

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Reassembled at 2 p. m.
Prayer by W. D. Turnley:
O. J. Frier read the—

REPORT ON DECEASED MINISTERS.

We learn that since our last Convention the following ministers have been called from their earthly labors to their reward above: R. W. Phillips died at Suwannee, Fla., April 3d; W. W. Carlton at Antioch in South Florida Association, July 24th; J. J. Robertson at Palmetto July 18th; M. L. Dyess at Rex in August and I. W. Kraker at Tampa in November.

We recommend that we as a Convention pause in our work to pay our respects to these our brothers and comrades in our Master's service, who have fallen in, not out of His service, two of these in the prime of life, and the others in age. While we mourn their loss to us, let us remember that "precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." While we say sadly, Alas! our brethren! a voice from heaven says, "Write blessed are the dead that die in the Lord." Let us then mourn their loss to us, but rejoice in their eternal gain. Let a page in our minutes be dedicated to their memory.

O. J. FRIER,
S. E. TIMMONS,
J. W. HILTON,
O. S. HARRIS,
Committee.

The report was adopted without discussion.

W. D. Turnley read the—

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your committee desire to urge the importance of this work upon two distinct grounds, viz: The divine authority

and the great practical helpfulness to all departments of church endeavor.

The Bible school of the Jews was in several respects the parallel of our modern institution. We desire to present this subject as having the approval of God's chosen people, from their return from Babylonish captivity down to the time of Christ. Every congregation now ought to meet every Sunday to study God's word, whether they have preaching so often or not. It would then become much easier to maintain preaching service every Sunday.

Our second point grows naturally out of the first; for if divine approval rests upon the Bible school idea, it is of practical importance in fostering other interests. So useful and even necessary have Sunday schools become, that all our associations and Conventions require reports upon the subject. The Southern Baptist Convention and many State organizations support a Sunday School Board, separate and distinct from their mission boards. God's manifest approval makes the matter of Sunday schools of prime importance.

We gather from the journal of our last State Convention the following facts:

Number of churches in the 24 associations of Florida, 483; number of schools, 212; number of members in the churches, 23,689; number of pupils in the schools, 10,060. It goes without saying that those associations reporting a large number of schools are the strongest in other respects, and the churches having schools are the most wide-awake and progressive. It is almost as great a reproach to a church to be without a Sunday school as to contribute nothing to missions.

We recommend that every Baptist church in this State not having a school be urged to organize one at once, that every association and Fifth Sunday meeting take up the

MANY FRIENDS AT BIER OF CHRISTIAN WOMAN

Many From Palmetto Go to Gillette to
Pay Last Respects to Wife of
Former Pastor

PALMETTO, Oct. 20.—Quite a number of Palmettoans attended the funeral of Mrs. M. I. Robertson at Gillette Monday morning. Mrs. Robertson was one of the pioneer settlers of Manatee County. She and her husband, Rev. J. J. Robertson, were for many years the most widely known and best-loved couple in the South Florida Baptist Association, being called "Aunt Mary" and "Uncle Jesse" by all friends and acquaintances.

"Uncle Jesse" died many years ago. At the time of his death they were living in Palmetto, but after a few years "Aunt Mary" moved to the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Armstrong of Terra Ceia, and since then has made her home there and with another daughter, Mrs. Rye of Ryley.

While visiting a granddaughter in Tampa she had a severe fall, Thursday afternoon, breaking her leg, and receiving other injuries. She died Saturday morning. Had she lived until December she would have been eighty-eight years old. She leaves three daughters, Mrs. Rye of Ryley, Mrs. Fletcher Gillette of Gillette, Mrs. Frank Armstrong of Terra Ceia, and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren to mourn her loss.

T. E. Spangstad has returned from