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CONSTITUTION

Article 1. This body shall be denominated the Alachua Baptist Association.

Art. 2. It shall be composed of such churches as hold the doctrines of human depravity, the atonement of Christ, election to eternal life, regeneration and perseverance of the Saints, baptism, by immersion of the person in water, administered to none but professional believers, and the Lord's Supper intended for those only who have been regularly admitted into the visible church.

Art. 3. We take the only living and true God, in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, to be one God.

Art. 4. We take the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be the only rule of faith and practice, both in the concerns of religion and general affairs of life and particularly for transacting the affairs of our church.

Art. 5. We take the church of Christ to be a congregation of faithful persons, who lie in fellowship, and have given themselves to the Lord and to one another in cordial agreement to observe Holy discipline in conformity with the requirements of the Scriptures.

Art. 6. We take Jesus Christ to be the great head of the Church, and the only one given the government under him is with the body, and is the privilege of each individual member; that spiritual discipline, with an eye single to the glory of God, must greatly conduce to the final prosperity and union of the churches.

Art. 7. In view of the increase of fraternal love, knowledge, usefulness, and efficiency which must accrue from an association of churches in cordial union upon the principles of the Gospel, we have sought to be thus united that by individual and collective action we may best subserve the great objects of the Redeemer's Kingdom. And the concurrence of two-thirds will dissolve the connection.

Art. 8. This Association shall have the power to withdraw its connection from any church which shall act contrary to the teachings of the Holy Scriptures.

Art. 9. New churches wishing to be admitted into this

body shall petition by letters and messengers, and upon examination if found orthodox and orderly, shall be admitted by receiving the right hand of fellowship of the moderator.

Art. 10. Each church shall be entitled to two messengers and one additional for each twenty-five members, or fractional part thereof, in excess of fifty.

Art. 11. Every query sent to the Association by any church in its union shall be read and put to vote by the moderator, whether it shall be debated, and if there shall be a majority in favor it shall be taken up and debated, but if not, it shall be withdrawn; provided always, that those be first considered which affect the union of the churches.

Art. 12. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the observation of the Association, unless withdrawn by the mover.

Art. 13. Every member who speaks shall rise from his seat and address the moderator, and shall not be interrupted while he is speaking unless he depart from the subject.

Art. 14. No person shall speak more than three times upon one subject without permission of the body. The constitution of this body may be altered or amended by the concurrence of two-thirds of its members.

Art. 15. No person shall absent himself from the Association without leave of the Moderator.

Art. 16. It shall be the first business of the Association to provide for the general union of churches; second, to provide for the destitution of the churches and districts by missionary aid; third to keep up a correspondence with other Associations of like faith and order, that a chain of communication may be preserved among the churches; fourthly, to give the churches the best advice they can in matters of difficulty, and if communication should be broken between any of the sister churches, to inquire into the cause, and use the best means to remove the difficulty; but if the breach cannot be healed, to withdraw from such church or churches as walk disorderly, until they may be reclaimed and, fifthly, to regulate all matters pertaining to its business, to provide for printing the minutes, and appoint the time and place of its next meeting.

BY-LAWS

1. The Officers of this body shall be a moderator, clerk, corresponding secretary and treasurer.
2. The moderator, clerk, treasurer and corresponding secretary shall be chosen by ballot at each session of the Association, and shall remain in office until their successors are elected.
3. It shall be the duty of the moderator to preside over the meetings of the Association, and the duty of the clerk to keep record of the proceedings and prepare minutes for the press.
4. It shall be the duty of the corresponding secretary to conduct the correspondence of the Association, and make a report of the same at each regular meeting of the body. It shall be the duty of the treasurer to keep all the funds of the Association, subject to the orders of the executive committee.
5. There shall be an executive committee consisting of the officers of the Association with two members appointed by the Association at each meeting of this Association, whose duty it shall be to supervise and conduct all matters pertaining to this Association during the year.
6. Churches wishing to dissolve connection with this body must submit their reasons during its session.
7. It shall be required of the executive committee to hold a meeting for business at each session of the Association, before its adjournment.

Alachua Baptist Association, Florida**Held With****EDEN CHURCH AT LAKE LINDSEY****OCTOBER 4TH AND 5TH, 1927****FIRST DAY****Morning Session.**

The Alachua Baptist Association met with the Eden Church at Lake Lindsey in its Eight-first Annual Session at 10:00 A. M., October 4th.

Devotional was conducted by Rev. R. Y. Walden, Jr.

Meeting was called to order by Moderator Beasley, and on motion it was ordered that the messengers from the various churches constitute the body. The following messengers were present:

Brooksville—Rev. and Mrs. J. S. McLemore, Mrs. F. H. Edington, Mrs. B. F. Lamb, Mrs. C. M. Emerson, Mrs. M. H. Smow, G. R. Creekmore, Mrs. Earl Elliot, Mrs. Gus Shults, Walter Evans, B. G. Edwards, Mrs. R. L. Priest, Mrs. Chas. Davis, Mrs. J. B. Melton, Mrs. W. S. Hancock.

Bushnell—Rev. J. H. Paton, Rev. I. N. Thomas, Rev. J. C. Rogers, T. R. Coker, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Mickler, Mrs. J. H. Hughes, J. L. H. Hutchinson.

Center Hill—Miss Margaret Hooten, M. M. Wade, Mrs. Manda Wade, Rev. and Mrs. I. N. Aldrich, Mrs. Carrie Craig.

Coleman—Rev. G. A. Martin.

Eden—J. A. Morgan, James Priest, Bro. Grubs, Ralph Calvin, Mrs. W. R. Landrum.

Floral City—Mrs. J. S. Landrum, Elizabeth J. Dunn, Mrs. M. M. Smoke.

Hebron—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Miley, A. P. Sharp, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bishop, Mrs. J. R. Thompson.

Marsh Bend—By letter.

Oxford—Miss Loula O'Dell, Mrs. Clara Nichols, Mr. and

Mrs. J. H. Perry, Mrs. E. J. Smith, T. P. Caruthers, Mrs. Theo. O'Dell, Mrs. M. E. Shaw, W. L. Brinson.

Pleasant Hill—By letter.

Summerfield—Rev. and Mrs. R. Y. Walden, Jr.

Sumpterville—By letter.

Webster—Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Parrish.

Wildwood—Mr. and Mrs. Libby Fore, Mrs. Anna Carter, Mrs. Guy Higginbotham, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Mills, Mrs. E. S. Stroud, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Hall, Lawrence Mills.

The Association was organized by the election of the following officers:

Moderator—Isom Beasley, Brooksville.

Clerk—R. Y. Walden, Jr., Summerfield.

Vice Chairman—J. H. Patten, Bushnell.

Treasurer—Mrs. J. H. Hughes, Bushnell.

Upon motion the printed program was adopted.

Petitionary Letters were called for and Inverness applied for membership under the Association watch-care, Linden applied for membership.

Upon motion the chair appointed the following Committee on Petitionary Letters: Drs. Aldrich, McLemore and Rev. Patton.

Upon motion it was ordered that each Church shall be entitled to three messengers, and one for each (25) twenty-five additional members or fraction thereof.

Committee on Petitionary Letters reported. The committee recommended that these two churches be received as per request. Report was adopted.

Upon motion the delegates from Inverness were accorded all of the privileges of the Association with the exception of voting.

Clerk read the letters.

The following visitors were introduced: Dr. C. M. Brittain, Jacksonville; Rev. J. L. Norris, New River Association.

Dr. I. N. Aldrich preached the Associational sermon, Theme: "Like Him"; Text: I Jno. 3:1.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Devotional led by Rev. W. Y. Hunt, Psalm 100.

The following committees were appointed:

Digest of Letters—I. N. Thompson, Chairman Mrs. Clara Nichols, Mrs. I. N. Aldrich.

Nominations—G. A. Martin, chairman; Bro. Sharp, Mrs. Ganderman.

Finance—H. C. Parrish, chairman, F. R. Coker, G. R. Creekmore.

Obituaries—J. C. Rogers, chairman; Mrs. H. C. Parrish, Bro. Sizemore.

The report on Foreign Missions was read by I. N. Aldrich as follows:

FOREIGN MISSIONS

All Baptists throughout the world great have reason to rejoice and thank God for the great accomplishments of our Foreign Mission Board for the past year. Men and women, married and unmarried, have been sent to eighteen different nations as Missionaries. However, it is to be regretted, of necessity there have been retrenchments. Total receipts from all sources aggregated \$1,633,477. This is \$748,800 less than receipts a year ago. This tremendous falling off in contributions for missions is the cause for retrenchments from the great work in the missionary fields. Out of 96 missionaries, so far but 36 have been returned to their respective fields. 25 to China, 8 to Brazil, 2 to Japan, 1 to Africa and 1 to Argentina. The other 60 are home all from the same fields except one from Mexico. It is yet uncertain as to whether or not these willing workers can be returned in the near future. The debt has been reduced \$23,224, leaving still an indebtedness of \$748,799, but this reduction has been done at the expense or loss of just that many missionaries, it would have maintained in their fields. Not only are our home land missionaries thus thrown out of employment and their life work, they have at great sacrifice prepared themselves for, is in jeopardy, but the native missionaries also have to give up their work among their own people for lack of funds. This not only renders their support or living very precarious, but forces them into a very unfortunate position before their heathen neighbors. Many schools have been closed, building operations have been discontinued, including houses of worship, schools, hospitals, with some buildings still unfinished. Also important publications have been discontinued, especially in Italy, where most needed at this time when the Catholics are resorting to every possible scheme to

overthrow and uproot Protestantism throughout their land. Even have they secured active efforts of Musalina to help bring about this most unfortunate condition. With the death of four, and resignation of forty-eight of our missionaries, our number has been reduced to five hundred thirteen; and one of the great questions that now confronts our Board is the return of our missionaries now home on furlough. Besides, there is a large number of finely equipped young people ready and waiting for their assignments. To fail in returning our missionaries to their respective fields and to send out these new recruits, will not be much short of criminal neglect according to our Boards report.

China is the greatest and most promising field in the world today, notwithstanding the terrible war that is going on there. It is gratifying to learn from our Foreign Mission Board, which we consider the most reliable, that the uprising throughout China is not from hatred towards Protestant missions, and so-called foreigners amongst them, as the newspapers would have us believe, but rather it is from the long continued mis-treatment of China by all other powers, with but the single exception of the United States, which has always been very lenient and sympathetic with China. As we know, ever since the Boxer uprising, all the leading powers of Europe, after saddling upon China a most exorbitant indemnity for so-called damages they sustained. They have arbitrarily controlled the ports of China, to collect these exorbitant levies. The United States refunded every dollar so awarded her. The United States was the first among leading nations to take steps to restore to China her commercial rights. And among the commissioners selected to bring this about were members of our Foreign Mission Board, a very high compliment indeed. So our board is looking hopefully forward to the day when great achievements shall yet be accomplished in down-trodden China. Our Board cites the fact that Europe, the home-land of the white race, is now ready, as it has not been for centuries past, for genuine evangelical appeal. This grand opportunity for evangelizing the white race of Europe is the result of the great World War, and a compensation for the tremendous loss of blood and money. This is the balancing of the scales in God's great plan of Divine economy, and shows how God causes the wrath of man to praise Him. Nearer by us are South America and Mexico, both very promising fields. We have but to do as the Master said, 'Lift up thine eyes and behold the fields whitened unto the harvest.'

It brings tears to ones eyes, who has the cause of foreign missions at heart, to thus see the great fields ripe for the harvest, and hear the macedonian cry, and be unable to respond. No one feels this more keenly than do our faithful missionaries who have been on the fields and know from personal observation the true

situation. Our Board suggests that our churches adopt the method formerly practiced, that of each maintaining a missionary on some one of our 18 mission fields. It is not through lack of money throughout the United States. We have had no famine or general calamity to financially cripple the people as a whole. All the loss from the Miami disaster and Mississippi flood, did not begin to total the five millions the devotees of Christian America, poured out for a rash half hour prize fight, recently at Chicago. A supreme spirit of greed and to get rich quick seems to have permeated the hearts of men everywhere, so that they forget God. Foreign and Home Missions, and our local churches are greatly menaced and hampered by this unfortunate situation, as well as our cause of missions. The sure solution of this mighty problem, is for the faithful pastors, evangelists and faithful laymen, to go in for an old fashion revival among all our churches. Then our people will bring their tithes into the store-house, and the cause of missions, home and foreign, will go marching on and the Master's Kingdom will be built up.

I. N. ALDRICH.

The above report was adopted as read.

The report on Home Missions was read by J. C. Hill, as follows:

HOME MISSIONS

At the Southern Baptist Convention in Louisville, Ky., last May, the Home Mission Board presented its eighty-second annual report. The workers of the Board, independent and co-operative, during the year delivered 109,419 sermons and addresses; conducted 19,966 prayer meetings; made 171,239 religious visits; added to churches by baptism 20,686 members; total additions 36,233; won 840 volunteers for Christian Service; constituted 168 churches; built or improved 278 church houses; organized 406 Sunday Schools; distributed 11,847 Bibles and Testaments; circulated 1,651,204 pages of religious tracts.

This fine record is worthy of all praises and calls for grateful thanksgiving to God for His wonderful favor. But for the lack of means many new fields white unto harvest would have been entered.

The Convention in Louisville instructed the Board in laying out its work for the new year not to go beyond the receipts of last year in its appropriations. This called for drastic retrenchments at the annual meeting of the Board the first of June. In one department, that of Independent and Direct Missions, twenty-five missionaries were dropped and similar cuts were made in all departments. It is enough to stir stony hearts—these open doors in ripe fields and no laborers to enter into reap the harvest. Let

us pray the Lord of the harvest to send more laborers into His harvest through the liberality of our people.

The heavy debt on the Board must be lifted as soon as possible in order that this great task of saving our beloved Southland for Christ may be carried on in a way worthy of our people, so numerous and well able to accomplish it and for the glory of God.

Three recent Home Mission books should be read and studied by our people, namely:

"The New Challenge of Home Missions," by E. P. Alldredge, price 50c.

"A Tale of Two People—Gentiles and Jews," by W. M. Seay, price 60c and \$1.00.

"Just Around the Corner Tales," by Mrs. Una R. Lawrence, price 50c.

The above prices are just about the cost of publication and can be had direct from the Home Mission Board or the Baptist Book Store of our State.

The Board has a fresh supply of tracts and leaflets on all phases of its work, which can be had without charge on request of the Home Mission Board, 804 Wynne-Claughton Building, Atlanta, Georgia.

Let us pray constantly for the Lord's blessings upon our Home Mission Board and its work. This Board has been the great unifying, co-ordinating agency of Southern Baptists, and probably more than any other agency has been the greatest force for unifying Southern Baptist.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. HILL.

It was moved and seconded that the above report be adopted.

Report on State Missions was read by J. S. McLemore as follows:

STATE MISSIONS

State Missions is the combined efforts of the churches in Florida to provide the gospel for new centers of population, to co-operate in the support of the pastors of weaker churches, to provide evangelists to co-operate with churches in winning the lost, to aid in building houses of worship for those who are unable to build for themselves, to provide for destitute children through our children's home, to stimulate, educate and train leadership for our churches through the Sunday School and B. Y. P. U.'s, to engage in the enlistment of all our people for the giving of the gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth. Therefore, State Mission is the first in importance. It is here that the injunction, "Let the strong bear the infirmities of the weak," finds

its finest example. If we could understand what it would mean to the Kingdom for the next twenty-five years, we have, no doubt, that the Baptist of Florida would sacrifice to make our people Christian. When one aids State Missions, they strengthen the base of supply for the giving of the gospel to the whole world. Without supporting State Missions, home and foreign missions would be impossible. To our shame, we are letting the work drag and our support is far inadequate. We are many thousands of dollars behind our schedule. We should therefore bend every energy to meet our budget by December 1st. Let the churches pray for and give to this worthy work, is the urge of your committee.

J. S. McLEMORE.

It was moved and seconded the above report be adopted.

C. M. Brittain and J. S. McLemore spoke to the above reports.

The report on Home Missions and State Missions were adopted as read.

EVENING SESSION

Devotional led by J. H. Patten, Jon. 4:31-34.

Two song were sung by some visitors from Brooksville.

The report on Sunday School was read by R. Y. Walden, Jr., as follows:

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

It seems that during the last year there has been a steady increase in Sunday School attendance in our Association, this is as it ought to be. We ought to be very thankful for this showing. Most of the churches have Sunday Schools. We would recommend to the Sunday Schools a use of the Home and Foreign Fields. Especially do we urge the officers and teachers this magazine published by the Sunday School Board.

Respectfully submitted,

R. Y. WALDEN, Jr.

Report spoken to by R. W. Walden, Jr., J. S. McLemore, I. N. Aldrich, J. H. Patten and F. B. Merriman.

The report was adopted as read.

The Report on B. Y. P. U. was read by J. C. Hill.

B. Y. P. U.

The B. Y. P. U. was born a good many years ago and has been functioning very largely in Baptist affairs since.

The object of the B. Y. P. U. is: Increased spirituality of young Christians; their training in essential church activities;

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their edification in Scripture knowledge; their instruction in Baptist doctrine and history; their enlistment in all forms of missionary endeavor through existing denominational organizations.

There is no other organization in our churches that can do the work of the B. Y. P. U. and our young people should have our encouragement and help in the work.

Our state work is doing fine under the able leadership of our Secretary Dr. W. W. Willian. He with his helpers cover the state fairly well, and render a service that eternity alone will show. Our Sunday School Board furnishes us all needed help and there is no reason why any church cannot have an organization for their young people, and not only so but any young Baptist who desires to be of service, through the courses of study may become efficient in the work.

In our own Association we have several churches that have no B. Y. P. U., but we are making progress. We have two Federations; the Dr. Rogers Federation has been doing good work for nearly three years and recently the Sumter County Federation was organized and is starting off very fine.

Let us pray for the success of the young people's work and give them every encouragement possible, for in these days of great movements we must not lose our young people from church.

We must not close this report without a word about our Assemblies. As you may know we have up to the present for a few years had three Assemblies: West Florida, DeFuniak Springs; DeLand and also on the East Coast. These gatherings are of untold power in enlisting our people in the work. If plans carry as they are progressing now we may in the near future have one of these gathering places right here on this good old historic spot. May the Lord grant that it may be so for His praise.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. HILL.

Motion made and seconded that the report be adopted.

The visiting choir from Brooksville rendered an anthem.

The B. Y. P. U. report was spoken to by J. C. Hill and J. S. McLemore.

Report was adopted as read.

SECOND DAY

Morning Session

Devotional—Congregation sang "Higher Ground" and "Follow On."

Prayer by A. M. Bennett.

The following visitors were introduced: Dr. J. W. Mitch-

ell of the Baptist Witness, Dr. A. M. Bennett, Rev. and Mrs. P. C. Schilling of Tampa Bay Association and Bro. J. A. Townsend of the Pasco Association.

The Report on Christian Education was read by Mrs. J. H. Hughes, as follows:

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

One of the reasons Baptists are interested in maintaining schools and Colleges is suggested in the following statements from the late President Eliot of Harvard—"Exclude religion from education and you have no foundation on which to build moral character."

For more than one hundred years Southern Baptists have been engaged in building up and strengthening a system of schools which now reach all of the States in the Convention. These schools represent an investment of \$38,890,086.00 in property and equipment, and \$18,854,721.00 in endowment. Last session there were enrolled in these schools 16,645 young men and young women 22, 445, making a total enrollment of 39,090 students. 2,424 students for the ministry in our schools last session were distributed as follows: Theological Seminaries 705; Senior Colleges, 1,025; Junior Colleges, 539; Preparatory Schools 155. In addition to these students for the ministry there were in the Baptists Schools of the South last session 1,753 students pledged to definite Christian work as a life calling. Stetson University at DeLand and Junior College at Sebring, are our own State Schools.

Some of the problems that face our Baptist Schools have come about from greatly increased cost to the schools of providing the required educational equipment in buildings, class rooms and faculties, and from the phenomenal development in the program in tax supported schools in the last few years, and from criticisms of our schools, which too often have not been constructive or reasonable criticisms, and from the fact that we have been forced to meet standards in education which have not been set up wholly by persons who were largely interested in denominational schools or familiar with their needs.

The Education Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has worked on standards for Baptist schools for several years and presented to the Convention at Louisville a set of standards for our schools. These standards were adopted by the Convention. These may be found in the report of the Education Board in the Convention Annual for 1927.

The Education Board in its report to the Southern Baptist Convention, calls attention to the fact that the number of young men in our Baptist schools in the South, who are preparing to

preach the gospel, has decreased at the average rate of 225 per year for the past three years. All pastors are asked to preach one or more sermons on "The Call to the Ministry", and our churches are asked to pray the Lord of the harvest that will call forth laborers in the fields white unto harvest.

Respectfully submitted

MRS. J. H. HUGHES

Motion made and seconded that the report be adopted.

Report was spoken to by J. C. Hill and A. M. Bennett. J. W. Mitchell spoke on Christian Education and in behalf of the Baptist Witness.

The report was adopted as read.

Dr. I. N. Thompson preached a Doctrinal Sermon on "Christian Assurance"; Text Jon. 10:27-28.

Afternoon Session

Devotional—Congregation sang "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms," and "Trying to Walk in the Steps of Jesus."

Prayer by W. Y. Hunt.

The Report on the Florida Baptist Children's Home was read by Miss Loula O'Dell:

CHILDREN'S HOME

To love and support orphan children is given as one of the evidences of pure and undefiled religion in James 1st Chapter thus we find that the support of the Florida Baptist Children's Home at Arcadia in which there are at present one hundred and fifty-eight boys and girls is Scriptural. All needs necessary to make this a real home and provide the children with the necessities of life and opportunities for the best development and preparation for usefulness is a just righteous obligation. This obligation rests upon every individual Baptist and every organization entered into for advancement of God's work in the State of Florida.

Fifteen efficient and capable men comprise the board of trustees. The men direct the policy of the work through the superintendent with every interest of the children at heart. The health of the children has been exceptionally good. No serious sickness.

The Home has cared for more children than ever before, having now one hundred and fifty-eight with only room for two or three more. The work for their education and development

has been the best. The buildings and equipment is being taken care of in a perfectly satisfactory way. A new building is under construction which will relieve the crowded condition in some departments of school work. Florida Baptist should not be satisfied until they have made provision for every worthy applicant for Dr. Trice, has said he will never turn away a full orphan who needs the care and protection of the Home for he has faith in the Florida Baptists. The financial conditions of the home are serious, not enough has been received from the unified program to meet the current expenses and the first of September was behind \$12,815, when they should receive \$3,000 monthly as was agreed. Independent contributions are allowed by the State Convention, but these haven't been sufficient to supplement the receipts from the unified program so that all expenses could be met. The first of September found the Home \$8,000 in debt, and owing to the financial condition existing over the State they find it impossible to borrow sufficient money to meet the bills, thus they are placed in a very embarrassing position.

The Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees secured the consent of the Convention and put on a State-wide campaign the last Sunday in September. The result is not yet known, but we hope the full amount and more was raised. We urge on the part of all churches a larger financial support of the home that enlargement of the work might be made to meet all needs and appeals from orphan children in need of a home. Prayerful interest, and donations of clothing and food is recommended.

Respectfully submitted,

LOULA O'DELL

Motion and seconded that the report be adopted.

The Report was spoken to by J. S. McLamore.

The report was adopted as read.

The report on aged ministers was read by J. N. Thompson, as follows:

AGED MINISTERS

It is a sad fact that Southern Baptist have not made proper provisions for the care of their aged and infirm ministers. However, we are glad to note an awakening along this line. Our Annuity Board provides for a small, though inadequate support. There is a move on now to raise a million dollars to aid in this work. This million is to be a monument to the name of our late dear Brother Lunsford, secretary of this board. There is also an organization in Florida known as Baptist Ministers Assurance Association that brings help to the widows of its beneficiary mem-

bers. This too is insufficient for their needs. May the Lord lay this cause upon the hearts of our Baptist until they arise to the support of this much needful and worthy cause.

Respectfully submitted,

I. N. THOMPSON

Motion and seconded that the report be adopted.

The report was spoken to by I. N. Thompson.

The report was adopted as read.

The report on "Woman's Work was read by Mrs. Clara Nichols, as follows:

WOMAN'S WORK

We find the Woman's Work is growing (all too slow) but steady. At our annual meeting last week there were six W. M. S. reported with a membership of 195. Coleman did not report but they have a society. When the churches of Inverness and Linden were received in our Association, on yesterday, they brought to us two more W. M. Societies. Linden likes only one organization of a full graded union. We have now a total of 9 W. M. Societies, 1 Y. W. A., 2 G. A's., 1 R. A., A S. B. Bands. The reported gifts, which does not include Coleman, Inverness and Linden are as follows:

Unified Program	\$568.17
Weeks of Prayer	243.05
Personal Service	245.41
Local Work	407.19
Other Objects	136.33
Total	\$1600.15

We would urge first prayer, individual and united prayer. Next study first the Bible and then the books gotten out for that purpose that we may be workmen that needeth not to be ashamed. And then organize *all* of our young people. What greater work could any woman do in the church than to train a group of young people for service in the Master's Kingdom?

Respectfully submitted

MRS. CLARA NICHOLS

Motion and seconded that the report be adopted.

The report was spoken to by Mrs. J. S. McLamore.

The report was adopted as read.

The Report on Temperance was read by J. H. Patten, as follows:

TEMPERANCE

We your Committee on Temperance, feel that there is no more important question before this Association than the question of Temperance on the final overthrow of the Nefarious Liquor Power. We have the Amendment to our National Constitution prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicants, but the liquor forces of the land have been making it so hard to enforce the laws, that it behooves every member of all our churches to be on the alert, that the bootleggers, rum runners, moonshiners, and ward politicians and roughnecks of the land do not destroy us. Many of our officials are in league with the bootleggers and all of us should see that the proper men should be placed in office who will enforce the laws and believe in prohibition law. All of us Christians should abstain from drinking ourselves, and do our best to keep the laws, ourselves, and help create a public sentiment in favor of temperance.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. PATTEN

Moved and seconded that the report be adopted.

The report was spoken to by J. H. Patten.

The report was adopted as read.

The Report of Committee on Digest of letters was read by I. N. Thompson, as follows:

DIGEST OF LETTERS

Brooksville—By Baptism, 38; letters, 27; total gifts, \$5156.36.

Bushnell—By Baptism, 1; letters, 8; total gifts, \$444.23.

Coleman—By Baptism, 2; letters, 2; total gifts, \$195.92.

Center Hill—By Baptism, 23; letters, 12; total gifts, \$7127.18.

Eden—By Baptism, 9, total gifts, \$397.00.

Floral City—By Baptism, 2; letters, 14; total gifts, \$430.25.

Marsh Bend—By Baptism, 4; letters, 1.

Pleasant Hill—Total gifts, \$1367.76.

Summerfield—By Baptism, 11; letters, 1; total gifts, \$1042.43.

Wildwood—By Baptism, 17; letters, 33; Total gifts, \$9094.53.

Webster—By Baptism, 7; letters, 9; total gifts, \$8011.32.

Report was adopted as read.

The Report on Finance was read by H. C. Parish, as follows:

FINANCE

We your committee on finance beg to report the following amounts sent for clerk and minutes:

Wesbter	\$ 5.00
Oxford	6.00
Eden	2.00
Summerfield	3.00
Wildwood	5.00
Hebron	2.00
Brooksville	10.00
Coleman	5.00
Center Hill	1.00
W. M. U.	5.00
Total	\$ 44.00

Report was adopted as read.

Upon motion it was ordered that the Executive Committee be empowered to adopt a Budget for Associational Missions and make the appeal to the churches.

Report on Obituaries was read by R. T. Sizemore, as follows:

OBITUARIES

We, your Committee on Obituaries, beg leave to submit the following names of our number having passed away and are gone to reap their reward in the new Jerusalem:

MISS PEARL DONOLSON	Brooksville
LUTHER C. SHERHOUSE	Brooksville
W. M. McCARTY	Brooksville
W. A. THAXTON	Brooksville
J. T. EVANS	Brooksville
MRS. J. H. EVANS	Brooksville
JOHN MEEKS	Brooksville
C. D. SMITH	Brooksville
M. B. THOMPSON	Brooksville
WALTER NICHOLS	Brooksville
SISTER SHARP	Brooksville
R. H. BENNETT	Brooksville
N. HEDICK	Brooksville
MRS. J. M. HEDICK	Brooksville
O. S. BOGUE	Brooksville
S. B. LYNN	Brooksville
QUINCY SIRMANS	Brooksville
MRS. NITTIE CARTER	Brooksville
MRS. ELLA DUDLEY	Brooksville
MRS. HATTIE ROLFE	Brooksville

This completes the list of the deceased as reported by the different church letters. There are others whose names are not given whom we miss in our ranks very much we must submit to the will of the Master.

Respectfully submitted,
R. T. SIZEMORE

Report was adopted as read.

The report on nominations was read by G. A. Martin, as follows:

NOMINATIONS

Standing Committees, Chairman for 1928

Foreign Mission	Rev. J. N. Thompson
Home Missions	Rev. J. S. McLemore
State Missions	Rev. I. N. Aldrich
Sunday Schools	Mrs. G. W. Scofield
B. Y. P. U.	Rev. R. Y. Walden, Jr.
Christian Education	Mrs. A. M. Roland
Laymen's Work	H. C. Parrish
Aged Ministers	Rev. J. H. Patten
Woman's Work	Mrs. Clara Nichols
Children's Home	Mrs. Isom Beasley
Temperance	Rev. C. H. Calven

Trustees to Junior College: J. S. McLemore, Isom Beasley, G. W. Scofield.

Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention: Rev. W. Y. Hunt.

Delegate to State Convention: Rev. J. S. McLamore.

Member State Board Missions: Rev. Isom Beasley.

Place of next meeting: Inverness.

Time: Tuesday and Wednesday before the second Sunday in October, 1928.

Preacher: J. S. McLamore.

Members of the Executive Committee

Rev. J. S. McLemore	T. P. Caruthers
Rev. J. N. Thompson	T. G. Allen
Rev. W. Y. Hunt	M. A. Carroway
Rev. G. A. Martin	James Priest
Rev. J. H. Patten	Mrs. Milton
Rev. R. Y. Walden, Jr.	Mrs. Porter Sharp
Rev. I. N. Aldrich	Rev. E. B. Green

Rev. Isom Beasley	Rev. W. S. Wade
Mrs. J. H. Hughes	Walter Marsh
Mrs. Isom Beasley	O. L. Harrison
M. C. Scofield	H. C. Parrish
J. M. Proctor	Frank Russell

The report was adopted as read.

Upon motion it was ordered that the officers of the Association and the pastors together with one member from each church constitute the executive committee.

Upon motion the clerk was ordered to print the Constitution and By-Laws in the Minutes.

Resolution of thanks was offered by G. A. Martin.

The resolution was adopted.

Upon motion a meeting of the Executive Committee was called for Saturday 2:00 P. M. before the next 5th Sunday meeting at Coleman.

Adjourned at 3:45 P. M. Closing prayer by J. N. Thompson.

REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION
of the
ALACHUA ASSOCIATION
met with

BUSHNELL BAPTIST CHURCH, SEPT. 30, 1927

Meeting opened at 10:30 with the President, Mrs. J. H. Hughes of Bushnell, presiding. Singing "Jesus Calls Us" was the opening number of the program, after which Rev. J. S. McLemore of Brooksville, offered prayer. Mrs. Carter of Wildwood, conducted the devotional in a very impressive manner. Mrs. A. W. Roland extended the greetings from the Bushnell Church, and Mrs. J. S. Evans responded. Mrs. Peelman, our State Secretary gave greetings at this time, also Mrs. Bixbe, vice-president of the Ocala Division, and Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Walters of Nocatee. The President appointed the Nominating, Memorial, Resolution and Time and Place Committees.

We were fortunate in having with us our State Secretary, who gave us an inspiring address on Leadership. The Bushnell ladies served a bountiful lunch and after a social hour, we convened for the afternoon session.

"Send the Light" was the opening song, after which Mrs. Clara Nichols of Oxford, conducted the devotional. Mrs. J. S. McLemore, as Mother Information, conducted talks on denominational papers, Mrs. Elliott of Brooksville, spoke on World Comrades; Mrs. Cobb on the Witness; Mrs. J. S. Evans on Home and Foreign Fields and Mrs. F. T. Lamb on Royal Service. The Secretary called the roll of the Societies and the presidents responded with a short talk. Reports were given from the president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer, and chairman of Mission Study, of Publicity and Margaret Fund. Mrs. Peelman advised us to send White Cross Supplies to Baptist Hospital at New Orleans as the Baptist Hospital at Yong Chow was closed. The Committee on Memorial advised no deaths had been reported. The Committee on Time and place reported; Place would be at Oxford the first Friday in October. Committee on Resolutions reported; resolved, We extend to Bushnell ladies hearty appreciation for delightful entertainment.

Committee on Nomination reported, as follows:

President, Mrs. J. H. Hughes, Bushnell; Vice-President, Mrs. Clara Nichols, of Oxford; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. C. M. Emerson, Brooksville; Young People's Leader, Mrs. H. D. Hunt, Bushnell; Mission Study Leader, Mrs. Stewart Evans, Brooksville; Publicity Chairman, Mrs. B. T. Lamb, Brooksville; Stewardship Chairman, Mrs. F. B. Lee, Center Hill; Personal Service, Chairman, Mrs. H. L. Moulton, Floral City; Training School, chairman, Mrs. Jim Monroe, Coleman; White Cross Chairman, Mrs. Guy Higginbotham, Wildwood; Margaret Fund, Mrs. R. L. Griggs, Oxford; Supt. 1st District, Mrs. Took Floral City; 2nd District, Mrs. Laura Crenshaw, Coleman; 3rd District, Mrs. Chas. Hooks, Oxford. Brooksville had the largest membership present. Voted to pay \$5.00 on minutes. Adjourned to meet with Oxford first Friday in October 1928.

REPORT

Members reported	267
Organizations reporting	12
Mission Study Classes	14
Paid on 1927 program	\$ 600.53
Local and other objects	1079.95
Total	\$1680.48

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. C. M. EMERSON, Sec.

Summary Table. Statistics of Alachua Baptist Association, State of Florida, For Year Ending Sept. 30, 1927

Church Directories		Baptisms, Members, Etc.								S. S.	BYPU	W.M.U.	Finances			Missions	Tithe-Budget Ch. Prop							
Churches		When Constituted	City, Village, Country	Meeting Days	Baptisms	Total Membership	Revival Meetings	Lord's Supper	Taking Baptist Paper	Number Schools	Total Enrolled	Total B. Y. P. U.	Total Enrolled BYPU	W. & C. Organizations	Women's Contributions All Purposes	Pastor's Salary	All Church Exp.	Gifts Co-op Program	Special to Missions	Members Tithing	Church on Budget Loc. Exp. & Missions	Value of Church Houses & Grounds	Value Pastors Homes	Total Value of Church Property
1	Bushnell	1887	T	Al	1	146	1	2	8	1	122	1	---	---	---	978.90	3321.68	109.75	32.28	---	---	20000	5000	25000
2	Hebron	---	O	1-4	4	63	---	---	1	1	100	1	25	---	---	150.00	26.50	---	---	---	---	500	---	500
3	Summerfield	1911	T	1-3	11	122	1	2	9	1	75	1	16	---	---	600.00	420.05	18.75	3.63	4	yes	2000	---	2000
4	Brooksville	---	C	Al	38	325	1	4	20	1	249	2	56	4	686.14	3000.00	1394.28	316.08	447.23	yes	21000	7000	28000	
5	Center Hill	1903	C	Al	23	235	1	4	10	1	177	1	30	1	232.00	1200.00	5627.74	66.00	30.00	yes	25000	---	25000	
6	Floral City	1900	C	1-3	2	61	1	1	2	1	48	2	33	1	---	270.00	135.25	25.00	---	---	---	5000	---	5000
7	Wildwood	---	C	Al	17	250	1	---	---	1	200	1	---	1	---	2330.42	6442.56	74.00	---	---	---	---	---	---
8	Eden	1845	O	2nd	9	106	---	2	3	1	46	---	---	---	---	200.00	77.00	25.00	---	---	---	2500	---	2500
9	Marsh Bend	1917	O	3rd	1	22	---	---	2	---	---	---	---	---	---	125.00	---	---	---	---	---	50.00	---	50.00
10	Webster	---	O	1-3	7	135	1	---	---	1	55	---	---	---	---	400.00	386.32	---	---	---	---	2500	---	2500
11	Pleasant Hill	1873	O	4th	---	27	---	---	2	1	---	---	---	---	---	85.00	---	---	---	---	---	1000	---	1000
12	Oxford	1889	T	2-4	---	239	1	2	8	1	115	---	---	1	382.28	600.00	297.88	224.55	68.00	12	yes	2000	---	2000
13	Coleman	1908	T	2-4	2	116	---	2	---	1	65	---	---	1	174.80	600.00	133.22	---	62.70	3	yes	5000	---	5000
14	Sumterville	1878	O	2nd	---	38	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	120.00	7.00	---	9.15	1	---	2500	---	2500
PASTORS AND POSTOFFICES		3	R. Y. Walden, Jr., Summerfield										7	None				11	W. S. Wade, Bushnell					
		4	J. S. McLeMore, Brooksville										8	Isom Beasley, Brooksville				12	R. Y. Walden, Jr., Summerfield					
1 I. N. Thompson, Bushnell		5	I. N. Aldrich, Center Hill										9	G. A. Martin, Coleman				13	G. A. Martin, Coleman					
2 Isom Beasley, Brooksville		6	Isom Beasley, Brooksville										10	None				14	W. S. Wade, Busnell					