and fellowship of the gospel, observing the ordinances of Christ, governed by His laws, and exercising only the rights and privileges given in His word; that its only officers are a pastor and deacons, whose qualifications are fully defined in the scriptures. Rom. 1:7. Rom. 6:4. Gal. 1:1-2. 1 Tim. 5:17-19.

ARTICLE XIV.—OF BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER.

That Christian baptism is the immersion in water by a properly authorized administrator, of a believer into the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. That this is not to secure salvation, but to show forth the burial and resurrection of our Lord; is prerequisite to church membership and the Lord's Supper in which Christ's own show forth His death till He come again. Mark 16:15-16. Matt. 28:19. Acts 8:12. Coll. 2:12. 1 Cor. 11:26-28.

ARTICLE XV.—OF THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH.

That the first day of the week is the Lord's Day, or Christian Sabbath which is to be kept sacred to religious purposes. Rev. 1:10. Ex. 20:8. Acts 20:7.

ARTICLE XVI.—CIVIL GOVERNMENT.

That civil government is a divine appointment for the interests and good order of human society, that magistrates are to be prayed for, conscientiously honored and obeyed, except in things opposed to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ. Rom. 13:1-3. 1 Tim. 1:1-3. 1 Tim. 6:12.

ARTICLE XVII.—OF THE RIGHTEOUS AND WICKED.

That there is a radical and essential difference between

the righteous and the wicked, that such only as through faith are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and sanctified by the spirit of God are truly righteous in His esteem, while all such as continue in impenitence and unbelief are wicked and under the curse, and this distinction holds among men both in and after death. Luke 11:23. Rom. 8:9. John 3:10. Rom. 3:26. 1 Cor. 7:11. Luke 12:3. Rev. 21:11.

ARTICLE XVIII.—OF THE WORLD TO COME.

That the end of this world is approaching; that at the last day Christ will descend from the Heaven and raise the dead from the grave to final retribution; that the wicked will be adjudged to endless punishment and the righteous to endless joy; that this judgment will fix forever the final state of man in Heaven or hell on principles of righteousness. 1 Peter 4:7. 1 Thess. 4:6. John 5:28:29. Matt. 25:32. Rev. 20:13-14. Gen. 28:25.

ASHLEY V. PICKERN.

E. LEE SMITH.

Report Adopted.

Moderator made the following appointments:

Executive Committee

T. F. Callaway, Chairman, . . . Orlando, Fla.
 C. A. Carson, Kissimmee, Fla.
 A. V. Pickern, Apopka, Fla.
 Bunyan Stephens, Kissimmee, Fla.
 J. B. Rodgers, Oviedo, Fla.

Chairmen of Committees

EDUCATION, E. Lee Smith, . . . Longwood, Fla.
 STATE MISSIONS, C. A. Owens, . . . DeLand, Fla.
 HOME MISSIONS, T. F. Callaway, . . . Orlando, Fla.
 FOREIGN MISSIONS, A. V. Pickern, . . . Apopka, Fla.
 STATE OF RELIGION, R. J. Gorbett, Altoona, Fla.

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SUNDAY SCHOOLS, W. T. Haizlip, Orlando, Fla.
B. Y. P. U., Bunyan Stephens, Kissimmee, Fla.
TEMPERANCE, J. B. Rodgers, Oviedo, Fla.
DECEASED MINISTERS }
AND DEACONS, } J. H. Richardson, Orlando, Fla.
RELIGIOUS LITERATURE, T. J. Bell, Kissimmee, Fla.
FINANCE, A. J. Mostellar, Orlando, Fla.
NOMINATIONS, J. H. Nutt, Umatilla, Fla.
ORPHANAGE, W. E. Murphy, Pine Castle, Fla.
BAPTIST MINISTER'S }
ASSURANCE ASSN. } D. Palmer, Altoona, Fla.
WOMAN'S MISSIONARY }
SOCIETIES, } F. M. Ross, Orlando, Fla.
COLUMBIA COLLEGE, C. A. Carson, Kissimmee, Fla.

NOMINATIONS.

Report of Committee on Nominations, prepared by
Bro. T. J. Bell, read by Bro. T. F. Callaway.

We recommend that the annual sermon be preached by E. Lee Smith; J. B. Rodgers as alternate. The Southern Baptist Convention meets at Baltimore, Md. Time and place of the next meeting of this Association be left at the discretion of the Executive Committee. That R. J. Gorbett be the messenger of this Association to the Southern Baptist Convention, with a volunteer as alternate; and that the Moderator appoint such a number as messengers from this Association to the State Convention as is customary.

Report adopted. T. J. BELL.

Moderator appointed the following Messengers to the State Convention:

T. F. Callaway, Orlando
Bunyan Stephens, Kissimmee
J. T. Denton, Sanford
C. A. Owens, DeLand
A. V. Pickern, Apopka
C. L. Stokley, MontVerde
J. B. Rodgers, Oviedo
E. Lee Smith, Longwood
J. H. Richardson, Orlando
R. J. Gorbett, Altoona

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SECRETARY AND TREASURER'S REPORT.

J. H. Richardson, in account with the Wekiva Association as Secretary and Treasurer for 1908-1909:
To cash received at Association, Winter Garden, Fla., for all purposes, as follows:

DR. State Missions. \$30 00
Orphanage 13 50
Aged Ministers 1 00
Ministerial Education 2 50
For Minutes 55 74
Total \$101 74

Cx. To Dr. Geiger for State Missions. \$ 30 00
To Orphanage 13 50
To Aged Ministers. 1 00
To Ministerial Education 2 50
To Printing Minutes 30 00
To Other Expenses 3 19
To Secretary's Fee 22 52
Total \$101 74

Report adopted.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Report read by Bro. A. J. Mostellar.

Received for minutes from
Cash Collection. \$4 33
Chulucota 3 40
Cross Prairie 1 50
Umatilla 2 25
Boggy Creek 2 00
Plymouth 3 00
Pine Castle 2 25
Lake Gertrude 2 50
Apopka 3 00
Kissimmee 5 00
Whittier 1 00
Orlando 5 00
Longwood 3 50
Geneva 2 00
MontVerde 2 00

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Winter Garden.....	3 41
Altoona.....	1 50
Pine Grove.....	2 00
Midway in the Pines.....	1 00
Sanford.....	5 00
DeLand.....	5 00
West Apopka, Home Missions.....	\$60 64
MontVerde, Home Missions.....	1 39
MontVerde, State Missions.....	2 57
Total.....	3 96
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We have received for Home Missions..... \$ 3 96
 State Missions..... 3 43
 Minutes..... 60 64

Paid to J. H. Richardson \$2.48, deficit, as retiring Clerk and Treasurer's salary.
 Respectfully submitted,
 A. J. MOSTELLAR, Chairman.

Report adopted.

On motion, a committee on Resolutions was appointed by Moderator, as follows:

- W. E. Murphy,
- A. J. Mostellar,
- T. F. Callaway.

PRINTING OF MINUTES AND PAY OF CLERK.

Moved and adopted that 350 copies of minutes be printed, and paid for out of amount raised. That Clerk be paid \$25 for his services, and if any deficit in this amount after paying for minutes, that such deficit be made up at next meeting of the Association.

RESOLUTIONS.

Report read by Bro. W. E. Murphy.

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Resolved that this body extend a vote of thanks to Sanford Church and good people for the royal way in which they have entertained this body.

Respectfully submitted,
 W. E. MURPHY.

Report adopted.
 Minutes read and adopted.
 Meeting adjourned.

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE.

Sermon by Bro. S. B. Rogers.
 Service closed by singing "God be with you till we meet again."

Association adjourned *sine die*.
 This closed one of the most pleasant and profitable meetings in the history of this Association.

REPORT OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION WORK OF WEKIVA ASSOCIATION.

Sanford, Fla., Oct. 7, 1909. The meeting was opened with a hymn followed by scripture reading by Mrs. Richardson and a prayer by Mrs. Raulerson.

Mrs. Bunyan Stephens, of Kissimmee was elected secretary for the following year; the Vice President then made the opening address. The following societies were heard from and delegates enrolled:

- Orlando—Mrs. M. E. Weeks, Mrs. J. H. Richardson.
Umatilla—Mrs. Bessie Smith, Mrs. J. H. Nutt, Mrs. F. F. Anderson.
Winter Garden—Mrs. W. L. Story.
Apopka—Mrs. Raulerson.
Kissimmee—Mrs. Bunyan Stephens.
Sanford—Mrs. M. M. Stewart, Mrs. T. S. Davis, Mrs. N. J. Perkins, Mrs. R. C. Maxwell, Mrs. J. F. Turner, Miss Allie Trafford, Mrs. E. K. Enzor, Mrs. W. C. DeCoursey.

The Vice President then read her resignation, and it was followed by the election of two Vice Presidents for the coming year, Mrs. Millen of Sanford and Miss Lendrum of Orlando were elected.

The address of welcome was made by Mrs. Maxwell of Sanford, Mrs. George Smith, of Winter Garden responded.

A report on State Missions by Miss Lendrum, of Orlando, was read by Mrs. Weeks. A report on Home Missions by Mrs. Conrad Bryan, of Kissimmee was read by Mrs. Stephens. Reading of Dr. Gray's letter to the women

of the Association. Extracts from the Witness read by the Vice President.

Reading by Mrs. Weeks, of Dr. Willingham's letter on foreign missions. Reading by Mrs. Weeks of a letter on Mrs. Hicks, President of W. M. U. Suggested apportionment for Wekiva Association read by Mrs. Richardson. Clippings read by different ones present. A paper read by Vice President. Offering taken for State Missions amounting to \$3.21. It was announced that Miss Spalding would meet and address the ladies at 10:00 o'clock next morning. We then sang the doxology and were dismissed with prayer by Mrs. M. L. Stewart.

Mrs. J. H. RICHARDSON, Vice President.
Mrs. BUNYAN STEPHENS, Secretary.

October 8th, 1909.

Miss Jennie L. Spalding, corresponding Secretary, met with the ladies Friday morning at the home of Mrs. M. M. Stewart, and gave an interesting talk on missions; offering many helpful suggestions in regard to this important branch of the work.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Name of President, her postoffice address, and amount raised for Missions and Benevolence:

Mrs. M. V. Hawthorne	Apopka	
Mrs. H. B. Stevens	DeLand	
Mrs. Conrad Bryan	Kissimmee	\$ 170 00
Mrs. E. L. Bostick	Mt. Dora	118 46
Miss Eunice DeLaney	Orlando	4 00
Miss Allie Trafford	Sanford	201 86
Mrs. A. C. Collier	Umatilla	130 68
Mrs. G. T. Smith	Winter Garden	78 66
		33 00
Total		\$ 444 20

OTHER SOCIETIES.

Name of Society, President's name and postoffice address, and amount raised for Missions and Benevolence:

B. Y. P. U.	Hardie Geiger	Apopka	
B. Y. P. U.	Miss Edna Palmer	Altoona	
B. Y. P. U.	Wm. Stults	DeLand	
B. Y. P. U.	Miss Mamie Woodall	Kissimmee	\$83 51
B. Y. P. U.	Geo. W. Phillips	Orlando	
B. Y. P. U.	Mrs. Dora Harris	Pine Castle	
B. Y. P. U.	H. F. Tolar	Sanford	
B. Y. P. U.	Miss Bessie Lee	Umatilla	

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

NAME OF SUPERINTENDENT AND HIS P. O. ADDRESS	Number of Schools	Number of Pupils	Number of Teachers	Scholars Baptized	S. S. Expenses	Missions and Benevolence	Total for all Purposes
C. B. Lin, Apopka	1	60	5	6	\$ 12 00	\$ 31 74	\$ 81 71
C. J. Dykes, Altoona	1	35	2	5		6 26	18 26
M. M. Sellers, Astatula	1	29	2	3			
M. J. Alderman, Pine Castle	1	27	4	2	3 00		3 00
G. G. Jacobs, Chuluota	1	20	3	4	18 00	8 00	26 00
E. L. Hon, DeLand	1	140	10	9	100 00	50 00	150 00
J. A. Worthy, Geneva	1	40	4	4	17 49		17 49
N. C. Bryan, Kissimmee	1	200	8	7	155 44	82 29	237 73
T. D. Bostick, Mt. Dora	1	35	3	5	22 00	3 00	25 00
D. H. Hooker, Longwood	1	20	3	3	6 00		6 00
W. T. Hazlip, Orlando	1	160	12	10	141 45	127 62	269 07
B. F. Wheeler, Oviedo	1	25	3	3	10 00		10 00
J. W. Matchett, Pine Castle	1	98	6	18			
J. T. Chapman, Plymouth	1	25	3	3	25 10	18 08	38 18
J. T. Denton, Sanford	1	50	4	4			
B. D. Epps, Umatilla	1	125	11	10	90 65	66 44	157 09
S. M. Hamrick, West Apopka	1	48	6	8	22 18	14 10	86 28
A. W. Hurley, Oakland	1	50	5	5	20 24		20 24
Total	19	1210	94	74	\$643 50	\$402 45	\$1045 95

NOTE:—M. J. Alderman, Pine Castle, is Superintendent of Boggy Creek Sunday School; T. D. Bostick, Mt. Dora, is Superintendent of Lake Gertrude Sunday School; A. W. Hurley, Oakland, is Superintendent of Winter Garden Sunday School.

NUMERICAL TABLE

NAME OF CHURCH	PASTOR	PASTOR'S POST OFFICE ADDRESS	CLERK	CLERK'S POST OFFICE ADDRESS	Church Organized—Year	Increase This Year			Decrease This Year					Net Increase	Net Decrease	What Sundays Have Preaching
						By Baptism	By Let or Statute	Total Increase	By Letter	By Exp. or Erasure	By Death	Total Decrease	Membership This Year			
Apopka	A. V. Piekern	Apopka	P. D. Shepherd	Apopka.	1880	9	8	1	18	8	1	9	94	9	11	2nd and 4th
Altoona	R. J. Gorbett	Altoona.	T. F. Johnson	Altoona.	1894	9	6	15	4	4	4	93	51	11	2nd	
Astatula*	S. C. Butler	Astatula	E. J. Newton	Astatula	1894	2	2	2	2	2	2	45	17	2	4th	
Bassenger*	B. H. Guy	Tampa	M. J. Alderman.	Pine Castle	1881	2	2	2	2	2	2	41	3	2	3rd	
Boggy Creek	W. E. Murphy	Pine Castle	H. H. Hull	Narcoossee	1875	5	5	5	5	5	5	77	28	5	1st	
Barton Lake*	J. F. Gill	Kissimmee	J. T. Jacobs	Chuluota	1885	5	2	1	8	3	3	23	23	2	Every S.	
Chuluota	T. J. Bell	Tampa	Dan M. Barber.	Peg Horn	1906	10	16	26	28	28	28	259	2	8	1st	
Cross Prairie	B. H. Guy	Tampa	L. J. Owens	Palatka	1878	7	5	2	14	6	6	25	6	8	Every S	
Campbell's Stal'n*	C. A. Owens	DeLand	R. P. Walters	DeLand	1887	8	10	6	24	12	4	389	49	4	Every S	
Cassia*	E. Lee Smith	Longwood	J. L. Sieg	Geneva	1909	4	2	2	6	8	4	28	22	18	3rd	
DeLand	Bunyan Stephens	Kissimmee	A. C. Bass	Kissimmee	1882	4	2	6	6	8	2	47	22	13	2nd and 4th	
Elizabeth*	B. H. Guy	Tampa	H. B. Merritt	Whittier	1907	9	13	22	22	2	4	24	24	8	2nd and 4th	
Geneva	D. Palmer	Altoona	C. C. Moorhead	Lockhart	1906	6	7	13	13	7	13	353	353	13	Every S.	
Kissimmee	A. V. Piekern	Altoona	C. A. Entzinger	Longwood	1909	22	32	34	21	17	3	41	42	7	2nd and 4th	
Lake View*	J. N. Entzinger	Altoona	J. A. Lowry	Mont Verde	1877	16	10	1	27	3	1	18	18	23	3rd and 4th	
Lockhart	D. Palmer	Altoona	J. Myers	Enterprise	1868	16	10	1	27	3	1	35	35	1	1st	
Lake Gertrude	T. F. Callaway	Orlando	S. A. Newell	Orlando	1887	1	1	1	1	1	1	81	81	27	Every S.	
Longwood	J. B. Rodgers	Oviedo	H. B. McCall	Oviedo	1873	14	48	62	20	12	3	161	161	4	4th	
Mont Verde	W. E. Murphy	Pine Castle	J. W. Matchett	Pine Castle	1884	8	5	13	6	1	2	84	84	5	4th	
Midway in Pines	A. V. Piekern	Apopka	J. T. Chapman.	Plymouth	1871	1	1	3	5	1	6	107	107	7	2nd	
Orlando.	T. J. Bell	Kissimmee	C. M. Tucker	Christmas	1888	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	8	7	2nd	
Oviedo	A. V. Piekern	Apopka	K. R. Murrell	Sanford	1871	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	13	5	4th	
Pine Castle	T. W. Spicer	Leesburg	M. A. Bayless	Umatilla	1888	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	2nd	
Plymouth	E. Lee Smith	Longwood	Mrs. S. H. Crawley	West Apopka												
Pine Grove			A. W. Hurley	Oakland												
Sanford																
Umatilla																
West Apopka																
Winter Garden.																
Total					136	168	14	318	133	39	20	192	2274	20	146	

*No letter received, this information taken from last year's minutes.

FINANCIAL TABLE

The following amounts have been paid this year and include amounts from Sunday Schools, W. M. S., and other societies in the church:

NAME OF CHURCH	Pastor's Salary	For Building	Incidental Improving, and	For Visiting Ministers	Value of Boxes	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Current Expenses and Endowment Columbia College	Endowment S. B. T. Seminary	Ministerial Education	Education General	Aged Ministers	Orphanage	For the Poor	Minutes and Clerk	TOTAL	Value of Home	Value of Church Property	Total Value of Property
Apoka	\$ 400 00	\$ 5 00	53 16	22 00	\$ 57 78	\$ 10 18	\$ 2 38			\$ 28 00				\$ 19 15		\$ 3 00	\$ 525 49		1500 00	1500 00
Apoka	133 80				25 46	19 26	8 00									1 50	263 18			
Apoka			3 00	1 00												2 00	31 00		600 00	600 00
Apoka	25 00															3 40	138 68		1000 00	1000 00
Apoka	75 36		46 00	13 92	2 00	4 00	1 50							2 00		1 50	131 00		700 00	700 00
Apoka	120 00																			
Apoka	1200 00		1300 00		100 00	228 31	229 96	221 33			54 94			80 00	60 00	5 00	3479 54	3500 00	25000 00	28500 00
Apoka	168 00	100 00	17 49										25 09	78 96		2 00	287 49			
Apoka	900 00	70 80	155 44	264 41	214 09	118 46			164 20		10 00					5 00	2006 45	1250 00	3000 00	4250 00
Apoka																1 00	1 00			
Apoka																2 50	420 70		870 00	870 00
Apoka	100 00		145 40	31 80	76 30	6 90	3 00				42 80			9 00		3 50	269 97		250 00	250 00
Apoka	120 00		36 00	43 00	9 02	9 12	8 60		4 30					11 43	25 00	2 00	71 55			
Apoka	63 55				3 43	2 57										1 00	1 00			
Apoka																5 00	2770 63	4500 00	5000 00	9500 00
Apoka	840 00	663 75	375 01	86 87	80 63	197 13	91 86			4 00			7 36	75 67	5 35	2 00	456 00		1500 00	1500 00
Apoka	300 00		34 00			100 00										2 25	103 12		1000 00	1000 00
Apoka																3 00	216 86		1000 00	1000 00
Apoka	87 67		49 70		2 20	9 77							2 00	26 39		2 00	635 09		1000 00	1000 00
Apoka	115 00	6 00			5 00											5 00	2288 80	2500 00	3000 00	5500 00
Apoka	121 09	500 00			1 00	53 72	34 34		8 15		18 90		7 75	52 76	4 00	2 25	441 47	1000 00	1500 00	2500 00
Apoka	744 65	536 95	400 55	279 46	102 57	28 67	18 31				3 62		41	6 79		37 39				
Apoka	180 00		109 19	57 00	35 23	1 39					6 00					3 41	540 33		1500 00	1500 00
Apoka	36 00																			
Apoka	295 00		71 44	15 27	15 00	72 66	53 56							8 00						
TOTAL	\$6025 12	\$1882 50	\$3098 38	\$828 73	\$176 00	\$861 12	\$763 79	\$542 87	\$176 65		\$168 26		\$42 61	\$401 15	\$94 35	\$58 31	\$15119 84	\$12750 00	\$48420 00	\$61170 00

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