

# MINUTES

OF THE

TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

OF

## The Suwannee Baptist Association,

Held with the Rocky Sink Baptist Church, Suwannee County, Fla.,

October 12th, 13th and 14th, A. D. 1893.

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### OFFICERS:

B. D. HARRELL, MODERATOR.....PINE MOUNT, FLA.  
ROB'T A. REID, CLERK.....PINE MOUNT, FLA.  
J. R. NEWLAN, TREASURER.....LIVE OAK, FLA.

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## ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

E. B. MILLS.....	Luraville
O. J. REVELS.....	Pinemount
B. D. HARRELL.....	Pinemount
A. BOND.....	Pinemount
T. J. KELLEY.....	Live Oak
J. W. FLEMING.....	Little River
J. J. HOLMES.....	McAlpin
R. D. TURNER.....	McAlpin
W. C. LEE.....	Welborn
J. F. TATUM.....	McAlpin
A. K. EVANS.....	Live Oak
J. H. FARNELL.....	Lee
J. H. DIXON.....	Luraville

## 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—Appointments of Committees.
- 9—Fix Hour of Meeting and Adjourning.
- 10—Reports of Committees.
- 11—Appointment of Messengers to State Conventions and Associations.
- 12—Arrange for Printing Minutes.
- 13—Appoint Place for Holding Next Session.
- 14—Miscellaneous Business.
- 15—Adjournment.

## CONSTITUTION.

SECTION 1. This Association shall be known as the "Suwannee Baptist Association."

SEC. 2. This Association shall be composed of Messengers, elected by the several churches connected with the Association, each church being entitled to two Messengers, and one additional Messenger for every twenty-five members, or fractional part thereof, over fifty, and such members shall be received by the Association.

SEC. 3. This Association shall, at their annual meeting, elect from their members by ballot a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall serve for one year.

SEC. 4. The objects of this Association shall be:

1st. To promote unity and brotherly love among the churches.

2nd. To promote Gospel discipline.

3rd. To encourage the universal spread of the Gospel and practical religion throughout our bounds and elsewhere.

SEC. 5. A Missionary Committee shall be appointed by the Moderator at each annual meeting of the body, subject to the approval of the Association, whose duty it shall be to diligently inquire into the destitution within our bounds, make contracts with ministers of this Association, or other Associations in correspondence with this, for ministerial labors to be supplied these destitutions, and report the result of their labors for the approval of the Association.

SEC. 6. This Association shall invite correspondents and visiting brethren to seats when in session, who shall be entitled to the privilege of aiding the Association with their counsels; and this Association may also withdraw from any church that may be in disorder, when the same cannot be restored.

SEC. 7. The Annual Meeting of this Association shall begin on Friday before the third Sunday in October, and by appointment there shall be an introductory sermon preached the first day, and on the Sabbath a collection up for missionary purposes.

SEC. 8. This Association shall not lord it over God's heritage, nor infringe upon any of the internal rights of the churches, but shall only act as an advisory body.

SEC. 9. This Constitution may be amended only by a two-thirds vote of the messengers present, provided the amendment be reduced to writing.

## ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in one only true and living God, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and that these Three are One.
2. We believe that the Old and New Testament Scriptures are the work of God, and the only rules 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.

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8. We believe that all those who are regenerated by the Spirit of God are made heirs of God and joint heirs with our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; and that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto eternal salvation, and that 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 of 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 "baptized believers" have a spiritual right to partake thereof.

11. We believe that the washing of 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 Lord's Supper, but in no case shall this article be so construed as to make it a test of fellowship.

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

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

#### RULES OF DECORUM.

ART. 1. At the first meeting of each annual session of the Association the Moderator of the previous session shall call the Messengers to order, and after singing and prayer, he shall declare the Association ready for business; the first item being the election of a Moderator and Clerk after Messengers have enrolled their names. In case of absence of the Moderator, the Messengers present shall elect a Moderator pro tem., who shall proceed as aforesaid.

ART. 2. Each meeting of the Association shall be opened and closed with singing and prayer.

ART. 3. The Moderator shall preserve order and decide all questions in debate, subject to an appeal to the body, and when speaking on any subject, shall call some member to the chair, and in case of a tie may give the casting vote.

ART. 4. All committees shall be appointed by the Moderator, subject to a vote of the body.

ART. 5. The Clerk shall keep a careful record of the proceedings of each meeting, and, in the absence of the Moderator, shall call the Association to order and preside until a Moderator pro tem. is elected.

ART. 6. No business shall be transacted without a quorum, which shall consist of a majority of the registered members.

ART. 7. All members wishing to speak shall arise and respectfully address the Moderator, confine themselves strictly to the subject without asking leave of the chair, and no unkind allusions shall be made while speaking.

ART. 8. No motion shall be debatable until seconded, nor voted upon until stated by the Moderator or read by the Clerk.

ART. 9. When a question is under debate no motion shall be received, except to adjourn, lay on the table, to amend, indefinitely postpone, refer to a committee, or otherwise call for the previous question.

ART. 10. Any member voting in the majority may move a reconsideration at any time during the session.

ART. 11. The rules of decorum may be amended at any annual session of the Association by a majority vote of the members present.

## MINUTES.

ROCKY SINK BAPTIST CHURCH,  
Suwannee County, Fla. }

Thursday, October 12, 1893.

The Twenty-Second Annual Session of the Suwannee Missionary Baptist Association convened with the above named church on Thursday, October 12th, 1893. The Association was called to order by Elder J. F. Tatum, Moderator. Prayer by the Moderator. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder E. B. Mills.

Letters from the following named churches belonging to the Association were received and the names of the messengers enrolled as follows:

Rocky Sink—J. R. Newlan, J. S. Parker, J. M. Brown, D. L. Mathis.

Pleasant Hill—D. F. Jenkins, R. D. Turner, B. D. Harrell.

Friendship—W. A. Rye, C. L. Mills, Sanford Bonds.

Suwannee—R. W. Phillips, J. W. Guffey.

Mount Giliard—W. P. Page, J. W. Myers.

Clayland—W. N. McLeod, T. T. Hart, H. J. Platt.

Pinemount—J. W. Rainey, R. A. Reid, H. C. Sealey.

Blue Springs—J. S. Hurst, J. W. Grant.

Petitionary letter of the Live Oak Baptist Church was received and granted and the right hand of fellowship extended by the Moderator. Bros. W. P. Moseley and A. K. Evans were enrolled as messengers.

Petitionary letter of the First Baptist Church of Branford was received and granted and the Moderator extended the right hand of fellowship to its delegate, Bro. F. M. Pinkston.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: B. D. Harrell, Moderator, R. A. Reid, Clerk, and J. R. Newlan, Treasurer.

The following brethren were appointed a Committee on Preaching: J. R. Newlan, J. S. Parker, W. P. Moseley. The committee was instructed to name the hours which they deemed most appropriate to hold services.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMMITTEES.

Finance—W. P. Moseley, M. V. Mills, J. S. Parker.

[The Moderator stated that he would only appoint the chairmen



of the other committees and that each chairman make appointments to complete their respective committees.]

Temperance—A. K. Evans, Chairman.

Missions—R. W. Phillips, Chairman.

Deceased Ministers—C. L. Mills, Chairman.

Sabbath Schools—J. W. Myers, Chairman.

The Moderator stated that he would appoint the other committees to-morrow. Visiting brethren were invited to seats.

The name of Elder D. F. Ward was enrolled as a corresponding messenger from the LaFayette Association.

The Committee on Preaching reported Elder J. F. Tatum to preach at 5 p. m., Elder T. J. Kelley to conclude, and reported that, in their judgment, 11 a. m. and 4 p. m. would be the most appropriate times to hold religious services, which was adopted.

Adjourned to 8 a. m. to-morrow.

#### SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder J. H. Dixon.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved. Visiting brethren invited to seats. Report of Committee on Missions was laid on the table.

Committee on Preaching reported Elder A. Bonds to preach at 11 a. m. to-morrow, Elder John Dixon to conclude; Elder D. F. Ward to preach at 4 p. m., and Elder E. B. Mills to conclude.

Letters were received from the following churches and their messengers enrolled:

Macedonia—J. W. Carter, T. T. Hurst.

O'Brien—T. C. Williams, J. G. Smith.

Mount Pisgah—Jephtha Williams, Rufus Griffin, J. W. Carter.

Philadelphia—O. J. Revels, Henry Boney, W. H. Ezell.

Mount Olive—B. F. Umstead, J. B. Johns.

Tiger Lake—G. H. Dorman, M. V. Mills.

Petitionary letter of the Rosemary Baptist Church was received and granted and the Moderator extended the right hand of fellowship to its messengers, J. S. Alderman and John Meek.

Report of Committee on Temperance received and adopted. See Exhibit A.

Report of Committee on Sabbath Schools received and adopted. See Exhibit B.

Report of the Treasurer read and adopted. See Exhibit C.

Report of Committee on Finance received and adopted. See Exhibit D.

Bro. C. H. Brinson was appointed a committee to collect from

Ex-Treasurer H. C. Sealey the sum of \$33.61, the amount due the Association by him.

Petitionary letter of Antioch Baptist Church received and granted and the Moderator extended the right hand of fellowship to its messengers, C. H. Brinson and J. W. Barnes.

On motion the vote taken yesterday selecting Friendship Baptist Church as the place to hold the next annual meeting of the Association was reconsidered.

On motion Tiger Lake Church was selected as the place to hold the next annual session of the Association.

A motion was made to reconsider the vote by which Tiger Lake was selected as the place to hold the next annual session of the Association, which was lost.

Report of Committee on Deceased Ministers was read and adopted. See Exhibit E.

The following named brethren were appointed as corresponding messengers to the LaFayette Association: Elders T. J. Kelley, B. D. Harrell and R. W. Phillips.

To the Hamilton Association, Bros. W. H. Brown, B. D. Harrell, C. H. Brinson, G. H. Dorman, R. A. Reid and A. K. Evans. Adjourned to 8 a. m. to-morrow.

#### THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Association was opened with prayer by Elder R. W. Phillips. Minutes of yesterday read and approved. Visiting brethren invited to seats.

The Committee on Preaching reported Elder W. H. Strickland to preach at 11 a. m., Elder W. J. Carroll to conclude.

On motion, that part of the letter of the Pinemount Church relative to the erecting of a monument in memory of Elder J. N. Reid, deceased, was read and adopted, and on motion of Bro. C. H. Brinson the Clerk was instructed to incorporate it in the minutes.

Elder W. H. Strickland, of the Stone Mountain Missionary Baptist Association of Georgia, was present and materially aided the body in its deliberations.

Report of Committee on Education read and adopted. See Exhibit F.

On motion of Bro. J. R. Newlan, each member of the Association, and all others who feel disposed to, were requested to contribute whatever they deemed proper for the relief of Sister Reid, widow of Elder James N. Reid, deceased.

On motion of J. W. Carroll, Bro. J. R. Newlan was chosen to receive and transmit to Sister Reid the funds that may be donated to her relief pursuant to the foregoing resolution.



Petitionary letter of Mount Enon Baptist Church, of Madison County, was received and granted and the Moderator extended the right hand of fellowship to her messengers, Bros. T. P. Newman and Alex. Adkins.

On motion of Bro. G. H. Dorman, each messenger of the Association is requested to use his best efforts to collect one dollar from each member of his respective church for the relief of Sister Reid, wife of Elder James N. Reid, deceased, to enable her to pay off the three hundred dollar incumbrance upon her home at Jasper.

On motion of Bro. C. L. Mills, one page of the minutes of the Association is set apart in token of the high esteem we entertain for our deceased brother, Elder James N. Reid.

The following resolution, offered by Elder B. D. Harrell, was unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

Whereas, The Missionary Baptist State Convention of Florida is doing all in its power to send the Gospel to the destitute places and dark corners of the State; and

Whereas, Recognizing the fact that it is impossible for the State Board or Associational Boards to do anything in the way of sending out Missionaries, unless the membership of our denomination will contribute of their means to enable them to do so; and

Whereas, The State Board is willing to assist weak churches which are unable to employ pastors, provided they will assist the State Board by taking up quarterly collections for that purpose; and

Whereas, Recognizing the fact that the destitution in our State is very great and that the spread of the Gospel wholly depends upon the efforts of the Baptist denomination; therefore be it

Resolved, That we earnestly and solemnly agree to do all in our power to prevail upon our several churches to take up at least one collection for State Missions during the next Association year, and forward the same to the State Board of Missions, to be used by said Board as it may deem proper.

Resolved further, That we hereby apply to become a member of the State Board of Missions, which was unanimously adopted by a rising vote. The following report was adopted, to-wit:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the matter of building a monument commemorative of Elder James N. Ried, deceased, beg leave to report and recommend that a committee of seven, of whom the Moderator shall be chairman, be appointed to correspond with the Hamilton, Beulah, LaFayette and Mercer Associations relative to the same, and to do and transact all such other business pertaining to the same as in their judgment they shall deem proper, and to report their acts and doings in the premises to the Association at its next annual meeting.

R. W. PHILLIPS, Chairman.

Pursuant to the above recommendation, the Moderator appointed the following named brethren to constitute said committee, to-wit:

J. R. Newlan, W. P. Moseley, B. F. Umstead, C. H. Brinson, J. K. Ward and W. H. Brown.

Report of Clerk read and adopted. See Exhibit G.

On motion, it was agreed that all the Mission funds in the treasury, or that may be paid into the treasury during the ensuing year, be donated to the State Board of Missions.

On motion, ten dollars was appropriated to pay the Clerk for his services, which amount he donated to the O'Brien Baptist church to aid the members in completing their house of worship.

The Committee on Preaching reported Elder W. H. Strickland to preach at 11 a. m. to-morrow, Elder R. W. Phillips to conclude.

On motion, the Report on Missions was taken from the table and adopted. See Exhibit H.

Elder B. D. Harrell was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon at the next annual meeting of the Association, with Elder W. J. Carroll as alternate.

On motion, the future sessions of the Association will begin on Friday at 10 o'clock a. m.

On motion, the amount that may be collected to-morrow shall be donated to the State Board of Missions, with the request that the same be donated to the O'Brien church for the completion of their church building, and that the Moderator be requested to notify said Board of the action of the Association in the matter.

Whereas, Our beloved pastor, Elder James N. Ried, departed this life at his home in Jasper, Fla., on September 1, A. D. 1883; and

Whereas, For more than a quarter of a century he had been continuously and zealously laboring in the Master's cause, undergoing many privations in life, sacrificing home and home comforts, that he might serve our blessed Savior to the fullest extent of his ability; and

Whereas, The deceased was one of the early Baptist pioneers for the Master in this part of His moral vineyard; and

Whereas, As an ambassador for God, a large number of the Baptist churches in Middle Florida and Southwest Georgia owe their organization and existence to his unremitting efforts for the upbuilding of the Master's cause; and

Whereas, The great sacrifice made by him in his ministerial work throughout the country, and the good accomplished through him as a ministering servant for God has been such that we deem it but fitting that a suitable monument be erected over his grave by the Hamilton, Suwannee, LaFayette, Beulah and Mercer Asso-

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ciations, including the various churches composing the same, commemorative of our dear Brother in Christ; therefore be it

Resolved, That we respectfully recommend that the above named Associations, and the churches thereof, take such steps in the matter as they deem proper to consummate the intent of these resolutions.

### EXHIBIT A.

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance beg leave to submit the following report:

A report on temperance to a body of Christians professing to hold the faith once for all time delivered to the Saints, should certainly be the words of soberness and truth. The word temperance in its common acceptation, conveys simply the idea of moderation or abstinence from strong drink. By some societies it is used to mean total abstinence and abhorrence of strong drink, but when the Apostles to the Gentiles reasoned of temperance, righteousness and judgment to come, they no doubt meant soberness and moderation in other things as sinful and hurtful to the souls of men, as was the excessive use of wine by the trembling Felix. Therefore, we beg to suggest, first, that the primary qualification of church membership should be temperance in all things and that our moderation be known of all men, for it is a grave misconception of the temperance of the Gospel that would limit simply to the intoxicating bowl, and permit, without restraint, sinful and hurtful excesses in the habitual use of opium, chewing smoking and snuffing tobacco, gluttony, extravagant living, etc. All things were made and given to us by our Creator to be used in moderation and with thanksgivings, with an eye single to the glory of God, in our bodies as well as our spirits, which are His.

Secondly, we suggest that as the excessive use of strong drink has become one of the greatest evils of our day, endangering the common welfare of good society and civil government, as well as the peace of our homes and safety of life and property, that it becomes our solemn duty as expressed exponents of good moral benevolence and the Christian religion, to pronounce judgment upon the grogshop and its proprietor: that the former is the vanguard of perdition, and the latter receives the price of blood, at every one who signs a petition for a license to sell intoxicating liquors at retail over the enticing counter of a saloon is thus bringing good speed to the reckless trafficker to damn the souls of men and women. They are, according to the New Testament, partakers of their evil deeds. We therefore recommend that all churches

members who sign their names to petitions for the sale of intoxicants, or other petitions looking to the sale of liquors, shall be subject to prompt discipline.

Let us be temperate in all things and shun the appearance of evil.

Respectfully submitted.

A. K. EVANS,  
Chairman.

### EXHIBIT B.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We, the Committee on Sabbath Schools, beg leave to submit the following report:

It seems there is but little interest taken in Sabbath Schools at present, as there has been so few reported to the Association—only two. Brethren, are we doing our duty in this grand and noble work? Your Committee thinks not. Brethren, let us be more zealous in Sunday School work; let us resolve that in the future we will do our whole duty in this grand and important work. We are commanded to train our children in the way they should go. In the Sabbath Schools we believe is the better place for the training. We believe that there have been many souls convicted and converted by impressions made on their hearts while attending Sabbath Schools. Parents, send your children to Sabbath Schools. The better plan is to go with them, for it is not alone beneficial to children, but for older people as well.

There should be a Sabbath School at each church in the Association and we pray that the time will soon come when there will be a flourishing Sabbath School at each church in the Association. We would say to our ministers and brethren, if there is no Sabbath School at your church, organize one, if possible, at an early day. Let us do all we can in this great work.

We recommend that nothing but pure, genuine Baptist literature be used in our Sabbath Schools.

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. MYERS,  
W. H. McLEOD,  
W. P. PAGE,  
Committee.

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## EXHIBIT C.

## REPORT OF TREASURER.

In Account with Suwannee Baptist Association:		DR.
To amount received as Minute fund.....		\$14.70
To amount received as Associational fund.....		10.00
To amount received as Home Mission fund.....		6.00
To amount received of Ex-Treasurer H. C. Sealey.....		3.85
		<u>\$34.66</u>
		CR.
By amount paid Clerk as Minute fund.....		\$14.70
By amount paid Clerk as salary.....		10.00
By amount on hand.....		9.96
		<u>\$34.66</u>

Note.—There were collected by the Association for Associational purposes, on Sunday of the Association held with Mount Pisgah church, not included in above report, the sum of \$5.01  
Respectfully submitted. J. R. NEWLAN, Treasurer.

## EXHIBIT D.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Churches.	Value Church Property.	Home Missions.	Minutes.	Associational.
Rocky Sink.....	\$ 900 00	\$.....	\$ 2 25	\$ 2 50
Pinemount.....	.....	.....	1 60	35
Clayland.....	500 00	.....	1 00	1 70
Mt. Giliard.....	100 00	1 20	1 25	3 25
Live Oak.....	1000 00	.....	2 00	1 00
Friendship.....	65 00	.....	2 00	.....
Suwannee.....	200 00	.....	1 00	.....
Branford.....	500 00	2 00	1 00	.....
Blue Springs.....	200 00	.....	50	1 75
Pleasant Hill.....	250 00	.....	85	40
O'Brien.....	500 00	1 60	1 35	70
Antioch.....	500 00	.....	1 00	1 20
Macedonia.....	200 00	.....	1 00	.....
Mt. Pisgah.....	500 00	.....	40	60
Tiger Lake.....	500 00	.....	1 00	1 50
Rosemary.....	100 00	.....	1 00	.....
Philadelphia.....	300 00	25	95	1 00
Mt. Olive.....	.....	.....	1 50	65
Mt. Enon.....	.....	.....	50	40
Total.....	\$6015 00	\$5 05	\$22 15	\$18 20

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report the above named churches, and the amount of funds paid in by their respective Messengers, and ask to be relieved from further duties as such Committee.

Respectfully submitted,  
W. P. MOSELEY,  
M. V. MILLS,  
J. S. PARKER,  
Committee.

## EXHIBIT E.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

We, your Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons, beg leave to submit the following report:

We find from the letters to the Association that there are none reported as having died since our last session, for which we should feel profoundly grateful to the all-wise and provident God. While they are no better than other brethren to live, yet God, in His provident mercy, has spared them through another year, we trust, for a wise purpose. Brethren, let us thank God that laborers have been spared, and let us pray that they may increase in usefulness, for the harvest is great, but the laborers are few.

Respectfully submitted,  
C. L. MILLS,  
D. F. JENKINS,  
W. A. RYE,  
Committee.

## EXHIBIT F.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

We, your Committee on Education, beg leave to submit the following report:

Under the present system of intellectual and moral culture the results of progressive literature are truly gratifying, regarding, as we do, the cultivation of the mind as an important auxiliary in elevating the character and moral excellence of the youth of our country, we feel it to be our duty to encourage not only the efforts made by the fostering hand of the Government, but recommend that the churches likewise assist in a cause so commendable and praiseworthy. When we consider that sobriety and virtue, the most excellent attainments in Christian character, can be obtained only by proper and thorough instruction, we should feel more sensibly the responsibility enjoined upon us as the friends of reform. Believing that thorough theological training is necessary to qualify for usefulness and efficiency the ministry, we recommend the reading of such books, periodicals and papers as will indoc-trinate the truths of the Gospel into the minds of our students of theology. We also recommend that the brethren generally introduce into their families at least one good religious newspaper. Such literature will materially aid in qualifying and properly shaping the character of their offspring and encourage a desire for research.

Respectfully submitted,  
G. H. DORMAN,  
B. F. UMSTEAD,  
R. W. PHILLIPS,  
Committee.



EXHIBIT G.  
CLERK'S REPORT.

Robert A. Reid, Clerk, in account with the Suwannee Baptist Association :

	DR.	CR.
1892, To amount received from Treasurer .....	\$14 70	
“ “ “ “ “ Clayland Church .....	2 50	
Total .....	\$17 20	
1892, By amt. paid for printing minutes .....		\$18 50
“ “ “ “ “ express and postage .....		80
Total .....		\$19 30
To amount paid by me to balance .....	\$ 2 10	
Total .....	\$19 30	

EXHIBIT H.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

The cause of missions is not supported with that liberality which we think the interest of Christianity demands. The contributions from the churches are small, and the spirit of anti-missions appears to be tacitly encouraged in our midst. The indifference shown and inaction taken is retarding the progress of religion, and we can but regret a want of zeal in the great cause of evangelization. We therefore recommend that the ministers and brethren of our Association earnestly and prayerfully present to their congregations the importance of this subject. The poor ministers within our bounds, who are unable to buy the necessary books in theology are not supplied. The churches are without libraries, the salaries of pastors are very meagre, and no effort appears to be made to educate the promising young men of our county for the ministry. We would also recommend that the subject of foreign missions be considered. The millions beyond the Pacific and the Mediterranean as well as the poles of the sea are not saved; they are perishing for the want of the bread of life. We cannot free ourselves from culpability by withholding the Gospel from them. Let an appeal, therefore, brethren, from your hearts go up to God for a spirit of missions, that His kingdom may come and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Respectfully submitted.

R. W. PHILLIPS,  
S. BONDS,  
A. K. EVANS,  
Committee.

The Association adjourned to meet with the Tiger Lake Baptist church on Friday before the third Sunday in October, A. D. 1894, at 10 o'clock a. m.

ROBT. A. REID, Clerk.  
B. D. HARRELL, Moderator.

SUNDAY.

Elder William H. Strickland preached an able and instructive sermon to-day to a large and appreciative audience.  
A collection was taken up for State Missions.

ROBT. A. REID,  
Clerk.

NOTE BY THE CLERK.—Churches should state in their letters to the Association the names and postoffices of the ordained and licensed ministers belonging to their respective churches, the names and postoffices of ministers called to serve them the ensuing year, the names and postoffices of church clerks, the number of Sabbath Schools, etc., the amount of church property, the days of church meetings, amount promised their pastor for the past year and the amount paid, and the amount agreed to pay pastor for the ensuing year.

Church letters should be signed by the Moderator and Clerk. Clerks should be careful in writing up their church letters so as to make them as legible as possible. Use larger paper than is usually used and write on but one side of the sheet. Don't use red ink to write on red paper, as is sometimes the case. A little painstaking will remedy these omissions and materially advance the interest of the Association. Churches should state specifically how they wish the funds sent to the Association applied.

Churches should only state what was done, and not encumber their letters with what was not done. If the church only sends up funds for minutes, etc., so state it, and not mention foreign missions, etc. The same rule should prevail in other parts of church letters. If no one has been excluded, died, etc., it is best not to mention the matter at all.

I trust the brethren will not think me too suggestive. This note is added with the hope that the churches composing the Association may be benefitted thereby, in the way of better systematizing the workings of the Association in future.

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Clerk.