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# Florida Baptist Association

Sixty-Sixth Annual Session
Crawfordville Baptist Church
Crawfordville, Florida
1908



REV. F. M. WELLS, Moderator
Alamo, Florida
REV. STEPHEN CROCKETT, Secretary and Treasurer

Monticello, Florida

# **MINUTES**

OF THE

# Florida Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE

Crawfordville Baptist Church

Crawfordville, Florida

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#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

REV. F. M. WELLS, REV. STEPHEN CROCKETT, REV. J. B. PRUITT BRO. S. PASCO, and BRO. J. M. WAITS

The next Annual Meeting will be held with the Monticello Baptist Church, Monticello, Florida, on Tuesday after the second Sunday in October, 1909.

# LIST OF PASTORS

AS RECORDED IN THE CHURCH LETTERS.

## STANDING COMMITTEES.

- 1. On Program-S. Pasco, J. B. Pruitt, E. L. Wells.
- 2. On Foreign Missions-J. B. Pruitt.
- 3. On Home Missions-E. L. Wells.
- 4. On State Missions-J. E. Clements.
- 5. On Temperance-W. F. Moore.
- 6. On Sunday Schools-S. Pasco.
- 7. On Woman's Work-A. J. Kroellinger.
- 8. On Orphanage-A. V . Reese.
- 9. On Ministerial Education-M. F. Anderson.
- 10. On Periodical-Stephen Crockett.
- 11. On Aged Ministers-W. D. Levy.
- 12. On Obituaries-W. D. Richards.
- 13. On Duty of Churches to Pastors-W. H. Dean.

Anderson, M. F	Smith-Creek, Fla.
Bohannon, J. D	Lloyds, Fla.
Bohannon, J. D	Smith Creek, Fla.
Blount, S. F	Alamo, Fla.
Buckley, Dr. N. P	Carrabelle, Fla.
Chester, C. C	Bristol, Fla.
Chester, C. C	Arran, Fla.
Chason, John F	Horsford, Fla.
Clifton, R. S	
Crockett, Stephen	Monticello, Fla.
Cox, Alexander	Smith Creek, Fla.
Dell, Thomas	Tallahassee Fla.
Davis, J. A	Monticello, Fla.
Evans, T. A	Aucilla, Fla.
Howard, Herman S	Greensboro, Fla.
Holland, James	
Ivey, W. R	
Kroellinger, A. J	Carrabelle, Fla.
Levy. W. D	Woodville. Fla.
Musgrove, H. S	Greensboro, Fla.
Moore, W. Frank	Greensboro, Fla.
Pruitt, J. B	Tallahassee Fla.
Peddie, C. M	Bristol, Fla.
Richard, E. G	Wetumpka, Fla.
Reese, A. V	Crawfordville. Fla.
Roberts, L. A	Spring Hill, Fla.
Revell, S. J	Bristol, Fla.
Ward, Moses	Boston, Ga.
Wells, F. M	Alamo, Fla.
Wells, E. L	Quincy, Fla.
Walker, G. W	Madison, Fla.

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Bauldree, John B	Fla.
Byrant, Wm	
Dugger, FrankBristol,	Fla.
Tucker, RufusR. F. D. No. 1, Arran	Fla.
Turner, James D	Fla.
Wells, C. F	Fla.
Whetston, J. AR. F. D. No. 1, Arran,	Fla.

# MINUTES.

The Sixty-Sixth Annual Session of the Florida Baptist Association began in the Meeting House of the Crawfordville Baptist Church on Tuesday morning October 13th, 1908, and was called to order by Rev. F. M. Wells, who read a portion of God's Word and led in prayer. The following named brethren were enrolled as messengers:

Crawfordville—H. N. Walker, A. V. Reese, J. J. Harrell.

Aenon-By Letter.

Arran-Rufus Tucker, J. R. Vause.

Antioch-By Letter.

Concordia—Patrick Walsh, J. H. Darsey, C. R. Lang.

Corinth (L)—By Letter.

Carrabelle—A. J. Keollinger.

Ebenzer (J)—By Letter.

Ebenzer (L)-L. G. Roberts, L. A. Roberts.

Elizabeth—By Letter.

Flat Creek-J. C. J. Shepard, W. F. Cowen.

Franklin-F. C. Lambert.

Harmony-Calvin McLain.

Indian Springs-H. C. Billingsley.

Lake Ellen-J. E. Pigott, J. A. Whetston.

Lake Mystic-S. J. Revell.

Madison-W. R. Ivey, Geo. W. Tedder.

Monticello-S. Pasco, Stephen Crockett.

Moseley Hall-D. B. Saunders.

Mt. Besor-A. S. Roberts, R. S. Oliver.

Mt. Elon-R. B. Langston, A. L. Buchannon.

Orange—By Letter.

Perry-S. B. Cole.

Providence—F. M. Wells, M. B. Anderson, Wm. Dean, W. D. Richard.

Quincy-L. T. Brewer.

Sundown-By Letter.

Sunny Dell-S. S. Bentley, S. B. Timmons.

Tallahassee-Harrell Hays, J. B. Pruitt.

Fort Braden—J. E. Vause, T. J. Vause, J. O. Allen. Rev. F. M. Wells was re-elected as moderator; Rev. Stephen Crockett was elected secretary.

Report of Committee on Program was read by Bro.

S. Pasco and adopted.

The Committee on Program respectfully submit the following report:

Tuesday October 13, 1908.-Morning Session, intro-

ductory sermon by Rev. W. F. Moore.

Afternoon Session, reports of Standing Committees, Foreign Missions, Ministerial Education.

Evening Session, Missionary Sermon Rev. A. J.

Kroellinger.

Wednesday October 14.—Morning Session, 9 a. m., reports of Standing Committees, to be called for in the order in which they appear on page 2 of last year's Minutes.

11:15, a. m. Doctrinal Sermon by Rev. W. R. Ivey. 2 p. m. Continuation of reports and regular order of business.

2 p. m. meeting of Woman's Missionary Union at the Court House.

Evening Session—7:15 p. m., Continuation of reports and regular order of business.

The Introductory Sermon was preached at eleven o'clock by Rev. W. F. Moore on the text Isa. 9:6, and Luke 2:21. "And His name shall be called Wonderful." "His name shall be called Jesus."

Visiting brethren were invited to seat with us and responded to by Rev. T. A. Evans of Aucilla, Florida.

Miss S. D. Fannin representing The Florida Baptist Witness.

The following petitionary letters were presented on call from the Moderator:

Greensboro-E. B. Fletcher, W. F. Moore.

Havana-T. F. Joiner, J. M. Wait.

Woodville-W. D. Levy, H. W. Cornett.

River Junction-O. F. McKeown.

Delph-By Letter.

The moderator announced the following named brethren to serve on Committees:

Sunday School—J. B. Pruitt, L. A. Roberts, J. C. J. Shepard.

Foreign Missions—Stephen Crockett, J. H. Darsey, L. G. Roberts.

Home Missions—J. E. Clements, J. L. Harrell, C. R. Lang.

State Missions—M. B. Anderson, H. N. Walker, L. R. Vause.

B. Y. P. U—A. L. Buchannon, W. F. Cowen, T. C. Lambert.

Temperance—J. B. Pruitt, Calvin McLain, H. C. Billingsley.

Orphanage—L. A. Roberts, J. E. Pigott, J. A. Whetston.

Woman's Work—A. V. Reese, R. B. Langston, L. T. Brewer.

Ministral Education—W. R. Ivey, R. S. Oliver, M. B. Anderson.

Periodicals—S. J. Revells, S. S. Bentley, S. B. Timmons.

Aged Ministers—S. Pasco, Harrell Hays, C. S. Robertson.

Obituaries—S. B. Cole, W. V. Knott, J. O. Allen. Duty of Church to Pastor—G. W. Tedder, Stephen Crockett, Patrick Walsh.

Finance—W. D. Richards, W. H. Dean, H. C. Billingsley.

Reception of New Churches—J. B. Pruitt, W. R. Ivey, S. Pasco.

Motion prevailed that the new pastors in the Association be invited to the front and the moderator extend the right hand of welcome to Pastor's W. F. Moore, S. B. Cole, W. R. Ivey, T. A. Evans, I. A. Evans, and W. D. Levy. Rev. A. A. Williamson was also introduced to the Association.

Adjournment was made till two o'clock.

Rev. Stephen Crockett pronounced the benediction.

#### TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

At two o'clock service began with singing. Rev. W. R. Ivey led in prayer.

The names of messengers were enrolled as follows:

A. J. Kroellinger from Carrabelle.

The Committee on Reception of New Churches reported and recommended the reception of the following named churches with their messengers:

Havana Baptist Church, Gadsden County, Pastor, Rev. J. B. Pruitt, Clerk, H. W. Marcum; Bro, T. F. Joyner, Sister Mrs. J. W. Cliatt, messengers.

River Junction Baptist Church, Gadsden County, Pastor, Rev. W. F. Moore; Clerk, J. B. Franklin; O. F. McKeown, messenger;

Woodville Baptist Church, Leon County, Pastor, Rev. A. V. Reese; Clerk, J. F. Rodgers.

Delph Baptist Church, Jefferson County, Pastor, Rev. A. V. Reese; Clerk, Wiley Grantham.

Curtis Mill Baptist Church, Wakulla County, Pastor, Rev. W. D. Levy; Clerk, H. H. Crum; Rev. W. D. Levy,

messenger.

Greensboro Baptist Church Gadsden County, Pastor,
Rev. W. F. Moore; Clerk S. S. Bridges; Rev. W. F.
Moore, H. W. Cornett, E. B. Fletcher, messengers.

On the adoption of the motion, the moderator extended the right hand of fellowship to the representatives of these churches.

Rev. A. J. Kroellinger received the right hand of welcome as a new pastor from the moderator.

Rev. F. M. Well, was duly elected as messenger to the State Convention and authorized to appoint the other brethren, which he did, and their names are given as follows: J. B. Pruitt, Stephen Crockett, S. Pasco, W. F. Moore, A. J. Kroellinger, S. J. Revells, W. F. Cowen, H. W. Cornett and J. H. Darsey.

Motion prevailed that if any of these brethren find they cannot go, that the moderator be authorized to fill any vacancies.

Rev. Stephen Crockett was by vote of the Association elected as messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention, with an amendment that the moderator appoint a substitute if Bro. Crockett cannot attend.

The Report of the treasurer was rendered by Bro. Geo. W. Tedder and adopted.

#### To the Florida Baptist Association:

Your Treasurer begs leave to submit the following report for the Associational year:

	RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR.	
Oct. 15, '07	By balance\$201.9	
Oct. 18, '07	From Association, all purposes	6
Oct. 28, '07 Oct. 28, '07		10
	Missions	50
Oct. 28, '07	Mrs. L. Gregory, by Rev. S. Crockett, Ministerial Education of Bro. Asa Gray	25
Aug. 7, '08	Flat Creek Church, by W. F. Cowan, Associational Missions	00
Aug. 23, '08	Providence Church, by Rev. F. M. Wells, Associational Missions	
Aug. 25, '08	Monticello Church, by J. R. McEachern, Associational Missions	
Sept. 1, '08	Western Union, by Rev. A. V. Reese, Foreign	
	Missions 14.7	0
Sept. 24, '08	Elizabeth Church, by A. P. Hartsfield, State	
	Missions 5.2	25
	Total\$481.5	01 .

	DISBURSEMENTS.	
6.74	To Rev. L. D. Geiger, Gospel Tent\$ To Rev. Stephen Crockett, Clerk To Rev. Stephen Crockett, postage and express	0-+ 25 207
	Inman Printing Co., Minutes	Nov. 29, '07 Dec. 4, '07
30.00	Rev. Stephen Crockett, Associational Missionary	July 28, '08
3.00	Rev. Stephen Crockett, Associational Mis-	Aug. 7, '08
. 14.70 . 5.25	Rev. Stephen Crockett, postage	Sept. 12, '08 Sept. 1, '08 Sept. 22, '08 Oct. 10, '08
	Total	

The report of Committee on Foreign Missions was presented.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

DEAR BRETHREN: We are devoutly thankful to record that great advances have been made in connection with this phase of the Master's work. The recent visit of our beloved Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, Rev. R. J. Willingham, D. D., to the various fields of missionary operations where he visited the missionaries at their stations, has led to a greater interest in, and given a most wonderful impetus to the work. The members of our churches are giving more largely than ever for the regeneration of lost souls in far off lands and in so doing find that the home church grows and prospers to a far greater extent as a result thereof. We do not desire to introduce in the report any statistics, but would suggest that in the report of our Foreign Mission Board as printed in the Minutes of the Southern Baptist Convention, we have a document that is thrilling in interest, giving a complete authentic, and complete report; which is an authority concerning the recent advances and conquests during the past year, and in our Foreign Mission Journal, each month, there are found messages from the toilers at the front and as we read their burning words of love for the salvation of those to whom they have been sent, we should feel led to offer most hearty and sincere prayers for more laborers to be sent into the ripening fields, and to give more largely than ever to this glorious work so precious to the heart of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Respectfully submitted

STEPHEN CROCKETT, Chair.
J. H. DARSEY
L. G. ROBERTS.

And having been addressed by J. B. Pruitt, Stephen Crockett, W. F. Moore, A. L. Buchannon, W. R. Ivey, W. D. Levy and others the report was on motion adopted

The report of Committee on Ministerial Education was presented.

#### MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

In every department of life the demand is for educated men. Our present school facilities make it possible for all classes to receive a practical education and the country is advanced in intelligence to where it is imperative that those who lead or teach must be educated. The preacher is God's under shepherd, the shepherd must lead not follow the flock.

His work is to "elicit," combine and direct the forces over which the Holy Spirit has placed him for the bringing in of the Kingdom. The character of his work makes it necessary that he should be educated.

Moses was qualified for the work of leading Israel out of bondage, by being "instructed in all the wisdom of the Egyptians.". The Apostle to the Gentiles, the greatest preacher of the ages, was prepared for his work while studying at the feet of Gamaliel. The preacher

must be a man of brain power and heart power to be able to protect his people from the wiles of the devil. Our pioneer preachers have wrought nobly against great odds for which we hold them in grateful remembrances and bless God for their lives and work, but if we fail to build on this foundation so well laid by them and to take advantage of our present opportunities, we will prove unworthy sons of noble sires.

We have in this state Columbia College at Lake City, where seventeen young preachers studied last year. Fourteen have enrolled this year, and Dr. G. A. Nunnally informs us that he is looking for six more. Stetson University, at DeLand, a great school belonging to the Baptist and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., the greatest Theological school on the continent. These schools are for the special work of educating young preachers, and equipping them for their work. To all of these let us give our prayers, our boys

Four students were in the Seminary from Florida last vear.

W. R. IVEY, R. S. OLIVER, M. B. ANDERSON.

The following resolution was offered and adopted with the report on Ministerial Education.

Resolved, That we, The Florida Baptist Association in session at Crawfordville, Florida, are in hearty sympathy with the teachers and officers of Columbia College and The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

The Association on motion adjourned to meet at 9

The benediction was pronounced by J. B. Pruitt.

The missionary sermon was preached at 7:30 p. m.
by Rev. A. J. Kroellinger, subject "The Local Church

and Missions." A Missionary collection was taken, amounting to \$8.82.

The moderator was requested to write an article on The History of The Florida Association, the same to be published in our minutes and to be read at the next meeting of the Association.

#### WEDNESDAY MORNING.

At 9 o'clock the moderator read Psalm 91 and led in prayer.

The minutes were read and adopted.

The report of Committee on State Missions was passed for the present by vote of the Association.

The report of Committee on Home Missions was read and adopted, after being ably discussed by the following named brethren: J. E. Clements, S. Pasco, J. B. Pruitt, W. F. Moore and W. D. Levy.

#### REPORT OF HOME MISSIONS.

There is no more gratifying development in the denomination than the growing interest of Southern Baptists in their Home Mission work. Leading men among us have of late freely expressed the opinion that this department of our work is of great importance and should be enlarged without delay.

The Southern Baptist Convention at its last session put itself on record to the same effect and unanimously recommended to the denomination that contributions be doubled for this object this year.

First—Home Mission has already done great things for Southern Baptists. Missionaries of the Home Mission Board, have made hundreds of thousands of converts, constituted thousands of churches, organized numbers of Sunday Schools, and assisted in establishing the Baptist cause in every State in the South. Every State,

and almost every community, has felt the direct or indirect influence of the work and received benefits from it.

Second—The South presents great Home Mission need to-day, Southern cities are multiplying and growing in size and wickedness; floods of foreigners are coming in who must be saved or they will lower our standard of civilization.

What answer will this Association make to these appeals; what will it do with this opportunity and sacred duty? Your Committee recommends, first, that we as an Association endeavor this year to increase our contributions to Home Missions in proportion to the advance recommended by the Southern Baptist Convention, which will be 50 per cent. over what we did last year. Second, that we recommend that our pastors and members who constitute this Association be requested to exercise great interest in this part of the work.

J. E. CLEMENTS, J. J. HARRELL, C. R. LAING.

The Committee on Sunday Schools made their report and the report was adopted after remarks had been made on the report by L. A. Roberts, S. Pasco, T. A. Evans, A. V. Reece.

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools beg leave to report as follows:

We believe Sabbath schools to be one of the essential works of the church, as we are taught in the Bible to bring up the child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it. We would respectfully urge our pastors to see that faithful efforts be made to organize schools in their respective churches where their is none, and we would also urge where they have schools to urge the work for the advancement of the Master's Kingdom.

L. A. Roberts, Chairman. The report of the Committee on B. Y. P. U. was presented and having been spoken to by A. L. Buchannon, A. A. Williamson and W. R. Ivey, the report was adopted.

#### B. Y. P. U.

We your Committee on B. Y. P. U. beg to submit the following: Resolved, that as the young men and women of our churches need more opportunity for spiritual development, and to the end that they may be supplied with such, we ask the ministers, especially of this Association, to advance the cause of this organization to the fullest possible extent in their churches.

The B. Y. P. U. is not only a means of grace for its members, but its influence is felt in every church in which it is recognized. It is helpful, spiritually, by uniting its members in a closer christian communion; it is helpful to the Pastor in assisting him to advance the material prosperity of the church; it is exceedingly helpful to the body at large by teaching its members to "earnestly contend for the faith once delivered to the Saints," and also by instilling in the young mind a desire to each make a unit in the grand army that is eventually to take the world for Christ.

A. L. BUCHANNON, Chair. W. F. COWEN, F. C. L'AMBERT.

By vote of the Association the rules were waived and Bro. Geo. W. Tedder read the report on the Duty of the Church to the Pastor.

### DUTY OF THE CHURCH TO ITS PASTOR.

In this advanced age of Christian civilization and culture in which we are living, in this enlightened day and in a Christian nation like ours, a report on the duty of a church to its pastor should not be necessary. But the very fact that such a subject has been assigned, shows

that we must have a need for education along this line within the metes and bounds of our Association. That our preachers should be supported liberally is certainly evident to all true Christians.

The pastor whose full time is taken in one or more churches has little time to devote to making a living. We expect our preachers to be learned in the Scriptures and filled with the spirit, and that preacher is best qualified along this line who spends much time daily in studying his old Bible and in communing long with his Lord in secret prayer.

We expect them also to take a deep interest in all matters that pertain to the temporal welfare of their people. We expect them to be, and they should be, leaders, in educational matters in their communities, and they should be posted on the current thought of the day. This requires time for general reading and a library well stocked with the best books, papers and magazines.

Again, their pastoral calls when all goes well with us, must be attended to regularly. And where great joy or trouble comes to us to whom can we turn so readily as our beloved pastors. They rejoice with us in our success and weep with us in our days of sorrow. But if our pastors had time from their great duties they could not car on successfully a secular business. The very nature of their work incapacitates them from other business.

The pastor should teach his flock to give liberally towards the support of God's cause and kingdom and His divinely appointed ministers, and he himself should lead the way, and so far as we have been able to ascertain, our pastors give most liberally of their often limited means. Our duty is plain here. Our pastors should be supported comfortably in a manner befitting the field where they are laboring.

But we owe our pastor a great deal more than mere temporal support. We call on him for sympathy in our troubles and find him ever ready. We should never forget that he too, has his times of depression when many cares weigh heavy on him. The true pastor is concerned about the spiritual condition of his people, and at all times the burden of the unsaved souls of his community lies heavy on him. Often poverty oppresses through our neglect, and sometimes great sorrows come to his home as well as ours. Then we should be ready to offer comfort and cheer to one from whom we have received so much, not only in words of sympathy but in the substantial things of this world, "Even as the Lord has prospered us." We should indeed be "living epistles known and read of all men," and we should be ready to co-operate with our pastor, in all movements towards the spread of the gospel and the salvation of immortal souls.

When we reach this high plane, then can our churches say: "We have prospered because the Lord was with us."

G. W. Tedder,
Patrick Walsh,
Stephen Crockett,
Committee.

Which report was spoken to by the Chairman and then adopted.

After singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name," Rev. F. M. Well led in prayer.

The Doctrinal Sermon was preached by Pastor W. R. Ivey on the text Matt. 7:28, 29.

Rev. J. B. Pruitt led in prayer.

Miss J. L. Spalding, Cor. Secretary of the W. M. U. was welcomed as a visitor.

Motion to adjourn till 2:00 p. m. prevailed. Rev. S. B. Cole pronounced the Benediction.

## WEDNESDAY, 2:00 P. M.

Service began with singing. Bro. S. Pasco led in prayer.

The Committee on Finance reported and by vote the report was adopted.

# REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to report that the churches have sent by their messengers to this body the following amounts:

body the following amounts.	\$ 41.05
Minutes and Clerk	56.00
Associational Missions	
State Missions	17.25
Home Missions	6.00
Home Missions	16.75
Foreign Missions	
Orphanage	. 12.40
Aged Ministers	. 9.97
Aged Ministers	

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. RICHARDS, W. H. DEAN,

H. C. BILLINGSLEY,

Committee.

The Moderator, addressing Bro. S. Pasco, presented the report of the Executive Committee, and in connection with this the report of our Missionary was read and, spoken to by Bro. F. M. Wells and Stephen Crockett, the reports were adopted.

# REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

# Dear Brethren:

Your committee received intimation in the early spring that Lloyd and Mays were without the Gospel, as we understand it, and therefore missionary grounds. We had a meeting therefore on the 24th of April to consider the advisability of placing a missionary at those points. And after duly considering the matter, we employed Bro. Stephen Crockett to preach once a month at these places, at a salary of \$12.50 per month. We have been able to pay him for his first quarter's service, but we are still owing him for two months' services.

We refer you to his report for results of his work. All of which is respectfully submitted.

F. M. Wells, Chairman. J. B. PRUITT, STEPHEN CROCKETT, G. W. TEDDER.

#### REPORT OF MISSIONARY.

To the Florida Baptist Association:

DEAR BRETHREN: Responding to the urgent request of the Executive Committee of our Association, resigned the care of one of my churches to serve the Association as Missionary, preaching at Mays and Lloyd. Both places are virgin soil for Baptists, and while the work has been quite a difficult one, yet it has been truly appreciated, and the impressions made will bear fruit to God's Honor and glory. I have preached ten tintes, traveled fifty-five miles, collected \$4.75.

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN CROCKETT.

Motion prevailed that the work at Mays and Lloyd be left with the Executive Committee.

The Report on Temperance was read and adopted without discussion.

#### TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance reports: That it is our conviction that we should take a square stand against intemperance in all of its many forms. That as an Association we should go on record as favoring every legitimate effort to banish intoxicating liquors from our State and county. That as we have done in the past,

we should so do in the future until this great curse should be destroyed. That we approve of the work and aims of the Florida State Anti-Saloon League, and give our hearty support to the cause of temperance and the moral welfare of every home and individual.

BY THE COMMITTEE.

The report of the Committee on Orphanage was read and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORPHANAGE.

We your Committee on Orphanage would report as follows: We believe the Orphanage to be an institution of God, and we believe that the Orphanage at Arcadia is a step in the right direction to take care of the orphan children. They are to be fed and clothed and cared for and in so doing we are serving God and our fellow creatures. And we would recommend that each pastor of the different churches would take up as much as one collection per year for the Orphanage.

We will give you a statistical report of the Orphanage.

The Home was opened February 1st, 1904. Since it was opened seventy children have been cared for in the Home. Number boarders in the Home sent home after the first twelve months, 4; to mothers marrying again have been sent 7. To mothers becoming able to care for their children, sent 10. Re-committed to the Insane Asylum at Chattahoochee, I. Whole number sent away. 22. Number now in the Home, 48. Number of meals served in the Home during last twelve months, 1,090. Spent for food for the Home, including 2 horses and 3 cows, during the last twelve months, \$1,040.00. Cost of new building, \$5,228.77. Twenty-eight of the children have joined the church. I am expecting four others next week.

And now we believe that Bro. Bean is doing his duty

and that we should all do all we can to help him on with the good work.

L. A. ROBERTS,
J. A. WHETSTON,
J. E. PIGOTT,

Committee.

Report on Periodicals was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PERIODICALS.

We your committee respectfully submit the following report: Christians should read such literature as will collaborate with their profession. There are many families that we visit where we find all the reading matter of a worldly nature and when we speak to them about it, they say that religious papers are too high. That which is not good, I do not want as a gift. We should seek that which is good. If you want information on Foreign Missions, take the Foreign Journal, and the other parts of our work we have good religious papers we would recommend, if they do cost more.

Therefore we ask that our pastors, and brethren and sisters strive to get our religious literature into every home.

> S. J. BEVELL, S. S. BENTLEY, S. B. TIMMONS,

The report on Woman's Work was read and adopted.

WOMAN'S WORK.

The right of a religious organization to exist ought to be measured by its ability to meet some distinct need in the Master's work. In this respect your committee feel that organized Woman's Work has passed the experimental stage and has taken its place among the permanent departments of the churches.

Organized in May, 1818, at Richmond, Va., the Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern

Baptist Convention, has steadily "advanced in wisdom and stature, and in power with God and men." It has increased in cash and box contributions from \$30,000.00 to almost \$200,000.00.

Under the able leadership of Miss Jennie S. Spalding, the work in Florida shows a steady increase in interest and contribution. We deplore the fact that so few of our churches in the Florida Association have local Unions. We would recommend that their Association make every effort possible to increase the number of Unions and that we give all the encouragement possible to the women in their work. Respectfully submitted.

A. V. REESE, L. T. BREWER, R. B. LANGSTON.

The report on Aged Ministers was read by Bro. S. Pasco, and being spoken to by J. B. Pruitt, S. Pasco, Stephen Crockett, W. R. Ivey and H. C. Billingsley was adopted. A collection was taken amounting to \$10.73 to help buy a horse for one of the aged preachers, which was on motion turned over to Bro. Stephen Crockett to be turned over to the worthy brother.

The Committee on Aged Ministers have no data upon which to base a report later than the annual report for last year made by the Corresponding Secretary to the State Convention in January last. This department of the Convention work was then languishing, while progress was being made in all others. The amount raised during the previous year has been \$321.00, a reduction from former receipts which had never been liberal. This meagre sum was divided equally between eight of our honest brethren who had borne the banner of the cross in the days when they could rejoice in their strength; it amounted to about \$40.00 for each, less than \$3.50 per month.

The total receipts from all our Baptist organizations during the year amounted to nearly \$50,000.00 for all

purposes, so that it is evident that our aged ministers received but an insignificant proportion of the contributions of their brethren throughout the State.

The minutes of this Association for 1907 show that eleven of our thirty churches contributed \$47.80 to this cause, much less than should have been raised, but, if the twenty-four Associations in the State had averaged as much, the total amount would have been nearly four times as large as was raised.

There are 524 Baptist churches on our Convention rolls and, if each church would contribute but \$5.00 annually, the total amount would gladden the hearts of these venerable men of God.

It cannot be that the Baptists of Florida are wanting in respect to these pioneers and early workers in this part of the Lord's vineyard or that they are indifferent to their wants and comfort in their declining years, while the shadows of night are falling upon them. Your committee would rather believe that the present conditions are due to a lack of information upon the subject and because of a lack of systematic effort to raise funds for this special cause.

No general plan can be made effective by a single Association, but the committee recommend that the matter be brought to the attention of the State Convention, so that some recommendations may be agreed upon and sent out to the Associations and churches.

The committee suggests that an annual letter sent out by our Corresponding Secretary stating the number and the special wants of the beneficiaries and fixing a time for a collection for their relief would result in increased contributions.

It is practicable to enlarge the purposes and operations of the Baptist Ministers Assurance Association so as to establish an Annuity Fund for its contributing members when they reach a certain age or are no longer able to labor because of disability caused by accident or disease. These suggestions look to the future, but we suggest that the churches in this Association should not wait for the adoption of some new plan before giving additional relief to our aged and needy ministers; and we recommend that a collection be taken up in each church before Christmas for their benefit.

Brethren, these venerable men have worn themselves out in the Lord's work and a sacred duty rests upon the members of the Baptist churches throughout Florida to support them comfortably and generously. Let us resolve to discharge this duty in the future in a spirit of greater liberality than we have in the past.

SAMUEL PASCO. H. G. HAYS.

The committee on Obituaries made their report which was adopted.

#### OBITUARIES.

After examining the letters sent up from the different churches, we find that none of our ministers have been taken from us by death during the past year. We thank God for His goodness and love to the children of men.

The following members have been called to their reward:

From Indian Springs-F. M. Bunker.

From Providence—Jas. J. Rowan, W. M. Richards, and Sister Cinthia Shepard.

From Monticello-Deacon John M. Clark.

From Concordia—Deacon I. A. Hall, Ephram Vickers and Jordan Walsh.

From Harmony-Sister Elija Porter.

From Elizabeth—Pat Corniff, Russell Kinsey, Mrs. Ashton Kinsey and Emma Kinsey.

From Acnon—Estelle Chason, Ebashba Wade, Thos. Hartsfield and Mary Hartsfield.

From Sundown-Mrs. Ella Jeffcoat.

Our loss is their gain.

Respectfully submitted,

S. B. Cole, I. A. Allen. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord,"

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Sundown

- Mrs. Ella Jeffcoat

"A few more rolling suns, at most, Will land me on fair Canaan's coast, Then I shall sing the song of grace, And see my Savior face to face." It was moved and adopted that the same three brethren on the Executive Committee of last year be retained as part of the Executive Committee. Bro. S. Pasco and Bro. J. M. Waits were also elected as members of the Executive Committee.

Rev. Stephen Crockett was elected to serve the Association as treasurer.

Rev. Stephen Crockett was elected correspondent to the Middle Florida Association.

Brethren W. F. Moore and E. B. Fletcher were elected correspondents to the West Florida Association.

It was moved and adopted that the Madison church be granted a letter of dismission at their own request to unite with the Middle Florida Association.

It was moved and adopted that a letter of dismission be granted to the Perry church at their request to unite with the Middle Florida Association.

On motion, which prevailed, that the churches in this Association adopt the following schedule for collections and that the same be printed in the Minutes:

January and February-Church Building.

March and April—State Missions. May and June—Foreign Missions.

July and August-Ministerial Education and Columbia College.

September and October-Home Missions.

November and December—Orphanage and Aged Ministers.

Invitations were received from the churches at Greensboro, Havana, Monticello, Sunny Dell and Concordia for the Association to meet with them next year.

The vote being taken it was made unanimous that the Association meet next year with the Monticello church.

Bro. W. D. Levy made a plea for help in building a home of worship at Woodville.

Bro. J. B. Pruitt made an appeal for help at Havana.

It was voted that the clerk be paid the sum paid him last year for his services as secretary.

Motion prevailed that the amount of the missionary collection be turned over to our Missionary on the amount due him, and it was voted by the Association that the Treasurer draw upon the treasury for the amount due him on salary as Missionary.

Motion prevailed that the Clerk be authorized to write a special letter to the State Board of Missions emphasizing the needs of Lake Ellen, Woodville and Havana churches.

Motion prevailed that the Moderator be authorized to appoint the chairman of standing committees and have them incorporated in the Minutes.

On motion the Association adjourned till 7:30 p. m.

### WEDNESDAY, 7:30 P. M.

Service began with singing. Bro. S. B. Cole led in prayer.

It was moved and adopted by a rising vote that the thanks of this body be extended to the Crawfordville church and community for their kind hospitality during the Association.

A vote of thanks was extended to Rev. A. A. Williamson for the beautiful singing he has rendered us during the Association; and a collection of \$4.93 cents was taken up and presented to him by the Moderator.

A rising vote of thanks was extended to the choir for their help in singing.

A vote of thanks was extended to the Pastor of the church and to the officers of the Association for their kindness and courtesy.

Rev. Stephen Crockett as Vice-President of the B. M. A. A. spoke in regard to the Association.

A motion was made and adopted that a committee of three or five brethren be appointed to hold educational rallies in the interest of Columbia College during the year, and Brethren J. B. Pruitt, W. F. Moore, Stephen Crockett, F. M. Wells, A. J. Kroellinger were elected as such committee.

The report on State Missions was read and having been spoken to by S. B. Cole, J. B. Pruitt, Stephen Crockett, A. V. Reece, T. A. Evans, R. S. Oliver and S. Pasco, was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE MISSIONS:

In making this report on State Missions, your committee beg to submit the following report:

Your committee believes that in State Missions we have the key to "World Wide Evangelism."

The various branches of our missionary enterprise, viz.: Home and Foreign Missions must have a secure footing or foundation.

And in the opinion of your committee "State Missions" is the foundation upon which this enterprise must be erected.

It is with great pleasure that we note the rapid trend of missionary activity within the borders of our beloved State.

As a result of this missionary activity new churches have been organized, weak ones strengthened, Sunday Schools established and B. Y. P. U.'s formed. And now in turn these new fields have not only augmented our strength at home, but are firmly established as new sources of supplies for the larger work at home and abroad.

But we also realize that there are yet greater things in store, opportunities of great import which we as Baptists must ever keep in mind.

In view of the great blessings with which God has blessed our "State Work" in the past we recommend that our State Board undertake yet greater things for the cause of Christ in our State the coming year, and

let us one and all go into this grand work with renewed zeal, undertaking and expecting great things from the Lord.

Respectfully submitted,

M. F. Anderson, H. N. Weeks, J. R. Vause,

Committee.

It was moved and adopted that the Association adjourn to meet with the Monticello Baptist Church on Tuesday after the second Sunday in October, 1909.

The parting hand was given while we sang "God Be

With You Till We Meet Again."

Bro. W. F. Moore pronounced the benediction.

F. W. WELLS,

Moderator.

Stephen Crockett, Secretary.

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Florida Association met on October 14th, 1908, at 2:00 p. m. in the Crawfordville courthouse, Miss Spalding presiding.

The meeting opened with singing "Nearer my God to Thee" and "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name."

Scripture reading, Matt. 16:18-20 and Acts 1-8. Prayer.

It is to be regretted that all societies did not report. There are 7 W. M. S., 1 Y. W. A. and 3 Sunbeam societies.

Talks on missions, our literature, especially our missions, Pawnee Indian Mission and organ fund.

Visit to foreign mission stations by means of the map of the world.

Several sisters and more young ladies and two boys expressed great interest in the work and desired to do

something definite.

The meeting closed with a sweet prayer service, everybody present coming to the front and joining in a circle of prayer, led by Mrs. Cluft, Havana.

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Mrs. C. T. Hancock, Secretary.

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