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MINUTES
of the
Eighty-Fifth Session
of the
ALACHUA BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION

Held With
Eden Baptist Church
LAKE LINDSEY, FLORIDA

1931

Next Session Convenes with the First Baptist
Church, Brooksville, Wednesday and Thursday
after the Second Sunday In October, 1932.

J. Walton Senterfitt, Moderator.....Brooksville
Ray Y. Walden, Clerk.....Oxford
Mrs. J. H. Hughes, Treasurer.....Bushnell

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CONSTITUTION

1. This body shall be known as the Alachua Baptist Association.

2. It shall be composed of churches generally recognized as Missionary Baptist Churches.

3. Its session (Legislative, Administrative, Promotional and Fellowship) shall be by regularly elected representatives of the churches composing its membership, and other members of said churches who may be present and who may be accepted by the elected members, on the basis of two Messengers from each church, and one additional for each twenty-five members or major fractional part thereof, in excess of fifty.

4. The officers shall be a Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer and an Executive Committee, elected annually by vote of the messengers present.

5. The Executive Committee shall be the Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer and two additional members elected by the body in session, annually.

6. The Moderator shall preside over the sessions, keep order, take the vote on all questions properly presented and perform such other duties as are usual to such officers. The Clerk shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of the body in session, have the same printed and distributed to the churches according to the funds provided and as the body may direct. The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all monies received; pay it out upon the instruction of the body and make an itemized report of same to the Association at each annual session.

7. The Executive Committee shall have general supervision of the work fostered by the Association. It shall meet quarterly and plan for the promotion of various interests of the organized work, using its best efforts to stimulate the spirituality and activity of the churches, and shall make report of its work to the Association in its annual session.

8. The Association shall meet annually at such time and

place as may be agreed upon by the body; or, when necessity arises, by the Executive Committee.

9. Churches may be admitted to membership in this Association by representatives bearing a petitionary letter with statistical data; provided they are found to be orthodox by a committee appointed by the Moderator. Upon a favorable vote of the body, the Moderator shall extend the hand of fellowship on behalf of the Association.

10. The Association shall have the right and the power to withdraw fellowship from any church in its membership, upon grounds which it may deem justifiable.

11. Any church shall have the right to withdraw its membership from the Association upon due notice to the body.

12. Any church failing to report to the Association, neither sending representatives nor letters, twice in succession, shall be dropped from the roll of active members and put on a list of "inactive churches."

13. This Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of the body in session.

14. This Association accepts as a fundamental Baptist doctrine the inspiration of the Scriptures and offers to those only who hold the word of God to be the sole authority for our faith and practice.

DIRECTORY OF ASSOCIATION

Officers

Moderator—J. W. Senterfitt Brooksville
Clerk—Ray Y. Walton Oxford
Treasurer—Mrs. J. H. Hughes Bushnell

Executive Committee

The Officers with Mrs. J. S. Gamble, Wildwood; and Mr. J. A. Stafford, Coleman.

Member of State Board

Rev. W. C. Foster Inverness

Delegates to State Convention

Mrs. B. T. Lamb, Mrs. A. M. Roland, Mrs. Geo. W. Scofield,
Rev. J. W. Senterfitt and Rev. Ray Y. Walden

Preacher of Sermon, Brooksville, October, 1932

Ray Y. Walden, Oxford; Alternate, W. C. Foster, Inverness

Committees to Report in 1932

Foreign, Home and State Missions, Sunday School, B. Y. P. U., Christian Education, Laymen's Work, Relief and Annuity, Women's Work, Children's Home and Temperance.

Pastors in the Association With Churches and Postoffices

Barry, D. F.—Floral City and Pleasant Hill Webster
Beasley, Isom—Eden Brooksville
Bryant, W. J.—Hebron and Indian Hill Dade City
Boyer, E. D.—Pedro Ocala
Ford, Jas. N.—Bushnell Bushnell
Foster, W. C.—Inverness Inverness
Kelly, Jos P.—Coleman and Summerfield Coleman
Rawlins, J. T.—Wildwood Wildwood
Senterfitt, J. W.—Brooksville Brooksville
Vining, E. D.—Sumpterville Plant City
Walden, Ray Y.—Oxford Oxford

Other Ordained Ministers

Clyburn, R. L. Summerfield
Hayes, G. W. and Strickland, R. Webster
Kazee, J. C. and McKinney, B. F. Brooksville
Lamar, A. W.—Inverness Alpharetta, Ga.
Martin, Aubrey B. Coleman
Rogers, J. C. Bushnell

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Brooksville—W. B. Gittings Brooksville
Bushnell—R. H. Sparks Bushnell
Coleman—J. A. Stafford Coleman
Eden—Mrs. Carrie Baxley Istachatta
Floral City—Mrs. W. H. Dunn Floral City

Hebron—Mrs. Rexie Thompson	Brooksville
Indian Hill—Lena Stokes	Lachoochee
Inverness—Jesse Montague	Inverness
Oxford—T. P. Caruthers	Oxford
Pedro—S. V. Proctor	Summerfield
Pleasant Hill—J. J. Segrest	Bushnell
Summerfield—Miss Nellie Smith	Summerfield
Sumpterville—H. H. Belton	Sumpterville
Wahoo—I. L. Pratin	Bushnell
Webster—P. A. Tompkins	Webster
Wildwood—Mrs. D. J. Stultz	Wildwood

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Coleman—C. H. Mizell	Coleman
Eden—Chas. Hargraves	Brooksville
Floral City—J. D. Bowen	Floral City
Hebron—A. P. Sharp	Brooksville
Indian Hill—E. Johnson	Bushnell
Inverness—Jesse Montague	Inverness
Oxford—T. P. Caruthers	Oxford
Pedro—S. V. Proctor	Summerfield

Pleasant Hill—J. J. Segrest	Bushnell
Summerfield—J. M. Price	Bellevue
Sumpterville—M. A. Calloway	Sumpterville
Wahoo—Elma Swain	Bushnell
Webster—P. A. Tompkins	Webster
Wildwood—J. M. Hudson	Wildwood

LIST OF MESSENGERS, 1931 SESSION

Brooksville—Mrs. G. R. Creekmore, Mrs. C. M. Emerson, B. Gittings, Mrs. Gittings, B. T. Lamb, Mrs. Lamb, Wilson McKinney, Mrs. E. C. Peterson, Mrs. Gus Schultz, Rev. J. W. Senterfitt, Mrs. Senterfitt.

Bushnell—J. H. Hughes, Mrs. Hughes, S. C. Mikler.

Center Hill—Not reporting.

Coleman—F. L. Allen, Mrs. Allen, David Coleman, Rev. Jos. P. Kelly, J. A. Stafford.

Eden—Mrs. Carrie Baxley, Mrs. Isom Beasley, Chas. Hargraves, Mr. James Priest, Mrs. Priest, Rev. Isom Beasley.

Floral City—Mrs. W. H. Dunn, Mrs. J. E. Landrum.

Hebron—Mrs. Geo. Bishop, Mrs. Rexie Thompson, A. P. Sharp.

Indian Hill—Rev. W. J. Bryant, Mrs. Bryant, Mrs. Miriam Crum, J. B. Stokes.

Inverness—Rev. W. C. Foster, Jesse Montague, Mrs. G. W. Scofield, G. G. Williamson, Mrs. Williamson.

Linden—Not reporting.

Oxford—T. P. Caruthers, J. R. Hurst, Miss Loula O'Dell, W. M. O'Dell, Mrs. Geo. C. Perry, Mrs. Etta Shaw, Rev. Ray Y. Walden, Mrs. Walden, Mrs. L. A. Widner.

Pedro—By Letter.

Pleasant Hill—Rev. D. F. Barry, A. F. Wade, Mrs. Wade.

Summerfield—By letter.

Sumpterville—Mr. Harry Traylor.

Wahoo—Mrs. G. F. Wade.

Webster—H. C. Parrish, Mrs. Parrish, P. A. Tompkins, Mrs. Tompkins, W. T. Whittington.

Wildwood—W. L. Blanton, Mrs. J. S. Gamble, J. M. Hudson, J. E. Mills, Rev. J. T. Rawlins.

VISITORS ENROLLED

Alfred Baxley, Geo. Bean, Mrs. Janie Bean, H. P. Belach, Dorothy Bishop, H. O. Bishop, Sarah Bishop, Mrs. W. R. Bigham, Mrs. Etta Boggess, J. D. Bowen, Mrs. Bowen, Mrs. R. L. Bracy, Dr. C. M. Brittain, Mrs. Brittain of Jacksonville; Mrs. C. A. Call, Mrs. S. H. Crabtree, Mrs. E. W. Crenshaw, Mrs. D. Y. Cox, Mrs. M. A. DeBusk, of Tampa; J. L. Dick, Mrs. Dick, Mrs. R. T. Dix, Mrs. T. H. Emerson, T. W. Garnto, Mrs. Garnto, R. B. Grubbs, Mrs. D. L. Hedick, Mrs. J. T. Hedick, Mrs. Ida J. Higginbotham, R. H. Higginbotham, Mrs. Higginbotham, C. D. Hinson, of Pompano; Dr. W. A. Hobson, of St. Petersburg, Mrs. C. H. Jones, Luther Jones, Sue Jones, Turner Jones, Mrs. J. P. Kelly, E. P. Landrum, Mrs. Landrum, Catherine Landrum, Evelyn P. Landrum, Mrs. Clyde Lanier, J. B. Lauderbough, Mrs. Lauderbough, Mrs. B. B. McCall, Mrs. J. T. McClain, Mrs. A. G. McKeown, Beatrice Miley, Mrs. Martha Miley, C. H. Mizell, Mrs. Frank Morris, Mrs. Lottie Perry, Miss Lola Priest of Crystal River, Mrs. E. O. Powell, H. C. Powers, Mrs. Powers, Mrs. H. V. Searcy, Mrs. G. H. Scofield, Mrs. Rosa Shepherd, Mrs. T. W. Smith, Mrs. W. H. Smith, J. R. Snow, Mrs. M. H. Snow, Mrs. J. C. Sims, Mrs. J. D. Stephens, Frank, Ethel and Alfred Tankersley, Dr. J. E. Trice, of Arcadia; Mrs. W. H. Truett, Rev. W. S. Wade, Frank Whitman, Henry Whitman, Malinda Whitman, Mrs. H. E. Whitman, W. T. Williams, Ed. Young, Mrs. Young.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

First Morning, Wednesday, October 14, 1931

The Eighty-fifth Session of the Alachua Baptist Association convened with the Eden Baptist Church at Lake Lindsay, Wednesday, October 14th, 1931, at 9:30 a. m.

Devotional service was led by J. T. Rawlins, who uses for a scripture lesson John 17: 1-20. Prayer by Ray Y. Walden.

Motion prevailed that those who have registered and those who shall later do so compose the body.

Motion by I. Beasley, prevailed that J. W. Senterfitt be re-elected Moderator.

Motion by W. C. Foster, prevailed that Ray Y. Walden be re-elected Clerk.

Motion by Ray Y. Walden, prevailed that Mrs. J. H. Hughes be re-elected Treasurer.

Motion by I. Beasley, prevailed that tentative program, with such changes as Moderator sees fit, be adopted.

Address of Welcome was delivered by the Pastor Host, Isom Beasley.

Response by J. W. Senterfitt.

Introduction of visitors.

New pastor recognized, J. T. Rawlins, Wildwood.

J. W. Senterfitt read a revision of the Constitution to be considered later in the session.

Following report was presented by Jas. N. Ford and adopted after address by Dr. C. M. Brittain, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of State Board of Missions:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

State Mission is a vital part of our Lord's world-wide program which every Christian should be deeply concerned and much in prayer. As goes the Mission work, so goes the Kingdom Program.

Of the 751 churches reporting in the Associational minutes last year we have a membership of 115,084. Of these churches 540 supported the Co-operative Program, while 211 gave nothing except a small gift to special objects.

The annual report of our Secretary shows Florida Baptists gave to all missions \$188,232.66 last year, and the administering expenses of the work was but \$10,723.55. This covers a period of thirteen months.

The W. M. U. Department received \$6,682.99 to maintain their work; while the Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Departments combined received a total of \$14,379.13 to carry on their work. The Sunday School Board gave \$5,000 of this amount.

The Brotherhood Department, including salaries and expenses, was given \$3,801.55. While the maintenance of Student Secretaries at Gainesville and Tallahassee, the denomination spent \$4,980.60.

The Board assisted 52 missionary pastors and evangelists, who preached at 76 different churches and mission stations. They received a total of \$9,974.50; and reported 914 additions to churches and \$2,494.60 collected for missions, and raised on their fields \$7,181.01 for church buildings and repairs.

The Co-operative Program received from the churches \$116,382.59 during the year. And designated gifts to special objects were \$71,850.08.

There were 19 students assisted through the Student Loan Fund. Four of which were young women, and all studying for ministerial or mission work. They received \$1,725.00. Bible Department at Stetson received \$3,935.93.

The Baptist Building received \$3,935.91 during the year; and the Arcadia Children's Home received \$20,883.94, not including gifts from individuals or supplies sent direct to the Home.

While we bless God for the marvelous work that has been done during the year, our hearts are heavy over the 211 churches not co-operating with the program and the large percent of members who are not enlisted in the work at all. We earnestly pray that the Every Member Canvass Nov. 29-Dec. 6, will lay heavily upon every Baptist's heart, and that every Baptist in Florida will be enlisted to full co-operation in the Master's great cause.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. N. FORD

W. C. FOSTER and

I. B. TURNLEY.

Prayer by W. C. Foster and C. M. Brittain.

Annual sermon preached by Jos. P. Kelly of Coleman. Scripture reading, portions of 7th and 9th chapters of Isa. Prayer by Bro. Coleman of Coleman. Theme, Wonderful. Text, Isa. 9:6. Prayer by Bro. Kelly.

Recessed for a bountiful dinner on church grounds.

First Afternoon Session

Devotional service was led by W. J. Bryant, who uses for the scripture lesson Rom. 8: 1-4. Prayer by Ford, Bryant and Beasley.

Following report was presented by Mrs. Geo. C. Scofield, and adopted after discussion by Mrs. Scofield, W. S. Ware, I. Beasley, W. C. Foster, B. T. Lamb and W. A. Hobson.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

There are sixteen Sunday Schools in the Alachua Association with an enrollment of 1057 pupils. These schools have 156 teachers and for this year we had twenty-eight baptisms from the schools. There are two churches that do not have a school. We find there is great need for teacher training in our schools. If our officers and teachers were trained we would be able to hold the scholars when they came into the classes, therefore we recommend that this Association's Sunday Schools have teacher training classes during the next year. We also recommend that each church send a good delegation to the assembly each summer. The state and Southern Baptist Conventions have made it possible for our teachers and scholars to have the best of training if they only attend these courses. Let us strive to have several of our schools standard schools the next year. As our nation has training camps for its soldiers, so are our Sunday Schools training camps for our churches.

Let us enlist our children into the Sunday Schools but first let us organize our schools and be prepared to hold and teach them. The following forms of work fostered by the S. B. C. and State Board of Missions: Teacher training in the local churches, Fostering Standard Sunday Schools, Rural and Associational work, Associational S. S. Conventions, Daily Vacation Bible

Schools, Evangelism in every way possible, District S. S. Conventions, S. S. Administration (for officers), Supplying helpful literature, S. S. Extension Work, Enlisting and developing Leaders, S. S. Enlargement Campaigns, and Supplying Teachers for Departmental Training Schools.

We have in the state 617 Sunday Schools, but we have 134 churches that do not have schools and two of these are in our own Association. Let us try to report no church without a school in our Association next year.

Jesus said "Suffer the little children to come unto Me and forbid them not." Are we not forbidding them by not preparing to teach and lead them?

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. G. W. SCOFIELD

MRS. J. P. KELLY

MRS. I. BEASLEY

An address on the Florida Baptist Witness was delivered by Dr. W. A. Hobson and upon motion of W. C. Foster the Association recommended to the churches the Witness Budget.

Following report was presented by Ray Y. Walden, and adopted after discussion by Ray Y. Walden, W. L. Blanton, Mrs. J. N. Ford, Mrs. W. D. Cobb, J. E. Mills, J. T. Rawlins and J. W. Senterfitt.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

There needs to be a new note sounded in regard to the situation confronting us today.

We are facing a condition now that calls for our bravest efforts in repulsing the counter efforts of those who are endeavoring to overthrow that which has already been established as part and parcel of our organic laws.

We appeal to the churches of this Association to rise up and condemn the lessening and weakening of the laws which have already been enacted to preserve the peace and maintain the order of the citizenry of our Commonwealth.

The battle against the liquor traffic and other forms of lawlessness is not over, therefore we must, as a Christian force, continue our fight.

Signed

RAY Y. WALDEN

J. H. HUGHES

J. R. HURST

Following report was presented by W. C. Foster and adopted after discussion by I. B. Turnley, and J. W. Senterfitt.

REPORT ON RELIEF AND ANNUITY

It has been one of the functions of the Board from the beginning of its activities to provide the greatest possible assistance to our aged ministers and to the widows and orphans of deceased ministers. Our chief regret has been and is the amounts sent to these needy ones have not been worthy of our denomination.

The Relief Department administers to the needs of our ministers. The Annuity Department is concerned about the prevention of need on the part of our ministers.

We would recommend and urge our active ministers and our churches to take advantage of the Service Annuity plan offered by the board.

By so doing we will give immediate aid to a large number of aged ministers who were deprived of the privilege of making provision against the day of retirement and are now dependent upon others and at the same time we will provide for ourselves and our own dependents against the possibility or the necessity of retirement on account of age.

W. S. WADE

G. G. WILLIAMSON

W. C. FOSTER

Following report presented by Mrs. Hughes, and adopted.

REPORT OF TREASURER

Total expenditures, \$75.73. Balance \$5.12.

MRS. J. H. HUGHES, Treas.

Second Morning, Thursday, October 15, 1931

Devotional—Song, "Higher Ground." Prayers by W. C. Foster, J. N. Ford and J. W. Senterfitt.

Following report presented by J. N. Ford, and adopted after discussion by Jas. N. Ford and Ray Y. Walden.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

The marching orders of the risen Christ on the mountain in Galilee is, 'Go ye therefore and teach (or disciple) all nations, baptizing them in (or unto) the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world (or the consummation of the age.)'

Yet, at His tenth and last appearance to them on the Mount of Olives, amid those wonderful parting scenes, He says, "Tarry ye in Jerusalem until ye be endued with power from on high." This power they received after ten days of one-accord waiting, and God gave wonderful victory there in Jerusalem; but not until the lion (Saul of Tarsus) struck his deadly blow at the flock and scattered the sheep and God intervened with His mighty power, saved the wolf and sent him "far hence to the Gentiles," did real missionary work begin.

After the death of the last Apostles, missions seem to have declined, and the church of the living God went through the "dark ages" of Christianity, and we hear nothing of the great commission of our Lord until Carey from England in 1772 and Judson, Price and others from America in 1798 and later, step out in the mighty work of God for a lost world, and now the sacred word is being preached by our missionaries at some point on this earth's surface at every hour throughout the twenty-four hour day.

Today, after a hundred and thirty-five years since our meager beginning of modern foreign missions, we have fourteen hundred churches in the darkest spots of this old world, composed of

almost 150,000 members, with as many as 12,000 baptisms in a single year very recently, and more than half of these organizations being self-supporting.

We have missions, hospitals, schools, and stations in all parts of this benighted world. In South China, Central and North China, and all other parts of Asia we are busy for our Master. In many parts of Europe, in Africa, in South America, Central America, and among the islands of the sea, we are ever on business for our King.

Shall we not, as God's stewards, messengers and co-laborers, intensify our zeal for Him and double our forces in all lands, instead of retrenching?

JOS. P. KELLY
JAS. N. FORD,

Following report presented by Mrs. B. T. Lamb and adopted, after discussion by Mrs. Lamb, Mrs. Hughes, Dr. Trice, Beasley and Senterfitt.

REPORT ON WOMEN'S WORK

The aims of the W. M. U. for this year have been higher than we have attained, however, not any higher than it was possible, for if we are "Laborers together with God" and always "Seeking the Kingdom's place first, there would be plenty in the storehouse and to spare."

We are very sorry to report three W. M. S. less this year. In comparing the financial report with that of 1930 we note in some instances it exceeds, while in others it is diminished. The report as furnished up to date is as follows: Number of W. M. U. organizations, 22; W. M. U. members, 295; amount paid on apportionment \$417.43; week of prayer, \$89.27; local, \$40.85; other objects, \$76.35; Children's Home, \$86.80; number of boxes sent to home, 10; total contributions, \$710.70.

MRS. B. T. LAMB
MRS. J. H. HUGHES
MRS. G. G. WILLIAMSON

Following report presented by C. A. Hargraves and adopted, after discussion by Bryant, Mrs. Hedrick, Senterfitt, Beasley and Ford.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

We are endeavoring through the Home Board to reach and evangelize the people of the South, Canal Zone and Cuba.

In the South we are working among the foreigners, Indians, negroes, deaf mutes, soldiers, sailors, and Jews. The Home Mission Board is confronted with a Herculean task.

In spite of this fact reports show splendid achievements in every department. The debts are being steadily reduced and the work maintained even though retrenchments have been necessary. Surely the work in our own land is just as compelling as the work across the sea by virtue of the Great Commission. We your committee recommend the Co-operative Program as the best plan for Florida Baptists to aid in the great Home Mission work.

C. A. HARGRAVES
W. J. BRYANT
J. C. ROGERS

Following report presented by Mrs. J. W. Senterfitt and adopted, after discussion by Dr. J. E. Trice.

REPORT ON FLORIDA BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

Your committee presents the following report on the Florida Baptist Children's Home at Arcadia. This the State Home under the direction of the state convention, therefore it claims our first consideration and help.

The superintendent's report to the convention showed there were 188 children being supported. Since the convention the board of trustees have adopted a policy of necessary retrenchment reducing every expense possible to meet the conditions prevailing. They have doubled the work of the helpers and retained only those necessary to conduct the work in an efficient way. They reduced salaries where it was possible and the number of children cared for has been reduced from 188 to 151. Several of the larger boys have gone out to support themselves and several are planning to leave as soon as places can be found offering a support.

The work of reduction in numbers has been carefully guarded so that the least possible sacrifice to the child could be made. No children are being received where any other arrangements can

be made to find them a home and support. Though the board has been forced to reduce the activities of the work, the same efficiency of the past is being maintained. The daily life is happy, the religious life of the Home among the children is gratifying, the educational work is satisfactory. Reports coming to the Home from children out in the world indicate that our children are up to the average in making good in the Christian business world.

The children help support themselves, they do all the home work, laundry, cooking, sewing, dairy and garden trucking.

The county has leased our school building and our children are in school at home, but the county pays the teachers and furnishes books through the sixth grade. This arrangement has saved the home a considerable amount and gives us the county school efficiency. The Arcadia Business College has very kindly opened its doors to our older girls and is at the present time giving seven girls business training. Just as fast as these girls are trained and prepared they are secured a position where they can support themselves.

With all departments of our work, the home is feeling the effects of the depression, and we have not been in a position to give children every thing they really need. There has been self-denial practiced by the children in the home, but with help in food supplies and money from all of our churches from now until the close of the year, our work for the orphan children will not suffer.

Your committee recommends that this Association endorse the convention plan, of each Sunday school giving one Sunday's collection to the support of our home at Arcadia, and urge all Sunday schools not following this plan to do so at once.

In order to render immediate aid to the home, your committee recommends that we take a voluntary contribution in our Association for the relief of the Home.

MRS. J. W. SENTERFITT, Chm.
MRS. CARRIE M. BAXLEY
MRS. D. L. COX

Offering amounting to \$13.53 taken up for the Home.
Adjourned for dinner. Benediction by J. C. Rogers.

Second Afternoon Session

Devotional service led by Jesse Montague. Songs and prayers.

Following report read by I. B. Turnley and adopted, after discussion by I. B. Turnley, Mrs. Geo. C. Scofield and D. F. Barry.

REPORT ON LAYMEN'S WORK

Different individuals have various conceptions of laymen's work in connection with the church. I find in a former report on this work that a writer has had occasion to say that the duties of the laymen's work is to deepen spirituality, promote religious intelligence, enlarge benevolence, cultivate friendship, formulate wise plans and stimulate activity among the church members and to seek in a manly way to lead unsaved men to enter the church life. This formula of course covers, in my opinion, every phase of church work but fortunately there are too few of us laymen who take the matter seriously or who endeavor in a practical way to carry out the work as it should be carried out. My investigation discloses, however, that we have in practically every church in this association certain laymen who are doing their very best to assist the pastor and those in charge as leaders in the promotion of all activities that tend for the betterment of the church life. Insofar as any outstanding work is concerned I have not been able to find anything that deserves any especial attention.

I have had reports from the following churches: Pedro, Florida City, Oxford, Pleasant Hill, Bushnell, Wahoo, Lake Lindsay and Brooksville. Living at Inverness, of course, no report was sent to me from my own church. My observation from these reports shows that there is to some extent an indication of better feeling among the brethren and more concern with reference to the religious activities in the communities in which they live and it is to be hoped that these things will continue and grow better as time goes on.

I desire to express my appreciation to the various church clerks who have furnished me their reports of the various churches and for the assistance which they have given me in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

M. C. SCOFIELD

I. B. TURNLEY

J. H. PRIEST

Following report presented by Jesse Montague and adopted, after discussion by Jesse Montague.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

In the preparation for complete living, Christian Education is for training all the faculties of the body, mind and soul for worthy and effective manhood and womanhood.

Baptists believe that Christian or religious education is very essential to the moral and intellectual development of the individual for the warfare against ignorance, selfishness and sin in every form.

Since many great educators believe that a child when well bred is half educated at birth, Christian Education really begins in the home, therefore, parents should do all within their power to give small children religious training in an effective manner before the child becomes six years of age. Remember that the Catholics claim that if they may train a child until it is six years of age that it will become a Catholic. Parents should exercise their very best judgment in allowing only proper associations because evil companions or associates have the power to tear down and destroy all the religious training given their children.

Proper literature furnished to the pupils in both home and school is very valuable. Therefore, it behooves parents to supply suitable literature for the proper ages before the children have unsuitable literature given to them. It is the Christian duty of ministers and church leaders to recommend to parents suitable literature for the different age groups of children.

Since such a large per cent of children who attend Sunday School regularly avoid trouble and become the leaders, it is the Christian duty of every parent to carry his children to Sunday School long enough for such children to form the habit of attending Sunday School regularly. A certain judge in the state of New York gave out information that only about nineteen or twenty children out of about two thousand were convicted of crime in his court after forming the habit of attending Sunday School.

In proper training in elementary and high school, it is very important and necessary that parents know the conditions under

which their children are to receive suitable education in the public school equivalent to religious education. It is proper that the public school be conducted under favorable conditions and by teachers qualified from all standpoints of view and especially from the Christian standpoint. Since the Christian training given in the home may be destroyed in the public school, it is very necessary that all patrons keep in close touch with all activities of the public school. It is the Christian duty of all parents and especially ministers to visit the public school often and do all within the bounds of reason to keep school officials informed about any activity of unwise nature from existing or damaging the Christian Welfare.

It is all important that parents choose the proper college for their children to attend. Especially Baptist should patronize the Baptist Colleges for the sake of continuation of Christian training. In colleges like it is in public school, the Christian training may be destroyed. Since the colleges supported by states cannot afford to teach the principles of any denomination, too large a per cent of their graduates make failures in Christian work, therefore, colleges supported by churches are very necessary and should be well patronized.

Faithfully submitted,
JESSE MONTAGUE

Report of constitutional revision committee presented by J. W. Senterfitt and was adopted upon motion by J. N. Ford seconded by W. J. Bryant.

Report of Nominating Committee presented by J. N. Ford and adopted, upon motion by I. Beasley, seconded by I. B. Turnley. (Directory of Association contains this report.)

B. Y. P. U. work discussed by Wilson McKinney. No report presented.

Resolution: Be it resolved by the visiting messengers that we extend to the Eden church and pastor, Isom Beasley, our heartiest thanks for our entertainment while in session.

Mrs. B. Gittings, Jas. N. Ford, J. H. Hughes,
Nominating Committee.

Adopted after motion and second.

Resolution: Be it resolved that we the Alachua Association in session go on record as deploring the action of our

state legislature regarding the race track gambling in our state.

Wilson McKenny.

After free and deliberate discussion this resolution was adopted. The discussion was by I. Beasley, J. W. Senterfitt, D. F. Barry, J. N. Ford, Ray Y. Walden, Jesse Montague and James Priest.

W. J. Bryant, pastor of Indian Hill invited us to hold our next quarterly meeting with him. Invitation accepted. Time: Tuesday after first Sunday in January, 1932.

Benediction by Rev. Isom Beasley. Adjourned to convene with the First Church in Brooksville on Wednesday following the second Sunday in October, 1932.

J. W. SENTERFITT, Moderator
RAY Y. WALDEN, Clerk.

MINUTES OF THE ALACHUA W. M. U.

The Alachua Association W. M. U. met with the Coleman Baptist church in Annual Session October 9, 1931.

Song—Devotional led by Mrs. Allen. Special by Mrs. Bigham.

Greetings by Mrs. E. O. Powell. Response by Mrs. Cox.

Song. Report on Stewardship by Mrs. J. N. Ford.

Report and talk on Mission Study by Mrs. Stultz.

No report on Publicity.

No report on Training School.

Margaret Fund Report read by Secretary.

Talk on Baptist Book Store by Mrs. McCormick of Jacksonville.

Inspirational talk on "Building an Abiding Mansion" by State Secretary, Mrs. H. C. Peelman. Song.

Announcements by President.

Recommendation Committee: Mesdames Lamb, Nichols and Ford.

Resolutions Committee: Mesdames Shultz, Walter, Bevell.

Nominating Committee: Mesdames Gamble, Senterfitt, Crenshaw, Heddick and Miss Annie Pemberton.

Enrollment Committee: Mesdames Stokes, Dick and Big-ham.

Invitation Committee: Mesdames Maier, Creekmore, Miss Loula O'Dell.

Dismissed by Rev. Senterfitt.

Afternoon Session

Song and prayer.

Report and talk on Personal Service by Mrs. Nichols.

Report and talk on Young People's Work by Mrs. Evans.

Explanation of Declamation Contest, which is to be held in Bushnell in November, by Mrs. Ford.

Moved and carried to send message of sympathy to Mrs. B. F. Lee.

Annual report by Secretary. Reports of the various committees and same accepted.

Memorial service conducted by Mrs. W. M. O'Dell.

Installation of officers.

Charge to officers by Mrs. W. T. Gary, Divisional President.

Song. Amount of offering \$5.28.

Moved and carried to pay \$5.00 on Associational Minutes.

Place of meeting next year: Bushnell.

Benediction by Rev. Walden.

MRS. J. H. HUGHES, President,

MRS. A. M. ROLAND, Secretary-Treasurer

In Memoriam

Brooksville—Mrs. Ruth Cockfield, Mr. J. G. Coppedge, Mrs. F. H. Edrington.

Bushnell—Mrs. J. C. Roberts, Mrs. S. M. Wall.

Coleman—Mr. William Barfield.

Eden—Mrs. M. F. Dick, Mrs. Annie Cason Smith.

Indian Hill—Mr. Asberry Connell, Mr. Russett Grant.

Oxford—Mr. Homa C. Dias, Mrs. Minnie Jeffcoat.

Hebron—Deacon O. W. Connell.

Sumpterville—Mr. John Tompkins.

Webster—Mrs. F. M. Gaines.

Wahoo—Mr. W. A. Hyers, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Naman.

Wildwood—Miss Brownie Johnston.

"Blessed are the dead, who die in the Lord."

Summary Table. Statistics of Alachua Baptist Association, State of Florida for Year Ending, September 30, 1931

Moderator, J. W. SENTERFITT, Brooksville.

Clerk, RAY Y. WALDEN, Oxford

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