

From B. D. Harrell

PROCEEDINGS

— OF THE —

— Sixteenth Annual Session —

— OF THE —

Suwannee Baptist Association,

Held with Half-moon Lake Church, LaFayette
County, Florida, Oct. 19, 20 and 21,
1888.

Elder B. D. HARRELL, Moderator, Pine Mount, Fla.

W. C. JOHNSON, Clerk, New Troy, Fla.

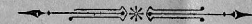
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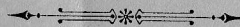
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ORDER OF BUSINESS.



1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Association called to order by the Moderator.
3. Reading letters and enrolling names of delegates.
4. Call for petitionary letters.
5. Election of a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.
6. Invite visiting ministers and brethren to seats in the body.
7. Call for correspondents.
8. Appoint committees.
9. Fix hours of meeting and adjourning.
10. Reports of committees.
11. Appointment of messengers to State convention and other associations.
12. Arrange for printing minutes.
13. Appoint place for holding next session.
14. Miscellaneous business.
15. Adjournment.

MINISTERS AND POST OFFICES.



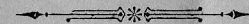
J. P. Abbott, O'Brien, Suwannee Co., Fla.
A. Bond, Live Oak, Suwannee Co., Fla.
Z. Dees, Mayo, Lafayette Co., Fla.
J. T. Davenport, New Troy, Lafayette Co., Fla.
J. W. Fleming, O'Brien, Suwannee Co., Fla.
J. W. Grantham, Steinhatchee, Lafayette Co., Fla.
B. D. Harrell, Pine Mount, Suwannee Co., Fla.
W. B. High, Pine Mount, Suwannee Co., Fla.
T. J. Kelly, Live Oak, Suwannee Co., Fla.
E. B. Mills, Ellaville, Madison Co., Fla.
R. W. Phillips, Live Oak, Suwannee Co., Fla.
O. J. Revels, Live Oak, Suwannee Co., Fla.
W. B. Walters, Ellaville, Madison Co., Fla.
D. F. Ward, Hatch Bend, Lafayette Co., Fla.

LICENTIATES.

J. H. Dixon, Luraville, Suwannee Co., Fla.
A. B. Finley, Branford, Suwannee Co., Fla.
R. D. Turner, O'Brien, Suwannee Co., Fla.
B. T. Boyd, New Troy, Lafayette Co., Fla.

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MINUTES



FIRST DAY.

The Sixteenth Annual Session of the Suwannee Baptist Association convened today with Half Moon Lake Church, LaFayette county, Florida.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder F. W. Wells of the Florida Association. Text, First Corinthians, 3d chapter, 9th verse. After an intermission of one hour the Messengers were called together by Elder B. D. Harrell. Then called for letters and delegates and enrolled their names:

Mount Pisgah—A. Bell, G. W. Collins.
Friendship—C. L. Mills, Sanford Bonds.
Cedar Grove—Quitman Scarborough.
Midway—J. E. Best.
Pleasant Hill—R. D. Turner, J. A. Jenkins.
Blue Spring—J. Adams, J. H. Grant.

Rocky Sink—W. L. Mitchell, J. W. Myers.
Tiger Lake—A. E. High.

Mount Guilward—S. M. Dees, J. D. Williams.

Pine Mount—Elder W. B. High, W. G. McClellan.

Half Moon Lake—W. W. Grantham, Thos. Webb, John Sullivan, James Sullivan.

The body then proceeded to organize by electing Elder B. D. Harrell, Moderator, and Prof. W. E. Johnson, Clerk. Called for correspondents—Elder F. M. Wells, J. J. Friar and J. A. Lamb from the Florida Association responded, and were invited to seats with us.

The following committees were appointed:

On Preaching—Brethren Z. Dees, S. Bonds and John Sullivan. On motion there will be preaching at 11 o'clock a. m.

Committee on Finance—Brethren J. H. Grant, C. L. Mills and J. W. Myers.

Committee on Missions—Brethren W. B. High, A. Bell and C. L. Mills.

Committee on Temperance—Brethren T. J. Kelly, J. E. Best, R. D. Turner and S. M. Dees

Preaching Committee reports that Elder W. B. High will preach at 11 a. m. to-morrow. Z. Dees, Chairman.

Committee on Sunday Schools and Re-

ligious Literature—Brethren Z. Dees, W. B. High and A. E. High.

Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons—Brethren A. Bonds, W. G. McClellan and G. W. Collins

Committee on Education—Brethren J. W. Grantham, J. A. Singletary and J. W. Myers.

On motion the hours for meeting and adjourning were fixed at 9 o'clock in the morning and 4 o'clock in the evening.

On motion the body adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

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SECOND DAY.

Met pursuant to adjournment. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved, after prayer by Brother B. D. Harrell.

Brethren H. M. Friar, J. J. Friar and F. M. Wells were received as correspondents from the Florida Association. The Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons submitted their report, which was received and adopted, and the body bowed and returned gratitude to God for His preserving care over our ministers and deacons. (See appendix A.)

Renewed the call for letters, and the following churches responded, to-wit:

Picket Lake—W. D. Sears and S. G. Davenport.

Mount Pisgah—J. W. Williams

Mount Pleasant—M. Pearson and J. D. Slaughter.

Philadelphia—J. Walker and M. Johnson.

Rose Mary—T. C. Tompkins.

Clayland—J. E. Crawley and J. S. Parker.

Hatch Bend—B. M. Lastinger.

Call for Petitionary letters, and the following churches responded, to wit:

Mount Pleasant, Calumbia county, from the Bula, H. E. Braddock.

New Prospect, Lafayette Co., T. A. Baily.

Evergreen, Lafayette Co., J. L. King.

Report on education read and adopted. (See appendix B.)

On motion the body adjourned for preaching at 11 a. m. by Elder W. B. High; text, 9th chapter, 4th verse of St. John.

EVENING SESSION.

Called to order by Elder B. D. Harrell.

Renewed the call for letters, and the following churches responded, to wit:

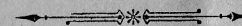
Hart Hammock—A. B. Finley, J. Q. Walker.

New Hope—J. H. Polk, Z. A. Leggett.

Elder D. F. Ward was received as a correspondent from the Hamilton Association.

Elder J. F. Tatem was received as a visiting brother from the Pitman Association, Ga. Committee on preaching reported that Elder F. M. Wells would preach to-night at 6:30; Elder H. M. Friar will preach to-morrow at 11 a. m., and Elder D. F. Ward will close.

On motion adjourned to 9 a. m. to-morrow.



THIRD DAY.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by brother A. B. Finley.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

On motion took a recess for preaching.

Preaching at 11 a. m. by Elder H. M. Friar; text, 14th chapter, 6th verse of St. John.

EVENING SESSION.

Report on Missions read and adopted. (See appendix C.)

Report on Temperance read and adopted. (See appendix D.)

Report on Sunday Schools read and adopted. (See appendix E.)

Elder B. D. Harrell and A. B. Finley were appointed as delegates to the Baptist State Convention.

Appointed correspondents to other bodies as follows:

To the Beulah Association—B. D. Harrell and W. B. High.

To the Florida Association—T. J. Kelley, B. D. Harrell, O. J. Revels and J. W. Grant-ham.

To the Hamilton Association—W. B. High and T. C. Tompkins.

On motion the next session of this body be held with Philadelphia Church, Suwannee county, Florida.

On motion, the Clerk have as many minutes printed as the minute money will warrant, and have them printed where he can have them printed for the least money, drafting the Treasurer for the money to pay for the printing.

On motion, the Clerk will distribute the minutes to the different churches, according to the minute funds that was sent to the Association for minutes.

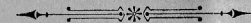
Preaching Committee reports that Elder O. J. Revels will preach to night at 6 p. m., and Elder F. M. Wells will preach to-morrow (Sunday) at 11 o'clock a m.

Executive Board was elected, consisting of Brethren B. D. Harrell, W. B. High, Z. Dees and W. C. Johnson.

On motion, be it resolved, that this Association pay Brother D. F. Ward all moneys that is sent to the Association for associational purposes, year after year, until the debt that he holds against the Association for missionary work is liquidated.

On motion, Brethren B. D. Harrell, W. B. High and T. J. Kelley were appointed as a committee to visit the Suwannee Church to ascertain whether the rumors afloat that they are sustaining a minister who is given to drunkenness and profanity, to investigate the same and report to this Association.

On motion, the body adjourned to 9:00 o'clock to-morrow morning.



FOURTH DAY.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Report of Finance read and adopted. (See appendix F.)

On motion, the Clerk was paid \$9.55.

Report of Treasurer received and adopted. (See appendix G.)

On motion, Brother B. D. Harrell was appointed to preach the Introductory at Philadelphia next year. Alternate, Z. Dees.

On motion, the 'thanks of this body be

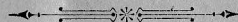
tendered to brethren, sisters and friends at Half Moon Lake for the very hospitable manner in which they entertained the Association and its visitors during its sitting. Too much cannot be said in their praise.

On motion, adjourned to meet with Philadelphia Church, in Suwannee county, Fla., on Thursday before the third Lord's Day in October, A. D. 1889.

W. C. JOHNSON, Clerk.

B. D. HARRELL, Moderator.

Preaching at 11 o'clock by Elder F. M. Wells. Text, 28th chapter, 19th and 20th verses of Matthew.

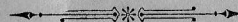


APPENDIX A.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

Your Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons are exceedingly thankful to our kind Heavenly Father that He has graciously spared our devoted ministers and deacons. Not one has died during the past Associational year. Respectfully,

A. BOND, Chairman.



APPENDIX B.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

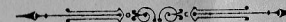
We, the Committee on Education, beg

leave to submit the following report:

Whereas, our children will soon take our places as we pass away. We feel it a duty of ours to them and to God, and our country, to educate them; and, as parents and guardians, we should use all means in our power to educate them, both literally and spiritually. We would recommend that our ministers advocate the cause of education, and we would also recommend the reading of the Bible, the Witness, Index, and Kind Words; and we would further recommend that we employ good and competent teachers as tutors of our children.

Respectfully,

J. W. GRANTHAM, Chairman.



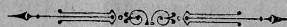
APPENDIX C.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

We, the Committee on Missions, now offer this as a plan for us to raise funds to pay our pastor and general missionary purposes: That pastors serving the several churches of this Association do present this matter to their churches and get them to adopt the plan of the New Testament in raising funds to pay their missionary and pastor. We feel that, unless pastors will take this matter to their churches and help

them to understand how easy it is to raise these mission funds, that we fear we will never discharge our duties in the matter. We urge the adoption of this measure by this Association, believing that we must have some system, else all our efforts are vain. Respectfully,

W. B. HIGH, Chairman.



APPENDIX D.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance beg leave to report: That the Bible teaches us to be temperate in all things. But the Bible, the great charter of the followers of Christ, teach us that no intemperate man hath external life abiding in him, and, therefore, the sin of intemperance is of greater magnitude than any other sin. Of all the professing Christians on earth, Baptists ought to be the most temperate in all things, because they claim to be the light of the world. The Scriptures positively teach that Heaven is a prepared place for a prepared people; and your committee is of the opinion that any member of the Baptist church who is guilty of intemperance of any nature

should be excluded from the fellowship of the church. We, the committee, would recommend that, as Baptists, to practice the teachings of the Holy Bible in the law of temperance. Be temperate in all things, and, besides this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, and to virtue knowledge, and to knowledge temperance.

Respectfully,

T. J. KELLY, Chairman.



APPENDIX E.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your committee beg leave to say that: Of the churches of the Suwannee Association, we find the following are fostering Sunday schools, to-wit:

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	PUPILS.
Pleasant Hill.....	R. D. Turner.....	25.
Midway.....	L. C. Willis.....	15.
Rockey Sink.....	J. W. Myers.....	25.
Hart Hammock.....	C. H. Heidt.....	30.
Hatch Bend.....	A. Jones.....	30.
Spring Hill.....	H. W. Wooley.....	25.
Ft. McComb.....	J. H. Osteen.....	20.

Brother, it is be deplored that we, as Baptist, are taking no more interest in this important work. We recommend that each minister in this association take the matter of training our children to heart, and endeavor to cause a Sunday school to be organized and kept up in every church. Ob-

ervation and experience teach us that such work as that of Sunday schools, depends largely upon the efforts of the ministry. If the ministry interest themselves in matters of this kind, it very naturally has its tendency to create an interest in the minds of his people. Therefore your committee would urge upon the ministry to take this matter in hand that, ere we meet again as an association, there will be a Sabbath school in all our churches. We recommend Kind Words and the Sunday school matter published by the American Baptist Publishing Society.

Respectfully,

Z. DUBES, Chairman,

REPORT OF TREASURER.

W. B. HIGH, IN ACCOUNT WITH
SUWANNEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

OCT. 1888.	
To amount of balance.....	\$ 31 15
To amt. rec. of Suwannee Union...	3 75
To amt. rec. for minutes	24 25
Associational purposes.....	9 55
Foreign missions.....	70
Home missions.....	4 70
To amt. collected Saturday.....	1 25
To amt. collected Sunday.....	16 05
Total.....	\$ 97 40
By amount paid D. F. Ward.....	\$ 43 00
By amount paid the Clerk.....	9 55
Total.....	\$ 52 55

Respectfully, W. B. HIGH, Treasurer.

APPENDIX F.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

CHURCHES.	Minutes.	Foreign Missions.	Associational Purposes.	Home Missions.
Clayland, Suwannee Co.....	1 40	75	1 00	
Rosemary, Suwannee Co.....	65	50		
Mount Pisgah, Suwannee Co.....	75		10	45
Pine Mount, Suwannee Co.....	1 00	3 35		
Friend Ship, Suwannee Co.....	1 00		60	
Rockey Sink, Suwannee Co.....	1 50		1 10	
Mount Gilead, Suwannee Co.....	1 40	50	80	
Blue Spring, Suwannee Co.....	75		50	
Cedar Grove, Suwannee Co.....	1 40			25
Pleasant Hill, Suwannee Co.....	1 00	75		
Tiger Lake, Suwannee Co.....	1 00	85		
Philadelphia, Suwannee Co.....	1 00	2 00	75	
Mount Pleasant, LaFayette Co.....	1 25		20	
Mount Pisgah, LaFayette Co.....	1 50		50	
Picket Lake, LaFayette Co.....	1 00		25	
Half-moon Lake, LaFayette Co.....	1 15			
Hart Hammock, LaFayette Co.....	1 65			
Hatch Bend, LaFayette Co.....	1 50		1 00	
New Hope, LaFayette Co.....	75		1 00	
New Prospect, LaFayette Co.....	35		15	
Evergreen, LaFayette Co.....	50			
Mount Pleasant, Columbia Co.....	1 75		1 60	
Total.....	\$24 25	8 70	9 55	70

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. GRANT, Chairman.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1.—We believe in the only true and living God—the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and these three are one.

2.—We believe that the Old and New Testament Scriptures are the word of God, and only rule of faith and practice.

3.—We believe in election according to the foreknowledge of God, through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth.

4.—We believe that the Grace of God, that bringeth salvation hath appeared unto all men, and that nothing prevents the salvation of the vilest sinner on earth but his own voluntary rejection of that Grace.

5.—We believe in the total depravity of the human heart, and that the natural state of man is such; that he cannot prepare himself for Divine favor without the assisting Grace of God enabling him to act according to the good pleasure of His divine will.

6.—We believe in justification by faith, which gives peace with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

7.—We believe that the Gospel of Christ is a means of Divine appointment to bring sinners to repentance and faith in Jesus Christ, and therefore should be preached to all.

8.—We believe that all those who are re-

generated by the Spirit of God are made the heirs of God and joint heirs with our Lord Jesus Christ and that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto eternal salvation and not one of them will be lost.

9.—We believe that baptism is the immersion of the whole body in water; that the only proper subjects are described in the preceding article, and the only proper administrators are those who have been regularly ordained by a church of Christ by the imposition of hands by a Presbytery.

10.—We believe that the Lord's Supper was instituted by our Lord Jesus Christ to be commemorated by His followers, and that none "but baptised believers" have a Scriptural right to partake thereof.

11.—We believe that the washing of the Saints' feet according to the example recorded in the 13th chapter of John's Gospel is a duty enjoined by the Lord Jesus Christ upon His followers, and should be observed immediately after the Lords Supper.

12.—We believe in a general resurrection of the righteous and the wicked, and the wicked shall go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into life eternal.

13.—We believe that infants and idiots are saved through the merits of the Lord Jesus Christ.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST-OFFICE	Baptized.	Rec by letter and restored			Died.	Total.
					Dis'm'd by Tr.	Excluded.			
Clayland...	W. J. Carroll...	J. H. McCloud...	Live Oak	6	3	1	3	52	
Rose Mary...	J. Prather...	A. J. Robertson...	Live Oak	2	1	1	4	28	
Mount Pisgah...	W. B. High...	J. W. Williams...	McAlpin	13	6	1	4	21	
Mount Pleasant...	E. B. Mills...	E. P. Cothun...	Mayo	7	1	1	1	141	
Pine Mount...	B. D. Harrell...	H. C. Sealey...	Pine Mount	2	12	11	3	13	
Mount Pisgah...	A. Bonds...	G. W. Collins...	Luraville	7	3	1	2	32	
Friendship...	J. J. Holmes...	C. L. Wills...	Pine Mount	2	2	2	1	27	
Midway...	J. T. Davenport...	G. W. Traywick...	New Troy	5	2	2	1	52	
Hockey Sink...	B. D. Harrell...	J. A. Mitchell...	Live Oak	1	3	2	1	20	
Picket Lake...	W. B. High...	W. D. Sears...	New Troy	1	1	2	1	29	
Mount Gilead...	B. D. Harrell...	A. S. Williams...	Live Oak	6	5	2	2	54	
Blue Springs...	J. W. Fleming...	J. M. Adams...	Luraville	2	2	2	3	24	
Half-moon Lake...	O. J. Revels...	F. B. Webb...	New Troy	1	2	1	3	44	
Cedar Grove...	J. W. Fleming...	J. G. Smith...	O'Brien	1	2	1	5	21	
Tiger Lake...	J. J. Holmes...	G. H. Dorman...	Houston	4	2	2	2	132	
Philadelphia...	O. J. Revels...	Geo. Lewis...	Luraville	4	4	16	1	34	
New Prospect...	J. W. Grantham...	S. T. Hurst...	Steinhatchee	7	5	5	1	12	
Hart Hammock...	J. W. Fleming...	J. Q. Walker...	New Troy	16	9	2	1	68	
Hatch Bend...	D. F. Ward...	A. Jones...	Hatch Bend	15	8	3	3	44	
New Hope...	J. J. Priar...	E. A. Hodge...	Mayo	1	1	1	2	20	
Mount Pleasant...	R. F. Rogers...	E. W. Purvis...	Welborn	1	2	2	2	70	
Evergreen...	W. B. Waters...	J. L. King...	Spring Warrior	1	2	2	2	11	
Pleasant Hill...	D. F. Ward...	D. F. Jenkins...	McAlpin	3	7	3	3	36	

W. C. JOHNSON, CLERK, NEW TROY, FLA.

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