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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 messengers shall be received by the Association.

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

SEC. 4. The objects of this Association shall be (1) to promote unity and brotherly love among the churches, (2) to promote gospel discipline, (3) 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 the 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 laborers to supply 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 the 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 Thursday 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 taken 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 word 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.

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 Savior Jesus Christ, and they are kept by the power of God through unto eternal salvation, and that not one of them will be finally 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 that 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 scriptural right to partake thereof.

11. We believe that the washing of feet, according to the example recorded in the thirteenth 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 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.

ARTICLE 1. At the first meeting of each annual session of the Association the Moderator of the previous Association 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 the 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 present, who 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, and no unkind allusions shall be made while speaking.

ART. 8. No motion shall be debated 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, 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.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

K. B. MILLS.....	Luraville	O. J. REVELS.....	Pine Mount
B. D. HARRELL.....	Pine Mount	A. BOND.....	Pine Mount
T. L. PEACOCK.....	Pine Mount	T. J. KELLY.....	Call, Lafayette Co.
J. W. FLEMING.....	Obrien	J. J. HOLMES.....	McAlpin
R. D. TURNER.....	Pine Mount	W. C. LEE.....	Welborn
J. F. TATUM.....	McAlpin	A. K. EVANS.....	Live Oak
B. M. BEAN.....		Live Oak	

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 Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.
6. Invite visiting ministers and brethren to seats in the body.
7. Call for correspondents.
8. Appointment of committees.
9. Fix hours of meeting and adjourning.
10. Reports of committees.
11. Appointment of messengers to State Convention and Associations.
12. Arrange for printing minutes.
13. Appoint place for holding next session.
14. Miscellaneous business.
15. Adjournment.

MINUTES.

Obrien, Fla., Thursday, October 13, 1898.

The Suwannee Baptist Association met in its twenty-seventh annual session this morning at 11 o'clock with Obrien Baptist Church. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder W. C. Lee, text, John 14:15—"If ye love me, keep my commandments;" after which the body adjourned until 2 p.m.

Afternoon—2 P.M.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, and Elder B. M. Bean of Live Oak led in prayer. On motion Brother H. E. Sealey was made Clerk pro tem., after which letters from the following named churches were received and names of their messengers enrolled, to wit:

- Mount Olive—Elder W. C. Lee, D. B. Richardson, R. O. Legett.
 Live Oak—Elder B. M. Bean, W. S. Hodge, W. B. Collins.
 Mount Gilead—W. P. Page, R. W. Dees.
 Blue Spring—J. M. Adams, R. W. Price.
 Pine Mount—Elder B. D. Harrell, W. H. Brown.
 Rocky Sink—J. S. Parker.
 Salem—R. Green.
 Ethel—J. H. Jowers.
 Tiger Lake—G. H. Dorman, J. M. Helton.
 Mount Pisgah—Elder J. F. Tatum, Perry Mobley,
 John W. Williams.
 Suwannee—Elder R. W. Phillips.
 Pleasant Hill—D. F. Jenkins, Sr., D. F. Jenkins, Jr.,
 W. R. Jenkins.
 Friendship—Elder A. Bond, C. L. Mills.
 Macedonia—J. M. Hurst.
 Union—J. E. Barnett.
 Clayland—H. Y. Sealey, W. N. McLeod, W. D. Stinson.
 Oak Grove—H. J. Warren, J. R. Hurst.
 Obrien—T. C. Williams, J. M. Hall, W. H. Fleming,
 J. G. Smith.

The Association then proceeded to a permanent or-

ganization by electing Elder B. D. Harrell Moderator, C. L. Mills Clerk, G. H. Dorman Treasurer.

The Moderator then proceeded to appoint the following committees, to wit:

On Preaching—J. M. Hall, T. C. Williams, W. B. Collins.

On Temperance—Elder W. C. Lee, D. F. Jenkins, Sr., D. B. Richardson.

On Missions—Elder B. M. Bean, R. W. Price.

On Sabbath Schools—G. H. Dorman, J. M. Helton, J. E. Barnett.

On Ministerial Education—Elder R. W. Phillips, J. M. Adams, H. E. Sealey.

On Ministerial Support—Elder J. F. Tatum, T. C. Williams, W. N. McLeod, J. S. Parker.

On Education—G. H. Dorman, W. B. Collins, R. O. Legett.

On Deceased Ministers and Deacons—Elder A. Bond, R. Green, D. F. Jenkins, Sr.

On Finance—W. S. Hodge, J. M. Adams, J. M. Hall.

On Woman's Work—Mrs. B. M. Bean, Miss Florence Davis, Miss Meriba Williams, Mrs. Nannie Fleming, Mrs. Mamie Hall.

The Committee on Preaching made the following report:

Elder A. Bond tonight at 6:30; alternate, Elder J. F. Tatum. Tomorrow at 11 a.m., Elder R. W. Phillips; alternate, Elder B. D. Harrell.

On motion the time for preaching the Missionary Sermon by Elder B. M. Bean was changed from Sunday, 11 a.m., to Saturday, 11 a.m.

On motion of Brother W. S. Hodge, the Clerk is allowed \$10 for his services.

On motion of Elder W. C. Lee, the time for meeting and adjourning was fixed at 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Adjourned until 8:30 a.m. tomorrow.

Second Day—Morning Session.

At 8:30 the Association was called to order by the Moderator, and was led in prayer by Elder D. F. Ward of Lafayette.

Call for messengers renewed. A letter from Branford Church was received, and names of messengers enrolled,

to wit: Mrs. J. A. Ivey, Mrs. J. T. Green. On motion Brother C. H. Brinson from Antioch was received as a messenger without credentials from his church.

Call for correspondents accepted by Elder D. F. Ward and Brother J. B. Wilcher of the Lafayette Association.

Minutes of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

At this juncture the floor was given to Sister B. M. Bean for the reading of a paper setting forth the plans and workings of the Ladies' Missionary Union, which was gratifying to the body.

The Committee on Temperance made their report, and it was spoken to by Brother G. H. Dorman, Elders R. W. Phillips and W. C. Lee, and Brother W. B. Collins. On motion further discussion of the report was deferred until afternoon.

Elders B. D. Harrell, A. Bond, R. W. Phillips, B. M. Bean, and G. H. Dorman were appointed delegates to the Baptist State Convention.

Elders J. F. Tatum, R. W. Phillips, A. Bond, and J. S. Hurst were appointed correspondents to the Lafayette Association.

Elders R. W. Phillips, B. D. Harrell, and W. C. Lee were appointed correspondents to the Hamilton Association.

On motion the Clerk was instructed to get the minutes printed where he could get the work done cheapest.

By invitation of the church, and on motion of Elder W. C. Lee, the next session of the Association will be held with the Live Oak Church.

At this juncture the importance of a Ministers' and Deacons' Institute was discussed, and on motion of Brother T. C. Williams the ministers and deacons present proceeded to temporary organization, and names of members were enrolled, to wit: Elders B. D. Harrell, R. W. Phillips, A. Bond, J. F. Tatum, B. M. Bean, J. S. Hurst, W. C. Lee; Deacons W. B. Collins, T. C. Williams, J. E. Barnett, C. L. Mills, G. H. Dorman, J. S. Parker, J. H. Grant.

Adjourned to 2 p.m.

Second Day—Afternoon.

At 2 p.m. the Association reassembled. Invitation extended to visiting ministers and brethren.

The report of the Committee on Education was read

by the chairman, and on motion of Elder W. C. Lee was adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

We, your Committee on Education, ask to submit the following as our report: While we have no statistics from which we can give a correct report as to the progress of education within our bounds, yet we believe that education in all points is on an upward trend, and we would recommend that we as Christians should look well to the morals of all teachers within our midst and see to it that none others than those of high Christian and moral standard be allowed to teach in our common schools; and we recommend that we urge all the people that it is their uncompromising duty to do all within their power to maintain such teachers and schools within their midst. And furthermore, we recommend to those seeking a higher education our own Stetson University, which we deem second to none morally, intellectually or spiritually.

W. B. COLLINS, Chairman,
G. H. DORMAN,
R. O. LEGETT, Committee.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools made their report, which was ably spoken to by Elders W. C. Lee, B. M. Bean, J. J. Holmes, J. F. Tatum, B. D. Harrell; Brethren G. H. Dorman, W. B. Collins, and D. F. Jenkins, Sr.

The report was adopted.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We, your Committee on Sabbath Schools, beg to submit the following: First, we regret very much to see so many church letters come up to the Association with blank reports in the Sabbath school cause. Second, we regret very much to see professors of Christianity, members of the church of Christ, parents of children, and instructors of the youth of this our land, so unthoughtful in regard to Bible reading and religious instruction in the Sabbath school.

The old adage is, "As the twig is bent, so it will grow." If our children were carried to Sabbath school, and taught the truths of the Bible, and the love of Jesus, and the travails and trials of the missionaries of those days, religion would be revived, our church membership would be multiplied, our churches would grow in grace, and "our children would grow up and call us blessed."

O Christian brethren, think of the great influence you have over the young and tender minds, and how easy it is to raise our children in the love of a blessed Redeemer, or how easy it is for them to be influenced by the wicked one and led astray; and you, when your heads are silvered over, go down to your graves in sorrow. Won't you wake up from your lethargy and go to Sunday school with those who are the very idols of your hearts, and help to train them in the way you would have them go? Please accept the above as our report.

G. H. DORMAN, Chairman,
J. M. HELTON,
J. E. BARNETT, Committee.

Letter from Philadelphia Church received and messengers enrolled, to wit: D. J. Mills, W. T. Stokeley.

The Committee on Preaching reported Elder J. C. Porter of Ocala to preach tonight at 6:30; Elder W. C. Lee, alternate.

At this point the Temperance Report was again taken up and ably spoken to by Elders J. F. Tatum and B. M. Bean. Pending the discussion a resolution on temperance was presented by Brother C. H. Brinson, read by the Secretary and on motion of Brother D. F. Jenkins was received.

On motion further consideration of the report and resolution was deferred until tomorrow morning.

On motion of Elder W. C. Lee, adjourned until 8:30 a.m. tomorrow.

6:30.—After an interesting and instructive sermon by Elder J. C. Porter to an attentive audience, a collection of \$6 was taken up for ministerial education and presented to Brother Porter.

Third Day—Morning Session.

8:30 a.m. The Association met pursuant to adjournment and was opened with reading morning lesson by Elder D. B. Harrell and prayer by Elder A. Bond.

Minutes of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

On motion the action in regard to printing of the minutes was rescinded and the Clerk instructed to contract with Brother Porter.

The Committee on Ministerial Education made their report, which was ably spoken to by Elders J. C. Porter, R. W. Phillips, and B. M. Bean, after which the report was adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Your Committee on Ministerial Education beg leave to report that we are profoundly impressed with the deficiency that exists among the clergy of our denomination in the requisite qualifications of efficiency the emergency demands. The errors so extensively circulated, and which appear to be so readily accepted by men of genius and learning, and it requires men who are skilled in the law to counteract their efforts and expose the false doctrines they are so industriously teaching among the people. They are also occupying many of the academies in the country, where the youth of our citizens should be taught correct principles of ethics, for the purpose of propagating their pernicious ideas. Shall we lie supinely upon our backs under the circumstances, until they have fastened their superstitious errors upon our descendants? or shall we exercise the moral courage necessary to secure the triumph of the Church over her enemies? "Speak to the children of Israel, that they go forward," was the command given to Moses, and it appears to us that it would be wise to heed the admonition at the present day. We there-

fore recommend that such action be taken as will secure the literature necessary to instruct our clergy, who are struggling under circumstances so disadvantageous.

R. W. PHILLIPS,
J. M. ADAMS.

On motion of Elder R. W. Phillips the report on Temperance was adopted.

The temperance resolution presented by Brother Brinson was taken up, creditably spoken to by Elders B. M. Bean, R. W. Phillips, and W. C. Lee, and on motion of Elder W. C. Lee was adopted.

RESOLUTION.

Whereas, We believe that the intemperate use of intoxicating drinks, practiced by church members, is the greatest impediment to religious progress, Resolved, therefore, That we recommend to the churches composing the Suwannee Association that when they have a member that persists in the evil habit of drinking to intoxication, they withdraw from such an one.

Respectfully submitted.

C. H. BRINSON.

The invitation to correspondents was extended, and was accepted by Elders J. T. Davenport and Z. Dees of the Lafayette Association.

The Committee on Ministerial Support made their report, which was very appropriately spoken to by Elders B. M. Bean, A. Bond, and J. F. Tatum, and on motion of Elder W. C. Lee was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

We, your Committee on Ministerial Support, beg leave to report that, from the sentiment expressed in the several churches of our Association, it appears that there is but little being done in the way of support, which we believe to be their duty according to the word of God. The apostle specifically declares that it is ordained of God that they who preach the gospel should live of the gospel.

Now, brethren, we do recommend that, as the church of Christ, we give this question more prayerful attention, and that greater efforts be made to enable our preachers to go forth and carry the glad tidings of joy to others. And we would further urge that our brethren in the ministry educate our people more thoroughly in that line of duty.

ELDER J. F. TATUM, Chairman,

T. C. WILLIAMS,

J. S. PARKER,

W. N. McLEOD, Committee.

The report on Missions was read by the chairman, and on motion of Brother W. S. Hodge was received; but, the time having arrived for Elder B. M. Bean to preach the Missionary Sermon, its consideration was passed over until afternoon. Adjourned to 2 p.m.

After the splendid sermon on Missions, a collection of \$3.10 was taken for missions, and the following pledges were made for State Missions:

CHURCHES.	AMOUNTS.
Mount Pisgah.....	\$ 1 00
Pine Mount.....	3 00
Live Oak.....	100 00
O'Brien.....	5 00
Mount Gilead.....	5 00
Rocky Sink.....	5 00
Friendship.....	5 00
Pleasant Hill.....	1 00
Blue Spring.....	5 00
Mount Olive.....	2 00
Union.....	2 00
Philadelphia.....	5 00
Rosemary.....	5 00
Clayland.....	5 00
Tiger Lake.....	2 00
Total.....	\$151 00

Third Day—Afternoon.

2 p.m. The Association was called to order by the Moderator. The report on Deceased Ministers and Deacons was read by the Secretary, and on motion of Brother W. S. Hodge the report was adopted. Following is the report:

REPORT ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

Your Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons beg leave to report that after careful inquiry we find that our Heavenly Father, through his mercy and kindness to us, has spared the lives of his servants, for which we feel thankful. Humbly submitted.

ELDER A. BOND, Chairman,
D. F. JENKINS, SR.,
R. GREEN, Committee.

The following resolution was offered by Brother J. E. Barnett and on motion of Elder R. W. Phillips was adopted:

Resolved, That we recommend to the brethren of the churches that they visit each other and cultivate more closely the ties of friendship and Christian brotherly love toward each other.

Respectfully submitted.

J. E. BARNETT.

The Finance Committee's report was read by the chairman, and on motion of Brother D. F. Jenkins was adopted:

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee on Finance beg to report the following contributions from churches and societies:

CHURCHES.	CHURCH PROPER.				WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.				Totals.
	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Associational Missions.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Ministerial.	
Mount Olive	\$ 2 00								\$ 2 00
Branford	6 90								6 90
Tunton		15							15
Rocky Sink	5 00								5 00
Ethel		5 00							5 00
Clayland									
Macedonia									
Mt. Gilthead	1 88								1 88
Mt. Pisgah	50								50
Oak Grove		50							50
Pleasant Hill	4 00	5 20							9 20
Tiger Lake	51 43								51 43
Lave Oak	1 85	70							71 85
Philadelphia		20							20
Salem		2 10							2 10
O'Brien	5 43								5 43
Blue Spring	5 47								5 47
Pine Mount	2 80								2 80
Friendship	5 00	1 00							6 00
Suwannee									
Antioch									
Total	\$91 78	\$15 81	\$1 41	\$69 09	\$53 83	\$1 90	\$3 85	\$9 43	\$214 96

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Respectfully submitted.

W. S. HODGE, Chairman,
J. M. ADAMS,
J. M. HALL, Committee.

The Preaching Committee made the following report:

Elder D. F. Ward to preach tonight at 6:30, Elder T. J. Davenport alternate. Lord's day at 11 a. m., Elder R. W. Phillips, Elder J. F. Tatum alternate. Lord's day at 6:30 p. m., Elder B. M. Bean.

The report of the Committee on Woman's Mission Work was read by the chairman and was spoken to by

Sister B. M. Bean, Elder B. M. Bean, and Brother G. H. Dorman, and on motion of Brother Dorman was adopted.

WOMAN'S WORK.

DEAR BRETHREN—Your Committee on Woman's Work submits the following:

The low, cruel position occupied by woman in non-Christian countries is an appeal: Come over and help us! that finds a response in the heart of every true child of God.

By nature it is woman who first hears and heeds the wails of distress. If it was for no other cause than to uplift womanhood, this should be enough to call forth our best efforts and unabating zeal, till all women of all nations occupy the place that God in his purpose intends that they should.

But she has a soul to be saved or lost. She is the mother who, when placed in her true sphere, shapes the destiny of nations.

For this great cause many of our best women have left pleasant homes, friends, and high social position, and have gone to endure privation and labor, and to suffer with a zeal and love that we who are making comparatively no sacrifice know nothing of.

Dear sisters, they are our substitutes on the battlefield, and if we are faithful to do our duty toward them in paying for them, reading their letters, giving them our sympathy and liberally of our means, the rich reward of this labor will be shared with us, and we, as well as they, will hear, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

We have much to make us rejoice in the success of the woman's missionary work of the Southern Baptist Convention.

We are thankful that the four societies of the Suwannee Association are numbered with the one hundred and thirty-four of our state, and that our Children's Band is one among the thirty-two of Florida.

We hope and pray that every church in our Association will soon have a Woman's Missionary Society.

Dear pastors, help those women that are as anxious and willing to help you as those of old helped Paul.

What we are doing is in sincerity and love for the cause of Christ, and helping you in the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom.

Respectfully,
Mrs. B. M. BEAN,
Miss MERIBA WILLIAMS,
Miss FLORENCE DAVIS,
Mrs. NANNIE FLEMING,
Mrs. MAMIE HALL,
Committee.

On motion of Brother G. H. Dorman the report on Missions was adopted without further consideration.

The following resolution was presented by Elder R. W. Phillips and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to the members of this church and the good people of O'Brien for their sumptuous and whole-hearted entertainment during the session of this Association.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

As the spirit of Christ was mission, so is the spirit of his religion, Christianity without missions is dead. The Church was organized for mis-

ston work, and if she does not grow and develop in giving the gospel to the lost nations of the earth, she declines in spirituality as well as in financial prosperity, and is "dead while she lives." "The field is the world." "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." It is the duty of every pastor to develop his churches in the grace of liberality.

What is the Bible law of Christian liberality?

In 2 Cor. 8: 1-24, the apostle stirs up the Church to liberality.

In 1 Cor. 9: 1-14, the Lord ordained that his ministers should be supported by the members of the churches.

In 2 Cor. 11: 7-9, he took wages of the churches of Macedonia to preach the gospel to the church at Corinth. In 2 Cor. 12: 13, Paul asks the church at Corinth to forgive him this wrong.

Acts 11: 29: "Every man according to his ability."

Matt. 28: 19: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." 2 Cor. 10: 15, 16: "To preach the gospel in the regions beyond you." 2 Cor. 9: 1-7: Every church should be ready a year beforehand with their liberality.

2 Cor. 9: 16: "He that soweth sparingly shall also reap sparingly."

Mal. 3: 7-12: The Jews robbed God of tithes and offerings, and were cursed.

1 Cor. 16: 1, 2: God's plan for his churches: Give, first, regularly, "upon the first day of the week." Second, universally: "Let every one of you." Third, according to ability: "As God hath prospered him." Submitted.

ELDER B. M. BEAN,
R. W. RICE.

TEMPERANCE REPORT.

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

The voice of God is plain and emphatic against intemperance. He suffers men to live on the earth for his own glory, and as God's nature is perfect, he can not use a person who throws his physical nature into disorder by intoxicants. Hence the drunkard spurns the Church of God and declares that he shall not enter the kingdom of heaven.

God made no mistake. Every glass of whisky detracts from the usefulness and influence of a church member who indulges therein.

Therefore, dear brethren, let us abstain from every appearance of evil. Let us abhor the red-eyed monster of strong drink, with our whole soul, body, mind and strength, and pray God to give us the victory in his strength and the power of his might. Respectfully submitted.

ELDER W. C. LEE, Chairman,
D. B. RICHARDSON,
D. F. JENKINS, Sr.,
Committee.

The Treasurer read his report, which on motion was adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

C. L. Mills, Treasurer, in account with the Suwannee Baptist Association, 1898.

DR.

To Cash received from Chairman Finance Committee.....\$45 50

CR.

By Clerk's fees, \$10, Minute Fund paid to Clerk, \$18.75..... 28 75

By Balance on hand.....\$16 75

The following appointments were made by the Moderator: Elder J. F. Tatum to preach the Introductory Sermon of next session, Elder T. L. Peacock alternate; and Elder R. W. Phillips to preach the Missionary Sermon.

On motion of Elder B. M. Bean, reading of the minutes of today's proceedings was dispensed with, and the Clerk instructed to correct any mistakes that might be necessary.

On motion of Elder J. F. Tatum the Association adjourned sine die, with Elder B. M. Bean leading in prayer.

ELDER B. D. HARRELL, Moderator.

C. L. MILLS, Clerk.

After an able and instructive sermon on Lord's day by Elder R. W. Phillips to a large and attentive audience, a collection of \$5.25 was taken up and divided between the two old veterans of the Cross, Elders R. W. Phillips and D. F. Ward.

The next session of the Association will be held with Live Oak Church, commencing Thursday before the third Lord's day in October, A.D. 1899.

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STATISTICAL REPORT.

CHURCHES AND PASTORS.	CLERKS AND POST OFFICES.	GAIN.				LOSS.				Number of Males.	Number of Females.	Total Membership.	Church Organized.	Present Value of Meeting House.	Present Value of Parsonage and Other Church Property.	For Current Expenses, including Pastor's Salary.	Number Officers and Pupils in Sunday School.	Sunday School Superintendents and Post Offices.
		Baptism.	Letter.	Restoration.	Experience.	Erasure.	Letter.	Exclusion.	Death.									
Mount Olive, W. C. Lee	J. B. Johns, Welborn	1								25	33	56	Sept. 11, 1892	\$ 300		25 00	60	D. B. Richardson, Welborn.
Brantford, B. D. Harrall	Edgar J. Levy, Brantford									7	11	18	May 25, 1886	500		50 00	39	J. R. Newland, Lake Oak.
Union, J. J. Hollins	C. B. Halnes, Beauford	1	3							14	25	39	1892	900		50 00		
Rocky, S. H. W. Phillips	M. E. Channoy, Live Oak	6	1							10	15	25		25		50 00		
Kilmer, A. Bond, Haeber	J. D. Nixon, Live Oak	4	2	1						40	59	108		500		30 00		
Chayland, K. Haeber	A. N. Mosley, Live Oak	1	3	1						11	17	28	1896	50		30 00		
Macedonia, J. S. Hurst	T. T. Hurst, Live Oak	8	6	1	3					32	47	79	April 11, 1878	250		15 00	70	G. H. [Housten] Postons
Mount Pleasant, A. Bond	J. W. Myers, Ellaville	2	5	2						18	25	43	July 17, 1887	150		37 75	70	H. [Housten] Postons
Mount Pleasant, R. E. Parnell	W. S. Newsom, Leona	3	5	2						21	35	56	Aug. 2, 1884	200		513 80	80	W. R. Collins, Live Oak.
Oak Grove Hill, L. Pencock	H. J. Warren, Pine Mount	11	3	1						12	16	28	June 10, 1883	750	1250	513 80	80	W. R. Collins, Live Oak.
Forest Hill, L. Pencock	R. D. Turner, Pine Mount	3	3							16	25	41	Jan. 18, 1889	200		50 00	47	T. C. Williams, Live Oak.
Live Oak, K. F. Haeber	G. H. Dorman, Houston	1	8	1						45	61	106		40		50 00		
Live Oak, B. M. Bean	J. T. Carroll, Live Oak	2	2	1						44	70	114		500		20 00		
Live Oak, T. L. Pencock	N. T. Chardney, Lantaville	4	1							35	44	79	1875	500		15 00		
Live Oak, T. L. Pencock	W. T. Wilder, Salem	1	2							40	55	95		500		50 00		
Orange, W. B. Walters	Otis Davis, Orange	1	2							12	11	23		500		20 00		
Blue Spring, B. D. Harrall	J. M. Adams, Lantaville	1	2							29	20	49		500		15 00		
Pine Mount, J. J. Hollins	E. K. Goff, Pine Mount	3	3							40	40	80		500		500		
Friendship, R. K. Parnell	G. L. Mills, Pine Mount	1								20	20	40	1872	500		500		
Savannah, A. K. Farris	E. D. Mizell, Savannah									18	18	36		500		500		
Antioch, no report										17	18	35		500		500		
Totals		52	46	9	9	17	70	17	18	401	600	1096		\$ 5720	\$ 1255	\$ 681	561	908

