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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.....	O'Brien, 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.

LICENTIATE.

J. W. Loyd.....	Live Oak, Fla.
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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Association called to order by the Moderator.
3. Reading letters and enrolling names of delegates.
4. Call for petitionary letters.
5. Election of 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.

Mt. Gilead, Baptist Church.

Suwannee County, Fla. October 17 1901.

The Suwannee Baptist Association met this day in its thirtieth annual session in the above named church, where the Association had adjourned, the previous year, to meet. At 11 o'clock a. m. it was called to order by Brother W. S. Hodge, the Moderator of the previous Association.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Brother W. S. Hodge, which consisted in the reading of a scripture lesson and singing, with prayer by Elder J. S. Parker. Upon motion, Rev. B. M. Bean was selected to preach the introductory sermon; the Association took a recess until 2 o'clock p. m.

The introductory sermon was preached from the 7th verse and 9th chapter of 2nd Corinthians; the words, "God loveth a cheerful giver."

FIRST DAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 p. m. the Association reassembled. The Moderator read the 5th chapter of 2nd Corinthians. Prayer by Rev. J. C. Porter. The Moderator appointed Brothers J. R. Newlan and N. L. Chauncey reading clerks.

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

Rocky Sink—J. R. Newlan, J. M. Brown and W. A. Parker.
Live Oak—Rev. B. M. Bean, W. B. Collins, S. P. Mays, W. S. Hodge, C. A. Hardee, J. T. Carroll and Mrs. B. M. Bean.
Rosemary—T. C. Tompkins and J. M. Meeks.

Friendship—Rev. A. Bond, I. C. Lanier, C. L. Mills and N. I. Chauncey.

Evergreen—J. H. Anderson and W. J. Huggins.
Blue Springs—J. M. Adams, J. H. Grant and J. W. Lloyd.
Mt. Gilead—H. H. Lee, W. J. Greene, J. C. Hilton and W. D. Jackson.

Clayland—W. H. Lamb, W. N. McLeod and Gideon Jones.
Tiger Lake—G. H. Dorman, W. H. Horn and H. S. Harrell.

Mt. Pisgha—Rev. J. F. Tatum, J. S. Bayden, J. W. Carver and Jepha Williams.

O'Brien—J. M. Hall, T. C. Williams and Mrs. L. B. Davis.

Union—J. D. Mercer, J. R. Kerby, T. J. Touchton and Rev. J. J. Holmes.

Call for Petitionary letters, no response.

The Association proceeded to a permanent organization. Rev. B. D. Harrell and Brother W. S. Hodge were nominated for Moderator. Brothers E. R. Wise and J. R. Newlan were appointed tellers. The vote being taken Brother W. S. Hodge was declared Moderator.

On motion of J. R. Newlan, the rules were waived and C. L. Mills and G. H. Dorman were re-elected to their respective offices.

The invitation to visiting ministers and brethren to seats with us, was accepted by Rev. J. C. Porter, and he was made welcome by the Moderator in behalf of the Association. The following committee on preaching, was announced by the Moderator: Brothers J. R. Newlan, W. A. Parker and J. C. Hilton.

On motion, Brother H. S. Harrell was enrolled as a delegate from Tiger Lake.

By motion, it was decided not to have preaching to-night.

The committee on preaching made the following report: Rev. J. C. Porter to preach to-morrow at 11 o'clock a. m., Elder B. M. Bean to conclude.

At this juncture Rev. J. C. Porter spoke in the interest of Stetson University and Ministerial Education, after which, the following pledges for Ministerial Education were paid: C. L. Mills, \$1; Rev. B. D. Harrell, \$1; G. H. Dorman, \$1; Rev. A. Bond, \$1; Mrs. A. Bond, 50 cents; L. B. Davis, \$1; Mrs. L. B. Davis, \$1; C. L. Mills, for Friendship church, \$2.50.

The following pledges were made for Ministerial Education: C. L. Mills, \$1; G. H. Dorman, \$1; Rev. B. D. Harrell, \$1; Rev. A. Bond, \$1; W. N. McLeod, \$1; E. R. Wise, \$1; J. H. Grant, \$1; T. C. Williams, paid, 50 cents; Rev. T. J. Kelly, paid, 50 cents; Live Oak, \$15.

The following committees were announced by the Moderator.

On Temperance—T. C. Williams, W. H. Horn, W. N. McLeod.

On Missions—Rev. B. M. Bean, Rev. B. D. Harrell, Gideon Jones.

On Sabbath Schools—G. H. Dorman, H. S. Harrell, J. M. Adams, Rev. A. Bond, J. D. Mercer.

On Ministerial Education—J. R. Newlan, Rev. J. F. Tatum, J. H. Grant.

On Deceased Ministers and Deacons—Rev. T. J. Kelly, E. R. Wise, J. H. Anderson.

On Finances—W. A. Parker, J. M. Hall, N. L. Chauncey.

On Ministerial Support—Rev. B. D. Harrell, T. C. Tompkins, W. J. Greene, J. M. Brown, J. M. Meeks.

On Nominations—Rev. J. F. Tatum, T. C. Williams, J. R. Newlan.

On Woman's Work—Mrs. B. M. Bean, Mrs. J. M. Adams, Mrs. J. C. Hilton, Mrs. Zilphia Dees, Miss Sallie Ingram.

By motion, the clerk was instructed to notify those that pledged to plant cotton for missions, that when they get the money out of the cotton so pledged, to send it to the treasurer of this Association.

On motion, the time for meeting and adjourning was fixed as follows: To meet at 9 a. m. and to adjourn at 4 p. m.

After devotional exercises, the Association adjourned until 9 a. m. tomorrow.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Association was called to order, after pleasant singing exercises, by the Moderator reading the 2nd chapter II Peter, and prayer by Rev. B. D. Harrell.

Minutes of yesterday's proceedings, read and approved.

On motion of Rev. B. D. Harrell, the Moderator appointed the following Committee on Periodicals:—Rev. B. D. Harrell, Rev. B. M. Bean, J. R. Newlan.

Call renewed for messengers; no response.

Invitation to visiting ministers and brethren to seats renewed; no response.

Call for reports of committees:

The report was presented, and read by the clerk from the committee on

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Your committee on Ministerial Education have had the same under advisement, and beg leave to report, that they are glad to know that the interest in Ministerial Education in the Baptist de-

nomination, grows stronger every year. As an encouragement to our churches, we would suggest the wisdom of adopting the language of Solomon: Prov. 4: 7-8: "Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting: get understanding. Exalt her, and she shall promote thee: she shall bring thee to honor, when thou dost embrace her." The weal or woe of the Baptist denomination, very largely depends upon the wisdom of our ministers; therefore it is necessary to have wisdom to contrive, and the power of knowledge, to adorn the profession of our faith. As an evidence of the increasing desire of our denomination for a more thorough training of our ministers, we can with thankful hearts report that there are now in our own Stetson University, ten or twelve young men taking a theological course for the ministry; and in the Seminary, at Louisville, there are one hundred and seventy-five. With these facts before us, we have great cause to glorify God, and press the battle harder for a more thorough training of our ministry. We claim to be the light of the world, and if we are, we should never be satisfied, until we can lead the vanguard of the world with well trained leaders. Lay hands suddenly, on no man. If we ever expect to take the world for Christ, it must be done through wise and well-trained leaders. Perilous times are coming. We live in the midst of a gainsaying world: factions are springing up on every hand, and how shall we meet them, without an educated ministry?

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. Newlan, chairman

Rev. J. F. Tatum,

J. H. Grant,

Committee

The report was discussed by Elders B. D. Harrell, J. C. Porter, J. W. Lloyd, B. M. Bean; the report was then adopted.

Letter received from Antioch, and her messengers enrolled as follows: E. R. Wise, A. K. Evans, J. W. Barnes.

The time for noon service having arrived, the Association adjourned until 1:30 p. m.

NOON SERVICE.

Rev. J. C. Porter preached an interesting sermon from Acts 1: 8, the words, "but ye shall receive power after the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me, both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost

parts of the earth." After which a contribution of \$6.45 was taken up for relief of aged ministers, and turned over to Brother Porter

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 p. m. the Association reassembled and was called to order; the Moderator read 3rd chapter of Ephesians and Rev. A. Bond led in prayer. Rev. A. Bond and Brother J. H. Anderson asked to be excused, and a motion was made to excuse them; but for want of a reasonable excuse, and a majority vote in the negative, the motion was lost.

Call renewed for messengers, and letters from the following named churches were presented, and names of their messengers duly enrolled, to-wit:

Orange—C. O. Riley and D. W. Webb.

Marybell—J. D. Johnson and L. T. Brookins.

Philadelphia—E. L. Lanier, Marion Johnson and J. W. Boatright.

Oak Grove—Rev. J. S. Hurst and W. E. Stanford.

Mt. Olive—J. L. White and J. B. Johns.

On motion, Brother E. R. Wise was excused.

The invitation to visiting ministers, brethren and correspondents was accepted by Elder J. G. Norris, from the new Sunberry Association, Georgia; and welcomed by the Moderator in behalf of the Association. On motion of Rev. B. M. Bean, the Association gave the Ladies Missionary Society the use of the house from 3 to 4. By motion of Rev. B. M. Bean, the clerk was instructed to include the report of the Ladies Missionary Society, in the minutes of the Association.

The following resolution was presented by Rev. B. M. Bean. Resolved—That a member be appointed in each church to distribute mission literature and collect money for foreign missions, and that the pastor of each church appoint such member. The resolution was adopted.

The following report was read by the clerk, 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 fathers' heart, bereaves the doting mother, blights parental hope; and "brings 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 riot." It crowds penitentiaries, and furnishes victims for 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 a 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 for reference, for the next Association.

For "Heavens sake," let us pray the Lord to help us get aroused from our lethargy, and put our works into action, and we solicit the churches of this Association to use stricter discipline in regard to intemperance.

Respectfully submitted,

T. C. Williams, chairman
W. H. Horn,
W. N. McLeod.

Committee

The report was adopted.

The following report was read by the clerk, from the committee on

SABBATH SCHOOLS

To the Members of the Suwannee Baptist Association:

We, your committee on Sabbath Schools, beg leave to report

as follows: We find that there are but few Sabbath Schools in the churches of our Association, many churches not having had one for years. We know that it is very difficult to keep up a Sabbath School in a country church, owing to the distance from the home to the Lord's house; but, brethren, we have sons and daughters, growing up into manhood and womanhood, who in a few short years will take our places, in church, in government, and in the social affairs of life, and the duty, and the responsibilities are upon us to teach them the Scriptures, which are able to make them wise unto Salvation through faith which is in "Christ Jesus." Even as Timothy, when a child, was taught by his grandmother, Lois, and mother, Eunice. The teaching of the Scripture to our children, not only leads them into the way, the truth and life eternal as it is Christ Jesus, our Lord, but it also trains them for good, active church work which so shortly must be theirs to do. It also fits them for the best citizenship, thus qualifying them for all the religious and social duties of life.

It is the imperative duty devolvent upon every Christian parent to teach their children the Holy Scriptures; and to such a duty God will hold all parents to a strict accountability; therefore, we, your committee, do recommend and urge that, the ministers and laymen of our Association do bestir themselves as never before, and to see to it that every church within our bounds, shall establish and maintain a Sabbath School; so that when we meet again next year, there shall not be a single church without a school.

It will take prayerful, earnest and persistent efforts to do this, but rest assured "brethren," that our Heavenly Father will crown such labors with success, and then we shall have prosperity of soul, of body and of mind; and then too, error, which is being taught by others within our bounds, shall be crushed and truth rise triumphant and be manifested and held sacred by our posterity in years to come; so let every church in our Association, report that they have a Sabbath school when we meet again next year.

Respectfully submitted,

Geo. H. Dorman, chairman
H. S. Harrell,
J. M. Adams,
Rev. A. Bond,
J. D. Mercer

Committee

The report was adopted

The following report was presented from the committee on
NOMINATIONS.

Your committee on Nominations beg leave to report as follows: Rev. T. L. Peacock to preach the introductory sermon; Rev. B. D. Harrell to preach the Missionary sermon and Rev. R. W. Phillips the Doctrinal sermon with Rev. J. J. Holmes his alternate. We also nominate Union church as the place to hold the next session of the body.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. J. F. Tatum chairman
 T. C. Williams
 J. R. Newlan

Committee

Brother J. R. Newlan moved to amend the report, by striking out the word, "Union," and insert the word, "Clayland." After considerable discussion pro and con the vote was taken, when the original report was adopted, and the motion to amend, lost.

The time having arrived for the Ladies' Missionary Society to convene, the Association took a recess until 4 o'clock.

MINUTES OF WOMEN'S MEETING

The fourth annual meeting of the W. M. S. was held Friday from 3 to 4 p. m. in the church, the Association having suspended its session for the women.

The following suggested program, by Miss Spalding, was carried out:

1. Singing: "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name."
2. Reading the following Scripture by the president, Mrs. B. M. Bean: Mark 16: 15; Acts 1:8; Acts 10: 34-48
3. Prayer by Mrs. B. M. Bean.
4. Reports of societies was called for: Live Oak, Antioch and Tiger Lake, responded with encouraging reports.

The reports were read by the secretary, Miss Vic Ingram.

5. The leader read a cheerful greeting from the corresponding secretary, Miss Spalding.

6. A letter from Miss Taylor, Havana, Cuba, "Our Substitute," was read by Mrs. V. M. Mills.

7. Mrs. B. M. Bean on our work in the Association, State and Southern Baptist Convention. She spoke especially of Miss Mary Taylor. She urged the representatives of sister churches to

organize societies in their churches. She insisted that the Foreign Mission Journal should be in every Baptist home.

Many tracts were distributed.

8. The Associational vice-presidents were elected for the following year: Mrs. B. M. Bean, Live Oak and Mrs. M. V. Mills, Houston. We felt encouraged and were very thankful for the meeting that we had, but our time was so short that we could not do all that we wished to; but we hope that our women's work is getting permanently started, and we will take pride in having a better report each year.

The reports showed the following contributions:

Live Oak society for missions	\$40.00
Live Oak society for Miss Mary Taylor	10.07
Live Oak Sunbeams for missions	6.15
Live Oak Sunbeams for Miss Taylor	3.00
Tiger Lake for Foreign Missions	3.40
Tiger Lake for Miss Mary Taylor	1.00
Antioch for State missions	1.00
Antioch for Miss Mary Taylor	.50
Collected at Women's Meeting for Miss Taylor	.50

Total \$65.62

The meeting closed with prayer by Rev. B. M. Bean.

Miss Vic Ingram, secretary
 Mrs. B. M. Bean, leader.

The women's meeting being over the Association resumed its work and the Preaching committee made the following report: Elder J. G. Norris to preach tonight at 7 o'clock, Rev. O. J. Revels, alternate.

By motion, Brother J. M. Adams was excused.

After devotional exercises, consisting of reading the 18th chapter of John by Brother J. R. Newlan, Moderator pro tem, singing and prayer by Elder J. G. Norris, adjourned until 9 a. m. to-morrow.

NIGHT SERVICES

At 7 o'clock Elder J. G. Norris preached an interesting and instructive sermon to an attentive audience.

SATURDAY MORNING

The Association was called to order at 9 o'clock by the Mod-

erator, having been preceded by a pleasant season of singing exercises. Prayer was offered by Elder J. G. Norris, Georgia.

Minutes of yesterday's proceedings read, corrected, and approved.

The call for messengers was renewed, and a letter from Pine Mount was received, and her messengers enrolled as follows: H. C. Sealey and Rev. B. D. Harrell.

Call for petitionary letters, no response.

Call for reports of committees: The following report was read by Rev. B. D. Harrell, from the committee on ministerial support.

Your committee, to whom was referred the subject on Ministerial Support, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report, that the subject is one of vital interest to the cause of Christ, and the existence of the churches. It is a source of deep regret to your committee, to learn from the reading of the church letters, that so little is being done to support their pastors. The "Lord hath ordained that," they that "preach the Gospel, shall live of the Gospel." And, again, "the laborer is worthy of his hire."

From investigation, we find that there are churches with memberships varying from twenty-five up, that give from fifteen to twenty-five dollars for their pastor's support. It is not to be wondered at that churches become pastorless. We would suggest as a remedy for these evils that pastors educate the churches more thoroughly on this line of Christian duty. Without a great change from this course of conduct pastors will be driven from the pulpit to seek support from the secular pursuits of life.

Respectfully submitted,

B. D. Hagrell, chairman
T. C. Tompkins,
W. J. Greene,
J. M. Brown,
J. M. Meeks.

Committee

Elders B. M. Bean and A. Bond addressed the Association upon the subject of the report, after which it was laid over until afternoon.

On motion of Rev. B. D. Harrell, it was agreed that the reports on missions and women's work be read consecutively, and

jointly discussed. The following report was read by the chairman from the committee:

ON MISSIONS.

In Romans 1:4 Paul said "I am debtor both to the Greeks and to the barbarians; both to the wise and the unwise." The apostle meant by this, that the receiving of the knowledge of Salvation through the Lord Jesus, brought him under obligation to give that knowledge to everyone who was without it. And so it is time that, if we have received a saving knowledge of Jesus, we are in duty bound to give it to everyone who is without it. This then makes it our duty to give the gospel not only to Florida, but also to the benighted heathen nations of the world. There is much to be thankful for, and to encourage in the great work being done among the heathen—as well as in our own land. But of the one billion and four hundred millions of earth's inhabitants, only about one-tenth are professed followers of the Lord. It is intimated further, that only one-tenth of these professors of religion, do anything to make known the Gospel to others. These figures show at least that by far the largest part of the world's inhabitants are yet without knowledge of Jesus. It follows then, according to the text quoted in the beginning of this report, that a heavy debt rests on the Lord's people. We owe the Gospel to all who are without it. We are debtors to all who have not the knowledge of the saving power of the Gospel. Let us do all in our power to pay the debt we owe to the benighted world.

Respectfully submitted,

B. M. Bean, chairman
B. D. Harrell,
Gideon Jones.

Committee

The following report was read by the chairman from the committee

ON WOMEN'S WORK.

Jesus commends woman for her acts of love and devotion. He recognized in the woman with her alabaster box that child-like faith and earnest love which lie at the very foundation of the true christian life, and that perfect devotion to himself necessary to successful christian endeavors. He as certainly signifies now as then, the fitness of women to be his servant, by the victories, the magnificent opportunities, and the successes he has given her.

Within the past year the women of our state have largely increased their own contributions to mission work, and have, we believe, had a large part in influencing more liberal contributions from others. Her noble example in devotion to the cause of missions, her untiring efforts, and her spirit of self-sacrifice for the success of that cause, cannot but inspire with new life and zeal the whole Christian world. Truly God is using her for his glory.

We have only to refer to our statistics to see that every year God's blessings rest on our efforts, and do we consider the reflex influence of the work? Show us the woman that makes sacrifices for this work, and we will show you the same who is growing more Christ-like every day.

Just a few days ago we saw a consecrated woman shelling peas to pay into the fund for the support of Miss Mary Taylor. Don't you know that while her fingers were doing their work, her prayers were often going up for Miss Mary and when the work was done her soul was richer and more beautiful from her labor of love and sweet communion with her Saviour? Yes, such deeds, verily, we believe are sweet-smelling alabaster boxes in the presence of the Lord.

Let us rejoice in the increasing number of noble, devoted, Godly women who are actually giving their lives to the cause of missions. The picture of these God-given young men and women on the pages of our journal, should be incentives to our best efforts in co-operating with them in our sympathy, prayers and means.

We especially speak of Miss Mary Taylor, our missionary in Cuba. The women of the state have assumed the work of supporting her. How we wish every woman of the state knew her personally. Every one who meets her wants to be better, and do better. Dear sisters, we earnestly beg of you that each may lay hold of the rope, while their faithful diver is gathering where there are so many pearls. May the Lord impress every one to go home and shell peas, or do something to help in her support, that you may be sharers in the great harvest he is going to give us from Miss Mary Taylor being in Cuba.

The true spirit that will move every one to work, is found in the following extract from Sister Mill's report of the Tiger Lake society, to the woman's associational meeting. We have been brought by Divine Grace to a study of the Bible and have been urged by our elder sisters to organize ourselves for work in the cause of our Master, and by doing so, we have been brought to

more fully realize the great responsibility that rests upon us as professors of the missionary cause.

Sisters, according to the reading of the Scriptures, if we are truly Christians, we should be missionaries in deed, and in truth. We should let our minds expand across the great deep and with an eye of faith, view those of our sex, the women of those far off heathen lands, raising up children to populate the world who know not God, who have never been taught to know that there is a loving Saviour. Oh! let encouraging words be sent throughout the land, and urge our sisters in every church to organize and help carry on the good work.

When the Saviour was here teaching, the sisters were there; when he was crucified, the sisters were there; when he arose the sisters were there; when Peter was released from prison, the sisters were there; when the disciples went down by the river-side to pray, the sisters were there; when there is a call for help to enlighten the heathen, we, the sisters, should be there.

Dear messengers to this Association, when once you get even one sister in every church that has the consecration of Sister Mills, your letters to the Association will not be blank of anything for missions.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Zilphia Dees,
Mrs. B. M. Bean,
Mrs. J. M. Adams,
Mrs. J. C. Hilton,
Miss Sallie Ingram,
Committee.

Elder J. G. Norris made an able address upon these reports, after which they were laid over until afternoon.

Rev. T. J. Kelly presented the following report from the committee on

DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

Your committee begs leave to report after careful inquiry, we find that our Heavenly Father, through his mercy and kindness, has spared the lives of his servants through another Associational year, for which, we feel thankful.

Humbly submitted,

T. J. Kelly, chairman,
E. R. Wise,
J. H. Anderson,
Committee.

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The following report from the treasurer was read by the clerk, and adopted.

Geo. H. Dorman, treasurer, in account with Suwannee Baptist Association.

Oct. 19, 1900, by balance on hand.....	\$ 8.88
Oct. 20, 1900, by amount received from Finance Committee State Missions.....	13.00
Oct. 20, 1900, by amount received from Finance Committee Home Missions.....	3.00
Oct. 20, 1900, by amount received from Finance Committee Associational Missions.....	1.20
Oct. 20, 1900, by amount received from Finance Committee Foreign Missions.....	.50
Oct. 20, 1900, by amount received from Finance Committee Associational Purposes.....	11.45
Oct. 20, 1900, by amount received from Finance Committee Relief Aged Ministers.....	2.55
Oct. 20, 1900, by amount received from Finance Committee for Minutes.....	20.15
Oct. 21, 1900, by collection (Sunday) State Missions.....	3.00
Oct. 20, 1900 to C. L. Mills clerk fee.....	\$10.00
Nov. 19, 1900 to W. N. Chaudoin, State Missions.....	18.75
Nov. 19, 1900, to W. N. Chaudoin, Home Missions.....	3.00
Nov. 19, 1900, to W. N. Chaudoin, Foreign Missions.....	.50
Nov. 19, 1900, to W. N. Chaudoin, Relief Aged Ministers.....	2.55
Dec. 7, 1900, to R. W. Phillips appro. exps to State Convention.....	10.00
Dec. 15, 1900, to J. C. Porter, printing minutes.....	10.00
Dec. 11, 1900, by return of check from R. W. Phillips.....	10.00
Dec. 24, 1900, to C. L. Mills express and postage.....	1.50
Oct. 17, 1901, balance in hands of treasurer.....	11.18
	\$77.38
	\$77.38

The following missionary committee was announced by the Moderator: Geo. H. Dorman, J. M. Hall, J. R. Newlan, W. B. Collins and J. H. Grant.

On motion, Brother J. E. White was excused from further attendance of this session.

The hour having arrived for noon services, the Association adjourned until 1:30 p. m.

NOON SERVICES.

According to appointment, noon services were conducted by Elder B. D. Harrell who preached an able missionary sermon to a large audience with rapt attention from the following text, Mal. 3: 8, after which the following contributions were made: For missions, \$6.34; for Elder J. G. Norris, \$5.52, Mrs. Laura Lawrence, \$5.00

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

At 1:30 the Association was called to order by the Moderator, having been preceded by a season of sweet song service; the Moderator read 12th chapter of Romans and prayer was offered by Rev. J. W. Grantham.

Call renewed for messengers; no response.

The invitation to seats in the body was accepted by Rev. J. W. Grantham, of the Hamilton Association and made welcome by the Moderator.

The committee on preaching made the following report; Rev. J. F. Tatum to preach tonight, Rev. A. Bond to conclude.

Brother J. M. Hall presented the following report from the committee on finance, which was adopted.

Your committee on Finance, beg leave to report that we have collected from the various churches, represented at this session of the Association, the sum of \$46.97 for various purposes. Itemized in the financial table.

Respectfully,

J. M. Hall,

W. A. Parker,

N. L. Chauncey,

Committee.

By motion the committee on periodicals was dispensed with for the present.

The following from the committee on Associational Missions was read by the clerk and adopted.

To the Brethren of the Suwannee Baptist Association.

We, your committee on Associational Missions, beg leave to report as follows. We have viewed the situation in the bounds of our Association and studied the propriety of employing a missionary; and find localities that we do feel that the Gospel of the Son of God, ought to, and should be preached.

We think it would be doing God's service to have a missionary in the bounds of our Association, to go from church to

church, and stimulate our members in what we believe to be Baptist doctrine; but for lack of funds within our reach, we have not been able to do anything.

Respectfully submitted,

Geo. H. Dorman,
A. Bond,
C. H. Brinson,
W. B. Collins,
R. J. Allen.

The following resolution of thanks presented by Brother J. M. Hall was unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association is hereby cordially extended the members of Mt. Gilead church, and others of the community, for their kind and sumptuous entertainment, while with them.

On motion of Brother J. M. Hall, the Moderator called for volunteers to attend the different religious bodies of the state, and the following named brethren responded.

To State Convention, Rev. B. M. Bean and sister B. M. Bean.

To Hamilton Association, Brother G. H. Dorman

To Lafayette Association, Elder O. J. Revels.

On motion of Rev. B. M. Bean, the report on Ministerial Support was adopted.

On motion of Rev. B. D. Harrell the reports on Missions and Woman's Work was adopted.

On motion of Brother G. H. Dorman, the treasurer was instructed to pay Brother and Sister Bean ten dollars to help defray their expenses to State convention.

On motion of Brother J. M. Hall, the clerk was allowed to use his own discretion in getting the minutes printed.

Rev. B. M. Bean moved to allow the clerk \$12 for his services; Brother G. H. Dorman moved to amend by striking out the words twelve dollars, and inserting the words ten dollars, and provided there is funds enough in the treasury, twelve dollars.

The motion to amend was adopted.

The committee on Preaching made the following report, Rev. R. F. Rodgers tomorrow at 10 a. m., and Elder B. M. Bean at 11 a. m. after discussion of the report pro and con, Brother Bean offered the following substitute, which was adopted; Rev. R. F. Rodgers to preach tomorrow at 11 o'clock a. m., Rev. B. M. Bean to conclude.

The work of the Association having been accomplished,

closing exercises were had consisting of singing that soul refreshing hymn, "God Be With You Till we Meet Again," extending the parting hand, prayer by Rev. R. F. Rodgers, and benediction by Rev. J. W. Grantham.

The Association then adjourned to meet again with Union church, Thursday before the 3rd Sunday in October, A. D. 1902.

W. S. Hodge,
Moderator.

C. L. Mills,
Clerk.

Saturday night at 7 o'clock, Rev. J. F. Tatum preached an excellent sermon, using for his text the words, "Jesus, Thou Son of David, have mercy on me."

Sunday, Rev. R. F. Rodgers preached an able doctrinal sermon to a large and attentive audience from 1st verse 4th chapter of Malachi, after which a collection of \$7.66 was taken up for Mrs. Laura Lawrence, an invalid.

CONSTITUTION.

Section 1. This Association shall be known as the Suwannee Baptist Association.

Section 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.

Section 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.

Section 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.

Section 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 supply these destitutions, and report the result of their labors for the approval of the Association.

Section 6. This Association shall invite correspondence 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.

Section 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.

Section 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.

Section 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 articles, 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 constructed 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

Article 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.

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

Article 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.

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

Article 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.

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

Article 7. All members wishing to speak shall arise and respectfully address the Moderator, confining themselves strictly to the subject, and no unkind allusions shall be made while speaking.

Article 8. No motion shall be debated until seconded, nor voted upon until stated by the Moderator or read by the clerk.

Article 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.

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

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

STATEMENT

Churches Maintaining Sunday Schools.

CHURCHES	No. Officers and Teachers		Pupils		Contributed for Expenses		For Benevolence and Missions		SUPERINTENDENTS AND POST OFFICERS
	Men	Women	Boys	Girls	Local	Foreign	Local	Foreign	
Live Oak	0	78	831	45	\$28	70	W. B. Collins, Live Oak, Fla.		
Tiger Lake	44						W. H. Horn, Houston, Fla.		
Clayland	40						A. J. McLeod, Jr., Lancaster, Fla.		

SUWANNEE STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES AND PASTORS.	GAIN.							LOSS.				Total Membership.	Church Organized.	Present value of Meeting House including Furnishings.	Present Parsonage and Other Property.	Total Value of Property.	For Current Expenses including Pastor's Salary.	Poor and Home Charities.	Contributions Forwarded During Year, for Missions (General).	Women's Society (General).	Sunbeams.	Ministerial Education.	Relief of Aged Ministers.	Totals.
	By Baptism.	By Letter.	By Restoration.	By Experience.	By Letter.	By Exclusion.	By Death.	By Resignation.	By Death.	By Resignation.	By Exclusion.													
Live Oak, B. M. Bean.....	13	1				6	1	33	67	100	1895	\$	50.00	\$1250.00	\$2200.00	\$378.48	\$21.80	\$102.76	\$50.07	\$0.15	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$60.16	
Philadelphia, T. L. Peacock.....	1	1				1	1	41	32	93	1876		150.00		150.00	16.00							7.10	
Union, J. J. Holmes.....	23	11				4	2	14	20	34	1897		900.00		900.00	50.00							21.80	
Oak Grove, J. S. Hurst.....	3	7				4	2	24	25	53			500.00		500.00	50.00							20.15	
O'Brien, C. N. Trawick.....	1	1				1	1	10	16	27			100.00		100.00	100.00							50.00	
Antioch, *.....	14	14				14	14	10	16	26			900.00		900.00	50.00							7.00	
Evergreen, A. Bond.....	2	2				2	2	32	41	73			320.00		320.00	50.00							50.00	
Pine Mount, T. L. Peacock.....	1	1				1	1	20	29	49	1892		500.00		500.00	50.00							50.00	
Rocksink, R. W. Phillips.....	1	1				1	1	46	50	96			150.00		150.00	50.00							50.00	
Mt. Olivie, W. C. Lee.....	1	1				1	1	10	14	24	1899		250.00		250.00	50.00							20.00	
Clayland, R. F. Hacker.....	2	1				4	4	17	17	34	1872		300.00		300.00	50.00							20.00	
Orange, John Parker.....	2	1				1	1	36	60	96	1878		700.00		700.00	50.00							50.00	
Marybell, J. S. Hurst.....	1	1				1	1	20	54	74	1872		220.00		220.00	25.00							50.00	
Rosemary, R. W. Phillips.....	3	2				4	4	27	34	61	1883		250.00		250.00	100.00							38.95	
Mt. Gilstead, E. B. Mills.....	5	5				4	4	20	16	36			300.00		300.00	50.00							50.00	
Friendship, T. L. Peacock.....	12	21				1	1	27	34	61			300.00		300.00	10.00							50.00	
Mt. Pisgah, O. J. Revels.....	1	1				1	1	20	16	36	1882		6370.00	\$1350.00	\$7240.00	\$885.00	\$40.86	\$208.01	\$50.07	\$0.15	\$1.00	\$23.95	\$1031.24	
Tiger Lake, R. F. Hacker.....	12	21				1	1	27	34	61			300.00		300.00	50.00							146.20	
Blue Springs, B. D. Harrell.....	1	1				2	2	20	16	36	1882		6370.00	\$1350.00	\$7240.00	\$885.00	\$40.86	\$208.01	\$50.07	\$0.15	\$1.00	\$23.95	\$1031.24	
TOTAL.....	101	50	17	2	32	36	91	83	305	515	1076		\$	6370.00	\$1350.00	\$7240.00	\$885.00	\$40.86	\$208.01	\$50.07	\$0.15	\$1.00	\$23.95	\$1031.24

Contributions combined, including women's report, finance report and collections at association for all purposes..... \$1240.42
 Contributions of Sunday Schools and expenses combined..... 146.20
 Grand total of contributions and expenses from all sources in the association..... \$1386.62

* A. J. Reamy and B. D. Harrell, Pastors.

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SUWANEE FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Associational Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Associational Purposes.	Relief of Aged Ministers.	Minutes.	Total.
Live Oak.....	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	1.20	\$	1.50	2.70
Orange.....	.50					.50		.50	1.50
Rosemary.....	1.25					.50		.50	1.75
Oak Grove.....						.50		.50	1.00
O'Brien.....		.65	.50				.60	.80	2.55
Pine Mount.....						.65		.60	1.25
Pleasant Hill.....									
Friendship.....						.50		1.50	2.00
Macedonia.....			1.00						
Rocky Sink.....						1.00		1.00	3.00
Evergreen.....	1.00							.75	1.75
Tiger Lake.....	.95			1.00		1.00	.50	1.00	4.45
Mount Gilead.....						1.42		1.50	2.92
Blue Spring.....						2.00		.75	2.75
Suwanee.....									
Philadelphia.....						1.50		.40	1.90
Union.....				.75		1.20		1.30	3.25
Mount Olive.....						1.50		1.50	3.00
Mount Pisgah.....		.50		.25		.25		1.50	2.50
Antioch.....						.25	1.45	1.50	2.20
Clayland.....	2.50					1.25		1.25	5.00
Mary Bell.....		.50		.50				.50	1.50
Totals.....	\$3.45	\$4.30	\$1.50	\$2.50		\$15.72	\$2.55	\$18.35	\$46.97

Respectfully,

W. A. PARKE,
J. M. HALL,
N. L. CHANAY.

