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Webiwa Baptist
Association



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CONSTITUTION OF THE WEKIWA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Changed and Adopted October 18, 1916

Article 1. This union of churches shall be known and distinguished by the style and title of The Wekiwa 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; the moderator of the Association shall be the chairman, the Clerk of the Association shall be the Clerk and three 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

Officers of the Association

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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 minutely 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 by 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 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 vote 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 chairman of all committees for the ensuing year, at each session.

MINUTES OF THE FIFTIETH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE
WEKIWA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION HELD WITH
THE ORLANDO BAPTIST CHURCH

OCTOBER 20 AND 21, 1920

The Fiftieth Annual Session of the Wekiwa Baptist Association convened at Orlando on the above date at 10 a. m. Rev. Wm. Burr, former moderator, presided.

Devotional Services were conducted by Rev. Chas. Winner, who read and commented on Col. 1:1-18. Rev. J. Dean Adcock, offered prayer.

Moved and carried that all present, and that those who should come, knowing themselves to be messengers, should be entitled to vote and participate in all the work of the Association.

Church letters were deposited and messengers enrolled as follows:

Apopka—Rev. W. T. Hundley, Mrs. W. T. Hundley, D. W. Morton, Harry Davis, Mrs. A. S. Hickson, S. W. Eldredge, A. C. Starbird, Mrs. A. C. Starbird, Mrs. R. C. Widrig, Mrs. Harry Davis, Mrs. P. D. Shepherd, W. W. Carpenter, Mrs. W. W. Carpenter, Miss Jessie Welch, Frances Carpenter

Barton Lake—By letter.

Beulah—J. S. O'Berry.

Campbell—By letter.

Cross Prairie—By letter.

Grace—Rev. Wm. Burr, Mrs. Wm. Burr, S. B. Brantley, Mrs. S. B. Brantley, Mrs. D. N. Morrison, R. P. Seaver, W. W. Cheatham.

Kissimmee (First)—Rev. O. B. Falls, Mrs. O. B. Falls, Jas. M. Johnston, Mrs. Jas. M. Johnston, Mrs. E. S. Hall, Mrs. Emma Reece, A. S. Gilbert, Mrs. A. S. Gilbert, Mrs. H. M. Breaker, Mrs. J. D. Jeffords, Mrs. F. Herzberg, Mrs. W. W. Bell, Mrs. L. R. Farmer, J. C. Griffin, Mrs. J. C. Griffin, Mrs. J. A. Barclay, Miss Grace Gilbert.

Kissimmee (Second)—R. A. Bowen, Mrs. R. A. Bowen, Leon Crawford.

Lake View—By letter.

Mt. Carmel—Gussie Alderman, Mrs. Susie Alderman, Miss Ivy Sullivan, Mrs. J. W. Ward.

Montverde—J. A. Lowry, Mrs. J. M. Lowry.

Orlando—E. H. Gore, S. A. Sewell, W. P. Miller, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Goddell, Mrs. A. F. Wood, Mrs. Goodwind, Mrs. M. E. Limerick, Miss Claude DeLaney, Miss Eunice DeLaney, Miss Goldie Wright, Mrs. W. R. Clark, Mrs. T. J. Johnson, Rev. A. A. Holmes, W. P. Amerson, W. R.

Clark, Rev. E. Lee Smith, Mrs. E. Lee Smith, Mrs. Flodding, Mrs. Chas Phillips, Belton Long, Chas. Phillips, F. N. Boardman, Mrs. Stevenson, Mrs. Wright, O. S. Lang, Mrs. O. S. Lang.
Pine Castle—C. F. Durrance, Mrs. C. F. Durrance, J. G. Tyner, J. W. Matchett.

St. Cloud—John Ward, Mrs. John Ward, Miss E. Ward, Mrs. Ella Wyman, Mrs. E. Vreeland, Mrs. F. E. Deschner.

Taft—Rev. W. E. Murphy, Mrs. W. E. Murphy, C. A. Tompkins.

West Apopka—S. H. Crawley, Mrs. S. H. Crawley, Mrs. E. D. Byrd.

Winter Garden—Rev. D. J. Blocker, H. A. Connell, J. P. Hurley, F. H. Maguire, J. H. Cooper, A. L. Walker, A. W. Hurley, J. K. Walker, Mrs. J. W. Jones, Mrs. M. C. Britt, Mrs. W. C. Wilson, Mrs. A. W. Hurley, Mrs. J. O. Hurley, Mrs. J. N. Jones, Mrs. J. A. Davis, Mrs. G. T. Smith, Mrs. A. L. Walker, Mrs. J. K. Walker, Mrs. J. N. Joiner, Miss Carothers, Mrs. D. O. Maguire, Mrs. J. S. Thornton.

Winter Park—A. J. Mosteller, Mrs. J. E. Willis, Mrs. Carrie Trovillian, Mrs. R. B. Fuller, Mr. Andy Johnson, Mrs. Andy Johnson.

No report nor messengers from Astatula, Conway, Elizabeth, Ft. Drum nor Rosalie.

The election of officers was then taken up and resulted in the choosing of A. W. Hurley of Winter Garden as Moderator and O. B. Falls of Kissimmee as Clerk and Treasurer.

A brief address of welcome was then made by the pastor of the Orlando church, Rev. J. D. Adcock.

A petitionary letter was then received from the Second Baptist church of Kissimmee, stating the Covenant and Articles of Faith adopted at their organization, and they were accordingly received as a member of the Association and welcomed.

Visitors were then introduced as follows: Rev. J. R. Hunt of Clarksville, Tenn.; Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Berg, Rev. and Mrs. C. F. Woklberg, and Mrs. Chas. J. Anderson of Groveland, Florida.

Rev. J. N. Thompson of the Seminole Association, and Rev. J. B. Wells of Williston, Fla.

Song, "How Firm a Foundation," was sung and prayer was offered by Prof. D. J. Blocker.

The annual sermon was preached by Rev. W. E. Murphy, who used as his theme "The Glorious Church," selecting his text from Ephesians 5:27.

The song "Stand Up for Jesus," was then sung and the benediction pronounced by Rev. J. D. Adcock.

WEDNESDAY 2 P. M.

Devotional services were conducted by Rev. C. F. Woklberg, of Groveland, Fla., who read Rom. 1:16, and also Acts 8:12, commenting on the last verse and called on Rev. W. E. Murphy to pray.

Song "Nearer My God To Thee" was sung and the moderator took charge and proceeded with the program.

Report on Education was presented by Prof. D. J. Blocker of Deland, and the same was discussed by the reader and Brethren W. T. Hundley, W. W. William, J. D. Adcock and Mrs. E. Lee Smith and was adopted.

Report On Education

The present educational program of Southern Baptists is the most extensive and inclusive within the history of our organized work. This means that we now recognize, as we have never recognized, the importance of properly trained and intelligent leadership. The importance resides in the fact that man, by nature, is intellectual and religious, hence the more educated he becomes the more nearly is his nature perfected.

Religious education and training has five underlying ideas that justify us in spending time, labor and means, in promoting institutions of learning. First: OBEEDIENCE. To obey is better than to sacrifice. This fundamental virtue is the contribution of religious education to society. It recognizes a loving and Divine authority. The one authoritative thing about life is God. When He speaks it is our happy duty to hearken. Second: DEVELOPMENT. We are enjoined in the Scriptures to grow in Grace and in knowledge. That means developmental activity in the Kingdom of God. If the body is to become a fit medium of expression for the mind, it must become so through educational development. If the mind is to become a fit governor of the body, it must become so through educational development. Fit service to man and for God demand fit bodies and fit minds. Third: INTERDEPENDENCE. We enter into each other's labors. "My Father worketh hitherto and I work." No man can live unto himself. All human society recognizes the unity, solidarity and interdependence of man. Religious education is the lense through which we can see universal brotherhood. That is what the sweet singer of Scotland meant when he said "that man to man the world o'er shall brothers be for a that." Fourth: JUSTICE. The only God given clue to manhood is exact justice. A man that is justified by Faith thinks and acts justly. You can measure the amount of God in a man by the amount of justice the man exhibits. Education renders a man just by freeing him from the fetters of superstition, prejudice and pre-formed judgements. Fifth: RIGHT-BOURNESS. Righteousness is impossible without knowledge. A man

must know God in order to be right with God. A man must know himself in order to be true to himself. These five underlying ideas render education a process and not a product.

We are fortunate in Florida in having this process so far advanced. Even our public schools and higher institutions of learning are supervised by christian men and women, for the most part. Our own college and university at DeLand offers advantages not excelled any where in the South.

We commend to our people our own institutions. Let's pray for them that God may be honored in their class rooms. Let's pray for them that their equipment may be commensurate with the needs of our sons and daughters. Let's patronize them that they may be the instruments in the hands of God for leading our children into God's open doors.

Signed:

- D. J. BLOCKER,
- J. A. LOWRY,
- W. P. MILLER,
- MRS. J. B. REESE,
- MRS. G. T. SMITH,
- MRS. J. W. JONES.

Wednesday, 3 P. M.

The report on Religious Literature was called for and presented by Rev. W. T. Hundley and was discussed by Brethren William, Hundley, Adcock, and Murphy and adopted with the suggestion that every Baptist ought to subscribe to the Baptist Witness and the Home and Foreign Fields.

Report on Religious Literature

The Standard Dictionary defines literature as "the written or printed productions of the human mind collectively, especially such productions as are marked by elevation and grace of style." some of the synonyms of literature are "books," "literary productions," "publications," "newspapers," "writings." The words "Religious" as applied to literature, restricts the meaning of the term to such writings, books and publications as relate to themes and topics within the realm of what we call "the Spiritual." In this report the meaning of the term is still further narrowed and limited to such writings and publications as have to do with the propagation of Baptist principles and doctrines. First of all among such publications come our state denominational papers. The Southern Baptist Convention is made up of seventeen states each of which has its own religious newspaper, with a combined circulation, as reported in Washington last May, of nearly 200,000. This sounds well, but how inadequate to the needs of three millions of white Baptists, all of whom ought to be readers of some of these papers. Of

the seventeen papers in circulation, eleven are owned by State Conventions, and six by private individuals or stock companies. The Florida Baptist Witness, our paper, is owned by the Florida Baptist Convention, and every dollar of profits, if there be any profits, goes into the treasury of our State Board of Missions to be used in the building up of our denominational interests within our state. Every Baptist in the state is a part owner of this paper, and should emphasize his personal interest in it by helping to place it in every Baptist home within the state. The circulation should be 12,000 instead of 6,000, so that a copy might be furnished for every five members of the 60,000 on our church rolls. Your committee would suggest that the churches of our association consider the advisability of placing the Witness in their budgets of expenses for next year, to be furnished to every family along with the Sunday School quarterlies and papers. Why not? Let the slogan be, "The Witness in Every Baptist Home in Florida."

In addition to the various state papers, we have two general publications, monthly periodicals, belonging to all the states. "Home and Foreign Fields," published by our Sunday School board in Nashville, and "Royal Service," the organ of Woman's Missionary Union, published monthly in Baltimore. These two periodicals represent a constituency numbered by millions, and yet "Home and Foreign Fields" has a circulation of only about 70,000, and "Royal Service" about 45,000. These periodicals, with our state papers, furnish us the only channels of communication with the various agencies employed by us for the evangelization of a lost world. And then, we have our Sunday School literature, consisting of the Baptist Teacher, Kind Words, Boys and Girls, and the quarterlies for the different grades. All of these are ably edited and furnished at reasonable prices, and constitute a force for the uplift of mind and soul, of infinite value and power. Last, but by no means least, are the many excellent and helpful books on religious themes that are being published at frequent intervals. Books for preachers, books for laymen, books for boys, books for girls. Good books. It would be a fine thing, a gloriously fine thing, if we could get our Baptist folks to become fond of reading—of reading books. It would be a fine thing, a gloriously fine thing if our Baptist preachers would form the habit of reading books, the best books, up to date books. They cost money. Yes, but it pays to have them and to know them.

Some one has said that a people can never rise higher than its literature. In the best of all books it is said, "The entrance of thy words giveth light."

- W. T. HUNDLEY, Chairman,
- A. J. MARSTELLA,
- MRS. J. A. DAVIS,
- MRS. W. M. BURR,

At the close of the report and discussion on Religious Literature, miscellaneous business was taken up, and the Clerk presented a report from the former Clerk and Treasurer, R. M. Moore, which showed that at the session of 1919, at Apopka, he received from all sources the sum of \$78.80. Spent for printing, postage, etc., \$47.16. Spent for clerk fee, \$25.00. Forwarded to the Clerk this year a check for \$6.64.

The Clerk then reported that he had received this year for Minutes and clerk fee as follows:

From former treasurer R. M. Moore	-----	\$ 6.64
Apopka church	-----	5.00
Beulah	-----	2.00
Barton Lake	-----	1.00
Campbell	-----	1.00
Grace	-----	4.00
Kissimmee (First)	-----	15.00
Kissimmee (Second)	-----	2.50
Mt. Carmel	-----	2.00
Montverde	-----	3.00
Orlando (First)	-----	15.00
Pine Castle	-----	4.00
Taft	-----	1.50
St. Cloud	-----	5.00
West Apopka	-----	2.36
Winter Garden	-----	10.00
Winter Park	-----	5.00
Total	-----	\$85.00

Moved and carried that the Clerk have 250 copies of the minutes printed and distributed as per according to the amount of money paid by the churches.

The Association then voted to pay the Clerk \$35.00 for his services. Adjourned with prayer by Rev. O. B. Falls.

WEDNESDAY, 7:30 P. M.

Devotional service was conducted by Rev. Fred Symonds, pastor of Pine Castle, who read Rom. 8:1-17, and offered prayer. Song "To the Work, To the Work," was then sung.

The Moderator then assuming his station, called for the report on Missions, which was presented by Rev. J. D. Adcock, and discussed by Brethren A. A. Holmes, J. D. Adcock, W. W. William and O. B. Falls, and ordered adopted.

Report Of Missions

As this report is to take the place of three, viz: Foreign, Home and State Mission reports, under the old regime, and as we have many

times more to report from the Boards, the fields and the forces, your Committee is embarrassed with the limit of time and space in which and on which to present the facts which you really expect and which the cause demands.

The Seventy-five Million Campaign

At our annual meeting, one year ago, we were in the midst of our great campaign for \$75,000,000, payable in five years, this amount being the minimum agreed upon by the Southern Baptist Convention in order to carry out our enlarged program, including Education, Missions and other benevolences at home and abroad. Just how well we succeeded in this effort was known to all our people when on the 8th day of December (being the last day of subscription) the reports came from every town, city, village and country-side, with but few exceptions, bearing the cheering news "Over Subscribed."

We rejoice in that while the South as a whole over-subscribed by twenty per cent, Florida led all other states, except South Carolina, with an equal per cent of forty-five. This Association, however, only exceeded our quota by a general average of twenty per cent, while one church in this Association exceeded her quota by sixty per cent.

What the Campaign Has Done

1. It has mobilized our forces and organized the whole denomination into what we had long claimed to be, (but only claimed) a real, live, aggressive, missionary force.
2. It has elevated our Mission Boards from the position of money borrowing and money begging agencies to their rightful place of great clearing houses for the Denominations.
3. It has established a hitherto unknown quantity, now known as the moral, in and throughout the ranks of our army of missionaries, both at home and on all our foreign fields.
4. It has established a confidence which means more than anything that may be herein stated. It was our Kadish, and we refused to hear the evil report, but believing we were able we marched forward all along the line.

The Task Ahead

We are now on record with our pledges; it is up to us as representatives of this Association to plan wisely how best to carry forward a work so well begun.

Your Committee Would Recommend

1. That a committee be appointed in each church to keep up with all subscriptions already made.

2. That we plan well to make the anniversary of our subscription week, November 30th to December 8th, by making an every member canvass for collection of unpaid pledges and secure additional pledges from all new members.

3. Our churches keep a full supply of our denominational literature for free distribution, and insist upon all our people keeping informed as to the work of our Missionaries throughout the world.

4. Finally, we urge that every department of our churches put on a Missionary program. That we teach missions in our Sunday Schools, display Missionary maps in our churches. That pastors preach at least one Missionary sermon every month, and that we pray as never before for the Lord of the Harvest, that He thrust forth other laborers. That we urge upon our young the great opportunity of giving themselves to Mission work. Respectfully submitted:

J. DEAN ADCOCK,
MRS. E. LEE SMITH.

THURSDAY, 9 A. M.

Devotional Service conducted by Rev. E. Lee Smith. After singing songs "Blessed Assurance" and "I Will Sing You a Song," he then read verses from the 12th Chapter of Hebrews and talked on the Christian Race, and closed the service by prayer.

The order of the day was then taken up and the report on the Orphanage was rendered by Mrs. E. R. Douglas, and spoken to by W. T. Hundley, J. D. Adcock, Mrs. E. Lee Smith and O. B. Falls, and adopted, with the urgent request that the Women's Societies sew and send clothes to the Orphanage and that all should be more generous in the gift of food.

Report Of Baptist Orphanage at Arcadia

Our Baptist Orphanage, located at Arcadia, Florida, was first opened on February 1st, 1904. From one child, a little Cuban girl, we have first to enter the home, to one hundred-twelve children, the number being cared for at the present time, indicates the growth and necessary development of the work during the past 16 years. This does not include those children who have enjoyed the blessings of the Home for a season and have gone out into the world well equipped to fill places of usefulness, not only from a vocational viewpoint, but also that better equipment which stands for good Christian citizenship.

Our property consists of eighty acres of land, twenty-five under cultivation, eight in orange grove, a large pasture and a large campus around the buildings.

The buildings are three two-story brick buildings, one one-story concrete building, one two-story frame building and the Maxey

Memorial Babies' Building, which will care for forty little ones. There is also a memorial hospital building in course of construction. These various buildings include the home of the superintendent, his helpers, and those necessary to care for the children, and to carry forward the industrial interests of the Home.

Besides the regular day school which all children of school age attend, the industrial training received by the boys and girls of the institution, covers a wider scope, perhaps, than many know. Besides receiving instruction in farming, including its many branches, the plant contains a cannery, printing office, black-smith, carpenter and paint shops, a poultry farm, an up-to-date concrete block and brick plant, and of course, a sewing room, laundry and dairy. Stenography is also taught.

This is the organized way by which the Baptists of Florida care for orphan children in the state. A study of the growth and development during the past years, has proven it to be the very best way to provide for our homeless and helpless children. The purpose of the institution is not only to furnish the children a place to stay, with food and clothing provided, but every effort is put forth to make the Home a Christian home in the broadest sense—a training school where boys and girls may grow into useful Christian manhood and womanhood, equipped for self support and good citizenship.

The Orphanage at Arcadia is an investment of which every Baptist of Florida should be proud. If we were apprehensive in the beginning, that such a work could not be supported in Florida, those fears and doubts have given away to perfect confidence. It is an investment proving worthy of our support and co-operation.

The Home is now supported through the campaign fund, according to the present schedule, receiving ten per cent of said fund, amounting to twenty thousand dollars per year. This amount is not sufficient for the support of the work, as it requires about twenty five thousand dollars to meet the annual expenses. It costs about \$17.00 per child a month to pay the current expenses, including the clothing, food, supplies, schooling, helpers salaries, medicine, etc. It does not take an expert accountant to see on which side of the book the balance is found.

The convention permits special gifts to the Orphanage, but these must be given independent of campaign subscriptions. Baptists of Florida must see that this great work, carried on in the Master's name, must not be hindered for lack of funds. Respectfully submitted,

MRS. E. R. DOUGLASS,
O. N. LARSON,
S. B. BRANTLEY.

Report of Nominating Committee

We, your committee, beg leave to recommend that for the Executive Committee for the coming year we elect, A. W. Hurley, O. B. Falls, J. A. Trovillian, J. W. Matchett and W. P. Miller.

That the Association meet at St. Cloud at 10 a. m. on Tuesday, Oct. 8, 1921, for a two days' session.

That the Annual Sermon be preached by Rev. F. G. Symonds, with Rev. A. A. Holmes as alternate.

That Rev. J. Dean Adcock be State Board member.

That Rev. E. Lee Smith, be the delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, with A. W. Hurley as alternate.

That the delegate to the next State convention be W. T. Hundley, A. Trovillian and J. M. Lowry.

COMMITTEE:

J. W. MATCHETT,

E. LEE SMITH,

W. P. MILLER,

J. A. TROVILLIAN,

J. H. COOPER.

The above was amended by voting to pay the expenses of the delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, and after a lively debate as adopted.

Report of Committee on State of Religion and Digest of Church Letters

Rev. O. B. Falls reported for the Committee on Letters, that the Association was entitled to twenty-two churches, and that eighteen out of the twenty-two had reported at this session by letter, or by letter and messengers.

That the eighteen churches reporting had subscribed to the Seven-Million Campaign \$56,931.50 and had paid on their subscriptions the amount of \$10,929.82.

There has been added to the churches as follows:

By Baptism	92
By Letter	251
By Statement	15

Total	358
Total membership of Association	1737

The report on the Baptist Ministers Assurance Association was presented by Rev. Wm. Burr and adopted without discussion, but some discussion of the Southern Baptist Board of Ministerial Relief and unity followed this report.

Report On Baptist Ministers' Assurance Association and Deceased Ministers and Deacons

On page eleven of the Annual of the last Baptist State Convention your committee finds a succinct, but ample, description of the Florida Baptist Ministers' Assurance Association, presented by its secretary, which we beg to offer as our report to the Association. It reads as follows:

"The B. M. A. A. was organized some years ago to give assurance to the preachers who forsake all to become fishers of men that their wives and orphans might be provided with sufficient means to at least take care of burial expenses upon the death of such preachers; and, if possible, to afford some help to the bereaved ones, as alone and lonely they continue the struggles of life.

The membership consists of ministers of Florida as beneficiary members, and individuals, Churches, Sunday Schools, B. Y. P. U.'s and W. M. U.'s as honorary members.

Upon the death of any beneficiary member each member pays \$1.00 for the benefit of the bereaved family. In addition each beneficiary member pays \$1.00 a year to defray expenses of the association.

There are about 90 beneficiary members and some 75 honorary members. Each varying according to payment of assessments.

The Association has done untold good in giving aid and comfort to the families of deceased preachers; most of them having been left without even sufficient money for burial of these godly men, who have laid their all upon the altar of God and for us as God's people.

Only a little definite personal effort in presenting the claims of the organization and soliciting members would vastly multiply its helpfulness. Who will do this in each church and association?"

So far as reported, or as known to this committee, none of our ministers have been removed by death and only two deacons, viz., Deacons C. A. Carson and J. D. Jeffords, both of the First Baptist Church, of Klammec. May the Master comfort the bereaved.

COMMITTEE:

W. M. BURR,

CHARLES PHILLIPS.

The Women's Missionary Union Auxiliary

The W. M. U. Auxiliary to the Wekiwa Association met in annual session at 2 p. m., Thursday, October 21st, and the following program discussed.

Devotional hour—Mrs. W. T. Hundley, Apopka.

Prayer—Mrs. Wyman, St. Cloud.

Minutes read and approved.

Treasurer's report read and adopted.

District Superintendent's reports.

Reports of Committees.

Election of Officers for ensuing year as follows—President, Mrs. E. S. Hall, Kissimmee; Vice President, Mrs. Limerick, Orlando; Secretary, Mrs. E. R. Douglass, Orlando; Treasurer, Mrs. G. T. Smith, Winter Garden; Supt. Dist. No. 1, Mrs. J. T. Tyner, Pinecastle; Supt. Dist. No. 2, Mrs. Ridwig, Apopka.

Solo—Mrs. Durrance, Pinecastle.

Address—Mrs. M. O. Overstreet, Orlando.

Standard of Excellence and Mission Study—Mrs. Hall, Kissimmee.

Prayer—Mrs. Betts, Winter Park.

Need and equipment of Hospitals—Mrs. Falls, Kissimmee.

Training School—Mrs. Jones, Winter Garden.

Demonstration by Sunbeams—Mrs. Woods, Orlando.

Seven societies represented. 206 women enrolled in these societies. \$2,686.31 contributed to campaign fund.

\$545.51 contributed to other purposes.

Value of Orphanage boxes, \$753.00.

THURSDAY, 3:30 P. M.

Devotional services conducted by Rev. A. A. Holmes, who called for Scripture quotations and to which call more than twenty-five persons responded. The devotional service was closed with prayer by Rev. J. J. B. Webb, of Williston, Fla.

The Moderator then took charge of the meeting and called for the report on Sunday Schools which was presented by O. S. Lang for the committee. Brief and pointed remarks were made on this report and on Sunday School work by the reader, and by Rev. W. M. Burr, and Rev. J. D. Adcock, some amendments offered and additional resolutions offered by W. W. Willian and the entire report adopted.

Annual Report of Sunday School Department of the Wekiwa Baptist Association

For the historical facts concerning Sunday Schools, their origin, etc. we can not do better than to refer you to the splendid report of last year by Brother S. A. Newell, which you will find in the minutes of the Association. The Sunday School as we know it is still but an infant of a little more than a hundred years old; and while we may see room for improvement and a continuance of growth, we must note the wonderful proportions to which this child of the church has attained. What we will do with him, in the future, what effect he is having and will have upon the church as his parent and whether the parent belongs to the child, or the child belongs to the parent; sufficient to say

unless there is the heartiest bond of fellowship and co-operation between the Church and Sunday School, both will wither and be dwarfed in all lines of efficient christian service for the Master.

The Sunday School established by Robert Raikes, referred to by Brother Newell in last years report, had paid teachers; and teachers who were worthy of their hire; and is a point worthy of consideration. Too many Sunday Schools of the later years have had teachers entirely unfit for the work, and who have received positively no training as Sunday School teachers. We will welcome the time, and it will come soon, when every teacher and officer in the Sunday School must be trained for their work. We especially recommend in our Association a teacher training class in every church.

Marion Lawrence, who is acknowledged the greatest authority in the world upon Sunday School work, in a recent address said that the church must take the Sunday School far more seriously than in the past if it holds its own or makes any progress. Mr. Lawrence called attention to the fact that there are in the world 300,000 Sunday Schools with a total enrollment of more than 33,000,000 pupils.

Outlining the Sunday School of the future Mr. Lawrence said, "a school that represents the church thoroughly organized for its educational tasks would embody certain principles, perhaps as follows—

"The school will be thoroughly organized and under the direct control of the church and carried on as systematically as a bank or a department store. There will be in every church a committee on religious education which shall thoroughly represent all of the activities and departments of the church."

This committee will have charge of the entire educational functions of the church in Sunday School, as well as the other departments of church work.

No teachers in the school who are not thoroughly qualified for their positions by having taken special training for them. The training process so worked into the curriculum that pupil training leads directly to teacher training, so that all who reach the age of 20 will have completed a teacher training course.

An Officers training course for officers of both church and Sunday School.

The pastor of the church will probably be at the head of the entire educational plan, at least ex-officio, with executive officers in charge of the administration.

The Bible will be the text book of the Sunday School, supplemented by such other studies as are necessary for the study of Missions, Christian citizenship, etc.

The Sunday School will be thoroughly organized along all lines of Christian education, Christian citizenship, Missions, Temperance,

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Community Service, and its keynote will be evangelism. Mr. Lawrence said that between 2,500,000 and 3,000,000 persons were now engaged in Sunday School work as officers and teachers.

We recommend to accept, and adopt as far as we can the course outlined by Mr. Lawrence, or other recognized authority, and we further recommend that each church in our association take immediate steps toward thoroughly organizing their Sunday School under the direction of the Church, with the superintendent as General Manager with unlimited authority.

We further recommend that the church elect the Major Officers of the Sunday School; the departmental superintendents and committees to be appointed by the Board of Directors which will consist of the officers elected by the church; we also recommend that every church in our association have the annual election of Sunday School officers in the first week in October, that the Association may have the record of the new officers at the meeting of the Association.

We further recommend that the Association appoint a field Missionary whose duty it shall be to visit at least once during the year each Sunday School in the Association, to instruct and encourage each school, and to establish new Baptist Sunday Schools in the Association if in his opinion it seems advisable.

Finally, we are glad to report a general awakening in our Sunday Schools; our records will show in some schools double the attendance of a year ago. May God continue to bless our efforts for greater Sunday Schools in our Wekiwa Baptist Association. Respectfully submitted:

O. S. Lang. (By request).

The following resolution was offered by W. W. William, and adopted by the Association, and the Moderator appointed O. S. Lang, J. D. Adcock and S. A. Newell to put it into operation.

RESOLVED, that the Moderator appoint a committee, whose duty shall be to provide for an Association Sunday School Convention, with distinct and separate officers, constitution and by-laws, this convention to be composed of delegates from Baptist churches or Baptist Sunday Schools.

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The B. Y. P. U. Report

The B. Y. P. U. work in the Wekiwa Association has made splendid progress during the past year.

In a general way the young people have carried on the work efficiently and earnestly and have caught a new vision of the value of training themselves in Christian service.

In particular, several B. Y. P. U.'s of this association have carried on institutes and training schools, and in this way have built up the organization and activities and educational work of their unions.

The following is a list of unions in the association: Winter Garden, second church; Kissimmee, Pine Castle, Winter Park and Orlando, which union has recently become A-1, according to the standard of excellence. These unions are doing splendid work and the results of their efforts are being materialized.

A number of the young people attended the Baptist assembly at Stetson this summer and the enthusiasm and inspiration they received has inspired many to attend the 1921 assembly.

The Wekiwa B. Y. P. U. Federation after its sleep during the war is about to be aroused again and we recommend that it be given all the encouragement possible.

We further recommend that each church without a B. Y. P. U. organize as soon as possible such a training service for its young people.

Respectfully,
 ALFRED H. LINK,
 Clerk.

The above report was discussed by O. K. Armstrong, State B. Y. P. U. Secretary, and heartily adopted.

The Association authorized the Clerk to have a map made covering the part of Florida which includes the Wekiwa Association territory, designating the churches and giving their distance from the central points, etc.

The following resolution was offered by Rev. W. M. Burr, and adopted:

Resolved, that the thanks of this association are due and are hereby tendered this church for the most hospitable entertainment given the association during its present session.

The Association then adjourned with prayer by Moderator A. W. Hurley.

S. S., B. Y. P. U., W. M. U. REPORTS

CHURCH	Organization	Campaign	Local Expenses	Other Items	Officers	No. on Roll
Apopka	B. Y. P. U. W. M. U.	\$ 386.85	\$131.50	\$ 25.50	A. C. Starbird.....	22
Hubula	B. Y. P. U.				Mrs. J. E. Hickson, Pres.	23
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on Lake	B. Y. P. U.		2.63	10.00	M. P. Tindall.....	40
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FINANCIAL REPORT OF CHURCHES

Church	Apopka	Bentall	Campbell	Conway	Cross Prairie	Rt. Drum	Grace	Kissimmee 1st	Kissimmee 2d	Lake View	Mt. Carmel	Mont Verde	Orlando	Pine Castle	Rosalie	Taft	West Apopka	White Garden	White Park	Barton Lake
Total Value of Property	\$4,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$500.00	\$2,600.00	\$20,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$71,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$4,045.00	\$5,500.00	\$15,000.00	\$5,500.00	\$13,000.00
Value of Pastor's Home																				
Total Contributed	\$2,283.47	\$104.25	\$93.30	\$110.50	\$83.75	\$4,824.51	\$161.75	\$177.00	\$30,751.44	\$1,144.70	\$4.00	\$39.00	\$2.35	\$10.00	\$3.15	\$1,903.13	\$67.35	\$3,151.81	\$5,280.96	\$122.00
Minutes and Clerk	\$1.00																			
Other Items	\$61.66	\$3.00	\$5.00	\$2,283.47	\$1.00	\$4.00	\$15.00	\$2.00	\$4.00	\$15.00	\$3.00	\$15.00	\$4.00	\$15.00	\$3.00	\$15.00	\$4.00	\$15.00	\$4.00	\$15.00
For the Poor																				
Campaign Funds	\$1,007.10	\$20.00	\$11.50	\$15.00	\$35.75	\$1,094.69	\$27.50	\$47.50	\$156.60	\$408.28	\$479.70	\$190.00	\$1,899.62	\$499.18	\$23.11	\$646.70	\$2.15	\$23.00	\$1,899.62	\$23.00
Visiting Ministers	\$90.00																			
Incidentals and Repairs	\$166.71	\$6.75																		
For Building	\$5.00																			
Pastor's Salary	\$900.00	\$96.00	\$72.80	\$84.00	\$500.00	\$1,937.50	\$137.50	\$300.00	\$2,875.00	\$625.00	\$391.10	\$1,206.67	\$1,110.47	\$3,664.16	\$70.08	\$1,206.67	\$60.00	\$960.00	\$1,110.47	\$84.00

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" J. C. Walker
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Mrs. R. G. Widrig

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Mrs. W. P. Doughton
Mrs. John Ward
W. T. Hurdley

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Denominational Outlook, L. R. Farmer, Kissimmee.

Nominations: J, W. Matchett, Pine Castle

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Supt. S. S. Kissimmee 1st. Church.

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" S. S. Pine Castle.

List of messengers from th e Winter Garden who ~~ere~~ were present
at the Association: J.P.Hurley, Mrs. J.P.Hurley, J.W.F.Bray,
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