# The Sixty-Seventh Annual Session of the

# FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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October 12th and 13th, 1909

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Sunday Schools

MR. J. E. BREWER.

Woman's Work

REV. J. B. PRUITT.

Orphanage

Mr. W. D. RICHARDS.

Ministerial Education

REV. J. B. PRUITT.

Periodicals

REV. J. B. PRUITT.

Aged Ministers

MR. W. H. WRIGHT.

Obituaries

MR. M. B. ANDERSON.

Duty of Churches to Pastor

MR. NAT WALKER.

B. Y. P. U.

REV. W. F. MOORE.

# **MINUTES**

OF THE

Sixty-Seventh Annual Session

OF THE

# Florida Baptist Association

Held with the Monticello Baptist Church

MONTICELLO, FLORIDA

Tuesday and Wednesday, October 12 and 13,

Together with Statistical Tables, List of Ministers, etc.

The Next Session will convene with the Tallahassee
Baptist Church, Tallahassee, Florida. Time
to be announced later.

# LIST OF PASTORS

AS RECORDED IN THE CHURCH LETTERS.

Boyd, J. W. Quincy, Fla. Blount, S. F. R. F. D., Juniper, Fla. Bohannon, J. D. Lloyd, Fla. Buckley, G. N. Carrabelle, Fla. Chason, J. F. Horsford, Fla. Clements. J. E. Arran, Fla. Clifton, R. S. Panacea, Fla. Cox, Alexander Smith Creek, Fla. Crockett, Stephen Jacksonville, Fla. Davis, J. A. Monticello, Fla. Holland, James Ocklocknee, Fla. Kroelinger, A. J. Carrabelle, Fla. Levy, W. D. Woodville, Fla. Moore, W. F. Concord, Fla. Montgomery, J. T. Aucilla, Fla. Newberry Glory, Fla. Pruitt, J. B. Arran, Fla. Pruitt, J. B. Tallahassee, Fla. Reese, A. V. Crawfordville, Fla. Revell, S. J. Bristol, Fla. Roberts, L. A. Spring Hill, Fla. Tucker Rufus Arran, Fla. Well, F. M. R. F. D., Juniper, Fla. Well, F. M. R. F. D., Juniper, Fla. Wells, E. L. New Albany, Ind.
LICENSED.
Bauldree, John B

"Walk worthy of the calling wherewith ye were called."

# MINUTES.

The Florida Baptist Association met in its Sixty-Seventh Annual Session with the Monticello Baptist Church, Monticello, Florida, at 10 a. m. Tuesday, October 12th, 1909.

The former Moderator, Rev. F. M. Wells, called the Association to order and the Hymn "There is Sunshine in My Soul" was sung.

Psalm 103 was read by the Moderator.

Rev. J. B. Pruitt led in prayer.

The following messengers were enrolled by the Secretary, Rev. Stephen Crockett:

Aenon-James Holland, Gilbert Hartsfield.

Antioch—By letter.

Arran—By letter.

Chaires—J. D. Bohannon,

Concordia-W. F. Moore, Roy Walsh, J. B. Perkins,

E. M. Walsh.

Corinth-By letter.

Crawfordville-Nat Walker, A. V. Reese, H. N. Walker.

Curtis Mills-

Delph—By letter.

Ebenezer, Jefferson-R. T. Freeman, S. A. Page.

Ebenezer, Leon-L. A. Roberts, Magnus Barineau. Elizabeth-J. M. Hamrick, J. B. Lewis.

Flat Creek—J. C. J. Shepard, J. B. Fletcher.

Fort Braden-By letter.

Franklin-By letter.

Greensboro—J. C. Brewer.

Havana—T. F. Joiner.

Hopeful-W. H. Wright, W. S. Odom.

Indian Springs-H. C. Billingsley.

Lake Ellen—By letter.

Lake Mystic-By letter.

Monticello—Stephen Crockett, S. Pasco, C. T. Shepperd.

Mount Besor—By letter.

Mount Elon—By letter.

Orange-By letter.

Providence—F. M. Wells, M. B. Anderson, W. D. Richards.

Quincy-J. W. Boyd, J. E. Shelfer.

River Junction-By letter.

Salem-By letter.

Sunny Dell-H. LaMcKeown, J. W. Cross.

Sundown-By letter.

Tallahassee-J. B. Pruitt, J. B. Moffet.

Woodville-By letter.

On motion of Brother S. Pasco, it was voted that the ballot of the Association be cast by the Secretary for Rev. F. M. Wells as Moderator.

The ballot was cast by the Secretary and Rev. F. M.

Wells was duly re-elected as Moderator.

It was on motion adopted that Rev. J. B. Pruitt cast the ballot of the Association for the re-election of Rev. Stephen Crockett as Clerk.

This was done and Rev. Stephen Crockett was re-

elected as Secretary of the body.

The following brethren accepted the invitation accorded to visitors: Brother C. S. Hatchett from The Mercer Association; Rev. F. C. Edwards, editor of The Florida Baptist Witness; Brother Louis E. Entsminger, Secretary of B. Y. P. U. and Sunday School work of the State.

Call for petitionary letters was responded to by letter from Hopeful Church, Jefferson county, which petition was by motion referred to a committee appointed by the Moderator, consisting of Brother S. Pasco, Rev. J. B. Pruitt and Rev. J. D. Bohannon.

The Committee on Program reported as follows and the program was by vote adopted:

To the Florida Baptist Association.

BRETHREN:

Your committee appointed to prepare a Program or Order of Exercises for the present session, respectfully submit the following report:

Tuesday, October 12, Morning Session.—Immediately after the opening services and the organization, the introductory sermon by Rev. John B. Pruitt of Tallahassee; applications from churches asking admission to the Association; announcement of committees.

Afternoon Session—Enrollment of additional messengers and visitors; admission of new churches; election of messengers to the State Convention and to the Southern Baptist Convention; annual report of the Treasurer; reports of Standing Committees.

Evening Session—Reports of Standing Committees

continued.

8:00 o'clock—Missionary Sermon by Rev. S. B. Rogers of Gainesville, Corresponding Secretary of the Baptist State Convention.

Wednesday, October 13, Morning Session - Reports

of Standing Committees, continued.

Afternoon Session—Reports of Standing Committees, continued; election of Treasurer; selection of place for next meeting; new and unfinished business.

Evening Session-Unfinished business.

8:00 o'clock.—Sermon on Religious Education by Rev. H. W. Tribble, President of Columbia College.

This order is subject to change at any time by a vote of a majority of the messengers, to be taken by a call of the churches if asked for by five messengers.

J. B. PRUITT.

On motion a recess of ten minutes was taken by vote of the Association.

At 11:00 a. m., after devotional services, Rev. J. B. Pruitt, pastor of the Tallahassee church, preached the introductory sermon on the passage of Scripture found in 1 Cor. 2:24. Rev. F. C. Edwards led in prayer.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:
Foreign Missions—J. B. Pruitt, James Holland, Roy
Walsh.

Home Missions—L. A. Roberts, J. B. Perkins, H. N.

State Missions—James Holland, Gilbert Hartsfield, S. A. Page.

Temperance—W. F. Moore, Nat Walker, R. T. Free-

Sunday Schools—S. Pasco, J. B. Fletcher, I. F. Joiner.

Woman's Work-J. B. Pruitt, J. C. J. Shepard, J.

B. Fletcher. Orphange—A. V. Reese, J. B. Moffett, Magnus

Barineau.

Ministerial Education—A. V. Reese, J. B. Pruitt, S. Pasco.

Periodicals—Stephen Crockett, J. C. J. Shepard, H.

L. McKeown.

Aged Ministers—Nat Walker, J. D. Bohannon.
Obituaries—W. D. Richards, E. M. Walsh, H. C.
Billingsley.

Duty of Churches to Pastor—W. H. Dean, C. T. Shepard, J. W. Cross.

Finance—W. D. Richards, E. M. Walsh, H. C. Billingsley.

B. Y. P. U.—J. B. Pruitt, Roy Walsh, J. D. Bohannon.

A collection was taken for State Missions, amounting to \$5.01.

Motion to adjourn until two o'clock p. m. prevailed.

### TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

The session was called to order by singing "Will There Be Any Stars in My Crown?" Rev. J. R. Wells led in prayer.

Invitation extended to visiting brethren.

Responses from J. R. Wells, from Suwannee Association; Brother S. M. Scruggs, Moderator of the Jackson-ville Association.

It was moved and adopted that the Moderator appoint the delegates to the State Convention and the followingnamed brethren compose the delegation to represent the Association at the State Convention: W. F. Moore, Roy Walsh, F. M. Wells, S. Pasco, J. B. Pruitt, Nat Walker, W. D. Levy, A. V. Reese, L. A. Roberts, James Holland.

Rev. J. B. Pruitt was appointed to represent the Association at the next meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Rev. S. B. Rogers, State Mission Secretary, was received and welcomed to the Association.

Rev. H. W. Tribble, President of Columbia College, was received and welcomed to the Association.

The report of the Treasurer of the Association was read and adopted.

Dear Brethren—Your Treasurer begs leave to submit the following report for the Associational Year:

# To the Florida Baptist Association:

### RECEIPTS.

Oct.	14,	1908	Received from Association\$159.42
Oct.	26,	1908	Received from Treasurer, Bro. G. W. Tedder
			to balance
			Received from Western Union, per Bro. W. E. Gray
April	24,	1909	Received from Aenon Church, per Bro. W.
			E. Gray 3.80

\$184.85

### DISBURSEMENTS.

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Oct.	26, 1908	to bolonge	13.93
	00 1000	m. Day I D Geiger for State Missions	17.25
Oct.	26, 1908	To Rev. L. G. Geiger, for Home Missions	6.00
Oct.	26, 1908	To Rev. L. D. Geiger, for Foreign Missions.	16.75
Oct.	26, 1908	To Rev. L. D. Geiger, 101 Tolege Secretary's	
Oct.	26, 1908	To Rev. Stephen Crockett, for Secretary's services	20.00
		services for Ornhanage	12.40
Oct.	26, 1908	To Rev. L. D. Geiger, for Orphanage	9.97
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Dec.	8, 1908	To H & W. B. Drew Co., for printing	48.75
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Oct.	12, 1909	10 Dalance	
			\$184.85

Respectfully submitted, STEPHEN CROCKETT, Treasurer

Brother S. Pasco submitted the following report:

The Committee on Petitionary Letters and the Reception of New Churches respectfully submit the following report on the application of Hopeful Baptist Church for admission to the Association from the Mercer Association of Georgia.

This church was established in the northwestern part of Jefferson county in 1890. It has a membership of about 30; most of whom have their homes in Florida, the others in Georgia, near the boundary line between the two States. Rev. Moses Ward is the pastor, T. A. White, the church clerk, whose postoffice address is Metcalf, Georgia. Their messengers are W. H. Wright and Walter Odum. They are of our faith and order and the church was connected with the Mercer Association from the time of its organization until dismissed October 21, 1908, so as to unite with the Florida Association.

We recommend the admission of the church to the Association and the recognition of the messengers as its duly accredited representatives at the present session.

We further recommend that the right hand of fellowship be extended to these representatives by the Moderator.

Samuel Pasco, 'John B. Pruitt, J. D. Bohannon.

Which was adopted; and the Moderator extended the right hand of fellowship to Brother W. H. Wright and Brother W. S. Odum, the representatives of the church.

The following report on Foreign Missions was adopted after some discussion by J. B. Pruitt, J. D. Bohannon, J. R. Wells, A. V. Reese, S. Pasco and others.

### REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The spirit of missions is divine in origin and divine in all its operations. When Jesus came to earth His impelling motive was the glory of His Father in the redemption of lost mankind. Through Him God spoke to the world, and through Him God speaks to His people to-day. Nineteen hundred years have passed since God sent His Son to the world, and through Him the great commission was given the churches to go and disciple all the nations. And yet two-thirds of mankind are still without the knowledge of Christ, and are heathen. Barriers that formerly stood in the way of the missionary are practically all gone. No longer can the excuse of a closed door be made. Every land is practically now open to the missionaries. The harvest is ripe, the opportunities are great, and the door is open. And but one problem remains to be solved. That problem is one of men and money. For these let us ask God, and when so praying to Him let us do what we can do, and must do. The mission fields of our Foreign Board are Africa, Brazil, China, Italy, Japan, Mexico and Argentina. In all these countries the work of our missionaries is wonderfully blessed. The past year has been one of marked progress and development. The older churches

are growing in numbers and the spirit of missions, the strongest missions are being organized into churches, and new and important fields are being acquired. Our Foreign Board asks the churches of our Southern Convention for \$538,500.00 for the year. Of this amount Florida is asked to give \$7,500.00. And of this amount this Association is asked by our Board to raise \$245.00.

### RECOMMENDATIONS.

First—That a committee on apportionment be named whose duty it shall be to divide up among the churches the \$245,00.

Second—That the pastors be asked to present the work of all our missionary interests at least twice a year.

Third—That it is the duty of every church and every church member in this Association to contribute towards the cause of missions according to the means with which God has blessed them.

Fourth—That we urge all the churches of the Association to take and read the Foreign Mission Journal; also that the pastors seek to distribute tracts and literature bearing upon missions throughout the entire Association.

J. B. PRUITT.

The report on Temperance was submitted and accepted after being spoken to by W. F. Moore and H. W. Tribble.

### REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We your Committee on Temperance submit the following report. As this report is penned we look back to see what has been done and to the future to see what remains to be done.

These questions are in the hearts of all who believe in the complete extermination of the legalized liquor traffic. What has been done to stop this heartless business in this our fair land? Those who hear the wail of mothers and the cries of helpless children, who see the shame and misery left in its wake; the wrecked homes and ruined lives, ask the question to-day.

### First, What Has Been Done?

Not counting the territorial States, which are under non-prohibition laws, there are seven states without any prohibition laws, all in the West, except Pennsylvania. In the East, there are three mostly wet, including New York. Nine are about half dry, nineteen are half to two-thirds dry and eight are prohibition states. In 1908, 11,000 saloons were voted out of the United States. Adding 325,000 square miles area and 4,300,000 population to the dry territory. Over half the area of the United States is now under prohibition and from 8,000,000 to 10,000,000 more people live under Prohibition than where whiskey is sold legally. Between forty and fifty million people in the United States live under Prohibition laws. Surely God has blessed us in the fight against that black curse, the American saloon.

### Second, What is There to Do?

We are to work and pray till our land has been freed from its worst enemy, until the shackles have been broken off that have kept bound the cause of Christ and righteousness with fetters of iron, that have kept a shadow drawn over our homes and pure society. As the bird from the cage, so shall we set the captive free, where happiness and virtue can be maintained. Therefore, be it

Resolved, First—That this body most heartily endorses the anti-saloon league of Florida; its efforts to rid the State of the liquor traffic.

Second—That this body is in full sympathy with the movement to remove from the state the licensed saloon by the majority of its legal voters and

Third—That we put ourselves on record as favoring every honorable means to rid our State and nation of

the saloon and to this end ask our brethren of the Florida Association to pray for, vote for and work for the extermination of the whiskey business at the coming general election.

W. Frank Moore, Chairman, R. T. Freeman, Nat R. Walker.

The report on Periodicals was presented by Rev. Stephen Crockett and after being spoken to by the chairman, followed by Rev. F. C. Edwards, S. B. Rogers, Louis E. Entsminger and S. M. Scruggs, the same was adopted, including the amendment received from the Jacksonville Association.

Rev. H. W. Tribble made a pledge of twenty-five dol-

lars on the indebtedness of the Witness.

### REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

DEAR BRETHREN: Your Committee on Periodicals desire to make the following report: This special phase of our denominational work is one of the utmost importance and, with one exception, we believe is truly appreciated by our people. We feel that it is a matter of great rejoicing when we realize that we own two magnificently equipped printing plants, that cannot be excelled, i. e., the Sunday School Board of our Southern Baptist Convention at Nashville, Tenn., and the American Baptist Publication Society of Philadelphia, Pa., with a southern branch at Atlanta, Ga. These great concerns are engaged in furnishing to our constituency a line of literature to meet every desired need of our work. And we would especially urge our churches, Sunday Schools, Young People's Societies and individuals to give a large share of their patronage to our own board. The Foreign Mission Journal is a magazine complete in itself each month, one of the best of its type, giving fresh and direct information from the fields in far off lands where our representatives are spending their lives for Christ. This. can be had from our Foreign Mission Board at Richmond, Va., for the small sum of thirty-five cents per year.

The Home Field, published by our Home Mission Board at Atlanta, Ga., is a magazine of beauty, replete with facts concerning this glorious work in which we all feel such a great interest—the winning of every citizen of our great country for Christ our Lord.

At this time we feel great concern for our own State paper, The Florida Baptist Witness, which at this immediate period is financially in a critical condition; caused largely by a failure on the part of many of our people to give it the necessary financial support which it deserves. And we would especially request that all those who know themselves to be in arrears for the paper to promptly pay the amount of their indebtedness, and to urge all of our constituency who are not taking it to at once become active subscribers and thus aid in the support of our State organ, the property of the Florida Baptist Convention, which means that it belongs to the Baptists of Florida.

Respectfully submitted,
STEPHEN CROCKETT, Chairman,
H. L. McKeown,
J. C. J. Sheppard.

The following resolution was offered before the Jacksonville Association by Rev. W. A. Hobson:

Whereas the editors of *The Florida Baptist Witness* are suffering a financial loss in the efforts to publish our State organ, and whereas the paper is owned by the denomination, and whereas it is a necessity to our organized work, and whereas this Association has made a special offering of \$100.00 to the *Witness*; therefore be it

Resolved that the clerk of the Jacksonville Association be instructed to forward the action of this Association to the clerk of the other Associations of Florida with the request that they bring the cause of the Witness before the Associations in the hope that all the Associations of the State may make special offerings to help tide the Witness through the crisis that is upon it, and that the resolution be published in the Witness over the signature of the Moderator of this Association.

S. M. Scruggs,

Moderator.

E. C. GEIGER,

Clerk.

The following resolution was offered and adopted by vote of the Association:

That we authorize the Executive Committee in distributing all funds in hand belonging to the Association to consider *The Baptist Witness*, and come up to the help of said paper.

Motion to adjourn until 7.30 p. m. prevailed.

# TUESDAY EVENING.

Session convened with singing. Rev. W. F. Moore led in prayer.

The report of Committee on Aged Ministers was presented by Brother Nat Walker and after being spoken to by Brothers Nat Walker, S. B. Rogers, J. B. Pruitt, the report was adopted.

# REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AGED MINISTERS.

Your last committee appointed On Aged Ministers in its report, truly stated that it had "no data upon which to base a report fater than the annual report made by the Corresponding Secretary to the State Convention, etc.," further adding that "this department of the convention work was then languishing, while progress was made in all others," and that the amount raised during the previous year was \$321.00, a reduction from former receipts; and further emphasizing, that this sum was equally

divided between eight of the brethren—amounting to about \$40.00 each. We your committee can neither add to or take from this part of the last report so quoted, and with the lights before us the same condition now remains.

And Brethren, this sad condition should appeal to the sympathy of every honest or God-fearing church member of the Baptist church in Florida. These aged apostles who have spent their lives in behalf of wicked humanity; these old soldiers of the cross, where every action of thought was for the elevation of mankind, and purity of the world, should not now be forgotten, and cast away as old fossils; and it should be a sacred duty of the Baptist church to look after the necessities if not comforts of these blessed old lives whose footsteps are making tracks fast to the grave. Yes, Brethern, these venerable and God-fearing men, whose merits deserve the plaudits of all honest men, regardless of creed or church. It is beyond the conception of your committee to suggest perhaps a material remedy, for their betterment, but it occurs to us that a resolution should be adopted by the next State Convention requesting the pastors of the several churches in the State to take up annually a special collection and so report the same to the proper authorities of the State Convention to be prorated as has been the former custom, to meet the occasion. Let this be done and the sunshine of every christian heart will be made brighter.

NAT R. WALKER, J. D. BOHANNON.

A petitionary letter was received from St. Marks church and was on motion referred to the Committee on Petitionary Letters.

Rev. J. W. Boyd was welcomed as a new pastor in the Association.

The report of the Committee on State Missions was

read by Rev. James Holland and addressed by our Corresponding Secretary, Rev. S. B. Rogers.

Rev. J. W. Boyd sang a solo, entitled "The Great

Judgment."

Rev. H. W. Tribble then led in prayer.

The report was then adopted.

### REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

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

Dear Brechren—In duly considering the mission question would say that in all the departments of our mission work the state work is very important as it reaches beyond the associational missions into the home, thence to foreign fields.

We are profoundly thankful that the State Mission cause is more and more upon the hearts of our people and we recommend that our pastors urge that it may still bear heavier that our State Board can be prepared to carry on this work and that still better results be attained.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES HOLLAND, GILBERT HARTSFIELD, S. A. PAGE.

# REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

As Home Missions was the beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, it was to begin at Jerusalem and go to the ends of the earth, and as all other missions get their origin from home missions and for that reason we should be more in sympathy with the Home Mission Board and give it our strictest attention, as there are floods of emigration coming to the United States every year. That being the case we should make stronger efforts to give the Gospel to them as fast as they come, for if we do not give them the Gospel we may expect them to lead the young and rising generation in to superstition and into

Catholicism. We would urge that the pastors of the churches that compose this Association keep the subject of Home Missions before their churches. Let us pray and work as never before for the progress of Home Missions, as Foreign Missions gets its strength from Home Missions let us give as the Lord has prospered us.

L. A. ROBERTS, JOHN B. PERKINS, H. N. WALKER,

The Moderator appointed as Committee on Apportionment of Funds for Home and Foreign Mission Board J. B. Pruitt, A. V. Reese, L. A. Roberts, J. E. Shelfer and J. C. Brewer.

Motion to adjourn till 9.30 a. m. prevailed. Benediction by Rev. H. W. Tribble.

### WEDNESDAY MORNING.

9:30. The Moderator read a portion of God's word. Engaged in singing "I Want to Be a Worker for the Lord."

Brother Louis E. Entsminger led in prayer.

The minutes were read and approved.

The report on Home Missions was read and adopted, being addressed by L. A. Roberts, J. B. Pruitt, W. F. Moore, Nat Walker and S. B. Rogers.

Rev. Moses Ward, of the Mercer Association, being present was welcomed as a visitor.

The Committee on Petitionary Letters reported favorably concerning St. Marks church and the church was voted a member of the body.

The report of the Committee on Obituaries was received and adopted, after being addressed by the Moderator and several of the brethren.

# REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES.

We your Committee on Obituaries beg leave to make

the following report:

After examining the letters sent up from the different churches, we find that God has called one of our preachers and one of our deacons and fifteen of our lay members to their reward.

The following members have been called home from the different churches:

Mt. Elon-Rev. M. F. Anderson.

Ebenezer-Deacon C. E. Hay.

Lake Ellen-Brother J. J. Bugett.

Providence—Sister Sarah McDearmid and Elizabeth Shepard.

Salem-Sister C. K. Coleman and Brother P.

Walden.

Elizabeth-Sister Sarah Hawk.

Concordia-Sister Nonie Johnson.

Havana—Sister Robert Daniels and Sister W. F. Sellers.

Flat Creek-Sister Sarah S. Shepard.

Greensboro-Sister Maggie Johnson.

Quincy-Brothers L. T. Brewer, W. L. Bowers and Sister Cecila Formun.

Antioch-Brother W. A. Rudd.

W: D. RICHARDS,

H. C. BILLINGSLEY,

E. M. Walsh.

The report on Duty of Churches to Pastor was read by Brother C. T. Shepherd and being discussed by a number of those present was then adopted.

### THE CHURCH'S DUTY TO ITS PASTOR.

As a pastor is expected to be leader in all good works and an example in all the Christian graces, we believe that he should be liberally supported.

### In Memoriam.

"I will make darkness light before them."

Rev. M. F. ANDERSON			Mt.	Elon	Church	
Deacon J. J. BUGETT		. I	ake	Ellen	Church	

#### BRETHREN

W. F. BOWENS .				Quincy	Church
L. T. BREWER				Quincy	Church
P. WALDEN .				. Salem	Church
W. A. RUDD				Antioch	Church
THOS. HANCOCK				Tallahassee	Church

#### SISTERS

Mrs. ELIZABETH SHEPARD	Providence Church
SARAH McDEARMID	Providence Church
Mrs. MAGGIE JOHNSON	Greensboro Church
Mrs. ROBERT DANIEL	. Havana Church
Mrs. W. F. SELLARS	. Havana Church
MATTIE DUGGER	Lake Mystic Church
C. K. COLEMAN	. Salem Church
MAGGIE BARINEAU	Fort Braden Church
Mrs. SARAH HAWK	. Elizabeth Church
Mrs. NONIE JOHNSON	
	. Quincy Church

<sup>&</sup>quot;The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all."

both temporally and morally, and in every other way that he needs help. In counseling, encouraging, advising and helping the members of his churches in the way God would have them live, we believe does not leave time for any other avocation, so we should see that they are liberally supplied with the necessaries of life and, where possible, with as many of the luxuries as can be given.

We believe that a pastor is as much entitled to wages as any other laborer and as his is the highest of calling, we think they should be paid accordingly. They should never be made to feel that they are objects of charity nor made to call for the wages that are due them. We should let them know that their efforts in behalf of humanity are appreciated, nor should we let them think that they are alone or forsaken by those for whom they have labored so faithfully and well. They richly deserve the honor, respect and united co-operation of every person, in their work for the peace and happiness of mankind, and their loyalty to Jesus Christ and His cause.

W. H. Dean, Chairman, C. T. Shepherd, L. W. Cross.

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

### REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

The good women of the Florida Association are in full sympathy with all the interests of our State Convention. Led by Miss Spaulding and the vice-presidents of the associations, our women are not only the pastor's best helper and the church's strongest supporter, but first to divide their living with all in need of material, moral and spiritual help. We recognize their invaluable help in every good word and work and acknowledge them leaders in all that makes for the Kingdom of God. God bless our good women.

Committee.

The report of Committee on Sunday Schools was presented by Brother S. Pasco and being addressed by the chairman and Brother Louis E. Entsminger, the report was on motion adopted.

To the Florida Baptist Association:

Brethren: Your Committee on Sunday Schools respectfully submit the following report:

Your committee have examined the Minutes of the Association for the past ten or twelve years and they contain but little information as to what has been done by the churches in this important field of Christian usefulness.

From 1900 to 1905 there are no tables of statistics showing what schools have been kept up and it is impossible to tell the number of teachers and scholars or what was accomplished during those years in this department of our church work.

The reports from 1906 to 1908 have been tabulated, but many of them are very imperfect and it is evident that some of the church clerks either have not been supplied with the necessary information by the superintendents of the schools, or they have not realized the importance and value of full and accurate details of what the members of their churches are doing in instructing the children and youth in their congregations in the scriptures and in increasing their own knowledge of the truths they contain by uniting with the Bible or adult classes. By comparing the tables for these three years, some progress in the right direction is shown and the best results appear in the reports for 1908; but in this year only fifteen schools were reported by the thirtyseven churches then belonging to the Association. These churches had an aggregate membership of 1,412 and there were 1,040 teachers and schools in their Sunday Schools. It is gratifying to see that out of the 273 baptisms reported in the churches of the Association, 223 were in the 15 churches which supported these schools, while there were but 40 in the 22 which reported no Sunday Schools.

During these years the cause of Sunday Schools has been strongly presented in the annual sessions of the Association by the standing committees upon this subject and the obligation of the churches to establish and main-

tain them has been fully recognized.

The brief examination your committee have been able to make of the letters from the churches presented at the present session indicates that this action has not been in vain. These letters show that 30 churches are represented and they report 19 Sunday Schools with 121 teachers and scholars. In these churches there have been 183 baptisms and 77 of the candidates were from the Sunday Schools.

It may be urged that the responsibility of instructing the young in the truths of religion rests upon the parents; while this is true, it must be remembered that the Sunday School does not relieve the parents of this responsibility but its purpose is to aid them and supplement their efforts. There are, however, families in every community where no religious instruction is imparted to the children and the Sunday School is the only organization to teach such children the plan of salvation and lead them to the entrance to the straight and narrow way that leads to eternal life. It is as much the duty of the church to do this as it is to send the gospel to foreign lands and there is no better field for planting the seed of the word and the diligent sower may reasonably expect a bounteous harvest.

There should be a Sunday School connected with every church in the Association and the church clerks should not fail to include in their annual letters full reports of their schools. This would make but 22 Baptist schools in the territory occupied by the Association, comprising the larger part of five counties and even then we would have much unoccupied territory.

Your committee recommend that the attention of the churches and their pastors be once more directed to the importance of establishing and maintaining Sunday Schools as a part of their church work and we further recommend that a State Agent be employed by the State Board of Missions to promote this work where it has been neglected and assist in organizing new schools, not only in connection with our churches, but in other portions of our territory where no churches or Sunday Schools have been established.

J. B. FLETCHER,
T. F. JOYNER.

On motion the Association adjourned until 2:00 o'clock.

### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Session began with singing. Brother S. M. Scruggs led in prayer.

The Committee on Finance reported as follows and

the report was adopted:

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

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Minutes and Clerk\$	31.80
Associational Missions	32.90
State Missions	11.81
Home Missions	17.86
Foreign Missions	
Orphanage	
Aged Ministers	2.43
Educational, General	.25

W. D. RICHARDS, E. M. WALSH, H. C. BILLINGSLEY. The Committee on Orphanage reported through Rev. A. V. Reese, and the report, after being spoken to by the chairman, was adopted.

### REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

About seventy children in our orphanage at Arcadia look to the Baptist people of Florida for their daily bread. Every week the treasurer must meet bills or the orphanage falls in debt.

The cost per month of supporting a child at the orphanage is about seven dollars. This includes not only his board and clothes, but the salary of every employee connected with the institution. The children are required to do some work on the farm and about the home, and this takes a part of their time each day. They are sent to school to competent teachers where they receive thorough instruction.

We are deeply grateful to Superintendent B. M. Bean and his noble band of helpers for their safe, sound, conservative and economical administration of the affairs of the home. The family idea in our orphanage life is maintained.

We call your special attention to the unfinished building and also to the need of new buildings.

We would urge upon our people the necessity for regular and systematic contributions for the support of this work. Some Sunday Schools in Florida are giving a monthly collection to the orphanage. This has been a source of great blessing to the school as well as to the orphanage. We earnestly recommend the adoption of this plan by every Sunday School in the Florida Association.

We also recommend that each church, Woman's Missionary Society and B. Y. P. U. take a special collection on the first Sunday in October—which is the Sunday

following Orphanage Day, and on Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Respectfully submitted by Committee,

A. V. Reese, Chairman. Magnus Barineau, J. B. Moffett.

The following resolution was offered by Rev. W. F. Moore and adopted by the Association:

Realizing the importance of the great laymen's movement and in view of the part that much lies in what degree our Baptist laymen are enlisted, and in view of the fact that the call comes from Brother Ira J. Carter, chairman State Committee Laymen's Movement, that a committee of three be appointed by this Association to look after the laymen's movement in this Association; therefore be it

Resolved that a committee be appointed by the Moderator of three all at the same place.

Respectfully,

W. Frank Moore.

The Moderator appointed the following brethren as such committee, S. Pasco, Dr. J. R. McEachern, B. J. Hamrick.

The report of the Executive Committee was read and adopted.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

DEAR BRETHREN: Your Executive Committee has but little to report to your body.

We have done no work in the Association as we had no funds to operate on.

The State Board of Missions, however, has done some work within the bounds of our Association, and your committee would recommend that we do our work through that channel in future.

F. M. Wells, Chairman, Stephen Crockett, S. Pasco. Motion prevailed that the Association proceed to elect an executive committee and treasurer for the ensuing year.

Rev. F. M. Wells was elected a member of the Executive Committee and it was also voted that the following named brethren compose the Executive Committee: W. F. Moore, J. R. McEachern, H. N. Walker and J. B. Pruitt. Brother H. N. Walker was elected Treasurer of the Association.

On motion of Stephen Crockett, which was adopted, that the ballot of the Association be east by Rev. W. F. Moore for the next session of the Association to be held with the Tallahassee church.

The ballot was so cast and the Association will meet next year with the Tallahassee church.

It was moved and adopted that the time of the meeting of the next Association be left with the chairman of the Executive Committee.

On motion, which was adopted, that the historical sketch of the Association be read at the evening session.

The report of Committee on B. Y. P. U. was read and adopted after several of the brethren had participated in the discussion.

We are glad to report an increased interest in the work of training our young. This Association had reported at its last session six B. Y. P. U.'s. While this is encouraging we feel that more of our churches could and should take hold of their young people and train them for christian service. Thirty-seven churches in our Association, and only six of them training their young people.

The crying need of the day in our denomination is a trained church membership, men and women who know how. Then the most of those who are being disciplined and turned out of our churches to-day are young people, who, after a few years of wasted life come back to the churches.

The trouble is usually they are not trained in christion conduct. Let us take hold of our young people and train them to use their powers for the glory of God.

We heartily endorse the action of our State Board of Missions in placing a man in the field in the interest of the Sunday School and B. P. Y. U. work, and we urge upon our young people and Sunday School workers the importance of securing his services for a two or three days meeting at least once a year, when they shall all lay aside their business and come together to learn more about carrying on these departments of our church work. The field is large and we need to co-operate with our field worker. Let our young people stand by our board with our money and our prayers.

It was moved and adopted that the clerk be paid the same amount as last year for his services.

Motion prevailed that the Association adjourn until 7.30 p. m.

The Association then adjourned.

### WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Session began at 7.30 with singing "Rock of Ages." Rev. J. D. Bohannon led in prayer.

The following named brethren were announced as chairmen of standing committees by the Moderator:

(N. B.—Their names are found inside of front cover.)
The following sketch of the Association was read
by the Moderator and ordered printed in the minutes:

HISTORICAL SKETCH OF THE FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

On October 16th, 1843, the Florida Baptist Association was organized at Ebenezer church. The church was then situated on the Cassabianca plantation, on the road leading from Monticello to Waukeena, in Jefferson county.

There is but little known of the personnel of the Association for the first five years of its existence, as all the records are lost. A few names, however, of persons taking part in its organization, have been brought down to us by tradition. Wm. K. Scruggs and wife, Brother West and wife and Assa and Alvin May, and their wives. being members of Ebenezer church were present, and Rev. W. B. Cooper, who then resided in Hamilton county, Florida, rode across the country to be present and was elected Moderator of the first Association ever formed in Florida. And for many years after he was a prominent figure and a wise counsellor in all the deliberations and work of the Association, and ere he was called away to his inheritance, it was the happy privilege of the writer to become personally acquainted with this man of God, and to listen to his words of love and wisdom.

Another matter of uncertainty is the number and names of the churches that entered into the organization. Six years later though, or in 1849, we are able to name the churches that were co-operating for the spread of the

gospel.

The names of the churches were Antioch, Aenon, Bethel, Bethsada, Bethpage, Bula, Concord, (Madison county) Concord (Hamilton county), Elizabeth, Ebenezer, (Jefferson county), Ebenezer (Lowndes county, Georgia), Friendship, Harmony, Hickstown, Hebron, Indian Springs, Liberty (Gadsden county), Liberty, Thomas county, Georgia), Lake Jackson, Monticello, Ocklocknee, Providence, Redland, Rehoboth, Summer Hill, Sharon, Shiloh, Troupville, Thomasville and Union,—thirty in all—covering the territory within the lines running from St. Marks on the Gulf coast to Jasper, Troupville or Valdosta, Thomasville, Boston and around by Providence church in Gadsden county back to St. Marks. Out of this number there are only six retaining the original name that are members of this Association,

to-wit: Aenon, Elizabeth, Ebenezer, Indian Springs, Monticello and Providence. The preachers in charge of these churches were R. Levy, W. Henderson, E. C. Walker, Z. G. Wheeler, R. Frier, R. J. Mays, J. Broom, B. S. Fuller, W. B. Cooper, J. B. Lacy, K. Z. Ardis, G. W. Bostick, W. Blewitt, J. B. Jones and J. W. P. McCall. A band of noble workers, strong in doctrine, rich in faith and full of grace and the spirit power, who went forth sowing precious seed for the reaping by and by, and as coworkers together with God, building upon the sure foundation which is Jesus Christ.

All these have long since passed to their reward.

Those earnest pioneer preachers went out into the world carrying the gospel light, holding out to the last, the beautiful prospect of heaven, its rest and glory; leaving behind them a train of happy influences and sweet memories that has possibly helped to bring joy and peace to some of our hearts. God bless their work!

In the year 1852 steps were taken in the Florida Association for the organization of the Florida Baptist State Convention. Messengers were sent to confer with the West Florida Association and the Alachua Association, the only associations in the state at the time. The movement met with favor, and culminated in the organization of the Florida Baptist State Convention November 20th, 1854, at the meeting of the Florida Association held with Concord church in Madison county.

In these early years the Association was taking on new life and reaching forward to greater things and

strengthening the cause that they represented.

It was in this year (1854) that a move was made to help young preachers to obtain an education, and after a careful survey of the situation, pledges were made for this purpose to the amount of \$3,280.00 to be paid in five annual installments and placed in charge of Elders D. G. Daniel, W. H. Goldwire, H. Z. Ardis, W. Blewitt, B. S. Fuller, W. B. Cooper and R. J. Mays, who were appointed to receive and disburse according to their best

judgment. Three applications for assistance were made at once, C. Smith, G. R. Moore and J. G. McCall, which were favorably considered and these three became beneficiaries of this fund. The earnest efforts and christian zeal of these noble men, resulted in broader views, liberal minds and willing hearts to send the gospel, extend the kingdom and lead the erring into the way of right. It was not all smooth sailing, however, for these laborers with God, for they too had their trials of faith, obstacles to surmount and difficulties to be met. Then again all of their co-workers were not thoroughly consecrated to the work of God and His cause and some of the delegates would leave the Association for home before the work of the Association was finished. So in 1854 they passed a resolution to strike every name from the minutes who failed to remain till the close, as a penalty for this misdemeanor.

The war time of the States brought great sorrow of soul, with hard times and uncertainties, but the Association increased its contributions and took on new work in the line of missionary operations in the army and bravely bore the burdens of the day, till the war closed and more peaceful times came and gave some relief from the strain under which they labored and from then until now there has come but little change in the workings of the Association. But almost every year there is a change in the personnel of the Association; old faces disappear and new ones appear. How many have gone since I first became a member of this body. Some to the south, some to the east and some to the west who are yet laboring. for the same glorious cause for which we strive and we say to those God speed in the fight. While others have laid aside their implements of labor and have passed through the valley of the shadow of death, entered into the great beyond and are reaping the reward that 'spurred them on to service, and self denial. For the separation, our hearts are sad. But we are moving in this great procession, and soon we shall be called away to meet the loved ones on the other side; while others will swing into line, fill our places and carry on the work of the old Florida Association with better success, possibly, and with greater power for good. "So mote it be."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

F. M. Wells.

The following resolution was introduced and adopted by a rising vote:

#### RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Resolved: (1) That we, the Florida Association here assembled, extend our thanks to the Baptist church and good people of Monticello for their kind reception and generous hospitality during our stay in their city.

Resolved, (2) That we acknowledge our indebtedness to the entire community and assure all that we leave your homes with the pleasing recollections of you all.

J. B. PRUITT.

The report of Committee on Ministerial Education was read by Rev. A. V. Reese.

### MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Christ, when on earth, called into His services some "unlearned and ignorant men" and sent them out to do ministerial work, taking the weak things of this world to confound the mighty, that the excellency of the power might be of God and not of men. He also called educated men into the ministry, and they went forth, mighty messengers of the cross.

Conditions have not sufficiently changed to justify us in the supposition that He does not use both educated and uneducated men now. The attitude of the Baptist churches to-day should be the same toward ministerial education as were the Baptist churches during Apostolic times. It pleased Christ, the head of the church, to use

learned and unlearned men, early in the beginning, and the same is true to-day.

Therefore, we would suggest that those who are educated, be not exalted in themselves, and that those who are uneducated, be not too sensitive, but that each remember that he is only a part of God's Great Plan in bringing men to Christ.

Ministerial education should develop the entire man,—physically, mentally, morally and spiritually.

The minister to do his best work ought to have a well sustained, sound and exercised body. He ought to have a mind trained to think,—trained to think logically, to think rapidly, to think in public and to think devotionally. He needs a mind well stored with general knowledge.

Morally, he must be a gentleman in thought, in words and in deeds. If he is weak morally, all other accomplishments are nothing. He should have complete self control. Spiritually, he ought to have an experimental knowledge of salvation, unmistakable evidence that he is called of God to the Gospel Ministry, and with an unconditional surrender, wait until he is endued with power for service, and then devote his entire time to the ministry.

We feel that Columbia College with Dr. H. W. Tribbble, President, offers the opportunity to all our young ministers for the right kind of training. Also, that John B. Stetson University, under the able management of Dr. Lincoln Hulley, offers excellent opportunities to our young ministers, and also that of our Theological Seminary at Louisville, My.

We recommend that our Florida Association aid any of the young ministers in her bounds who wish to enter school, and that all our young ministers be encouraged to take advantage of the opportunities offered by these noble institutions.

We would bring before this association one of our young ministers who has expressed a desire to enter

Columbia. We refer to Rev. Frank Dugger of Bristol, Florida. He is a member of Lake Mystic Baptist church. Respectfully submitted.

A. V. Reese, Chairman.
J. B. Pruitt,
Samuel Pasco.

The report was spoken to by A. V. Reese, after singing the hymn "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus."

Rev. H. W. Tribble made a most favorable impression in an address on "Christian Education," at the close of which a collection of \$32.47 was taken for Columbia College.

A rising vote of thanks was by vote extended to Dr. Tribble for the address which he had made.

The report on Ministerial Education was then adopted.

It was voted that we adjourn to meet in Tallahassee at the next session.

The parting hand was given while we sang "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

Dr. Tribble led in the closing prayer.

F. M. Wells, Moderator.

Stephen Crockett, Secretary.

"I am Jehovah thy God \* \* \* \* who leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldst go."

# WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION.

The Women's Missionary Union of the Florida Association met on October 13th, 1909, at 2:00 p. m. in the Presbyterian church, Monticello, Fla. Mrs. J. B. Moffett of Tallahassee presiding.

The meeting opened with singing "Stand Up for

Jesus."

Scripture reading Acts 1:1-26. Prayer, Mrs. J. B.

Moffett.

Reports received and read from Tallahassee, gifts for mission for year \$55.00; Havana, gifts for mission for year \$20.00; Monticello, gifts for mission for year \$13.00; Greenville, gifts for mission for year; Concord, has just been organized; reports from two other churches by visiting sisters, no society.

It is to be regretted very much that more societies

did not report.

Talks on missions, our literature, our duty to God, and how to draw our uninterested sisters out.

Song, "We Praise Thee O God."

The meeting closed with a sweet prayer service led by Mrs. J. B. Moffett.

Mrs. V. D. RAINEY, Secretary pro tem.

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