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ORDAINED MINISTERS.

E. B. Mills	Luraville, Fla.
O. J. Revels	Pine Mount, Fla.
B. D. Harrell	Pine Mount, Fla.
A. Bond	Pine Mount, Fla.
T. J. Kelly	Columbia, Fla.
J. W. Fleming	Little River, Fla.
J. J. Holmes	McAlpin, Fla.
R. D. Turner	O'Brien, Fla.
W. C. Lee	Welborn, Fla.
J. F. Tatum	McAlpin, Fla.
A. K. Evans	Live Oak, Fla.
T. L. Peacock	Pine Mount, Fla.

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 hour of meeting and adjourning.
10. Reports of committees.
11. Appointment of messengers to State Convention and sister associations.
12. Arrange for printing minutes.
13. Appoint place for holding next session.
14. Miscellaneous business.
15. Adjournment.

MINUTES.

Antloch Baptist Church,

Suwannee County, Fla., October 18, 1900.

The Suwannee Baptist Association met this day in its twenty-ninth session at the above named church at 10 a. m. It was called to order by the former Moderator, Brother W. S. Hodge.

Devotional exercises were conducted by W. S. Hodge, which consisted in the singing of the hymn, "All hail the power of Jesus' name," the reading of the twelfth chapter of Romans, and prayer by Rev. A. J. Reamy, of Jasper.

Messengers then responded to the call from the following churches and their names were duly enrolled:

Live Oak—W. S. Hodge, W. B. Collins, J. F. Dorman, C. A. Hardee, R. H. Haddock, S. V. Hough, Rev. B. M. Bean, C. W. Bache and J. T. Carroll.

Friendship—Rev. T. J. Kelly, C. L. Mills and Sanford Bond.

O'Brien—L. B. Davis, Mrs. L. B. Davis, Mrs. Nancy Fleming and W. J. Scarborough.

Mt. Pisgah—J. W. Carver, D. C. Copeland and R. D. Carter.

Mt. Gilead—Charley Davis, A. Cameron, J. C. Davis, W. P. Page and H. S. Williams.

Pine Mount—H. C. Sealey and W. W. Leggett.

Oak Grove—R. Hurst and Miss M. L. Hurst.

Bros. W. B. Collins and R. J. Allen were appointed reading clerks.

The hour having arrived for noon services, the Association adjourned until 2 p. m.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder A. J. Reamy, of Jasper, from 1 John 3:1-2.

First Day—Afternoon Session.

At 2 p. m. the Association reassembled and after song service by the choir, the Moderator read the fourth chapter of Peter and Rev. J. C. Porter led in prayer.

Messengers then responded to the call from the following named churches and their names were duly enrolled, to-wit:

Rocky Sink—J. S. Parker, W. A. Parker, H. B. Brown and D. L. Mathis.

Blue Spring—J. M. Adams and J. H. Grant.

Pleasant Hill—D. F. Jenkins, Sr., D. F. Jenkins, Jr.

Philadelphia—J. H. Walker, E. L. Lanier and J. W. Boatright.

Antioch—C. H. Brinson and J. H. Burnett.

Tiger Lake—G. H. Dorman, W. H. Horne, M. V. Mills, H. S. Harrell and Mrs. H. S. Harrell.

Mt. Olive—R. J. Allen and J. L. White.

Several brethren were placed in nomination for Moderator. Rev. B. M. Bean moved to elect officers by ballot. After some discussion, he withdrew his motion and Bro. W. S. Hodge was re-elected Moderator by acclamation. On motion, C. L. Mills was re-elected Clerk by ballot. The rules were then waived and Bro. G. H. Dorman was re-elected Treasurer by acclamation.

The invitation to visiting brethren was accepted by Elders J. C. Porter and A. J. Reamy.

The following committees were appointed by the Moderator:

Preaching—C. H. Brinson, Sanford Bond and W. B. Collins.

Temperance—G. H. Dorman, D. F. Jenkins, Sr., and H. C. Sealey.

Missions—Rev. B. M. Bean, J. M. Adams and J. H. Walker.

Sabbath Schools—E. R. Wise, W. B. Collins, J. W. Carver, L. B. Davis and R. Hurst.

Ministerial Education—Rev. B. D. Harrell, J. H. Grant, D. F. Jenkins, Jr., J. H. Burnett and G. H. Dorman.

Ministerial Support—W. W. Leggett, R. J. Allen and A. Cameron.

Deceased Ministers and Deacons—D. F. Jenkins, Sr., J. W. Carver and L. B. Davis.

Finance—J. F. Dorman, E. R. Wise and R. J. Allen.

Rev. J. C. Porter addressed the Association in behalf of our aged ministers and a contribution was made amounting to \$5.30.

The Committee on Preaching reported Rev. A. J. Reamy to preach tonight at 7 o'clock and Rev. J. C. Porter tomorrow at 10 a. m.

On motion of Rev. B. M. Bean the Moderator was requested to appoint a committee on Baptist Young People's Union work, with himself as chairman.

On motion of Bro. W. B. Collins, the time for meeting and adjourning was fixed at 9 and 11 a. m. and 2 and 4 p. m.

The Association adjourned until 9 a. m. tomorrow.

At 7 p. m. Rev. A. J. Reamy preached an interesting missionary sermon to an attentive audience from Jonah 3:2.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment at 9 a. m. and was called to order by the Moderator. Song, "Stand Up for Jesus." Moderator read the thirteenth chapter of Corinthians. Prayer by Rev. A. Bond.

Minutes of yesterday's proceedings read and confirmed.

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

Suwannee—Rev. R. W. Phillips and Edward Mikell.

Orange—William Robertson and Barten Landen.

Union—T. J. Tughton and C. H. Hening.

Macedonia—W. H. Hull and J. M. Hurst.

Evergreen—R. H. Warren.

Rosemary—John Thompkins and J. S. Alderman.

The following report was read by the chairman of the Committee on Ministerial Education:

Report on Ministerial Education.

We are profoundly impressed with the intellectual deficiency that exists among the clergy of our denomination, in the requisite qualifications of efficiency the emergency demands. The question looms up before us, "How shall we stand before our enemies without educated leaders?" How shall we instruct others unless we are first instructed ourselves? The errors so extensively circulated are so readily accepted by men of genius and learning that it requires men who are skilled in the law to counteract their efforts and expose the false and pernicious doctrines they are so industriously teaching among the people. They are building up schools and colleges for the purpose of educating the youth of our country and thereby propagate their false and pernicious doctrines. Shall we sit supinely by under these 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?

We are profoundly impressed with the belief that our churches lay hands very often too suddenly upon men for the full work of the ministry without giving due consideration to their qualification for the work of the Gospel ministry.

"Speak to the children of Israel, that they go forward," was the command given to Moses; and we believe it would be wise for us to heed the admonition at the present day. We would therefore recommend that our churches take such action as may be necessary to place as many of our young ministers as possible in our Stetson University for a thorough literary training, and for a more thorough theological training we would recommend the Theological Seminary, at Louisville, Ky. Respectfully submitted,

B. D. HARRELL, Chairman.

The report was forcefully spoken to by Elders J. C. Porter, B. D. Harrell and A. J. Reamy. Pending the adoption of the report, a collection of \$4.95 was taken up for ministerial education and turned over to Rev. J. C. Porter, and the following pledges were made for the same cause:

C. L. Mills, \$1; G. H. Dorman, \$1; C. H. Brinson, \$1; Live Oak Church, \$15; H. C. Sealey, \$1; B. D. Harrell, \$1; A. Bond, \$1; A. Cameron, \$1; Mrs. A. Bond, 50 cents; J. W. Carver, \$1; T. J. Kelly, paid, 50 cents; L. B. Davis, \$1; Mrs. L. B. Davis, \$1; Friendship Church, \$5; J. W. Loyd, \$1. The report was then adopted.

The hour having arrived for 10 o'clock services, the Association took a recess.

At 10 a. m. Rev. J. C. Porter preached a splendid missionary sermon to an attentive audience, taking as a basis for his remarks the parable of the five loaves and two fishes.

The Association resumed its work and Bro. H. C. Sealey presented the following

Resolution.

Resolved, That we use our best efforts as an Association to raise for ministerial education, for the ministers attending Stetson University, at DeLand, Fla., the sum of \$100, giving each church an opportunity of pledging whatever amount it may desire.

The resolution was favorably discussed and then adopted.

The following committees were announced by the Moderator: Woman's Work—Mrs. B. M. Bean, Mrs. L. B. Davis, Mrs. D. F. Jenkins, Mrs. J. H. Burnett and Mrs. C. H. Brinson.

B. Y. P. U.—W. S. Hodge, Rev. R. W. Phillips and H. C. Sealey.

Nominations—G. H. Dorman, H. S. Harrell and L. B. Davis.

On motion, Rev. T. J. Kelly was excused.

The Association adjourned until 2 p. m.

Second Day—Afternoon Session.

The Association reassembled at 2 p. m. and, after singing, "Bringing in the Sheaves," the Moderator read the seventh chapter of Matthew and Rev. R. W. Phillips led in prayer.

The report of the Committee on Missions was read by the chairman and ably spoken to by Elders B. D. Harrell, A. J. Reamy, R. W. Phillips, B. M. Bean and A. Bond and Bros. W. B. Collins, J. H. Walker, H. C. Sealey, T. J. Tughton, J. W. Carver and C. H. Brinson. Pending the result of the discussion, on motion of Bro. C. H. Brinson pledges were made by the following named brethren to give and to plant in cotton the amount set opposite their names, for missions, giving each one the right to designate what line of missions they want their gifts appropriated to:

C. H. Brinson, one acre; Rev. A. Bond, half an acre; Sanford Bond, \$10; J. H. Walker, half an acre; W. H. Hull, half an acre; H. C. Sealey, half an acre; J. W. Barnes, half an acre; J. H. Grant, half an acre; J. W. Carver, half an acre; J. M. Adams, half an acre; R. H. Warren, one acre; R. J. Allen, half an acre; T. J. Tughton, half an acre; J. L. White, half an acre; B. R. Landen, half an acre; A. Cameron, \$5.

On motion of Rev. B. M. Bean, further consideration of the report was deferred until tomorrow.

The Committee on Preaching made the following appointments: Rev. A. Bond and Bro. J. S. Parker tonight at 7 o'clock; Elder R. W. Phillips, Doctrinal Sermon tomorrow at 11 a. m.; Elder B. D. Harrell tomorrow night at 7 p. m.; Rev. B. M. Bean, the Missionary Sermon on Sunday at 11 a. m.

On motion of Rev. B. M. Bean, the time for preaching the Missionary sermon was changed from Sunday to Saturday, 11 a. m., and the Doctrinal Sermon from Saturday to Sunday, 11 a. m.

The Association then adjourned until 9 a. m. tomorrow.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Association met at 9 a. m. and engaged in devotional exercises by singing, "Blest Be the Tie that Binds" and the reading of the fourth chapter of Mark by the Moderator. Bro. J. H. Burnett led in prayer.

Minutes of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

The Clerk read the following report from the Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons:

Report on Deceased Ministers and Deacons.

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.

J. W. CARVER, Chairman.

Report adopted.

Report of Committee on Ministerial Support was read by the chairman:

Report on Ministerial Support.

From the sentiment expressed by the churches composing this Association, it appears that there is little being done in the way of ministerial support, which we believe the Word of God makes our duty. The apostle specifically demands that "They who preach the Gospel shall live of the Gospel." Now, brethren, we do recommend that, as the church of Christ, we give this question more attention and that greater efforts be made to aid those aged servants of Christ. Respectfully submitted.

W. W. LEGGETT, Chairman.

The report was spoken to by Elders B. D. Harrell, A. Bond and T. J. Kelly and Bros. H. C. Sealey, D. F. Jenkins and G. H. Dorman. On motion of Rev. R. W. Phillips, the report was adopted.

At this juncture Elder Phillips stated to the Association that he had received a letter from Elder J. F. Tatum, stating that on account of a continued spell of sickness he was in needy circumstances, and asked that a collection be taken at the Association in his behalf. Thereupon Rev. B. M. Bean moved to proceed to take up the collection. Bro. H. C. Sealey moved to amend the motion by taking a joint collection for Elders D. F. Ward and J. F. Tatum. On motion of Rev. R. W. Phillips, it was voted to substitute the amendment, by taking a collection today for missions, and Sunday's collection to be given the two old veterans above mentioned. A private contribution of \$11.85 was made up today by the brethren, sisters and friends for the two old heroes.

The Secretary read the report from the Committee on

Sabbath Schools.

We deem the Sunday School of divine origin and that our Savior is our example, Christ Himself "going into the synagogue on the Sabbath, as was His custom, to teach the law of God." Then, if he is an example in all things, it becomes us, as His followers, to emulate His example.

We are sorry to see so little life manifested in our churches as regards Sunday Schools. We deem it of the highest importance that each church claiming to be a church of Christ have

and maintain a Sunday School continually. Not only do we teach the law of God, but how often are they whom we teach led to a saving knowledge of our Lord and Master.

Brethren, let us strive to have more life in our churches by each delegate resolving that he or she will do all in their power to help maintain a Sunday School in their church. Respectfully submitted.

E. R. WISE, Chairman.

The report was adopted.

The Treasurer's report was read and adopted.

Treasurer's Report.

Geo. H. Dorman, Treasurer, in account with the Suwannee Baptist Association

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1899.			
Oct. 12.	By amount on hand	\$18 70	
" 14.	By amount from Finance Committee	69 14	
" 14.	By collection State missions	9 28	
" 16.	To W. N. Chaudoin, foreign missions		9 28
" 14.	To C. L. Mills, Clerk's fee		\$10 00
" 16.	To W. N. Chaudoin, State missions		9 96
" 16.	To W. N. Chaudoin, home missions		12 25
" 16.	To W. N. Chaudoin, Associational mis.		75
" 16.	To W. N. Chaudoin, foreign missions		4 55
" 16.	To W. N. Chaudoin, relief aged ministers		85
" 30.	To J. C. Porter, printing minutes		19 00
Nov. 30.	To C. L. Mills, postage and express		85
Dec. 16.	To C. L. Mills, postage and express		75
" 18.	To W. A. Rouinson, for Orange Church		10 00
1900.			
Feb. 15.	To J. J. Homes, for Evergreen Church		10 00
Oct. 19.	By balance		8 88
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The report of the Committee on B. Y. P. U. Work was read by the Moderator and, on motion of Rev. B. M. Bean, laid over until afternoon session.

On motion, Bro. J. H. Walker was excused.

The Association then adjourned until 2 p. m.

Noon Services.

After the singing of that sweet old hymn, "There is a Fountain Filled with Blood," Rev. B. M. Bean preached a splendid Missionary Sermon to a large and attentive congregation, after which a collection of \$5.66 was taken up for State missions.

Third Day—Afternoon Session.

At 2 p. m. the Association reassembled and after the singing of "Open Wide the Door," the Moderator read the twenty-first chapter of Revelations. Prayer by Elder R. W. Phillips.

The following resolution was presented by Bro. H. C. Sealey and unanimously adopted:

"Resolved, That this Association extends thanks to the members of Antioch Church and others of the community, for their kind and sumptuous entertainment while with them."

On motion, Bros. H. C. Sealey, W. W. Leggett, R. H. Warren and J. W. Carver were excused.

The report from the Committee on B. Y. P. U. was again taken up. Spoken to by Rev. B. M. Bean and adopted. Following is the report

Report on B. Y. P. U. Work.

To the Brethren of the Suwannee Baptist Association—We, your Committee on Baptist Young People's Union Work, beg leave to report as follows: The Baptist Young People's Union of America was organized ten years ago under the leadership of such grand and good men as Doctors Chivers, Chapman, Henson, Mable and others of our Baptist brethren in all parts of our great country. The Union is designed to train our Baptist young people in heart and mind for church work, such as studying the Scriptures, doing missionary work, and to take an active part in the devotional meetings by leading in prayer, reading, talking and conducting the services.

There are now more than a million Baptist young people in the Unions of the United States and Canada, doing such work, and this is evidence that the object of the organization was founded upon wisdom and the divine sanction of our Heavenly Master.

So far as we know, there is but one Union in our Association. Therefore we earnestly urge upon the pastors and brethren of our Association that they organize B. Y. P. U.'s in their respective churches immediately, and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit educate and train the Baptist young people of our country in the Scriptures and thus fit them for intelligent and active church work.

The necessary literature for organizing and conducting B. Y. P. U.'s may be obtained from Dr. E. E. Chivers, 324 Dearborn street, Chicago, Ill., and J. M. Frost, Nashville, Tenn. Respectfully submitted,

W. S. HODGE, Chairman.

Rev. B. M. Bean read the report from the Committee on

Woman's Work.

Dear Brethren: We rejoice that we have consecrated women who are willing to leave home, and all that is dear to a woman's heart, and go out in the name of the Lord as cross-bearers to nations who know not the way of salvation. We rejoice that women, in their natural sphere of sympathy and love, are everywhere being organized into missionary societies and consecrating part of their means on the altar of love, in order that they, too, may be cross-bearers. But how long—oh, how long will the mass, by far the large majority of our women, be willing to simply sing about the cross, decorate it with beautiful flowers, or paint it handsomely on canvas to hang on the walls, and not do one thing to tell its meaning to the poor, degraded woman 'who has never heard its story?'

In our women's missionary societies we have our heart-to-heart talks as we study the mission work, and pray for our missionaries, that we cannot have anywhere else.

Country churches have their disadvantages, but when we know of country churches having successful meetings, year after year, we are convinced that all churches can have them.

When once our sisters are willing to give an hour of their time a month, and are willing to plan for the five cents, or a dime, for dues, as we should be, then we can have a society in every church.

While we are here at Antioch, how our minds go back to Antioch of old, the first church that sent out missionaries. In that early church there were some faithful women that took part in the work. The responsibilities are much greater on the women of the present opportunities than they were then.

Dear sisters, the women are doing a great work. Let us be faithful in doing our part.

Dr. Willingham says, "To ask the women for a certain amount is to put it down cash."

Whatever we do for the cause of Christ, we are the ones to receive the greatest blessing.

Last year's report of the State is the following: Women's societies, for foreign missions, \$304.95; for home missions, \$732.98; for state missions, \$324.01. Total, \$1361.94. Children's Bands, for foreign missions, \$17.93; for home missions, \$15.06; for state missions, \$25.02. Total, \$58.01. Grand total, \$1419.95.

Number of societies, 139; bands, 43. The membership of these organizations approximates 1800 women and 850 children.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. B. M. BEAN,

Chairman.

On motion of Rev. B. M. Bean, the reports on Woman's Work and Missions were adopted by one vote.

The following Missionary Committee was announced by the Moderator: Geo. H. Dorman, C. H. Brinson, Rev. A. Bond, W. B. Collins and R. J. Allen.

The following report was read by Bro. G. H. Dorman, from the Committee on

Temperance.

We, your Committee on Temperance, beg leave to make the following as our report:

First, we believe that intoxicating liquor is one of the greatest evils of the land. We gather from practical lessons the following, even from the pen of Ingersoll, the "great light of infidelity" and opposer of Christianity. He says intemperance cuts down youth in its vigor, manhood in its strength and age in its weakness. It breaks the father's heart, bereaves the dotting mother, blights parental hope, and brings down mourning age to the grave. It produces weakness, not strength; sickness, not health; death, not life. It makes wives widows, children orphans, fathers fiends and all of them paupers and beggars. It covers the land with idleness, misery and crime. It fills jails, supplies almshouses and demands asylums. It fosters quarrels and cherishes riots. It crowds penitentiaries and furnishes victims to the scaffold.

Oh! if Christians, those who are born of God, would do as they are commanded to do, "Touch not, taste not, handle not the unclean thing," what an influence it would have upon those under the fostering care of a religious faith. The great burden of taxation to run the courts of our country would be lightened and the money thus expended could be used to send the Gospel of a bleeding Savior to dying people in foreign lands. Our sons and daughters, in place of bringing gray hairs down in sorrow to the grave, would be shining lights and better prepared to enter into that rest that remains for the people of God.

Brethren, those who profess to be lovers of the Lord, there is very little good accomplished to meet once a year and write up reports, pay a clerk ten dollars, a printer twenty dollars and get our work in minute form, carry them home and lay them away merely as reference for the next Association.

For Heaven's sake, let us pray the Lord to help us get aroused from our lethargy and put our words into action and put down the mighty demon. Respectfully submitted,

G. H. DORMAN, Chairman.

Report adopted.

Bro. J. F. Dorman read the following report from the Committee on

Finances.

We, your Finance Committee, beg leave to report that we have collected from the various churches represented at this session of the Association the sum of \$53.14 for all purposes. Respectfully submitted.

J. F. DORMAN, Chairman.

The following report was received from the Committee on

Education.

We believe the interest in this important subject is increasing, and that greater efforts are being made to cultivate the minds of the youth of our country than ever before. We therefore recommend that the latest and most improved methods be adopted in our common schools and apparatus co-extensive with the means allotted for their advancement. We also recommend that diligence be shown in selecting teachers of efficient qualifications, with the view of elevating the characters of the students and preparing them for the active duties of life. The foundation of those great principles that elevate the people and establish their reputation for intelligence must be laid in the school room. The importance, then, of prompt, effective action on the part of those to whom this great trust is confided, is absolutely necessary. Respectfully submitted.

J. S. PARKER, Chairman.

Report adopted.

Report on Missions.

The church of Christ is a missionary organization. Christ, its head, was a missionary. He was "sent of the Father." Christ's apostles were all missionaries, sent forth by their Master. Every true minister of the Gospel is a missionary. There can be no exceptions. "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you," said Christ. As Christ was a missionary, so also are those who go forth at His command missionaries. The true minister of Christ who leaves home and native land to teach the Gospel to the benighted heathen, is a missionary. None the less is the pastor who remains at home a missionary, and, moreover, Christ's language quoted above constitutes every true Christian a missionary. His very discipleship depends on his possessing the spirit of Christ, which is a missionary spirit. To claim to be a Christian, and not be a missionary, is a contradiction. The church is composed of elements: its Head, its ministers and its individual members possess the missionary spirit. The churches

of Christ are therefore missionary organizations. They were organized for missionary purposes. Christ laid upon them the duty to disciple all nations. The special business of the churches is to make known the Gospel "to every creature." The one great enterprise which should command all our resources is the evangelization of the nations. Without the missionary spirit and missionary labor, a church is nothing, as utterly worthless as the salt that has lost its savor, or the light that has been put under a bed. Whatever be the attainments in other respects, if a church fails in her missionary character, she fails virtually and utterly. An inactive, anti-missionary church is a dead church; an inactive, self-complacent, satisfied professed Christian is a dead Christian. Whoever is true to the teachings of Christ will be missionary. No church ever maintains her spirituality which is not missionary in character and missionary in fact.

B. M. BEAN, Chairman.

Bro. G. H. Dorman, speaking for the Committee on Nominations, nominated Mount Gilead as the place for holding the next session of the Association; Rev. A. Bond to preach the Introductory Sermon; Rev. B. D. Harrell to preach the Missionary Sermon on Saturday and Rev. B. M. Bean the Doctrinal Sermon on Sunday. After some discussion, Rev. A. Bond was dropped from the list and Elder R. W. Phillips placed in his stead to preach the Introductory Sermon and then, on motion, the nominations were confirmed.

On motion, Bro. J. L. White was excused.

The following named brethren volunteered as correspondents and delegates to the bodies mentioned: Rev. B. M. Bean to State Convention, Rev. T. J. Kelly to Hamilton Association, Bro. H. C. Sealey to Beulah Association, Bro. G. H. Dorman to Beulah and Hamilton Associations, and Bro. C. H. Davis to Hamilton Association.

Bro. G. H. Dorman moved to give Rev. R. W. Phillips \$6 of funds remaining in the treasury to aid him in going to the State Convention, which was adopted, with the amendment by Bro. J. F. Dorman that the amount be made \$10 instead of \$6.

On motion, the Clerk was allowed the usual sum for his services.

On motion of Bro. E. R. Wise, the Clerk was instructed to give Rev. J. C. Porter the printing of the minutes.

On motion of Rev. B. M. Bean, today's proceedings were confirmed without reading.

The work of the Association being finished, closing exercises took place consisting of singing the soul-stirring hymn, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," and extending the parting hand, and the Association adjourned to meet with Mount Gilead Church Thursday before the third Sunday in October, A. D. 1901.

C. L. MILLS,
Clerk

W. S. HODGE,
Moderator.

Night Services.

At 7 o'clock Elder B. D. Harrell preached an interesting sermon from Isaiah 35:8 to an attentive congregation.

Sunday Services.

At 11 a. m. Elder R. W. Phillips preached an instructive Doctrinal Sermon to a large audience from 2 Peter 3:9, "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise," after which a collection of \$7.18 was taken up for Elders D. F. Ward and J. F. Tatum.

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 object of this Association shall be: First, to promote unity and brotherly love among the churches. Second, to promote Gospel discipline. Third, to encourage the universal spread of the Gospel and practical religion throughout our bounds and elsewhere.

Sec. 4. 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 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 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 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 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 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 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 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 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.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR MISSIONS.

CHURCHES	B Y P E					WOMEN'S SOCIETY					SUNDAY SCHOOLS					
	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Associational Missions	Foreign Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Ministerial Education	For Colleges and Schools	For Relief of Aged Ministers	Total	Number of Officers and Teachers	Pupils	Contributed for Expenses	For Benevolence
Live Oak	\$73.00											1.25	20	\$16.00		
O'Brien	1.00											1.25				
Pine Mount												1.25				
Mt. Olive												1.25				
Clayland												1.25				
Tiger Lake												1.25				
Blue Spring												1.25				
Mt. Gillead												1.25				
Union												1.25				
Friendship												1.25				
Totals	\$73.00	\$3.50	\$1.75	\$10.00	\$1.65	\$9.00	\$26.00	\$20.00	\$1.00	\$3.31	\$117.96	12.50	20	\$16.00	\$16.00	\$16.00

Supervisors and Post Offices: B. Collins, Live Oak; T. C. Williams, O'Brien; D. B. Richardson, Wellborn; J. S. G. H. Dorman, Houston.

FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	State Missions.		Home Missions		Associational Missions.		Foreign Missions		Ministerial Education		Associational Purposes		Relief of Aged Ministers.		Minutes	Total
	\$	¢	\$	¢	\$	¢	\$	¢	\$	¢	\$	¢	\$	¢		
Live Oak																
Orange				75												
Rosemary																
Oak Grove				50												
O'Brien	1	65														
Pine Mount	1	50														
Pleasant Hill																
Friendship	2	05														
Macondota																
Rocky Sink	1	00														
Evergreen																
Tiger Lake	1	00														
Mount Gillead	2	25														
Blue Spring	3	14														
Suwannee																
Philadelphia				65	1	20										
Union																
Mount Olive																
Mount Pisgah				50				50								
Antioch				2	00											
Clayland																
Totals	\$13	06	\$3	90	\$1	20	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$11	45	\$2	\$2	\$0	15	\$58

