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SANTA FE RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OFFICERS.

Moderator, R. B. Meeks, Hawthorn, Fla.

Clerk, H. C. Sealey, Alachua, Florida.

Treasurer, E. E. Stokes, Campville, Fla.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

R. B. Meeks,	Hawthorn,	Fla.
A. M. Williams	. Hampton,	Fla.
E. B. Perry	Melrose,	
Robt. McClellan	Gainesville,	
	Campville,	

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

- 1. Association called to order, 10:00 a. m.
- 2. Reading Letters and Enrolling Delegates.
- 3. Election of Officers.
- 4. Introductory Sermon.
- 5. Inviting Visiting Brethren to Seats.
- 6. Appointment of Committees.
- 7. Call for Reports of Standing Committees.
 - a Divine service.
 - b Temperance.
 - c Sunday Schools.
 - d Education.
 - e State Missions.
 - f Home Missions.
 - g Foreign Missions.
 - h Publication.
 - i Nominations.
 - j Spiritual Condition of Churches.
 - k Orphanage.
 - 1 Deceased Ministers and Deacons.
 - m B. Y. P. U.
 - n Finance.
- 8. Miscellaneous Business.
- 9. Adjournment.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

J. B. Rodgers,	Alachua, Fla.
B. R. Moseley	Melrose, Fla.
	Gainesville, Fla.
	Gainesville, Fla.
G. W. Riles,	Hawthorne, Fla.
	Hampton, Fla.
L. A. Rawls,	Waldo, Fla.
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	Gainesville, Fla.
	Gainesville, Fla.
	Hollister, Fla.

Constitution.

I. This Association shall be called the Santa Fe River Baptist Association.

2. This Association shall be composed of Messengers of Baptist Church of this Association, maintaining the Gospel discipline. Such messengers are to be elected by their respective Churches. In case any of the messengers or their alternates so elected, fail to attend the Association at its own discretion can seat any other member of that Church as Messenger, until the pro rata share of Messengers of that Church has been supplied.

3. The object of this Association shall be the reunion of the churches, the promotion of the true Gospel, and the dissemination of Bible truth.

4 This Association shall meet annually, on the first day of which meeting it shall elect, by ballot. a Moderator a Clerk and a Treasurer.

5. Any Baptist Church newly organized may become a member of this Association by letter petitioning for membership and giving information concerning organization and presbytery and by whom organized. Any church coming from another Association may become a member

of this Association by presenting petitionary letter, accompanied by a letter of dismission from the Association from whence it comes.

6. This Association admits the right of any of the churches comprising it to withdraw by application for a letter without assigning any reason for so doing. At the same time, this Association claims the right to withdraw from any church which departs from the principles of this compact by becoming heterodox in faith or disorderly in practice.

7. This Association shall be deemed an advisory council, and shall treat the churches composing it as independent bodies in all matters of self-government, and shall at no time interfere with their rights.

S. This Association shall have an Executive Committee of five, of which the Treasurer shall be a member ex-officio. The other four members shall be elected annually by the Association, no two members being from the same church. Three shall constitute a quorum for business. The Executive Committee shall elect its own chairman and secretary and have power to fill vacancies.

9. The Associational mission work shall be under the control and supervision of the Executive Committee. and all Missionaries shall make quarterly reports to them when called upon to do so.

10. All churches shall be entitled to two messengers for the first fifty members, and one additional messenger for each twenty-five additional members after the first and for the major fraction thereof.

11. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and disburse all funds of the Association, but only by the order of the Association or Executive Committee.

12. This Constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the Association by a two-thirds vote of the Messengers present.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

ARTICLE I.

We believe in only one true and living God, and that there are three in the God-head; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

ARTICLE II.

We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the inspired Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

ARTICLE III.

We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

ARTICLE IV.

We believe that man is elected to salvation through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and is justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

ARTICLE V.

We believe in man's inability to save himself from the fallen state in which he is, either by nature or his own free will.

ARTICLE VI.

We believe that man must repent to God alone for the sins he has committeed.

ARTICLE VII.

We believe in the dostrine of regeneration by the Holy Spirit.

ARTICLE VIII.

We believe that santification is the progressive work of the Holy Spirit, according to the will of God, whereby we are made partakers of His Holiness, through the continued use of the appointed means, the Word of God, self-examination, self-denial, watchfulness, prayer, and the practice of all godly exercises and duty.

ARTICLE IX.

We believe that all saints shall persevere in grace and never finally fall away.

ARTICLE X.

We believe that a Gospel church is a company of Christ's baptized believers, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel; observing the ordinances of Christ; governed by His laws; and exercising the gifts, rights and privileges invested in them by His word; that its only spiritual officers are bishops or pastors, and deacons, whose qualifications, claims, and duties are defined in the Epistles to Timothy and Titus.

ARTICLE XI.

We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion in water of a believer in Christ, by one duly qualified to administer the ordinance.

ARTICLE XII.

We believe that the Lords Supper is a provision of bread and wine, representing Christs body, and blood, partaken of by the members of the Church assembled for that purpose, and that the scriptural qualification for partaking of same are regeneration, baptism, fellowship, and unity and doctrine.

ARTICLE XIII.

We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances only such as are regularly called, and have come under the imposition of hands of the Presbytery.

ARTICLE XIV.

We believe in a general ressurection of the dead, and a general judgment.

ARTICLE XV.

We believe the punishment of the wicked is everlasting, and the joys of the righteous eternal.

ARTICLE XVI.

We believe that the first day of the week is the Lord's Day, is a memorial of Christ's ressurrection, and should be kept holy, by the observance of all the means of grace both private and public, and by abstaining from all secular labor, except works of mercy and necessity.

ARTICLE XVII

We believe in the second coming of Christ, and that when He comes He will raise the dead from their graves, and judge the world righteously, appointing to the wicked endless sorrow, and to the righteous endless joy.

Minutes

The Santa Fe River Baptist Association met in its fifty-fifth annual session with the Hampton Baptist Church, Hampton, Fla., Oct. 20-22, 1911.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, Bro. R. B. Weeks. Bro. E. E. Stokes was elected clerk protem.

The moderator then called for the letters to be brought forward which were sent up by the different churches and appointed Rev. J. B. Rodgers and Rev. L. A. Rawls to read same.

After the reading of the letters the Association went into a permanent organization and elected Bro. R. B. Weeks, Moderator, Bro. H. C. Sealey Clerk, and Bro. E. E. Stokes, Treasurer.

Visiting brothers and sisters invited to seats with us.

Association at this point adjourned for introductory sermon, Rev. J. B. Rodgers being appointed to preach same in the absence of Rev. B. R. Moseley the appointee of last Association. The text was I Tim. 6:12 and subject: "Christian Warfare."

After the sermon the Association was again called to order by the Moderator, announcements were made, and then adjourned for dinner to meet again at 1:30 p. m.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Association met again at 1:30. After singing Bro.

J. M. Devenean led in prayer.

Invitations given to visiting brethren and sisters. Bro. F. C. Edwards of Starke, and a member of the New River Association responded.

The following committees were then appointed as

follows:

Divine Service.—Z. M. Sanders, S. M. Rowe, E. Hick.

Temperance.—Rev. J. B. Rodgers, Roger Collins. Sunday Schools.—Robt. McClellan, Mrs. M. E. Hammond.

Education.—Rev. J. J. Cloar, Miss Ellay Dyess. Missions.—Rev. J. B. Rodgers, H. R. Alderman. Publications.—Rev. J. J. Cloar, J. M. Sanders.

B. Y. P. U.—Mrs. L. W. Jackson, Miss Ethel Meeks.

Nominations.—Clarence Geiger, Rev. L. A. Rawls, S. M. Rowe.

Finance.—Robt. McClellan, Rev. J. B.Rodgers, D. E. Roberts.

Orphanage.-J. M. Devenean.

Deceased Ministers and Deacons.—Robt. McClellan, H. R. Alderman.

It was then moved and carried that the evening hour be given over to the report on missions and the discussion of the same, and Rev. George Hyman be asked to speak on the subject.

It was also moved and carried that the moderator of this Association appoint the chairmans of the various committees to report on same at next Association, the appointments to be read out before this session adjourns.

Association then adjourned to 7 p. m.

Association called to order by Moderator. After a song by the congregation Rev. George Hyman led in prayer.

Report on Missions was then called for. Report was read by chairman J. B. Rodgers, and ably discussed by Brethren Rodgers and Hyman. Report adopted and an offering taken for State Missions amounting to \$8.90.

REPORT ON MISSIONS

We your Committee beg leave to make the following report:

The time has past when the authority for missions is any longer questioned upon the ground that the word of God does not teach missions. The Word is so plain that a way-faring man, though a fool, may not err therein; and again it is so plain that "he that runneth may read."

Jesus Himself, while only a youth, sounded the keynote of missions when He said to His parents: "Wist ye not that I must be in my Father's house," literally meaning "in the things, or affairs of my Father,—about my Father's business." From the time that Jesus entered upon His ministry, until He uttered the triumphant cry upon the cross: "It is finished," He conducted one vigorous aggressive campaign for the conquest of the world in bringing it back to God.

For convenience, only, the work of missions is divided into three general divisions—State, Home and Foreign. Jesus Himself, in a sense, taught this division when He said: "Ye shall be my witnesses both in Jerusalem, in Judea, and Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the world."

FOREIGN MISSIONS

The work of the Foreign Board is confined strictly to foreign countries, and is doing work in practically every foreign country of the world. We shall not here attempt to defend foreign missions, the Word of God itself being sufficient, together with the fact that the work itself stands upon its own merits.

At the present time the Board is greatly embarrassed because of a large debt of last year. ed because of a large debt of last year. It is attempting

at this time to get 6,000 churches to take out shares in this great work at \$100 per share. No church could make a better investment, or take stock in a more profitable enterprise than in that of sending the gospel to these heathen lands.

Home Missions.

Our home field is the base of supplies: We can not expect to maintain our work very long in foreign countries unless we keep up our work at home.

We have in the Southern Baptist Convention West of the Mississippi River 4,000 churches, 3,000 of which have not a house of worship. There are whole counties without a white Baptist Church, ex: Louisiana has 16 counties out of 59 without a white Baptist Church. In New Orleans with a population of 300,000 there are only about 1,000 white Baptists. Key West, Fla., has about 20,000 population and only about 100 white Baptists. The forces of evil in the cities are appalling. It is said that the number of saloons in New Orleans, Baltimore and St. Louis outnumber the male members of the white Baptist Church in these cities. In Florida the Home Board is putting into our State two dollars for every one dollar we are sending them.

State Missions.

To us State Missions mean Florida Missions. We have at present 71 men on the field, either employed for full time or part time. To pay this force it takes \$25,000.00 per year. That's a small amount to pay 71 men. We have 161 organibed Baptist Churches without a house of worship. Funds are needed at once to assist in this work. There are destitute places in Florida where hundreds of people have never heard the Gospel preached. On Oct. 1st our State Board was \$3,000.00 in debt. It will take \$7,000.00 to pay the expenses from Oct. 1st to Jan. 1st., which means that the Baptists of Florida must raise \$10,000.00 in these three months or go to the convention with a debt.

Let us go home and put our best efforts in helping out our State Board at this time. Brethren let us do our very best and not play with this matter.

> Respectfully submitted, J. B. RODGERS, H. R. ALDERMAN.

SATURDAY MORNING

Association called to order by Moderator. After a song by the congregation Bro. B. R. Moseley led in prayer. Minutes of yesterday were read and adopted.

The Moderator then called for letters from churches which had not yet reported. Orange Creek reported by letter and messenger.

Moved and carried that instead of preaching by Bro. Cloar, at eleven o'clock that the report on Educiation be read and Dr. H. W. Tribble be asked to speak cation be read and Dr. H. M. Tribble be asked to speak on same. Motion carried.

Letters from churches were again called for. The Baptist church of Hague responded with a petitionary letter asking to be admitted into this body. The petition was granted and the church was admitted into the Association.

Dr. H. W. Tribble, Pres. Columbia College was welcomed as a visitor to this Association.

Report on temperance was read by Rev. J. B. Rodgers, chairman of committee, and was spoken to by J. B. Rodgers and Rev. B. R. Moseley. Report adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Temperance in the general acceptance of the term is very comprehensive, but in its true meaning, it is exclusive of all that which is bad, as well as inclusive of all that which is good. The injunction, "be ye temperate in all things," has been greatly abused. It was never in the mind of God in giving to us His message, to include that which is a positive evil, for His Word says: "Abstain from every appearance of evil." Therefore we are positively prohibited from doing anything that has in it any appearance of evil. On the other hand He says: "hold fast to that which is good," which is a direct command to always be found doing that which is to the best interest of mankind.

In our country there are some things that are so positively wrong, that to say that they were included in the saying of God, "be ye temperate in all things." would be the same as charging God of having an evil mind, and tolerating, and even sanctioning sin. But His word says: "God can not look on sin with the least degree of allowance."

No argument is needed to prove that the saloon traffic is an evil, and in most cases with their gambling adjuncts, and scarlet annexes. The fight against the legalized, and demonized saloon traffic must never cease. We must not think that because we lost a battle last fall that the fight is over. That was simply a battle in one great warfare. Let us not give up the fight until the liquor traffic is entirely driven from the country, and such laws are passed and enforced that will make its sale absolutely prohibitory.

We are grateful to God for giving us the victory in having the last legislature to abolish the race track, with its attendant gambling and other vices. Let us henceforth keep it out of our fair State.

Another evil which we would mention, and which has caused the good citizenship of Florida to blush with shame, and added one more blotch to our fair State, is the white-slave traffic. Such an evil is the decoying off of young girls and selling them into places of vice a d shame. Let us be on the lookout, for the Devil is abroad in the land. Do not think that any section of this country, either, is free from having this disgrace thrust upon it. It is said to be largely in the rural districts where the purest and best of our young womanhood live, that these emmisaries of the Devil are going and decoying off our young women by offering them all sorts of good paying positions. After getting them away from home in a helpless condition, they then sell them into these places of evil where they are robbed of their purity and a blotch left upon their character that time itself cannot efface.

Let us fight evil wherever we find it. God forbid that any one who claims to be a Christian should so bring a reproach upon the name Christian as to in any way give his influence for the maintenance of these forces of evil.

Respectfully submitted, J. B. RODGERS. ROGER COLLINS.

Report on Orphanage was read by Rev. J. M. Denenean, and was discussed by brethren Denenean, L. A. Rawls and H. C. Sealey. Report adopted.

Moved and carried that this body instruct its clerk to send a letter of condolence to sister Bean, on account of death of Bro. Bean, and express to her also the esteem in which deceased was held by this body.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE

The apostle, James, tells us that, primarily "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction", etc., etc., the word "visit" being put for all manner of relief which are are capable of giving to others. Ministration of such character constitutes religion of that type which will pass divine inspection being "pure and undefiled before God."

The Baptists of Florida with characteristic magnanimity have established a home for such fatherless ones, within the borders of our own fair State, from which no sect is barred and in which the ministration of Christian sympathy, Christian examples and instruction in godliness is lovingly extended to its inmates.

We refer to our Orphanage at Arcadia. In this asylum the physical as well as the spiritual needs of those little ones "whose angels do always behold the face of the Father" are objects of constant and prayerfull concern, for herein is the rich soil of virgin hearts, which perforce must be seeded, will be seeded, and whose

possible ties are beyond all human calculation and herein are little hands whose spiritual muscularity must be so developed as that in the onrushing future they may lay hold of the helm of our great denominational ship and steer her over the treacherous high sea of opposition and safely moor her in the port of glorious achievement.

Florida Baptists holding in charge this high and sacred trust, committeed to our hands by Him, who takes the grand initiative by proclaiming Himself a Father to the fatherless, are being daily called upon to maintain, to nourish and cherish this noble institution by their prayers, their efforts and their contributions.

May God give to us to proclaim our appreciation of the honor thus conferred upon us by lovingly, promptly and adequately responding to its call for help.

Respectfully submitted,
J. M. DENENEAN.

Report on Sunday Schools was read by Chairman Bro. Robt. McClellan and spoken to by Brethren B. R. Moseley and J. B. Rodgers. Report adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sunday Schools report as follows:

We find each church in this Association maintaining a Sunday School with a full compliment of officers and teachers.

There are engaged in this work:

11 Superintendents, 62 Teachers, 829 Pupils.

The supplies used are from the Home board and

Am. Bap. Pub. So.

The most encouraging part of this work is the number of conversions occuring in the Sunday School, the churches that have reported on this line report 42 conversions and we are satisfied that not all are reported.

Report on deceased ministers and deacons was read by chairman, Robt. McClellan, and some very feeling remarks were made by chairman of committee, J. J. Cloar, H. W. Tribble and R. B. Weeks. Report adopted.

REPORT ON DECEASED MINISTERS, DEACONS AND MEMBERS.

Your committee find from the church letters that none of our Pastors have departed this life but the following honored Brethren and Sisters have been called home:

Bros. H. C. Chesser and Sondey Waits of Hawthorne, Bros. M. M. May and T. E. Harris, of Alachua, Bros. J. M. Rivers, J. F. Bunch and F. E. Treadwell, of Gainesville.

Also Sisters F. J. Hammond, of Hawthorn, T. A. Sparkman, of Alachua, and Miss Maud Tennant, Mrs. Florence Crown, Mrs. T. E. Bone and Mrs. H. Beville, of Gainesville.

The most of these dear departed were known personally to your committee and we can most lovingly testify to their fidelity and consecration to the cause of Christ and their worth and usefulness in working for the elevation of humanity. Lifes work done, they are now enjoying sweet rest and peace at the feet of our dear Saviour.

We have never known two more devoted brethren than Bros. Bunch and Rivers of the Gainesville church.

Well done good and faithful servants.

Respectfully submitted, R. McCLELLAN,

H. R. ALDERMAN, Com.
Report on Educaton was read by Rev. J. J. Cloar, and discussed by brethren Cloar and H. W. Tribble. Report adopted.

An offering was then taken for Columbia College which amounted to \$20.65.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

That we must educate is a settled question. Telegraphy, phones, rapid transit, daily papers, rural mail routes, religious periodicals and magazines, together with other facilities have united and equalized until our country is one; the remotest rural district is brought in close touch with the great metropolitan center. Not only are our schools more accessible, but their influence is more easily and generally felt. The masses are either educated or associated with the educated. This has created a relentless demand for an educated minister, whether in city, town, hamlet or country. The same being true of other denominations we are brought against a competition so sharp that "Educate or Perish" might be our motto.

It can easily be shown that our tenets and church government are such that when placed in the government of the United States, the need of denominational education is accentuated.

Your committee, therefore, recommends:

First, that our people encourage and patronize our denominational schools wherever and whenever possible.

Second, That we behold with sorrow the sad lack of ministerial students in our ranks. That we pray the Lord of the Harvest to send forth more laborers into his plenteous fields and that we study to bring to light for our ministry those on whom God seems to have placed his hand.

J. J. CLOAR, MISS ELLA DYESS.

Association adjourned to meet again at 1:30 p. m.

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SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Association met at 1:30 after devotional exercises the association was called to order by Moderator.

Report on Spiritual conditions of Churches was read by brother Robt. McClellan. Report adopted.

"Speak to my people that they go forward."

This is Divine injunction and never was the command more imperative than now. But are we, as faithful soldiers of the cross, ready to obey the command? Have we donned the whole Armor of God? He has prepared for us a full and complete habiliment that if worn, will insure our spiritual lves from the wiles of the Devil and surely we should not be so unwise as to join this great army and leave off the protection prepared for us.

Let us see to it speedily, if we have not already done so, that we have the helmet of salvation; breast plate of rihteousness; our loins girt about with truth—the everlasting truth of the Gospel;—our feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel of peace; the shield of faith and the highly important weapons without which we can accomplish nothing in this warefare; the sword of the Spirit and all prayer. All of us who have not already availed ourselves of this God given protection had best do so at once; then we are ready to fall in line and receive the command "Go Forward."

Optimism is an admirable trait in the disposition of an individual and did the reports from each church warrant the statement we would be delighted to speak in this vein. A few of the churches have done well and the result along all lines is really encouraging, but we, as a whole, have not done as well as we could. But this is in the past. Now let us as an Association don the whole armor of God and go boldly forward conquering and to conquer and come together next year, our reports teeming with good results of battles well fought and a rich ingathering of souls taken for the Master's Kingdom.

> Respectfully submitted, ROBT. McCLELLAN, MRS. L. W. JACKSON.

Report of Committee on B. Y. P. U., was read by Mrs. L. W. Jackson. Discussed by Bro. L. W. Rawls. Report adopted.

REPORT ON B. Y. P. U. WORK.

Our B. Y. P. U. has been a Union for about 23 years and been organized in Florida only about 13 or 14 years. Our B. Y. P. U., work has never been recognized as it should have been, neither has it been emphasized as it should have been. Our people, as a whole, don't seem to realize the importance of training our young people.

The purpose of our B. Y. P. U., is not to supplant our older people, but to train our young people to take their places when it becomes necessary. In our Association there are about nine churches and six of these have B. Y. P. U.'s which is one of the best records in the State. In one of our Associations there are 33 churches and only four B. Y. P. U.'s, and in the State of Florida there are 619 churches and only 97 B. Y. P. U.'s, hence you see the need of more work and prayer along this line.

For this year Bro. Geo. Hyman is Superintendent for the State of our Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. work. The work will be divided next year, giving him only the B. Y. P. U., work.

This year there has been 11 B. Y. P. U.'s organized in the State. Let us pray that during the ensuing year the number may at least be doubled.

From July 1-7, 1912, there will be a B. Y. P. U. encampment held at Lake City, let us urge our young people to attend this meeting.

We, your committee, recommend that by our Association in 1912 every church in the Santa Fe Association have a B. Y. P. U.

We also recommend that every church have a special teacher on this Branch of Church work,

Respectfully submitted,

MRS L. W. JACKSON, MISS ETHEL WEEKS.

Treasurers report here was read and adopted.

Treasurer's Report

Financial Report of the Sante Fe Baptist Ass'n: Oct. 23 1910 Received of Finance Com. \$ 61.90 Oct. 23 1910 Received of State Treas. \$165.05
\$226.95
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Oct. 23, 1910, Paid H. C. Sealey as Clerk \$ 15.00 Oct. 23, 1910, Paid H. H. McCreary for minutes 25.00 Oct. 23, 1909, Paid H. A. McCreary for minutes 15.10 Oct. 23, 1910, Paid S. B. Rogers for State Mis. 165.05 Oct. 23, 1910, Amount to Bal. 6.80
Oct. 21st 1911, To Balance 6.80
Oct. 1910 Col. rec'v'd of Conv. at Rochelle
120.48

Sent by Bro. Hilton, S. B. Rogers Feb. 1st, 1911, sent to S. B. Rogers for State Mis	\$ 7.02
April 30, 1911, Sent to S. B. Rogers for State Mis	
July 30, 1911, Sent to S. B. Rogers for State Mis	. 33.61
July 30, 1911, Paid H. H. McCreary Bal. on Min	
July 30, 1911, Paid B. R. Moseley	. 6.12

Respectfully submitted, E. E. STOKES.

Report of Committee on Finance was read by Bro. Robt. McClellan, as follows:

REPORT FINANCE COMMITTEE

We your Committee on Finance beg leave to report:

We find the churches of this Association reporting having donated the past year as follows:

Associational Missions\$	154.08
State Missions	467.41
Orphanage	169.02
Education	156.50
Aged Ministers	3.05
Home Missions	178.80
Foreign Missions	178.81
W. M. U.	200.04
Sunday School to Missions	19.44
Minutes and Clerk	51.83
General Education	26.18

We find that the churches sent up for minutes and clerk as follows:

\$1 605.16

Total

Alachua, \$5.35; Eden, \$3.17; Eliam, \$4.23; Gainesville, \$5.00; Hampton, \$4.00; Hawthorn, \$5.00; La-Crosse, \$2.00; Ochwilla, \$5.00; Rochelle, \$2.55; Waldo, \$6.53; Campville, 2.00; Orange Creek, \$1.75; Hague, \$5.25. Total, \$51.83. This amount is included in the above.

Respectfully submitted, ROBT. McCLELLAN, J. B. RODGERS, D. E. ROBERTS, Com.

Report adopted.

Committee reported Rev. B. R. Moseley to preach tonight at 7.00 p. m., and Rev. L. A. Rawls at 11.00 a. m. tomorrow.

Report on publication was read by Rev. J. J. Cloar, and discussed by him. Report adopted.

REPORT ON PUBLICATION

A motion was made requesting the churches of this Association to appoint one active member in each church to solicit subscriptions and otherwise look after the interest of the Baptist Witness.

On motion of Bro. Rawls, instead of the report on Missions all coming under one head, that we divide it so as to come under three heads—State, Home and Foreign;—and that a chairman be appointed for each one of the three divisions. Motion carried.

A motion was made to change Article 2 of the Constitution to read as follows:

This Association shall be composed of messengers, who are members of Baptist Churches of this Association, maintaining the Gospel discipline. Such messengers are to be elected by their respective churches. In case any of the messengers or their alternates so elected, fail to attend the Association, the Association

at its own discretion can seat any other members of that church as messengers until the pro rata share of messengers of that church has been supplied.

Motion carried.

Also a motion was made to change change Article 10 of the Constitution so as to allow three messengers for the first fifty members of all churches, and one for every twenty-five and fraction thereof.

Motion was lost.

A motion was made to pay the Clerk \$15.00 for his services, also to reimburse him \$1.95 on expense last year—postage, etc.— and that he have 300 copies of minutes printed as cheaply as he can.

It was moved and carried that a Sunday School rally be held Sunday morning at 9:30 the same to be conducted by Rev. J. B. Rodgers.

The following resolution was adopted.

Resolved that we hereby tender our thanks to members of Hampton Baptist Church and people of this communty for their hospitality in entertaining this association.

By motion the Association adjourned to meet with the Waldo Baptist Church on Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1912.

R. B. WEEKS, Moderator.

H. C. Sealey, Clerk.

SATURDAY EVENING

Rev. B. R. Moseley preached a fine doctrine sermon at 7 oclock.

SUNDAY MORNING.

Sunday Schol rally was conducted by Rev. J. B. Rodgers. Addresses were made by brethren Rodgers, Moseley, Rawls, Senator Baker and others. It was an enthusiastic meeting.

Preaching at 11 o'clock by Rev. L. A. Rawls, taking for his text: "The Field is the World." An offering for missions was taken amounting to \$12.62.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

We the Committee on Nominations, beg leave to make the following report.

We nominate for Executive Committee, R. B. Weeks, Hawthorne; A. M. Williams, Hampton; E. B. Perry, Melrose; Robt. McClellan, Gainesville; E. E. Stokes, Campville.

We nominate for delegate to Southern Baptist Convention, Rev. L. A. Rawls;

For delegates to Florida Baptist Convention, Rev. B. R. Moseley, F. H. Daner, H. J. McCallum, R. B. Weeks, R. E. McCalsky, H. C. Parker, J. A. McDonald, R. M. Cason, E. E. Stokes, L. A. Rawls.

For place of next meeting we find that Waldo and Orange Creek ask that this body meet with them next year. We recommend that this Association meet with the Waldo church on Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1912, and that Bro. J. B. Rodgers preach the introductory sermon, and that Bro. L. A. Rawls be his alternate.

Respectfully Submitted, C. R. GEIGER, L. A. RAWLS, S. M. ROME, Committee.

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Religious Literature.

As a denomination we have the purest and most authentic translation of the New Testament known to the world. It was made by Hovey, Broadus & Weston in 1883. We have given to the world the most reliable and faithful interpretation of the Holy Scriptures. We have set forth, in our literature, the soundest creed and the most orthodox teaching of religious faith and practice. We hold and advocate principles derived directly from the word of God, which are destined to become the basis of Christian union of all evangelical denominations. No other denomination in their literature so fully and clearly maintain liberty of conscience, freedom of speech and the right of all, to worship God according to their convictions of duty, as we do. We have a literature of which we are not ashamed and of which we are justly proud. Our religious papers stand in the front rank of the great papers of the world. Our intelligence, our piety and our Christian zeal are all greatly enhanced by the free use of our literature. We have to some extent lost sight of its value in our work. Others have gone ahead of us. "The children of this world have been wiser in their generation than we have been." The general circulation of our tracts and papers can be accomplished. Many books of great value, can be put in circulation. The circulation of the Holy Scriptures, other books and tracts, and monthly periodicals and our religious papers, is essential to maintaining our position and absolutely necessary to our advancement in the salvation of souls and the support of our churches.

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The Santa Fe River Association met with the Hampton Baptist Church, Oct., 19th, 20th, 21st.

The W. M. S. met at the home of Miss Ethel Weeks, Saturday afternoon, Oct. 20th, with seven Societies represented.

Hampton represented by Mrs. J. H. Edwards, report of year for missions and orphans \$14.35 and one box valued at \$10.00, membership 12.

Waldo represented by Mrs. Alice Hendrix and Mrs. Kizzie Strutt sent \$4.10 for Foreign and Home Missions. Greatly blessed this year.

Hawthorn represented by Mrs. M. E. Hammonds, Mrs. Emma Riles and Miss Ella Dias. Report for year \$33.83 for Missions, etc., membership 24.

Gainesville represented by Mrs. L. W. Jackson, Mrs. W. M. Bullard and Mrs. D. M. Tompkins. Report for year \$148.08 for Missions, etc., membership 54.

Alachua was not represented but sent report. For year for Missions, etc., \$38.70, membership 20.

Melrose represented by Mrs. R. M. Cason. No financial report.

Rochelle represented by Miss A. Veno. No report.

Mrs. L. W. Jackson of Gainesville elected as Vice

President of Association for this year, Mrs. C. W. Stephens Assistant Vice President. Splendid talk by Bro.

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OUR HONORED DEAD.

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Mrs. T. A. Sparkman	Alachua, Fla.
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Hampton Church—S. M. Rowe, Clarence Geiger, Miss Ethel Meeks.

Ochwilla.—Bernice Barrington, Rogers Collins.

Rochelle.-D. E. Roberts.

Campville.-E. E. Stokes.

Hawthorne.—R. B. Weeks, Mrs. M. E. Hammond, Miss Ella Dyers.

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Gainesville.—Robt. McClellan, Rev. J. J. Cloar, Mrs. L. W. Jackson, R. E. McCaskey, M. M. Scarborough, Mrs. W. M. Bullard, D. M. Tomkies.

Waldo.—Rev. L. A. Rawls, W. G. Green, J. F. De-Sha, M. L. Triest.

Alachua.-Rev. J. B. Rodgers, H. C. Sealey.

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LaCrosse.-J. E. Parker.

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