

MINUTES

OF THE

NEW RIVER BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION FLORIDA

Fifty-Ninth Annual Session

HELD WITH

HEILBRONN BAPTIST CHURCH

LAWTEY, FLORIDA

OCTOBER 15-16, 1930



Next Session Will Be Held on Wednesday Before
the Third Sunday in October, 1931 with Pine Grove
Baptist Church.

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CONSTITUTION OF THE NEW RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Article 1. This Association shall be known as the New River Missionary Baptist Association, and shall be composed of accredited messengers who are members of constituted churches, and of such others as may be invited to a seat by the consent of the body.

Article 2. Each church in this Association shall be entitled to three messengers and one additional messenger for every twenty-five members in excess of fifty members. Any church wishing to sever its connection with this body may be allowed to do so upon an application duly made to the Association while in session, and a letter granted thereon. All members of standing committees shall be honorary members of this Association.

Article 3. Churches are expected to send with their messengers letters to the Association, containing an account of their state, particularly of the additions and diminutions of the last year, and other statistics of interest, together with full statistics of the Sunday schools under their charges. The letters should show what churches are doing for the cause of Christ at home and abroad, and generally whatever relates to their own peace and prosperity; and with them each church should forward money for the printing of the minutes, and also their contributions for missions.

Article 4. Baptist churches desiring admission into this body shall petition by letter and messengers, and on giving satisfactory evidence of their being sound in their faith of the Gospel, and correct in practice, may be received by a vote of the Association; and the Moderator, in behalf of fellowship.

Article 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk, and a Treasurer, who shall be chosen by separate ballots, continue in office until others are chosen and discharge the duties usually incumbent upon such officers.

Section 2. There shall be an Executive Committee, which shall be composed of seven members; the Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer of the Association being members and

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officers ex-officio, the other five members to be elected by the Association.

Article 6. We acknowledge the independence of particular churches, and that no authority or jurisdiction is to be exercised over them by this Association, and therefore we would disclaim all power of making laws for them under any pretext whatever, but we deem it our duty to disown any church that we may consider unworthy of our fellowship.

Article 7. This Association will be governed while in session by regular and proper rules and every motion made and seconded shall command attention to the body unless withdrawn by the mover.

Article 8. Every question asked in the letters from the churches must be based on Scriptures, and may relate to the faith, practice and church discipline, but the same shall not be taken under consideration except by a majority vote of the body.

Article 9. Churches composing this Association shall be entitled to as many copies of the minutes of its proceedings as the money sent up with the letters call for, but each constituent church shall have at least one copy.

Article 10. When a church shall neglect to make a communication to the Association for at least three years it shall be considered as having withdrawn and shall be dropped by a vote from the minutes, unless two or three members of the Association request its continuance and will engage to inquire into its standing and report at the next meeting of the Association.

Article 11. It shall be the duty of the Association, from time to time, to suggest to the churches what they think most expedient to be done to promote the spread of the Gospel in the world, and to give the best advice possible in cases of difficulty, and to inquire into the cause of failure on the part of any church to report itself by letter and messenger at the annual meeting.

Article 12. This Association, when convenient shall appoint the time and place of the next annual meeting—taking into account the convenience of the churches and the interest of the cause. This Constitution may be altered from time to

time as experience may suggest, by two-thirds vote of those present.

MINUTES OF THE FIFTY-NINTH SESSION OF THE NEW RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Held With

HEILBRONN BAPTIST CHURCH, OCTOBER 15-16, 1930

Wednesday 15th

10:00 a. m. The Association was called to order by Rev. J. L. Norris, the Moderator, after which Bro. Proctor led in prayer.

Rev. C. A. Crosby the regular appointee on the program to lead the devotional exercises being absent, it was moved and carried that Brother Upchurch be given the time to represent the state work. Brother Upchurch read a portion of the 7th Chapter of 2nd Chron., and made an inspiring appeal for Missions.

11:00 a. m. Sermon by Rev. R. E. Blanchard from Gen. 3rd Chap., and John 3rd, 14-15.

12:00 Noon. Refreshments.

1:30 p. m. Rev. L. G. Hemingway led in devotional exercises, after which the session was called to order for the transaction of business.

The Roll of Churches was called and Messengers enrolled.

It was moved and carried that the Association proper be composed of the delegates now enrolled and also those that should be enrolled during the remaining part of the session.

Upon motion the program was changed and Rev. J. L. Norris reported on State Missions, which was adopted and marked A.

Rev. Thos. Hansen of Jacksonville, read and made an address relative to Mission work.

3:00 p. m. Rev. J. L. Norris was re-elected Moderator, and T. B. Pinholster was elected Clerk and Treasurer.

The Moderator appointed on the program committee, E. C. Johns and H. S. Norman.

The Program Committee reported that Rev. W. H. Barnes preach at 8:30 p. m.

The Moderator appointed on the Finance Committee, J. S. Norman, J. T. Harris and L. G. Hemingway.

Upon motion the rules were waived and Rev. G. P. Raymond reported on Education, which was adopted and marked B.

Brother D. W. Moore the retiring treasurer made his report on Finance, which was adopted and marked C.

It was moved and carried that the Executive Committee be requested to seek aid through the Annuity Board for Rev. B. Dyal.

Adjourned to meet again Thursday, October 16th.

8:30 p. m. Sermon by Rev. W. H. Barnes.

Thursday, October 16th

9:30 a. m. Met pursuant to adjournment. Rev. C. A. Crosby read the 46th Psalm and led in devotional exercises.

It was moved and carried that Pine Level Church be dropped from our list of churches.

The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved, after which the letters from the different churches were read.

Rev. S. S. Proctor reported on Home Missions. The report was discussed by S. S. Proctor, G. P. Raymond, L. W. Kickliter and marked D.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

Sunday Schools—J. F. Gable, M. D. Jackson and H. H. Lewis.

Nominations—S. S. Proctor, L. W. Kickliter and G. P. Raymond.

Our Dead—C. A. Crosby, L. W. Kickliter and J. S. Norman.

11:30 a. m. Report on W. M. S. work made by Mrs. G. W. Alderman and Mrs. Darby. Their report was adopted and marked E.

12:00 Noon. Refreshments.

1:15 p. m. Rev. J. F. Gable led in devotional exercises, after which Brother C. R. Neal made a report on the B. Y. P. U. work. The report was discussed by Brethren Neal and Proctor. Adopted and marked F.

A motion was made requiring the clerk to write Superintendent J. E. Trice for a report relative to the work at our Orphanage. The motion was adopted. The clerk has written Brother Trice for the report which will be printed in the Minutes marked G.

At this time a short appeal for the Orphanage was made by Rev. S. S. Proctor.

Rev. R. E. Blanchard made a report on Foreign Missions. The report was discussed by Brethren Blanchard, Proctor and Norris. Adopted and marked H.

Rev. H. S. Filmer presented his report on Aged Ministerial Relief. The report was discussed by Brethren Filmer and Kickliter. Adopted and marked I.

Brother J. S. Norman made his report for the local Finance Committee. The report was adopted and marked J.

T. B. Pinholster the acting Associational Treasurer made his report on Finance, which was adopted and marked K.

It was moved and carried that the clerk be paid annually \$25.00 and expenses for his work as clerk.

Report on the Evangelistic Brotherhood was made by Brother J. T. Quigley. The report was discussed by Brethren Quigley, Gable and Kickliter. Adopted and marked L.

Rev. C. A. Crosby presented his report on Our Honored Dead. Report adopted and marked M.

Rev. J. F. Gable presented his report on Sunday Schools, which was adopted and marked N.

Rev. M. D. Jackson offered a Resolution asking the Association to elect a committee of five to foster a Sunday School Convention in our Association.

The Resolution was adopted and the Moderator appointed on the committee: Brethren M. D. Jackson, H. H. Lewis, L. G. Hemingway, J. S. Norman and T. B. Pinholster.

The Moderator announced the following annual committees:

- Program—G. P. Raymond, R. E. Blanchard and T. B. Pinholster.
- Temperance—L. G. Hemingway, J. T. Quigley and J. S. Norman.
- Education—M. D. Jackson, G. W. Alderman and H. H. Lewis.
- State Missions—G. P. Raymond, L. W. Kickliter and J. L. Norris.
- Foreign Missions—H. S. Filmer, M. D. Jackson, E. C. Johns.
- Orphanage—C. A. Crosby, H. H. Lewis and Mrs. J. T. Quigley.
- Aged Ministerial Relief—R. E. Blanchard, S. S. Proctor and Charley Carter.

The Association adopted the following recommendations by the Nomination Committee: Executive Committee for ensuing year, G. P. Raymond, J. T. Quigley, Emery Lewis, C. B. Brown, J. J. Colson, J. L. Norris and T. B. Pinholster.

That G. W. Alderman, J. T. Quigley, J. R. Neal, J. T. Harris and L. G. Hemingway go as Messengers to the Florida Baptist Convention;

That Rev. G. P. Raymond go as Messenger to Southern Baptist Convention;

That Brother H. H. Lewis be our member of State Board of Missions;

That Rev. C. A. Crosby preach the Associational sermon for the next session, which will be held with Pine Grove Church.

Brother Gable offered a Resolution of thanks to the entertaining church and community. The Resolution was adopted.

Adjourned to meet with the Pine Grove Baptist Church Wednesday before the 3rd Sunday in October, 1931.

REV. J. L. NORRIS, Moderator.
T. B. PINHOLSTER, Clerk.

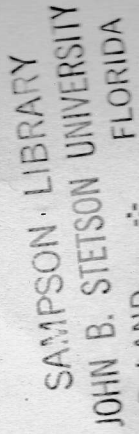
Association Delegates

The churches were represented by the following delegates:

- Antioch—J. T. Harris, J. T. Kirby, Mrs. J. L. Norris.
- Beulah—L. F. Thomas, Ellery Hickey.
- China Grove—By Letter.
- Dedan—Dennis Hodge.
- Graham—W. P. Birt, O. W. Dyal.
- Corinth—J. E. Norman, R. M. Crosby, W. T. Crosby and wife.
- Heilbronn—E. C. Johns, H. S. Norman, C. L. Carter and J. M. Norman.
- Hope—D. W. Moore, R. L. Batten.
- Kingsley Lake—J. S. Austin and wife.
- Lawtey—J. T. Quigley and wife, Mrs. J. L. Harrell, Mrs. J. M. Reddish and Joe Harrell.
- Mounteocha—R. B. Simmons, J. N. Vanlandingham.
- New River—H. Kelley, R. Andrews, Mrs. Will Andrews.
- North Pleasant Grove—G. M. Burnette, Mrs. Bertha Burnette, H. L. Harrell, Mrs. Beulah Dukes, Mrs. Maggie Hill, Mrs. Sadie Thomas.
- Pine Grove—C. H. Neal, T. J. Thomas, J. R. Neal, Mrs. C. H. Neal, Mrs. T. J. Thomas, C. R. Neal.
- Raiford—Malcom Tompkins, Mrs. E. W. Tompkins, D. M. Dixon and wife, Essie Thornton.
- Sampson City—By Letter.
- Starke—G. P. Raymond and wife, L. W. Kickliter, Mrs. A. M. Darby, Mrs. G. W. Alderman, Mrs. Carl Knight.
- Ward City—Mrs. G. B. Colson, Mrs. L. A. Brown, H. R. Brown.
- Wateroak—Frank Norman.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

Notwithstanding that we have had a year of unusual conditions financially, conditions that forced retrrenchments in all lines of Mission work, and that seriously affected local conditions in certain sections of the state, still we have much to rejoice over when we sum up the blessed results that have attended our efforts under the grace of our loving Father.



It is a sad fact that Mission receipts have steadily declined the past two years, and we should weigh conditions carefully and diagnose the case seriously to determine the true cause of this decline, and prayerfully endeavor to recover the ground we have lost. This is a matter for study, both as individuals and churches. We cannot afford to continue to go backwards in our Mission work.

In our last report to the State Convention the following items concerning State Missions are of vital interest:

Our Board assisted in the support of 59 Missionary pastors, who labored at 93 different points.

These Missionary pastors reported 576 baptisms, 512 received into their fields by letter and 55 by restoration. They were working on Mission Fields, but reported \$3,039.07 collected for Missions, and \$13,125.86 raised for church buildings. The Board spent on this work \$11,032.74.

Through our Student Loan Fund, we assisted 14 students in our Seminaries and Training Schools, and at Stetson University, who are preparing definitely for ministerial or Mission work.

We are assisting Stetson University in its Bible Department, and last year gave for that purpose \$4,308.58. We are glad to note that our people are more and more sending their boys and girls to Stetson, our Baptist College.

The Convention set aside \$7,500.00 for the Baptist Witness, in order to assist the paper in keeping our work before the people. It has proven a good investment for our people appreciate the information they get from that source, and which they could obtain from no other.

The Board contributed to the W. M. U. Department \$8,072.80, and to the Sunday School Department \$6,915.89, and to the B. Y. P. U. Department \$6,915.40. We thank God for the splendid work done in each of these Departments.

We assisted the Children's Home in Arcadia all through the year with funds from the Program receipts, which amounted to \$10,771.44. There passed through the Mission Office, as special gifts for the Home, \$6,173.98, and the Superintendent reported other gifts which totalled \$15,236.92. This gives a total of \$32,182.34 contributed to the Home for the year.

Florida Baptists gave to Home Missions last year \$11,055.96, and to Foreign Missions \$33,694.67.

We gave to Southwide Educational Institutions \$6,470.00. Friends in the State sent to the Louisville Seminary as Special Gifts direct \$2,522.55.

We sent the New Orleans Hospital \$1,077.14. We assisted 27 aged preachers and 18 widows of preachers to the extent of \$4,467.73, and put in our Student Workers at Tallahassee and Gainesville \$2,530.36.

We are sad to note the decline in receipts this year as reported by our Secretary and trust our people will give themselves to prayer, asking for the leadership of the Holy Spirit, to the end that we may not rob God in withholding our tithes and offerings. We beg our people to support more liberally the Co-operative Program, from which State Missions gets its income.

J. L. NORRIS, Committee.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

What is education? The word in its derivation means "the act of leading out." Education is the process and the result of the leading out, the development, of the whole man. In our common parlance we limit the sphere of such development to the intellect. Hence, when we wish to include the whole being we must say Christian education. Lewis E. Lawes, warden of Sing Sing Prison, says: "Education is as much a problem in crime as ignorance. There is no inherent virtue in learning." That is to say, education has as much to do with character as with learning. Tennyson recognizes the necessity of the harmonious development of the whole being in a stanza of In Memoriam:

Let knowledge grow from more to more,

But more of reverence in us dwell;

That mind and soul, according well,

May make one music as before,

But vaster.

Education is essential in a democracy. The political philosophers of the eighteenth century taught that men would do right if they had knowledge. Consequently, Thomas Jefferson advocated public education as a safeguard to the existence and well-being of the State. We can agree with their general thesis of the necessity of education in a democracy, but we must insist that there is more in education than in mere knowledge. Knowledge is power. Power wrongly used is dangerous. There must be in education the content that will give the proper direction to the power. Hence, the necessity of education dominated by the ideals of Jesus. Germany had no system of Christian education to give soul to the education under State control. All education—primary, general, technical, even theological—was controlled and directed by the

State. The World War resulted and all of Germany's intellectual development was used for destruction.

The New Testament does not specifically call for Baptist colleges and academies. But the New Testament teaches spiritual democracy. If that democracy is not to be lost on the one hand in ecclesiasticism and autocracy, on the other in bigotry and fanaticism; if it is to function properly in bringing the whole world—geographical, racial, cultural—into relationship to Jesus Christ, the churches of Jesus Christ must function in the realm of education. History shows us that Christianity has always made its best progress when it has seized the highest culture of the day and used that culture as a means of Christian propaganda. It is significant that the imperial authority closed the last of the universities of the classical civilization in 529 A. D. Thereabouts historians date the beginnings of the Dark Ages. It is again significant that historians date the end of the Dark Ages and the beginnings of the modern world about the time the Revival of Learning was dominating Europe. The Protestant Reformation followed.

America Baptist history illustrates the vital connection between education and evangelistic and missionary progress. The educational institutions of the nineteenth century were founded by Baptists as a means to an end. The Baptist colleges were founded to train leaders at home and abroad. The Baptist people divided about half and half. The Hardshells opposed Missions and the schools founded to forward the missionary program. The Missionary Baptists founded schools and other institutions as agencies for fulfilling the Great Commission. There were about 125,000 in each group. The Hardshells have dwindled to about 100,000; the Missionary Baptists have increased to nearly 9,000,000 in the homeland.

When our Baptist fathers began their educational program they did not oppose a State school system. There was no State system to oppose. Christianity has ever been the nursing-mother of education. The State entered the field of education under the tutelage of the Church. The leaders of the State Schools were Christian men, in many cases, Christian ministers. The State system has been supported by our Baptist people. There has never been any antipathy and is not now. We are proud of the expanding State systems on education. But we insist that education must not be completely secularized. If the Church vacates the field of education and leaves it altogether to the State, we shall

see the story of education during the nineteenth century in Germany repeated. We must complement the State system by the denominational system. The Christian content in education must be upheld and only the presence of the Christian school can do it. So long as we have Christian colleges there will be in the State schools Christian teachers who by their lives and example will hold before their students the Christian ideal. In State schools they may not teach religion in the class-room, but as Christian men and women they will live it.

What are Southern Baptists doing in the field of education? Under the control of the Southern Baptist Convention there are three schools for the training of leaders: the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville; the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at Fort Worth; the Baptist Bible Institute at New Orleans. Under the control of the Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, there is one, the W. M. U. Training School at Louisville. (The Training School at Fort Worth is a department of the Southwestern Seminary). In 1929-1930 there were enrolled in these 1107 students; there were 63 teachers; a property valuation of \$5,288,830.75; endowment of \$2,475,323.95. Under the several State Conventions, associations, or other controlling bodies, there were last year 31 Senior colleges, 30 Junior colleges, and 31 academies. In these were enrolled 27,362 students, of whom 1,344 were ministerial students; there were 1,698 teachers; a property valuation of \$36,353,291.72; an endowment of \$19,250,105.05. These schools need to be strengthened by better physical equipment and larger endowments. It is not necessary or wise that Baptist schools seek to compete with the large program of the State system. But let us maintain relatively small but efficient Christian schools that put the emphasis upon the Christian content in education. Thereby we will furnish a large portion of the leadership of tomorrow. Some researches in *Who's Who In America*, made by a State University professor some years ago, show that, while non-denominational schools represented in the volume had four times the number of students, the denominational schools had twice as many representatives listed. This suggests that the emphasis upon the religious content in education tends to produce leadership. Let us hold to the emphasis.

In addition to the denominational schools, Baptists are putting the Christian content in education by maintaining stu-

dent-secretaries on the campuses of non-denominational schools to care for the religious interest of the students. This work is fostered through the Baptist Student Union (B. S. U.), locally, statewide, southwide. There are more Baptist boys and girls in state schools than in denominational schools. Let us strengthen and enlarge the work of the B. S. U.

REPORT OF D. W. MOORE, THE RETIRING TREASURER

<i>Receipts</i>	
October 16, 1929, bal. in treasury	\$112.86
Oct. 18, 1929, received from Association	75.50
Dec. 29, 1929, received at Union at Corinth	38.17
March 30, 1930, received at Union at Pine Grove	13.75
Total receipts	\$240.28
<i>Disbursements</i>	
Oct. 18, 1929, paid to C. M. Brittain	\$100.00
Oct. 18, 1929, sent to Bro. B. Dyal	2.50
Nov. 2, 1929, paid to Telegraph for programs	5.75
Dec. 4, 1929, paid to Telegraph for printing Minutes	50.00
Dec. 4, 1929, paid to Clerk	25.00
Dec. 4, 1929, paid for postage	2.00
Feb. 7, 1930, calling Executive Committee, (postage)	1.00
March 1, 1930, calling Committee (postage)	.50
Total disbursements	\$186.75
Balance on hand in Bradford County Bank	\$ 53.53
D. W. MOORE, Treasurer.	

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

Home Missions might be defined as that group of missionary and evangelistic tasks which, either because of their nature or their size and difficulty, can best be done by a Southwide agency. The Home Mission Board is the Southwide agency through which Southern Baptists are doing their Home Mission work. The field of operation for this Board is the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention, the four Western Provinces of Cuba and the Canal Zone.

The work is divided into the following departments: Direct and Independent Missions, including work among the Foreigners, Indians, Negroes, and City Mission work, with Dr. J. W. Beagle

as Superintendent; Mountain Missions and School including evangelism, industrial centers and mountain schools, with Dr. J. W. O'Hara as Superintendent; Mission work in Cuba with Dr. M. N. McCall as Superintendent; Mission work in Panama, Canal Zone, with Stephen Witt as Superintendent; Missions to the Jews, with Rev. Jacob Gartenhaus as Missionary; Mission Study with Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence as Director; W. M. U. Field work with Miss Emma Leachman as Field Worker; Church Building Loan Department with the Executive Secretary as Superintendent, and Rev. Geo. F. Austin as Field Representative.

The work for the ensuing year was laid out as instructed by the Convention on the basis of the cash receipts of the previous year. These receipts were \$407,357.58 on the Cooperative Program and \$22,397.18 supplemental receipts, making a total of \$439,754.76.

The Board set aside \$250,000 to be paid on interest and principal of the debt. This necessitated some reduction in Mission work, but by combining forces and consolidating mission stations, the Board is able to hold all of its fields intact, though with reduced personnel.

The budget as fixed for the year is as follows:

Independent and Direct Missions	\$55,000.00
Cuba	50,000.00
Mountain Missions and Schools	8,000.00
El Paso Sanatorium	5,000.00
Mission Study and Publicity	5,000.00
Jewish Work	4,000.00
W. M. U. Field Worker	2,500.00
Panama and Canal Zone	1,200.00
Expenses Southwide W. M. U.	15,000.00
Expenses Baptist Brotherhood of the South	2,280.00
Southern Baptist Convention Expense	2,000.00
Administration Salaries, executive and office	12,000.00
Rent	3,420.00
Traveling Expense	1,500.00
Employees' Bond and Audit	1,500.00
Postage, Express, etc.	1,200.00
Taxes	1,000.00
Office Supplies	500.00
Repairs on Property	500.00
Telephone and Telegraph	200.00

Printing	400.00
Extra Help, office	300.00
Incidentals	150.00
For Bonded Indebtedness, Interest and Principal	92,200.00
Notes Payable, Interest and Principal	157,800.00
Attorney's Fee	600.00
Insurance	10,107.75
Expense Annual Board Meeting	1,000.00
Total	<u>\$434,357.75</u>

The Board has set itself definitely to the task of paying its debts, with the determination that when once out of debt, it will absolutely stay out of debt. Since September, 1928, it has paid in interest and principal on its indebtedness \$713,987.57. The reduction of the debt, however, is being made with the least possible inroads upon the Mission work. The minimum amount that can be paid on interest and principal of the debt has been set aside as a fixed item in the budget of appropriations. Therefore any increase in contributions will mean an increase in Mission work.

Last year we had 168 workers and they baptized 2,219 people. This was 13 baptisms per worker. When we remember that a great deal of this work is with very difficult groups like Foreigners here in our midst, in Cuba and Panama, who have a background of Catholic teaching, this compares favorably with any Mission work that our Baptist people are doing.

Our people need to recognize the tremendous importance just now of our Home Mission work. This new day of industrialization is giving to us a new set of Mission problems. Cities are growing very rapidly. Industrial communities are springing up almost over night. The tide of emigration is turning toward the South. All of these things create a real need for Home Missions. Our task is to mobilize our home forces for world-conquest for Christ, and our Home Mission work has a big place in this mobilization process.

S. S. PROCTOR, Committee.

REPORT ON W. M. U.

Annual Associational Report of Secretary and Treasurer, Woman's Missionary Union, of New River Association.

The year has passed very pleasantly, and full of blessings,

from our Heavenly Father. During the year five W. M. S. organizations, namely: Pine Grove, Antioch, Corinth, Lawtey and Starke, have made splendid quarterly reports regularly.

The Associational president has been faithful in looking after the quarterly rallies, which have been held each quarter in connection with a short meeting of the W. M. U. Executive Board. February 20th, Mrs. H. C. Peelman, our Mission Secretary, very kindly came to us for an all-day Mission Study, teaching the book "Why and How," of W. M. U.

Number of members enrolled, representing the five Societies of New River Association, are 94, tithers 32, Study Classes 3, awards 23, Circles 7, number subscriptions to Royal Service 38, Home and Foreign Fields 11, World Comrades 12, Baptist Witness 30, number of boxes to Children's Home 5, aged ministers 1, Margaret Fund 3. No. W. M. S. Societies 5, Y. W. A. 2, G. A. 1, Sunbeam Band 2, visits in interest of W. M. U. sick and shut-in's, church and Sunday School 1443, love gifts 1440, Services rendered 361, Bibles, tracts and magazines distributed 359, cash gifts for charity \$89.91. Mrs. A. M. Darby, Personal Service Chairman.

Value of boxes to Children's Home \$58.32, aged ministers 50 cents, Margaret Fund \$8.32, amount contributed to appointments \$33.68, Week of Prayer \$53.87, local and other objects \$101.65, receipts and disbursements for the year, December 12, 1929: Amount received from Mrs. J. H. Pitts, former secretary, \$5.97; Dec. 28, 1929, first quarterly rally at Corinth Church, \$4.51; second quarterly rally, March 27, 1930, with Pine Grove Church, \$4.21; third quarterly rally, June 27, 1930, with Lawtey Church, collection, \$5.30; total \$19.99. Paid out Dec. 12, 1929, \$1.08 for stamps; April 15, 1930, paid five dollars to Mrs. E. C. Bostwick, to help defray expenses to Southern Baptist Convention. Total paid out \$6.08; balance on hand \$13.91.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. G. W. ALDERMAN

REPORT ON B. Y. P. U.

The churches that have B. Y. P. U.'s seem to support the B. Y. P. U. work very well. I wish that all the churches had B. Y. P. U.'s, for it is not possible to estimate the importance of the training that young Christians get in the B. Y. P. U.'s. The training received in the B. Y. P. U. will bear fruit until the

end of time and it will be the means of many young Christians finding their talent for Christian work.

Of all the churches in our Association, only eight have B. Y. P. U.'s. At least eight is all I know of. There ought to be more Unions than this. Every young Christian ought to be trained in Christian work. By young Christian I mean those who are young in Christ. The man or woman who waits until late to accept Christ is just as young a Christian when they accept Christ as the boy or girl who accepts Christ in their teens. There is now graded literature suitable for all ages. Junior literature suitable for Juniors and Intermediate literature for Intermediates, Senior literature for Seniors, and if you have enough older members for a Union, there is now adult literature suitable for them, if there are not enough older members to have a B. A. U., then combine them with the Seniors. Our best B. Y. P. U.'s have their older members right along with their Seniors and they get along fine.

Now a word for the work we have done and are doing. I haven't got complete reports to base my report on, but I think my estimates are conservative. We have a membership in the entire Association of about 230. The reports indicate that our average attendance last year was about 80 per cent. About 90 members took a study course during the year. I think 6 tithers were reported and 200 members are supporting the church with regular offerings. About 150 are reading the Bible daily. I think this is very encouraging and we ought to rejoice that there are that many young Christians interested that much in the Lord's work. Four Unions have attained the Standard of Excellence. (We don't use the Standard of Excellence for a goal, but as a measure.)

For the coming year we are planning to organize new Unions in every church in our Association, where it's possible. We plan to put on lots of extension programs that are in the nature of Missionary work. To carry out this program we are fostering a spirit of friendly rivalry among the Unions. We are entering the work in the true Missionary Spirit. We are striving to excel in the Master's Work, and we will appreciate all the help we can get and earnestly solicit the prayers of all the good people of this Association.

In our B. Y. P. U. work we learn to do by doing and we learn about Missions by studying Missions as they are now. The cause of Christ is laid on our hearts by our Missionaries who are on the fields. We study the Bible daily and we study about the great

doctrines of Grace, about Bible characters and Bible History, and we study the history of Missions. In our study courses we learn about the best methods of carrying on B. Y. P. U. work and we study the great principles of the New Testament, which we Baptist people believe in, and we learn how to become more efficient church members. We also study Missions in the study courses for to know Baptist Doctrine and believe in it is to be Missionary in heart and spirit.

The above is a brief outline of what our B. Y. P. U.'s have done and of their goal and ambition, and of what they hope to accomplish in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

C. R. NEAL

REPORT OF THE FLORIDA BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

In submitting a report to our Association on the work of the Florida Baptist Children's Home, at Arcadia, we are presenting the work of the largest Baptist Family in Florida. A family of one hundred and eighty happy and contented boys and girls, in age from babyhood to young woman and manhood. This family of children are ours, and are being cared for in our own Home at Arcadia.

Their health has been good. They have been free from unusual forms of ailments. There has been no deaths, and no serious sickness. At the writing of this report there is not a sick child in the Home. We are very grateful to be able to make this statement about our Family of children, and to acknowledge God's providential care over them.

Their Spiritual training is carefully and prayerfully carried out, and conversions and Baptism are frequent. The Annual Report of the Superintendent made to our Convention shows thirty-six conversions during the last year. The children converted in the Home unite with the First Baptist Church in Arcadia. It is an unusual thing for a boy or girl to go through the Home, without becoming a Christian. They have their Sunday School, and Sunday Evening Preaching Service, Wednesday night Prayer Meeting, and B. Y. P. U. Organizations, with a religious service in the dining room each morning conducted by the children. The older children attend the eleven o'clock preaching hour at the First Baptist Church.

The children are educated and trained in a practical way.

The county has leased the Home School Building and conducts the Home School on their own grounds. They teach through the eleventh grade and complete the twelfth grade work in the County High School in Arcadia. The Home provides practical training for the children, so when they leave they are prepared for self-support. All of the house keeping, cooking, baking, laundry, dairy, poultry and farm work of the Home is done by the boys and girls without the use of servants. Seven children left the Home during the first seven months of this year trained to take care of themselves.

The Home is without a farm, though a movement has been started by the citizens of DeSoto County and Arcadia to give the Home a Peace River Valley Farm of two hundred and sixty acres, and when all payments on the farm are completed it will be deeded to the home. When this is done the large boys by their work can supplement donations and contributions with supplies which will greatly assist in the support of the work. The Home only has about twelve acres in their city property suitable for garden trucking, but the report of the garden work to the Board of Trustees in their July meeting shows, for the seven months the following results: They have furnished the Home 3625 Gallons of Milk, Garden Truck to the amount of \$1,230.25 and they sold \$164.63 worth of what they raised. They furnished the Home 787 eggs and raised over two hundred young chickens. In addition the boys cut and hauled to the Home from six miles distance 210 cords of wood, and hauled several hundred boxes of groceries, and freight from the Freight Depot, thus we can report good results from the limited farm operations of the Home.

We found from the Superintendent's report made to the Board of Trustees in July some interesting figures which we feel would be of interest to the Association. The amount of cash expended on Current support with the accounts due for the current year amounted to \$3,389.74 per month, and this divided by one hundred and eighty children gives a cash per capita cost of \$18.84 per month. We also found that the cost of supporting the Home during the seven months was divided as follows:

180 Children and 11 workers, meals at 10c	\$1,692.00
Supervision and care by 14 workers employed	18c per child a day
	972.00

Clothing, medical attention, school and all other expenses 13 1-2c a day per child ——— 725.74

Equals monthly expense of _____ \$3,289.74

Your Committee regrets to report that while the financial support given the Home the past year, has been unusual considering the times it has not been adequate to their needs. An accumulated indebtedness of the past few years has been burdensome. The accumulation of this indebtedness dates from the Seventy Five Million Campaign period when the home was placed upon a certain percent basis and has failed to receive the full amount expected owing to the failure of pledges being paid to the State Mission Board. The last Convention placed the home in the Program giving them ten percent of the objective of One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars planned to be raised by the Convention, for 1930. If the Program amount had been paid in full the Home would have received to August the First of this year \$10,000.00, as their part of the Program receipts, but they only received \$5,796.58, thus leaving them short on what was expected from this source \$4,203.42. The Convention asked the Sunday Schools of the State to contribute one Sunday's collection each month to supplement the ten percent from the Program. The contributions from the Sunday schools have gradually increased this year and has enabled the Children's Home Board to finance the Home without increasing but very little the indebtedness of the Home. The old indebtedness has made this hard for the Board, as the Home has been forced to pay cash for their supplies, and has not always had the money to do so. Your Committee, therefore, urges a full co-operation in the Convention plan by all of the Sunday Schools, and urges other help as often and as liberal in donation of food supplies and cash as can be made in order that our children may not suffer, but have the things they need.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

The blessing of God has been upon our work in foreign lands. While there have been many difficulties, yet through the help of the Lord there have been many encouragements.

Good progress has been made towards the further reduction of the debt which has burdened the Board. The debt was reduced \$187,423.56 during the year closing May 1, 1930.

The plan for reducing the debt is to apply 10 per cent of

all receipts from the Cooperative Program, all special gifts made for this specific purpose, and all moneys received from the sale of properties owned by the Board which are not now being used for mission purposes.

On the foreign field there are 1407 churches with a membership of 161,059. The native contributions amounted to \$472,820.12.

Southern Baptists should catch the inspiration of the throbbing life of the work in foreign lands. The past year has been marked by great revivals in many fields. Thirteen thousand, two hundred and fifty baptisms were reported, a thousand more than have ever been reported in a single year. Progress along all lines has been made in all missions. The power of the gospel has been demonstrated everywhere.

In Africa there were thirty requests for the eight graduates from the Theological Training School last June. There was a great revival in the Lagos school which resulted in the conversion of over one hundred students in the upper grades. The hospital and college at Ogbomoso had the greatest year in their history. The Nigerian Baptist Convention made fine progress. It has now 200 churches in its membership practically all of which are self-supporting.

In Argentina there are 59 churches with 4,059 members. These churches gave last year a total of \$41,083.00. There were 380 baptisms. The Publishing House prospers. It published 1,520,000 pages of tracts.

In North Brazil the work has grown from 120 churches with 6,203 members to 149 churches with 8,348 members in the last decade. Ten years ago there were 215 baptisms during the year, last year there were 876. The religious life in the schools was strong during the year. There were 510 students in the College and Seminary at Pernambuco.

In South Brazil, 1930 marks the fiftieth anniversary of the opening of Baptist work in Brazil. Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Bagby were the first missionaries. They are still active in the service. One of the greatest revivals ever conducted in Brazil was held during the year in Rio College. One hundred and fifty made profession of conversion.

Chile is the newest field the Foreign Board has entered in Latin America. There were special evangelistic meetings held in every church in the country with fine results.

In Central China the Soochow field had the most encouraging year it has ever experienced. At Shanghai splendid meetings were held in the North Gate School and church. Twenty-three were baptized. In Grace Church there were 41 baptisms. At

the Paoshing Road Compound center the Ming Jang Boys' School enrolled 248 students and the Eliza Yates Girls' School enrolled 240. A revival was held in this center in which 97 were baptized. At the opening service of this revival 20 were baptized.

In interior China which was torn by war, one new church was organized and two others are waiting to be when the mission-ary can get to them. The six churches in and around Chengchow formed themselves into a Baptist Association. The Boys' School and the Girls' School at Kaifeng had a good year. The Boys' School is the only school of any denomination in operation in the whole Province of Honan.

In North China on account of the warring conditions, the number of students was reduced, but the work was good and there were many conversions among students. Hospitals were interfered with but helped soldiers.

In South China there were about 600 baptisms. Pooi To Girls' School celebrated its fortieth anniversary by the opening of a new building which cost \$40,000.00. This building was given entirely by the Chinese.

In Hungary the Baptists have grown in ten years from 7,000 to 12,000 members. They baptized last year 763.

In Italy, 1929 was the best year in the Italian Mission work. There were 294 baptisms, an increase of 49 percent. There was a 30 percent increase in the amount contributed to the support of the work.

In Japan, the Publishing House has a record year. It published 1,750,000 tracts, 250,000 books, a total of 66,576,000 pages. There were 700 students in Seinan Gakuin, the Boys' School at Fukuoka. There were forty baptisms amongst the students. The Girls' School at Kokura had 400 students. There were 67 converts amongst the student body during the year.

In Jugo Slavia three new chapels were added during the year. The Baptists have grown from 600 in 1922 to 1,148.

In Mexico, the Seminary at Monterey had 14 students, 3 in graduating class. The Girls' School at Chihuahua, and the school at Culiacan were disturbed somewhat by the revolution, but were able to carry out a successful year's work. A chapel building was erected at Rosita through the aid of the Sarah Hale Church Building Loan Fund.

The building for the Woman's Training School in Bucharest, Roumania, is so nearly completed that it was possible to use the building during the latter part of the year for the opening

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of the school. There were 4,925 baptisms in Roumania. This is the largest number ever reported to our Foreign Mission Board from any one of its fields.

In Spain the Spanish Baptist Convention was organized at Barcelona. The Spanish Baptists are beginning to realize their responsibility toward evangelizing their own country. They had 107 baptisms.

Thus reads, like added pages of the Acts of the Apostles, the story of our work in foreign lands. Out among the countless hosts of lost men our Father has set his seal of approval and blessing upon the labors of our missionary messengers. He has kept his promise to be with those who go. The needs of the unredeemed world, the command of our divine Saviour, the favor of our Heavenly Father marvelously manifested upon our labors in all fields, should speak with irresistible force to Southern Baptists "that they go forward."

R. E. BLANCHARD,

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Lawtey	\$12.00
Heilbronn Springs	3.00
Graham	1.50
North Pleasant Grove	4.60
Corinth	3.00
Antioch	5.50
Pine Grove	2.00
Starke	2.00
Kingsley Lake	1.00
Hope	3.00
New River	3.00
Raiford	2.00
Ward City	1.00
China Grove	1.50
Mounteocha	2.00
Beulah	2.00
Sampson City	2.00
Pine Grove to Dyal Fund	3.00
Total	\$54.10

J. S. NORMAN

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF AND ANNUITY FUND

The Church of the Lord Jesus Christ has long regarded it as her duty to keep the ministers, poor that he might be humble. To accomplish this end the church has paid the minister as little as possible. The result has been that when old age or disability came the minister had nothing to fall back upon. This meant that the minister who through age or disability was unable to support himself, was in abject want, or object of charity. This led to the forming of State and Convention Boards to care for needy ministers. Such boards have been and are functioning well.

Recent years have seen the adoption in increasing numbers of a far better method of meeting the need of the aged or disabled minister. By this method the minister pays to the Annuity Board 2 1-2 per cent of his salary. The church he is serving adds to this a sum equal to 8 per cent of his salary. These sums paid yearly to the Annuity Board enable it to assure the minister, that when old age or disability comes to him, he will receive a yearly income equal to one half of his salary, provided this does not mean more than \$700. Beyond \$700 a year the Southern Baptist Convention is not at present able to go. More and more and more ministers and churches are seeing the wisdom of this plan and are entering into it. May this good work go on until every minister in the Southern Baptist Convention is assured of adequate support in his old age.

H. St. J. FILMER, Chairman.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts

June 30, 1930, from Union at Dedan	\$29.17
Aug. 31, 1930, from Union at North Pleasant Grove	34.40
Total receipts	\$63.57

Disbursements

Aug. 18, 1930, paid to Telegraph for programs	\$ 2.75
Sept. 16, 1930, paid to Telegraph for programs for Asso.	2.75
Total disbursements	\$ 5.50
Sept. 29, 1930, balance on hand	\$58.07

Report on Dyal Fund

June 30, 1930 received from Pine Grove and N. Pleasant Grove ----- \$4.00
 June 30, 1930, paid to Rev. B. Dyal ----- 4.00
 Balance on hand—None.

T. B. PINHOLSTER, Treasurer

REPORT ON EVANGELISTIC BROTHERHOOD

Your committee on the Baptist Evangelistic Brotherhood reports that we have no active organization in our Association; but that the work has been carried on by laymen in our Association in cooperation with the Jacksonville Evangelistic Brotherhood, Gainesville Evangelistic Brotherhood and with the officers of the State Association of Evangelistic Brotherhoods. Gospel teams of Gainesville and Jacksonville have joined our men at the following mission points: Raiford Baptist Church, State Penitentiary, Corinth, Lawtey, North Pleasant Grove, County Jail in Starke, Antioch, Lake Brooklyn and Kingsley Lake, and elsewhere.

Three of the members of Lawtey Baptist Church hold membership in the Jacksonville Evangelistic Brotherhood, four volunteered for evangelistic work at Corinth Baptist Church and one from Kingsley Lake. The Evangelistic Brotherhood has had a prominent place on the Union meeting programs in our Association in September and December. Visible results reported at meetings held in our territory are as follows: Raiford Baptist Church, 14 professions of faith, several of these have since joined with the church; State Prison Farm at Raiford, 71 professions of faith, 250 requested prayer; Lawtey Baptist Church, 13 requested prayer; Bradford County Jail, 14 professions of faith, 112 requests prayer, 1 reconsecration, 130 tracts and Bibles distributed; miles traveled by members of the Evangelistic Brotherhood men in our Association, 351. Members of the Evangelistic Brotherhood have joined the Evangelistic Brotherhood men from other points of the state in holding services in Jacksonville and other points. At Hampton, March 9, 1930, one made profession of faith and was baptized later by the pastor. At Camp Immokalee on Lake Brooklyn was the scene of the 5th Annual Com-A-Part of the Evangelistic Brotherhood men of the state and was attended by pastor L. W. Kickliter and myself.

Your committee recommends that the Executive Committee organize an Evangelistic Brotherhood in our Association at some

convenient time so that the men of our Association interested in evangelistic work may have an opportunity to do so in a group and have the prayers and endorsement of the pastors and members of our churches.

J. T. QUIGLEY.

REPORT ON "OUR HONORED DEAD"

We your committee on "Our Honored Dead", find from the Associational letters that we have lost by death during the past year: One minister, five brethren, and fourteen sisters. Their names will be found on a special page dedicated to their memory. Respectfully submitted,

C. A. CROSBY, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Your Committee finds that out of the 19 churches represented in this Association only 8 report as operating Sunday Schools. This is 2 less than were reported last year. The enrollment reported is 494, a decrease of 108 from last year.

The average attendance totals 337. One has the Standard of Excellence—Pine Grove, in which 7 teachers hold diplomas. Of the 8 schools 2 are graded—Starke and Pine Grove. The total gifts reported from Sunday Schools is \$111.55.

Your committee feels that the Sunday School is a very important part of our church work and should be encouraged and developed as much as possible. Our children and young people are the church members and workers of the future. We find a deplorable lack of willingness to support, manage and teach Sunday Schools.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. F. GABLE, Chairman,

M. D. JACKSON,

H. H. LEWIS, Committee.

STATISTICAL TABLE

Name of Churches	When Constituted	Baptisms	Other Additions	Membership Year Ago	Present Membership	No. S. S.	No. Enrolled	No. B. Y. P. U.'s	Total No. Enrolled	Total No. Enrolled in Women and Children's Organizations	Total Women's Contributions for all Purposes.	Pastor's Salary	Co-operative Program	Orphanage	Local Expenses	Total for all Purposes	Value of Church Building and Grounds	Value of Pastor's Home	Total value of all Church Property
Antioch	1872			95	93				12	91.00	233.49	21.50	21.50		383.79	1950		1950	
Beulah	1850			57	56						60.00		13.00		73.00	500		500	
China Grove	1905			31	34						15.00		5.00		20.00	800		800	
Corinth	1895	10	11	96	115	1	49	2	46	36	88.20	45.50	8.25	196.26	677.12	2350		2350	
Dedan	1882																500		500
Graham	1916			26	23						24.63				30.99	500		500	
Hellbronn	1908	1	7	71	47						125.00				125.00	500		500	
Hope	1876			99	94	1	46				60.00		16.75		76.75	1000		1000	
Kingsley Lake	1864	1	1	105	103						65.73				150.06	2000		2000	
Lawtey	1904	10	7	79	86	1	69	2	35	30	720.00	88.75	20.00	137.54	978.41	3600		3600	
Mounteocha	1897			14	14						50.00				54.00	650		650	
New River	1833	10	2	56	66						60.00		22.10	36.25	130.50	1200		1200	
N. Pleasant Grove		3	2	45	46	1	35				240.00		7.25		247.25	1500		1500	
Pine Grove	1906	1	8	62	68	1	50	2	29	26	310.20	40.53	14.46	.90	519.37	1000		1000	
Raiford	1904	18	6	82	105	1	88	1	31		106.00	46.80		73.50	228.10	1000		1000	
Sampson City	1925	12	3	36	45	1	37				47.14			35.00	82.14	100		100	
Starke	1877		15	220	228	1	120		15	120	486.00	1800.00	543.00	50.00	250.00	3302.00	5000	4000	9000
Ward City	1900		2		84				1		225.14			47.00	272.14	2500		2500	
Wateroak	1916			52	52				3	24						800		800	
Oak Grove	1916																		

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