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CHURCH DIRECTORY

Antioche:
 Pastor ----- Rev. C. A. Crosby, Brooker, Fla.
 Clerk ----- Mrs. M. L. Cason, Rt. 2, Brooker, Fla.

Beulah:
 Pastor ----- Rev. C. A. Crosby, Brooker, Fla.
 Clerk ----- Miss Elma Thomas, Green Cove Springs, Fla.

Brooker:
 Pastor ----- Rev. C. A. Warren, Hampton, Fla.
 Clerk ----- L. L. Parker, Brooker, Fla.

Corinth:
 Pastor ----- Rev. G. W. Parker, Rt. 4, Gainesville, Fla.
 Clerk ----- T. N. Norman, Rt. 2, Box 111, Starke, Fla.

Dedan
 Pastor ----- Rev. C. A. Crosby, Brooker, Fla.
 Clerk ----- Howard Mott, Brooker, Fla.

Evergreen
 Pastor ----- Rev. H. M. Tillman, Lawtey, Fla.
 Clerk ----- Mrs. D. R. Redding, Lawtey, Fla.

Gadara:
 Pastor ----- Rev. H. M. Tillman, Lawtey, Fla.
 Clerk ----- W. C. Hall, Lake Geneva, Fla.

Graham:
 Pastor ----- Rev. L. G. Hemingway, Starke, Fla.
 Clerk ----- Berry Dyal, Graham, Fla.

Heilbronn:
 Pastor ----- Rev. G. E. McGauley, Melrose Fla.
 Clerk ----- Mrs. J. W. Holmes, Lawtey, Fla.

Hope:
 Pastor ----- Rev. Everett Godwin, Maxville, Fla.
 Clerk ----- D. W. Moore, Box 497, Starke, Fla.

Kingsley Lake:
 Pastor ----- Rev. H. M. Tillman, Lawtey, Fla.
 Clerk ----- Mrs. J. L. Silcox, Starke, Fla.

Lawtey:
 Pastor ----- Rev. L. W. Enfield, Lawtey, Fla.
 Clerk ----- Miss Elizabeth Terry, Lawtey, Fla.

New River:
 Pastor ----- Rev. H. M. Tillman, Lawtey, Fla.
 Clerk ----- R. R. Andrews, Lake Butler, Fla.

North Pleasant Grove:
 Pastor ----- Rev. P. Q. Cason, Lake City, Fla.
 Clerk ----- Earl Hill, Alachua, Fla.

Pine Grove:
 Pastor ----- Rev. C. F. Hooker, Rt. 3, Gainesville, Fla.
 Clerk ----- F. J. Thomas, Rt. 3, Gainesville, Fla.

Raiford:
 Pastor ----- Rev. J. G. Knight, Raiford, Fla.
 Clerk ----- Mrs. J. G. Knight, Raiford, Fla.

Starke:
 Pastor ----- Rev. A. E. Lightfoot, Starke, Fla.
 Clerk ----- S. E. Sparks, Starke, Fla.

Water Oak:
 Pastor ----- Rev. H. M. Tillman, Lawtey, Fla.
 Clerk ----- Frank Norman, Starke, Fla.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTORY

Antioche—S. S. Supt. ----- J. F. Parrish, Rt. 3, Gainesville, Fla.
 Beulah—S. S. Supt. ----- Cleo Hickey, Green Cove Springs, Fla.
 Brooker—S. S. Supt. ----- L. L. Parker, Brooker, Fla.
 Graham—S. S. Supt. ----- Clarence Melton, Starke, Fla.
 Heilbronn—S. S. Supt. ----- D. L. Kite, Starke, Fla.
 Hope—S. S. Supt. ----- A. L. Sullivan, Theresa, Fla.
 Lawtey—S. S. Supt. ----- L. W. Enfield, Lawtey, Fla.
 N. Pleasant Grove—S. S. Supt. ----- Leo Holbrook, Santa Fe, Fla.
 Pine Grove—S. S. Supt. ----- Leroy Tenley, Rt. 3, Gainesville, Fla.
 Raiford—S. S. Supt. ----- W. K. Jenkins, Raiford, Fla.
 Starke—S. S. Supt. ----- A. J. Thomas, Starke, Fla.

OFFICERS OF THE NEW RIVER ASSOCIATION

Rev. C. F. Hooker, Moderator ----- Gainesville, Fla.
 S. E. Sparks, Associate Moderator ----- Starke, Fla.
 T. B. Pinholster, Clerk & Treasurer ----- Brooker, Fla.
 W. K. Jenkins, Assn. S. S. Supt. ----- Raiford, Fla.
 W. C. Carr, Jr., Brotherhood President ----- Gainesville, Fla.
 Mrs. R. A. Thomas, President W. M. U. ----- Starke, Fla.
 George Silcox, Assn. S. S. Sec. ----- Starke, Fla.
 Cecil Cox, Assn. B. T. U. President ----- Gainesville, Fla.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

W. D. Cowart ----- Gainesville, Fla.
 L. G. Hemmingway ----- Starke, Fla.
 A. E. Lightfoot ----- Starke, Fla.
 C. F. Hooker ----- Rt. 3, Gainesville, Fla.
 C. A. Crosby ----- Brooker, Fla.
 G. E. McGauley ----- Brooker, Fla.
 J. T. Barnes ----- Starke, Fla.
 J. G. Knight ----- Raiford, Fla.
 L. W. Enfield ----- Lawtey, Fla.
 R. J. Gomes ----- Lawtey, Fla.
 J. D. Overstreet ----- Lawtey, Fla.
 H. M. Tillman ----- Lawtey, Fla.
 J. R. Thomas ----- Green Cove Springs, Fla.

ASSOCIATION MESSENGERS

- ANTIOCHE—J. T. Harris, Mrs. Clarence Strickland, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Kirby, Elmer Strickland, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. McDavid, Mrs. J. W. Thomas, Mrs. M. L. Cason, Mrs. J. F. Parrish.
- BEULAH—L. R. Britt, Kenney Thomas, Cleo Hickey, N. C. Wainwright.
- BROOKER—Mrs. Beulah Harrell, Mrs. G. B. Colson, Mrs. L. L. Parker.
- CORINTH—J. T. Barnes, Lester Crosby.
- DEDAN—By letter.
- EVERGREEN—J. Q. Rosier, J. S. Sapp, C. L. Hilliard, J. E. Rosier.
- GADARA—W. C. Hall.
- GRAHAM—Mrs. Dell Melton, Etta Dyal.
- HEILBRONN—D. L. Kite, Mrs. Lois Denmark, Mrs. J. W. Holmes.
- HOPE—A. L. Sullivan.
- KINGSLEY LAKE—Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Austin.
- LAWTEY—Mrs. T. J. Terry, Mrs. J. P. Wyrick, Mrs. H. B. Arwood, Miss Elizabeth Terry.
- NEW RIVER—C. E. Andrews, Mrs. Cleo Andrews.
- NORTH PLEASANT GROVE—Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Davis, Clara Mae Davis, Earl Willis.
- PINE GROVE—Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Neal, Mrs. W. C. Carr, Mrs. L. E. Wilson, Mrs. W. A. Wester, J. R. Neal, Mrs. T. J. Strickland, Mrs. H. M. Lovett.
- RAIFORD—Rev. J. G. Knight, W. K. Jenkins, S. P. Yarbrough, Mrs. S. H. Moore, Mrs. J. M. Conner, Mrs. J. R. Cason.
- STARKE—Rev. and Mrs. A. E. Lightfoot, S. E. Sparks, Mrs. R. A. Thomas, Mrs. A. J. Thomas.
- WATER OAK—By letter

**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. An accredited messenger shall be one who has been duly elected by his church as a messenger or alternate. Others eligible, to be invited to a seat shall be members of the constituted churches, who may be enrolled to make a number equal to the quota allowed that church. All pastors of the churches in the Association shall be enrolled as messengers but only those holding membership in constituted churches of the Association shall be eligible for office.

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 past 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, an Associate Moderator, a Clerk-Treasurer, each of whom shall be chosen by separate ballot. These officers shall be elected at the opening session of the annual meeting.

Article 5, Section 2. There shall be an Executive Committee which shall be composed of nine members: The Moderator, the Associate Moderator, the Clerk-Treasurer of the Association being members and officers ex-officio. The other six members to be named by the Nominating Committee of 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 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 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 calls 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 next annual meeting—taking into account the convenience of the churches and the interest of the same. This Constitution may be altered from time to time as experience may suggest, by two-thirds vote of those present, but notice of such change shall be given at the annual session previous to the anticipated change.

MINUTES

OF THE NEW RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION WHICH CONVENEED WITH RAIFORD BAPTIST CHURCH, OCTOBER 16-17, 1940

10:00 A. M.—After a song by the congregation and prayer by Brother J. T. Harris, Rev. J. G. Knight, pastor of the entertaining church, read the 116th Psalm and led in Devotional Exercises.

10:20 A. M.—The Moderator declared the session to be in order for the transaction of any business that might be presented.

After the adoption of "Order of Business," the moderator appointed brethren J. T. Harris and C. H. Neal as a finance committee for the session and Erethren A. E. Lightfoot and S. E. Sparks to serve as reading clerks.

10:25 A. M.—After a roll call of churches and enrollment of Messengers, it was moved and carried that the Association proper be composed of the Messengers now enrolled and also those that should be enrolled during the session.

10:50 A. M.—The following officers were elected: Moderator, C. F. Hooker; Associate Moderator, S. E. Sparks; Clerk and Treasurer, T. B. Pinholster.

Rev. J. G. Knight, pastor of Raiford Church, and Rev. C. A. Warren, pastor of Brooker Church, were welcomed into our midst as new pastors.

Dr. W. T. Halstead, Rev. B. A. Roth, J. W. Compton, J. H. Mitchell and Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Dubose were enrolled as visitors from sister associations.

11:00 A. M.—Rev. A. E. Lightfoot moved that our meeting time be changed and that our next annual meeting be scheduled for October 7-8, 1941. The motion was adopted. Dr. Brittain suggested the change in time so that our state workers could attend our meetings.

11:10 A. M.—Brother S. E. Sparks read the following report of the Executive Committee: Upon request from Kingsley Baptist Church, the Executive Committee of the New River Association met for a special session at Kingsley Lake Baptist Church, 8:00 P. M., April 18, 1940. Kingsley Lake Church wished to be advised about granting letters of dismissal from Kingsley Lake Church to Bethel Church. Bethel Church had formerly been refused membership in the New River Association. (See Association Minutes for 1935 and 1936). After careful and prayerful consideration the committee adopted the following report: "In as much as the question involved has already been acted upon by the association in former years, we decline to act adversely to these former decisions. We therefore do not recommend the granting of letters of dismissal to Bethel Church." Signed: C. F. Hooker, M. B. Futch, C. A. Crosby, J. S. Austin, J. T. Kirby and T. B. Pinholster, Clerk.

11:15 A. M.—Brother J. H. Mitchell of Waldo was present and spoke concerning the work and aims of the "Brotherhood" work.

11:30 A. M.—Rev. B. A. Roth, pastor of the Hastings Church made a short appeal for the Baptist Witness.

11:45 A. M.—Associational Sermon by Dr. W. T. Halstead.

12:30 P. M.—Refreshments.

1:30 P. M.—Rev. C. A. Crosby read from the 4th Chapter of 2nd. Timothy and led in Devotions.

1:45 P. M.—After the reading of additional church letters the session proceeded with the work of reading, discussing and adopting the different annual reports.

As no report concerning our Baptist Children's Home was presented, upon motion the clerk was requested to secure a written report from the Children's Home and have the report written in our associational minutes.

2:00 P. M.—As no report was presented on our "Aged Ministers," the report on Temperance was made by Beulah Church and adopted. Several of the pastors and laymen spoke concerning the report on Temperance. Since a large military camp is being established in our midst a grave and serious situation confronts the Christian people in our community.

The report on Christian Literature and Education was presented by Kingsley Lake Church and adopted. Brother J. W. Compton was present and spoke concerning this report. Brother Compton also made an appeal for Stetson, our Baptist College.

The Moderator named the following committees: "Nominating"—P. Q. Cason, J. G. Knight, J. R. Neal, Earl Willis; "Our Honored Dead"—Rev. J. T. Earnes.

Upon motion Brother W. K. Jenkins was appointed to report on our Sunday School work during the session on Thursday.

3:45 P. M.—The session adjourned to meet again Thursday A. M. at 10:00 o'clock.

Thursday, October 17

10:00 A. M.—Rev. P. Q. Cason read the 103rd Psalm and led in Devotional Exercises.

After the reading of additional church letters, Brother W. K. Jenkins presented reports on our S. S. and B. T. U. work. These reports were discussed by several of the brethren and adopted.

10:40 A. M.—At this time Mrs. Carr read the report of the W. M. U. work. Mrs. Carr asked that the association approve the election of Mrs. R. A. Thomas as president of the W. M. U. for the ensuing associational year. Mrs. Carr's recommendation was approved and the W. M. U. report was adopted.

10:50 A. M.—Brother Earl Hill read the report on "State Missions." The report was adopted.

10:55 A. M.—The report on "Home Missions" by Brooker Church was read by the Moderator and adopted.

11:00 A. M.—Antioche Church presented a report on Foreign Missions. This report was read by the Moderator and adopted.

11:10 A. M.—The report on the "Brotherhood" work was read by Rev. A. E. Lightfoot and adopted.

11:30 A. M.—Missionary Sermon by Rev. Edwin Harwell, pastor of the Lake Butler Baptist Church.

12:30 P. M.—Refreshments.

1:30 P. M.—Rev. C. F. Hooker, the Moderator, led in Devotion, after which the treasurer's report was read and approved. The report by the local Finance Committee was also made and adopted.

It was moved and carried that fifty dollars (\$50.00) be sent our State Board for the Cooperative Program.

2:00 P. M.—The following report was made by the Nominating Committee: Next Meeting: Place—Pine Grove Church, October 7-8, 1941; Executive Committee—Brethren J. R. Neal, G. L. Cox, C. A. Crosby, A. E. Lightfoot, W. K. Jenkins, J. G. Knight together with the Moderator, the Associate Moderator and the Clerk; Supt. of S. S. Work—W. K. Jenkins; B. T. U. Leader—J. R. Neal, Assistant, Miss Doris Crews; Member of the State Board—Rev. A. E. Lightfoot. The report was adopted.

2:10 P. M.—Upon motion Brother S. E. Sparks was appointed as Assistant Superintendent for the S. S. Work and Brother George Silcox was appointed as Sec. and Treas. Rev. C. F. Hooker was named as Pastor Advisor.

2:15 P. M.—The Moderator named the following Annual Committees: "Program", A. E. Lightfoot, C. A. Crosby and T. B. Pinholster; "State Missions"—Antioche Church; "Home Missions"—Rai-ford Church; "Foreign Missions"—Corinth Church; "Temperance"—Hope Church; "Aged Ministers"—Starke Church; "Brotherhood"—Pine Grove Church; "Orphanage"—Graham Church; "Christian Education"—Lawtey Church.

2:25 P. M.—Upon motion a rising vote of thanks was given the entertaining church for its kind cooperation and friendly hospitality during our stay in their midst.

2:30 P. M.—Our last report for the session was "Our Honored Dead." The report was made by Rev. J. T. Barnes and adopted. A page dedicated to the memory of "Our Honored Dead" will be found elsewhere in these minutes.

3:00 P. M.—The Association adjourned to meet with Pine Grove Baptist Church October 7-8, 1941.

C. F. Hooker, Moderator,
T. B. Pinholster, Clerk and Treasurer.

REPORTS

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

We were told in last year's report that we were brought face to face with the three horrible demons, beer, wine, whiskey. This year we find it in this proportion:

One saloon for every seventy-one families.

Two saloons for every church.

Five Saloons for every public school.

More bar-maids than college girls.

For every two dollars spent for education, there are three spent for liquor.

We look with grave concern upon the widespread use of alcoholic drinks among the masses of our people, especially the young people and the girls and women. No nation can rise above its motherhood. If we raise a generation of drinking and drunken mothers we may expect a sodden civilization.

One of the first principles of the Christian life is that of abstinence and separation from evil. No Christian can at any time nor under any circumstances indulge in the use of alcoholic liquors without violating both the principles and the impulses of the Christian life.

Our disapproval of drinking on all occasions should be firm and unmistakable.

The Christian attitude toward those who drink should be one of kindness rather than bitter condemnation.

If our young people and all others can be taught and can become deeply convinced of the destructive nature of alcohol and can be brought to total abstinence the liquor problem will be solved.

Let us take and keep a consistent stand against the use of intoxicating beverages by the individual and against the policy of legalization by the state.

Respectfully submitted,

Beulah Church.

REPORT OF THE NEW RIVER ASSOCIATIONAL BAPTIST BROTHERHOOD

For The Year Ending September 30, 1940

Since its organization in March the Associational Brotherhood has held two business meetings and two program meetings. Attendance at each of the program meetings has been about 30. Seven churches were represented at the meeting held last month.

Interest in the Brotherhood work is growing. Local Brotherhoods are active at Beulah and Starke. Several other churches are planning to organize local unions. Prospects for the coming year are bright.

The following officers have been elected for next year, subject to the approval of the Association:

President—Wm. C. Carr, Jr., Pine Grove
 1st. Vice-President—S. E. Sparks Starke
 2nd. Vice President—Cleo Hickey Beulah
 3rd. Vice-President—W. K. Jenkins Raiford
 Secretary—T. B. Pinholster Brooker

FINANCIAL REPORT

RECEIPTS

Contributions at June meeting	\$11.50
Contributions at August business meeting50
Contributions at September meeting	7.20
Total receipts	\$19.20

DISBURSEMENTS

Expenses of June meeting	\$12.00
Expenses of September meeting	8.20
Postage70
Total disbursements	\$20.90

Total receipts	\$19.20
Total Disbursements	20.90

Deficit \$ 1.70

We ask the help of every member of the Association in this effort to get men of the Church interested in Christ's Work.

Respectfully,

WM. C. CARR, JR., President.

REPORT OF THE W. M. U. SECRETARY TO THE NEW RIVER ASSOCIATION

Meeting With The Raiford Baptist Church, Oct. 17, 1940

There are four active W. M. S. organizations in the association, namely: Starke, Raiford, Lawtey, and Pine Grove. Number of auxiliaries—9. Number of societies having school of mission—1. Number annual stewardship nights—2. Number sunbeam babies in association—19. Number membership Hundred Thousand Club—12. Amount given—\$137. Total membership W. M. S.—134. Auxiliaries—115. Mission study classes—26. Awards—258. Tithers—31. Subscriptions to Royal service—26. The Window of the Y. W. A.—2. World Comrads—12. The Witness—22. The Commission—4. Home mission—14. Coupons for Children's Home—2,754. Cash gifts—\$55.15. Value of all boxes—\$104.82. Cooperative program—\$324.42. Home missions—\$30.50. State missions—\$28.19. Foreign missions—\$49.17. Church (used locally) \$200.55. Local charity—\$11.00. Other objects—\$82.49. Fla. Margaret Fund Students—\$7.60. White Cross—\$16.98.

The W. M. U. has selected as its new president, Mrs. R. A. Thomas of Starke, and asks the approval of the Association.

(Signed) Mrs. W. C. Carr.

REPORT OF THE W. M. U. TREASURER TO THE NEW RIVER ASSOCIATION Meeting with Raiford Baptist Church, October 17, 1940

RECEIPTS

October 1, 1939—Balance brought forward	\$5.12
October 2, 1939—Offering at annual meeting at Pine Grove	5.25
November 22, 1939—Special gift to Children's Home Kings- ley Lake	1.00
January 26, 1940—Offering at Raiford rally	2.25
April 19, 1940—Offering at Starke rally	1.69
July 25, 1940—Offering at Pine Grove rally	2.16
July 25, 1940—Offering for Willie King, the missionary	6.50

Total receipts	\$23.97
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DISBURSEMENTS

Chapel fund Children's Home	\$11.00
Willie King, missionary	6.50
Miss Physllis Sokol	2.00
Postage and money orders	2.89
Stationery20
Miscellaneous	1.05

Total disbursements	\$23.64
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TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$23.97
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TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$23.64
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BALANCE ON HAND SEPTEMBER 30, 1940	\$.33
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(Signed) Mrs. W. C. Carr

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT NEW RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Information as taken from 14 letters which were turned in first day of meeting, October 16th, with Raiford Baptist church. Ten churches with Sunday School and four churches without Sunday Schools. The 10 church letters from churches show that there were 103 conversions in the past year, their church enrollment being 1369, or an average of one conversion for approximately each ten members, while the four churches without Sunday Schools showed four conversions with a church enrollment of 271, or one conversion for each 70 members. A further study of the figures as revealed by these letters show that the churches with Sunday Schools gave to missions \$1,625.69, while the churches without Sunday Schools gave only \$36.05.

There is one standard Sunday School in the association.

By W. K. Jenkins,
Assistant Superintendent Sunday Schools,

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

We could not begin a report on this subject without calling attention to the fact that the greatest piece of religious literature that has been published through the ages is the Holy Bible. We commend the use of it unreservedly to all men everywhere.

Literature in Other Books

We mention the inspiring Christian literature in other books. These are available through the Baptist Book Store in each state of the Southern Baptist Convention. The managers are always glad to supply a list of the best books published and to secure same for anyone desiring them. The Sunday School Board has grown to be a large publisher of good books, having published an average of 2,147 volumes each working day last year.

The State Baptist Papers

There is published in each state in the Southern Baptist Convention a Baptist paper for the purpose of giving information and inspiration to our Baptist people. A copy of this State paper should be in each Baptist home in the state, and should be read by the members of the family.

Periodical Literature

Since 1941 is the 50th anniversary of the Sunday School Board, we desire to give space in this report to a discussion of the periodical literature published by the Board for the churches in the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Board publishes the periodical literature used by the churches in both the Sunday School and the Training Union. The Board seeks to have all literature true to the teaching of the Bible, consistent with the Baptist principles and practices, calculated to enrich and energize the spiritual life, centered about evangelism, and concerned always with the practical application of Christian principles to daily life.

A Periodical for Every Need

The Sunday School Board publishes eighty-four different periodicals. Each one of these has been brought into being to meet some definite need among our people. We would suggest that some person be appointed in each one of our churches to get a list of these periodicals and make a thorough study of each one—learn the purpose for which each one is published—and then seek to make the periodicals available for use by all individuals who are active in the work of the local churches. Sample copies of periodicals are sent by the Board upon request.

By Kingsley Lake Church.

REPORT OF CHILDREN'S HOME

We are admonished to be "doers of the Word and not hearers only." Therefore, the Children's Home represents the gospel as it is preached and the gospel as Christians should live it, for it is by the gifts of those who have heard the Word and are doing it that our Home is able to give shelter to the shelterless, food to the starving, and a home to the homeless.

Our Children's Home does not look to us or anyone else with the eyes of charity; all it asks is help for our children. And just

as a mother has a right to call upon her husband to help with the children of their family, so our Home has the right to ask us for help. And this right is not exercised until the children under the leadership of their supervisors have done their best toward supporting themselves. They have a farm, a dairy, a print shop, and other things which lessen expenses of taking care of the 159 children in the Home. Every child is taught to work and to produce what he can for himself and the others in the Home. It has been estimated that one fourth of the cost of operating the Home is produced by the children themselves. Therefore, we can easily see that what we give to the support of the Home is not like giving for the support of shiftless or lazy persons; it is instead an opportunity for investing our funds in children whose returns to our churches and to society will be highly worth the expense.

Then, too, our Home deserves our help for the mission work it does. The case worker travels thousands of miles every year visiting children, helping their families with their problems, supervising children who have been placed in jobs, and in other ways making a contribution as a missionary of Florida Baptists to the dependent of the state.

Everything in christian work is worth while and no element or part of it should be minimized, but the work with our dependent children deserves a high place in our church life. Nothing can be more worth while than rearing and training children under a christian influence. No amount of the spoken word could convince people of our sincerity if we allow our children to go uncared for. It is our recommendation, therefore, that every church in this association give regularly and systematically to the support of our Children's Home in order that we might care for more of our children. In this way our churches will be "doers of the Word."

Respectfully submitted

HOPE CHURCH.

REPORT FOR STATE MISSIONS—1940

Florida Baptist Unions in the long ago heard God's call and moved forward in answer to his command, laying wise foundations in spiritual matters, upon which has been built a glorious and enduring structure.

The future welfare of our denomination depends upon our loyalty and enthusiastic support of our cooperative work.

Through our S. S. and B. T. U. Departments we are helping to win the lost to Christ, develop and train young Christians, organize Sunday Schools, and Training Unions. We encourage Bible stewardship, based on the teachings of Christ.

We are helping to support 61 missionary pastors as we follow our Lord in giving the gospel to the poor.

The board is also aiding 45 churches through its building and loan fund.

We make possible the publication of the Baptist Witness by a direct gift of \$6,000.00.

We now have 225 pastor members and 279 churches in Florida that are paying their dues and making possible the pension fund.

Florida Baptists made some progress last year as compared to the year before. We gave to all causes as reported by our State Mission treasurer the splendid sum of \$223,846.52. Of this amount we gave through the cooperative program \$121,090.80 and designated objects \$100,483.22.

The board depends on three sources for its income. First, its pro-rata part of cooperative program funds; second, special gifts in October from the W. M. U. Week of Prayer and the Sunday Schools; third, a donation of \$6,500.00 from Sunday School board, Nashville, to help maintain the S. S. and B. T. U. departments.

Our cooperative goal for the present year is \$150,000.00, every dollar of which will be needed in order to meet our obligations and close the year without debt.

All designated funds are sent to the objects for which they are intended, without deducting one cent for charges in handling.

We recommend the "every member canvass" as a means of reaching and enlisting the large number of indifferent members on our church rolls.

Earl Hill,
Earl Willis,
Leo Halbrook.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

Our Christ For Our Country

The strategic point of approach to the world-task is the homeland. Christ must conquer in the homeland if we expect to win victories for Him in lands afar. We must make the religion of Jesus triumphant at home if we would make it triumphant abroad.

Making And Baptizing Disciples

The Home Mission Board is giving itself to the task of giving our Christ to our country. The Board believes that the heart and soul of missions is the making and baptizing of disciples. It is therefore majoring on preaching the gospel among the Indians, the foreigners, the Negroes, in the congested sections and centers of our land, and in Cuba and Panama.

The past year has been a year of glorious achievements for Home Missions. The Lord has richly blessed our missionaries in every field. We have now 411 missionaries working in 863 mission stations. During the past year we have added 40 to our mission force, opened 93 new mission stations, and acquired 14 pieces of property. During the year our missionaries have distributed 40,362 Bibles, testaments, and portions of Scripture and 660,847 tracts. They have preached 34,008 sermons, led over 9,000 to make profession of faith in Christ, and received into fellowship with the church 4,672.

Increasing Receipts

The past year has been one of the best, financially, for many years for the Home Mission Board. Receipts were larger than for the year before. Marked progress has been made in the payment of the debt. The Board received from all sources in 1939 \$544,289.04. This is an increase over the receipts of the year before. The treasurer's report shows that \$159,585.15 was paid on the principal of

the debt. A debt-payment program has been mapped out which will liquidate all the debts of the Home Mission Board by 1945, provided the receipts do not fall below the receipts of 1939.

Departments Of Work

Under the direction of Dr. J. W. Beagle, field secretary, in the department of missions in the homeland, we have 269 missionaries, which is 17 more than last year.

Progress has been made in Cuba through the leadership of Dr. M. N. McCall, superintendent. New fields have been entered. Conditions have been favorable for general activities.

The superintendent of evangelism, Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, devotes much time to the organization and promotion of city-wide simultaneous evangelistic campaigns, and planning and promoting evangelistic programs in associational areas. There are more un-saved souls in the Southland today than there were when the Home Mission Board was organized in 1845. Our rapidly growing cities are our new frontiers. The spirit of evangelism must recapture the small country churches if our rural areas are preserved from the inroads of unscriptural, off-brand types of religion, and if our rural people are saved for Christ and His kingdom.

During the past year we have seen the greatest ingathering of Jewish souls ever witnessed. From all parts of the Southland letters have been pouring in to Rev. Jacob Gartenhaus, field secretary, telling the joyful news of Jewish friends turning to Christ.

Several thousand were enrolled in all types of classes on and off the campus in the work of twenty-one teacher-missionaries in the Home Board's cooperative work with Negroes, headed by Dr. Noble Y. Beall. One of the chief accomplishments of these men is in directing the student activities of more than 9,000 students enrolled in the schools where they teach.

Home Missions Magazine

Extensive distribution of readable Home Mission news at minimum cost has been accomplished in the circulation through twelve issues the past year of 431,600 copies of Southern Baptist Home Missions, sale of over 70,000 books, and distribution of multiplied thousands of tracts at no production cost to the Board. Baptists everywhere should read this splendid magazine which is only 25¢ a year.

Submitted by,
Brooker Church.

REPORT OF THE FOREIGN MISSION BOARD

The war clouds which have been threatening for several years have burst, sending their downpour of destruction and death upon defenseless populations. But even out of the wreckage and ruin, the Son of Righteousness is rising with healing in His wings.

The Foreign Mission Board now has 456 missionaries and 2,900 native workers in the 16 countries in which it is operating. Scattered throughout these fields there are 1,883 churches, of which 1,180 are self-supporting, and 3,269 outstations. The total membership of these churches is 236,265. During the past year 18,606 have come into the fellowship of the churches by baptism.

The indebtedness of the Board has been decreasing rather

rapidly. Indeed, during the seven years of Dr. Madry's administration, it has been reduced from \$1,110,000 to \$245,000. It is firmly believed that the Board will be entirely free of debt when its one hundredth anniversary is observed in 1945.

Gifts from the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering have been growing larger through the years, the 1939 ingathering having reached the high mark of \$330,424.70. As a result of these gifts, scores of missionaries have been sent out, missionary homes have been built, chapels and schools have been erected, hospitals have been repaired and enlarged. In other words, the conditions of the Great Commission have been carried out through the generous outpouring of our Southern Baptist women.

From practically every part of the world there come reports concerning the progress of the Gospel. In recent weeks reports have been received of the marvelous work of grace in the hearts of Japanese students. In the boys' school 550 declared their purpose to follow Christ, and in the girls' school 531 accepted Him as their personal Saviour.

Thrilling stories come from China. Miss Margie Shumate writes: "The slain lie in the streets. The women and the maids are ravished. The young men in territory occupied by the enemy are taken for forced labor, while other millions pour out their life's blood on the battlefields. The fairest of the children are carried away to give their blood for transfusions for wounded enemy soldiers. As we contemplate the things we have seen with our own eyes, and the stories which we have heard of the atrocities committed upon these innocent people, our tears like those of the prophet of old, would fain run down like a river day and night; but, on the other hand, as we pause to consider God's dealings during the year with us, and with His people in this land, we cannot but exclaim like the prophet, 'His compassions fail not. They are new every morning.'"

Dr. George Green, Secretary for Nigeria, calls his report "A Year of Progress." He says: "The year 1939 has been a good one in our Baptist work. Our missionary personnel has been increased numerically and in effectiveness by the fine character, training and talents of those who have joined our ranks. A fine spirit of co-operation on the part of our African-co-laborers, pastors, evangelists, teachers, medical assistants, and church members has made for encouragement, progress, and hope for the coming year. The spirit of evangelism is manifested in many of our pastors and the churches they lead. We, in Nigeria, are joining with Baptists of the world in the united effort for evangelism in 1940."

Although Europe and the Near East are torn and bleeding, our missionaries are staying by the stuff and the Lord is blessing their labors. A few Jews and Arabs are finding Christ in the Near East, and men are being born again in prison and concentration camps in Europe. Brother Baranyay writes from Hungary: "From the statistical reports which the churches sent me, I may say that there is progress in every line of the work."

The Baptists of Rumania have been recognized as a cult by a decree. This is a step forward, but there are still those who insist that our friends in that country will not have full liberty until they are recognized as a religious community by a royal law. Resentment has been expressed by the state church because of the recognition that has been announced, and it is significant that the

Minister of Cults who held office when the recognition was granted is no longer a member of the cabinet.

Because of the unspeakable circumstances that the war has occasioned, British and other European Baptists have been forced to limit their missionary activity. Indeed, the time is at hand when more than 400 British Baptist missionaries are likely to be cut off from the mother society. Southern Baptists have their own burden, but surely they will not deny the pitiful appeal that comes from across the Atlantic.

While there have been trying times in South America, the general trend has been forward. As one missionary expresses it, "Our churches, with their pastors and workers, are constantly seeking the lost, and in the regular services the evangelistic note is always heard and felt." This evangelistic effort has been so successful that there are in Brazil alone 53,663 members of Baptist churches.

In Mexico there is encouragement because of the arrival of new missionaries. There is also rejoicing on account of the fact that there are a number of additions to the churches on professions of faith.

THE COMMISSION, our foreign mission magazine, is growing in favor with our constituency. On June 1 there were 15,398 subscribers. This number could be greatly increased if pastors and other leaders would subscribe to the magazine and commend it to their people. It is worthy of wide reading.

Respectfully submitted,

Antioche Church.

OUR HONORED DEAD

We, your committee on "Our Honored Dead," beg to make the following report: We find from the church letters presented that the good Lord has seen fit to remove from our midst, by death, fourteen of our beloved brethren. We feel sad and are loath to part from them, yet we know that the Lord knows best and doeth all things well. Surely our loss is their eternal gain. The names of these brethren will be found on a special page dedicated to their memory.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. Barnes.

TREASURER'S REPORT**RECEIPTS**

October 11, 1939—Amount brought forward	\$ 63.10
October 13, 1939—From Association at Graham	40.25
October 30, 1939—From Union at Dedan	29.00
December 30, 1939—From Union at Heilbronn	23.95
January 8, 1940—From Bradford County Bank54
March 31, 1940—From Union at North Pleasant Grove ---	24.57
June 30, 1940—From Union at Corinth	20.75
September 29, 1940—From Union at Evergreen	26.98
Total Receipts	\$ 229.14

DISBURSEMENTS

October 29, 1939—Moderator of Union at Dedan	\$ 2.00
October 30, 1939—Aged Ministerial Relief	11.00
November 14, 1939—Postage	1.20
November 20, 1939—Associational Minutes	44.00
November 28, 1939—Express charges on Minutes68
November 30, 1939—Clerk's Salary	25.00
December 4, 1939—Postage54
January 4, 1940—Aged Ministerial Relief	9.59
February 6, 1940—Postage45
March 31, 1940—Clerk of Union at N. Pleasant Grove ---	1.00
April 1, 1940—Aged Ministerial Relief	12.02
May 1, 1940—Postage81
June 30, 1940—Moderator of Union at Corinth	2.00
July 3, 1940—Aged Ministerial Relief	5.25
August 9, 1940—Postage75
August 24, 1940—Postage	1.12
September 10, 1940—Postage75
September 29, 1940—Moderator of Union at Evergreen --	2.00
September 29, 1940—Clerk at Evergreen	1.00
October 2, 1940—Aged Ministerial Relief	9.37
Total disbursements	\$ 130.53

OCTOBER 17, 1940—BALANCE ON HAND	\$ 98.61
October 18, 1940—Amount received from the local Finance Committee at the end of the session	\$ 35.50

T. B. PINHOLSTER, Treasurer of the Association.

**IN MEMORIUM**

This page is dedicated to the memory of the following named loved ones who have answered the final call during our Associational Year:

Mr. A. A. Durden	Mrs. Minda Hodges
Mrs. J. D. Goodman	Mrs. Jesse Reddish
Mr. A. J. Griffis	Mr. G. B. Newsome
Mrs. L. W. Kickliter	Mrs. J. L. Silcox
Mr. Andrew Sullivan	Mr. P. A. Crosby
Mr. William Fowler	Mr. J. B. Brown
Mr. Andrew Hilliard	Mr. S. W. Ricard

Church Directories	Baptisms and Members, Etc.	S. Schools	Tr. Unions	W. M. U.	Brother-hoods	Church Property	Church Finances	Missions Etc.															
Antioch	When Constituted	Regular Days of Meetings	Baptisms	Total Membership	Revival Meetings Held During Year	Observances of Lord's Supper During Year	Families Receiving State Baptist Paper	Number of Schools	Total Enrolled	Total Number Unions and Story Hours	Total Enrolled in All Unions and Story Hours	Total Women's and Children's Organizations	Total Women's Contributions All Purposes	Number	Enrollment	Value of Church Houses and Grounds	Value of Pastors' Homes	Total Value All Church Property	Pastor's Salary	Total Local Church Expenses Including Pastor's Salary and All Other Expenses	Gifts to Co-Operative Program	Total for All Missions Including Co-Operative Program and "Specials" or Designated Gifts to Missions, Orphans' Home, Etc.	How Many Members Are Tithers?
1872	2-4	10	238	1	4	4	1	1	47	15	13	1,200.89	2	16	32,550.00	4,000.00	37,050.00	6,425.56	11,246.14	820.35	1,659.63	79	
Brook	1-3	1	85	1	4	4	1	1	32	2	1	114.11	1	16	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	225.00	309.49	6.32	17.76	7	
Corinth	2-4	6	80	1	2	2	1	1	32	77	5	128.36	1	16	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	300.00	325.00	46.74	40.75	4	
Dedan	1-3	1	63	1	4	4	1	1	65	65	6	68.00	1	16	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	178.64	473.73	36.05	66.86	5	
Evergreen	1-3	4	92	1	4	4	1	1	65	50	6	890.42	1	16	500.00	500.00	500.00	60.00	262.24		41.05	10	
Gadara	1-3	4	92	1	4	4	1	1	65	50	6	890.42	1	16	500.00	500.00	500.00	143.67	81.76				
Heilbronn	1-3	6	54	1	4	4	1	1	35	50	6	890.42	1	16	500.00	500.00	500.00	100.00	246.94				
Hope	1-3	8	41	1	2	2	2	2	41	50	6	890.42	1	16	500.00	500.00	500.00	53.30	149.33				
Kingsley	1-3	3	95	1	3	3	3	3	71	50	6	890.42	1	16	500.00	500.00	500.00	60.00	34.31				
Lawley	1-3	9	60	1	4	4	2	1	76	33	1	114.11	1	16	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	109.67	108.42				
New River	1-3	5	147	1	2	2	2	1	76	33	1	114.11	1	16	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	883.67	154.13				
N. Pl. Grove	1-3	88	27	1	4	4	1	1	39	77	5	128.36	1	16	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	65.00	1,587.76				
Phine Grove	1-3	5	88	1	4	4	1	1	39	77	5	128.36	1	16	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	180.00	308.00				
Railford	1-3	20	191	1	4	4	1	1	115	65	6	68.00	1	16	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	1,233.54	1,708.39				
Starke	1-3	3	126	1	4	4	1	1	145	50	6	890.42	1	16	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	600.00	919.71				
Water Oak	1-3	36	350	1	4	4	1	1	222	50	6	890.42	1	16	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	1,730.00	4,155.54				
Totals	112	1943	18	58	47	11	888	15	925	13	1,200.89	2	16	32,550.00	4,000.00	37,050.00	6,425.56	11,246.14	820.35	1,659.63	79		