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SUWANNEE BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION



HELD WITH UNION
BAPTIST CHURCH
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Association
Convention Officers.

MODERATOR, *Milpina* - J. F. TATUM
CLERK, - *Winghurst* W. W. LEGGETT
TREASURER, *O'Brien* - T. C. WILLIAMS

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.

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. 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.

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 upon his followers, and should be observed immediately after the Lord's Supper, but in no case shall this article be so construed as to make it a test of fellowship.

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

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

Rules of Decorum.

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.

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

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

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

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

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

ART. 7. All members wishing to speak shall arise and respectfully address the Moderator, confining 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, to amend, indefinitely postpone, refer to a committee, or otherwise, call for the previous question.

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

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

MINUTES.

Thursday Morning.

UNION BAPTIST CHURCH, SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLA.,
October 16, 1902.

The Suwannee Baptist Association met this day in its thirty-first session, with the above named Church, at 10 o'clock a. m. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder L. D. Giger, from Luke 5:16, after which the Association took recess until 2 p. m. At 2 p. m. the Association reassembled; the former Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer being absent, Elder J. F. Tatum was chosen Moderator pro tem. and W. W. Leggett, Clerk. Messengers then responded to the call from the following Churches and their names were enrolled:

Mary Bell, J. H. Jowers, S. A. Jimerson, Pinemount; W. W. Leggett, J. H. Goff, Union; J. W. Kirby, J. H. Landrum, J. T. Crawford, Rev. J. W. Fleming, Mt. Olive; D. B. Richardson, J. B. Johns, Philadelphia; W. T. Stokley, J. J. Johnson, A. Hingson, Clayland; Jasper Hart, J. M. Falkner, Orange; J. D. Williams, B. R. Landrum, Evergreen; J. S. Goodbread, J. H. Anderson, Mt. Gilead, by letter; T. C. Williams, F. L. McKinis, Mrs. L. B. Davis, O'Brien; Rev. J. S. Parker, J. M. Brown, Rocky Sink; Lewis Ezell, J. Williams, Beulah.

The body proceeded to a permanent organization by electing Elder J. F. Tatum, Moderator; W. W. Leggett, Clerk; and T. C. Williams, Treasurer.

A call was made for petitionary letters. No response.

The call for correspondents was accepted by Elders J. C. Porter and L. D. Giger.

Elder L. D. Giger made an able address upon the work of the State Board, and the following pledges were made to liquidate the debt that is hanging over the State Board: Rev. A. Bond, \$2.00; Rev. T. J. Kelley, \$5.00, Philadelphia Church; W. T. Stockley, \$5.00, Clayland Church; J. M. Falkner, \$5.00, Evergreen Church; J. H. Anderson, \$5.00, O'Brien Church; T. C. Williams, \$5.00, Union Church; J. W. Kirby, \$5.00; Mrs. L. B. Davis, \$1.00; Mrs. M. A. Crawford, \$1.00; Mrs. Florence Baker, \$1.00.

The following committees were appointed by the Moderator:

On Arrangements—J. T. Crawford, J. W. Kirby and J. B. Johns.

On Temperance—Rev. J. S. Parker, T. C. Williams and J. J. Johnson.

On Deceased Ministers and Deacons—J. T. Crawford, J. B. Johns and Jasper Hart.

On Finances—T. C. Williams, J. D. Williams and L. C. Ezell.

On Nominations—W. T. Stokley, J. H. Goff and J. W. Kirby.

On Missions—J. S. Goodbread, J. M. Falkner and J. H. Landrum.

The Committee on Preaching reported Elder W. B. High to preach Friday at 11 o'clock a. m. and Elder R. E. Parnell alternate.

On motion the Association adjourned until 9 o'clock Friday morning.

Friday Morning.

The Association met, pursuant to adjournment, at 9 o'clock a. m. Friday, and was called to order by the Moderator. Reading of 19th Psalm, singing hymn "Nearer, My God, to Thee," and prayer by Elder J. F. Tatum.

The minutes of yesterday's meeting read and approved.

A call was made for correspondents, and Elder W. B. High, from Hamilton, and Elder R. E. Parnell, from Beulah, accepted the call.

The following report was read by the Chairman: Your Committee on Missions find, in Romans 1:14, Paul said, "I am debtor to the Greeks and to the barbarians, both to the wise and unwise." The Apostle meant by this that the receiving of the knowledge of salvation through the Lord Jesus brought him under obligations to give that knowledge to every one who was without it. In the fifth verse Paul said, "I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also." If we have received a saving knowledge of Jesus, we are in duty bound to give it to every one who is without it. The Apostle said in Romans 1:16, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth: to the Jew first, and also to the gentile"—which makes it our duty to give the gospel not only to the people here, but to the farthest heathen nations of the world. There is much to be thankful for, and to encourage others this great work is being done in China and Japan, Italy and India, as well as in our own land. But there is only about one-tenth of the earth's inhabitants professed followers of Christ. And further, there are only a few of the professors of religion who do anything to make known the Gospel to others. The largest part of the world's inhabitants are yet without the Gospel of Christ. It follows then, according to the text laid down in the beginning of this report, that a large debt rests on the Lord's people. We owe the Gospel to all who are without it. We are debtor to all who have not the Gospel of Christ. Let us do all in our power to pay the debt we owe to the heathen world. Respectfully submitted.

J. S. GOODBREAD, J. M. FALKNER, J. H. LANDRUN,
Committee.

The report was ably spoken of by Elder J. C. Porter. The adoption of the report was indefinitely postponed. The hour having arrived for preaching, the Association took a recess until 2 o'clock.

At 11 o'clock Elder W. B. High preached an able sermon from the 9th chapter and first clause of 4th verse of the Gospel of John.

Friday Afternoon.

At 2 o'clock the Association met pursuant to adjournment. The 2nd chapter of I Timothy was read and a hymn sung. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. S. Parker.

The call was renewed for messengers and the following Churches responded: Blue Springs, J. M. Adams and J. H. Grant; Oak Grove, Rev. J. S. Hurst; Clayland, R. Greene; Tigar Lake, G. H. Dorman and Sister Meta Horne; Mt. Pisgah, E. A. Carver, J. W. Knight, W. M. Harrell and W. J. Williams; Friendship, Warren Tucker; Live Oak, W. B. Collins.

The following report from the Committee on Temperance was read: We believe that intoxicating liquor is one of the greatest evils in 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 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 the jails, supplies almshouses, and demands asylums. It fosters quar-

rels 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 influence it would have upon those under the fostering care of a religious faith.

The 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 Saviour to a dying people in foreign lands. Our sons and daughters, in place of bringing gray hairs down in sorrow, 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 to be accomplished to meet once a year, write up reports, pay a clerk ten dollars, a printer twenty dollars to get our work in minute form, carry them home and lay them away merely for reference for the next Association. For heaven sake let us pray the Lord to help us get aroused from our lethargy and put our work into action and solicit Churches of this Association to use strict discipline in regard to temperance.

Resolved, That it is the sense of your committee that any member of a Church in this Association, who is known to drink intoxicants as a beverage, shall be dealt with by his Church, and if he does not abstain from it we recommend that he be excluded from the fellowship of the Church.

We further recommend that all our members vote as they pray, for the complete overthrow of the liquor power in our county.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. PARKER,
T. C. WILLIAMS,
J. J. JOHNSON,

Committee.

The report was spoken of by Bro. G. H. Dorman and Revs. R. E. Parnell, A. Bond and T. J. Kelly, and adopted.

Salome Church asked for a letter of dismissal from this Association, which was granted.

The following report was read:

Your Committee on Nominations submit our report:

Rev. J. F. Tatum to preach the introductory sermon at the next Association, Rev. B. M. Bean to preach the missionary sermon, and Rev. R. E. Parnell the doctrinal sermon, with Rev. O. J. Revels as his alternate.

We also recommend Evergreen Church as the place for holding the next Association.

Respectfully submitted,

W. T. STOKELY,

J. H. GOFF,

J. W. KIRBY,

Committee.

The report was adopted.

On motion Bros. J. M. Brown, J. S. Parker, W. B. Collins, J. H. Jowers and W. T. Stokely were excused.

On motion the former treasurer was requested to make his report and send it to the clerk-elect.

The Association adjourned until 9 a. m. Saturday.

Saturday Morning.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment at 9 o'clock and was called to order by the Moderator.

Reading, the 5th Chapter of First John, and singing hymn "Come Let Us Join Our Cheerful Song." Prayer by the Moderator.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The call for messengers was resumed, and Bro. J. P. Alderman responded from Rosemary.

Your Committee on Ministerial Education beg leave to report:

We have had the same under consideration and are glad

that the interest in the ministerial education of the Baptist denomination is growing stronger every year. We find five students in the Seminaries at Louisville, Ky., two in Stetson University at DeLand, Fla., two at Carson-Newman College at Fernandina, Fla., and one in Chicago University. Therefore it is well said to have wisdom to continue 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 ministry.

We claim to be the light of the world and if we should never be satisfied until we can lead the vanguard of the world with well trained soldiers, if we ever expect to take the world for Christ, it must be done through wise and well trained leaders. 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,

L. B. RICHARDSON,

J. A. ANDERSON,

J. M. FALKNER,

Committee.

The report was ably spoken of by Revs. W. B. High, T. J. Kelly and G. H. Dorman. At this juncture a collection was taken up to the amount of \$9.20 for ministerial education. Rev. J. E. Parnell made an able address upon Woman's Work in behalf of the Orphan's Home in Arcadia, Fla., and a collection was taken for that purpose amounting to \$7.40, and was also spoken of by Sister Florence Baker and Rev. S. G. Davenport. Prayer was offered by Rev. S. G. Davenport, and the report was adopted.

The Committee on Preaching reported Rev. S. G. Davenport to preach at 11 a. m., with Rev. R. E. Parnell, alternate. The hour having arrived for preaching, the Association adjourned until 2 p. m.

At 11 a. m. Rev. S. G. Davenport preached an able sermon from the latter clause of Luke 14:17 and was followed by Rev. R. E. Parnell.

Saturday Afternoon.

The Association reassembled at 2 o'clock. The Moderator read the 20th Psalm. Singing, "Salvation, Oh the Joyful Sound." Prayer by the Moderator.

Suwannee Church was represented by letter. Complaint having come from Orange Church that they had sent the last Association 50 cents for minutes and had not received any. Therefore their money was refunded.

The following report on deceased ministers and deacons was read:

Your Committee beg leave to report after carefully enquiring: We find that our Heavenly Father, through his mercy and kindness has, spared the lives of his servants through another year, except Bro. Almon Poucher, deacon of Mt. Olive Church, for which we feel thankful.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. CRAWFORD,

J. W. KIRBY,

J. B. JOHNS,

Committee.

The following report on Sabbath Schools was read:

Your committee submit the following as their report:

First. We are sorry to find in hearing the letters read from the different Churches that such a small number report Sabbath Schools, when in our observation the teachings of the Bible an early introduction is one of the greatest steps that can be taken among children to make God-loving men and women. As a twig is bent so will it grow. The opinion of your committee is that if parents who profess to be Christians would furnish their children with good religious literature and instruct them in the way that they should go as they grow up, religion would revive. Minds of the children can be so trained by religious parents and at the Sabbath School that they will not want to walk in the council of the ungodly, nor stand in the way of sinners, nor sit

in the seat of the scornful, but will grow up to delight in the law of the Lord. The Psalmist tell us that such shall grow like a tree planted by rivers of water, and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. Christian parents, can we not use any persuasive language to cause you to take a deeper interest in your children? Go to Sabbath School with them, help to train them in the way that they should go. It is perfectly natural, and we know that you love your children, and why, oh why, not look for the welfare of their immortal souls? For the love of our children and for heaven sake let us go to Sabbath School, praying that the Lord will help our children to understand the ways of truth and righteousness and be saved.

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. COLLINS, Chairman.

The Finance Committee reported as follows:

Your Committee beg leave to report that we have collected from the various Churches represented at this session of the Association the sum of \$45.29 for all purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

T. C. WILLIAMS, Chairman.

Report of Committee on Periodicals:

Your Committee beg leave to report that we find the periodicals published by the Baptist Publication Society in Atlanta, Ga., are very instructive, and we recommend that every Baptist Sunday School use Baptist literature, as we claim to be laboring in the vineyard and are following the commands of Christ. Our denomination literature is scriptural according to the teachings of Christ, and we do recommend its use in all Baptist Sabbath Schools. And we do say that all Baptists ought to be proud to know that we have within our reach such literature, and we do recommend that every Church adopt the rule and have a good Sabbath School. We also recommend that all Baptists take the Baptist Witness, published at Ocala, Fla. No Baptist

should be without it, as it treats on Heaven where we expect to arrive in the morning of the resurrection. Brethren, we recommend all literature for our use be thorough Baptist.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. ANDERSON,

S. A. JIMERSON,

J. S. GOODBREAD,

Committee.

On motion the former Executive Committee was continued, and Bro. T. C. Williams was added to it.

The following Brethren were appointed by the Moderator as delegates to the Baptist State Convention to convene at Lake City, Fla., on Wednesday before the fourth Lord's Day in January, A. D. 1903: Rev. J. F. Tatum, Bros. G. H. Dorman, T. C. Williams, John Knight, Rev. J. J. Holmes, Rev. T. J. Kelly and Rev. B. M. Bean.

To Lafayette Associations: Revs. J. J. Holmes, T. J. Kelly.

To Hamilton Associations: Bros. G. H. Dorman and D. B. Richardson.

To Beulah: Bro. J. T. Crawford and Rev. J. J. Holmes.

The following resolution of thanks was offered by F. L. McQuaig and was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the delegates and visiting brethren be tendered to the Brothers and Sisters of Union Church and community for the hospitality tendered us during our labors as an Associational body.

The work of the Association being finished, closing exercises took place, consisting of singing and extending the parting hand. The Association adjourned to meet with Evergreen Church on Thursday before the third Sunday in October, A. D. 1903.

W. W. LEGGETT,

Clerk.

J. F. TATUM,

Moderation.

On motion the Clerk was paid \$10.00 for his services.

Woman's Work.

Your Committee on Woman's Work beg leave to report as follows:

We learn from the reading of the Sacred Scriptures that God in his wisdom recognizes the fitness of women to aid in the great cause of reclaiming a lost and ruined world for Christ. Years ago, from a peculiar sense of modesty, women refrained in many instances from diving deep into the heathen lands to reclaim the lost. The nineteenth and twentieth centuries have witnessed a grand and glorious change—Ninevah must be warned.

A striking instance of this noble feminine consecration can be referred to in the case of Miss Helen M. Stone. While we cannot all be examples of Miss Stone, we can and do claim, to be without fear of successful contradiction, missionaries in spirit and in truth.

Our success as mite gatherers challenges the admiration of all missionary workers everywhere.

Show us a Church where there is a live Woman's Missionary Society, and we will show you a pastor who is paid for his services. Sisters who make sacrifices for this noble work become more consecrated each year. We have only to refer to our statistics to show that God's blessings rest on our efforts.

Our home Secretary makes profound acknowledgment for the noble work of the Woman's Missionary Union, and the true succor of the interest committed to the Home Mission Board. The cash contribution of the Woman's Missionary Union last year to the Home Board was \$195.10.

Our Foreign Mission Work shows we had 1439 baptisms in foreign lands, and our contributions went up to \$173,439.00, of which the sisters raised \$34,787.39. Our largest annual contribution heretofore was only \$156,083.33. Now, dear Brethren and Sisters, have we not much to praise God for? We know that we can do nothing without the help of

the dear Saviour—we are only instruments in his hands. But let us be live instruments; let us be up and doing.

There is no time to waste while hungry souls are perishing for the bread of life. We can only deplore the circumstances which surround the motives of churches claiming to be missionaries, who do nothing for the cause of missions.

We pray for an increase of effort and renewed zeal among our Sisters everywhere, and hope and pray that the ensuing year may prove a record-breaker in the ingathering of souls at home and in the remotest part of our foreign missionary field.

Our financial report is as follows: From all sources, \$98.09. At the morning session of the Suwannee Baptist Association a cash collection of \$7.60 was made, and for Orphan's Home and pledges for furnishings to the amount of \$11.25.

MRS. L. B. DAVIS,
MRS. J. A. BAKER,
MISS ELIZA SCARBOROUGH,
W. L. MCINNIS,
Committee.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

On Association Missions.

To the Members Comprising the Suwannee Baptist Association:

DEAR BRETHREN:—We, as your Committee on Missions, have diligently inquired into the destitutions within our bounds, and through the assistance of Bro. L. D. Geiger and B. M. Bean we succeeded in getting Bro. J. D. Mackie, of Charleston, S. C., to come to Live Oak to take charge of our mission field. Bro. Mackie did not remain with us long before returning to Charleston. It seems as the work did not suit Bro. Mackie and we released him. We can see a great

need of having a missionary within our bounds to preach missionary doctrine and stir up the Churches in the cause of missions, as well as giving the Gospel to sinners. We can see that all are badly needed, though without a spirit of giving to the Lord can be aroused among our brethren and churches, we are helpless in missionary work.

We have received funds from different sources as follows: From Bro. J. L. White, \$3.35; J. H. Grant, \$2.50; J. M. Adams, \$5.00; G. H. Dorman, \$10.00; unknown Brother, \$1.00; A. Cameron, \$3.00; Suwannee Union at Mt. Pisgah, \$3.11; Clayland Church, \$3.41.—Total, \$31.37. We paid Bro. Mackie \$15.75, leaving a balance on hand of \$15.62. Respectfully submitted, G. H. DORMAN,

Chairman and Treasurer.

This report was spoken of by Revs. W. B. High and T. J. Kelly and was adopted.

Woman's Work.

The Societies composing the Woman's Missionary Union of the Suwannee Baptist Association met with Union Church at 20'clock p. m., Friday, October 17, 1902, with Sister J. A. Baker presiding, vice-presidents, Sisters B. M. Bean and Sister Mills, being absent.

The meeting was called to order by Sister Baker. Coronation was sung, after which a scripture lesson was read, followed by prayer.

Delegates from the Societies were called for and the following responded:

Tiger Lake, Sister Horn, reported \$1.50 for Sister Mary Taylor's salary.

Live Oak sent a letter and \$56.59, with \$16.00 additional from the Sunbeams.

O'Brien, Mrs. J. D. Baker, \$24.00, making a total of \$98.09. Had all the Societies reported we feel sure the total would have been materially increased.

The following letters were read by various members: Miss Mary Taylor, "Woman's Missionary in Cuba." Dr. McConnell, "Secretary of Home Mission Board." Dr. Willingham, "Secretary of Foreign Mission Board." Sister Baker presented the needs of the Orphanage to be built at Arcadia, but deferred the collection until the morning session on Saturday, when a collection was taken amounting to \$7.40 and furnishings to the value of \$10.40 were also pledged, to be turned over to Bro. L. D. Geiger, of Apopka, by December 30, 1902.

No more work was done. The Sisters joined in asking all to go to their respective homes and do more work and meet us again one year from today with an increased report, both as to money raised and number of Societies.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. T. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary.

Treasurer's Report.

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

1901.		
Oct. 17—By balance on hand		\$11 18
Oct. 19—By Finance Committee, Mt. Gilead		46 97
Oct. 19—By collections State Missions		6 34
Oct. 21—To C. L. Mills, Clerk's fee	\$10 00	
Dec. 4—To C. L. Mills, postage on minutes	2 00	
Dec. 9—To B. M. Bean, appropriation to State Convention	10 00	
Dec. 9—To W. N. Chaudoin, State Missn's	9 79	
Dec. 9—To W. N. Chaudoin, Home Missions	4 30	
Dec. 9—To W. N. Chaudoin, Foreign Missn's	2 50	
Dec. 9—To W. N. Chaudoin, relief aged ministers	2 55	
1902		
Jan. 2—To C. L. Mills, postage and express	66	
Jan. 2—To J. C. Porter, on minutes 1901	22 69	

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FINANCIAL TABLE SUWANNEE ASSOCIATION.

CHURCHES.	State Missions	Home Missions	Associational Missions	Foreign Missions	Associational Purposes	For Minutes	Total
Live Oak					50	2 00	2 50
Tiger Lake			25	50	50	1 00	2 25
Philadelphia	1 75				40	1 00	3 15
Suwannee					50	50	1 00
Oak Grove		50			50	75	1 75
Beulah					65	60	1 25
O'Brien	85		75			80	2 40
Friendship					50	1 00	1 50
Salem					1 00	50	1 50
Clayland	50	50		50	25	75	2 50
Rocky Sink				65	50	1 00	2 15
Mt. Gilead					85	1 50	2 35
Mt. Olive					1 15	1 60	3 75
Mt. Pisgah	1 00				1 50	1 25	3 75
Evergreen					90		2 05
Rosemary					75	25	1 00
Orange		25	25			50	1 00
Marybelle					50	50	2 00
Pinemount					25	60	1 65
Blue Spring						2 50	1 00
Union						1 10	1 10
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By amount collected at Association for Ministerial Education							\$ 25 9 20
							T. C. WILLIAMS,
							J. D. WILLIAMS,
							L. C. EZELL,
							Committee.

CHURCHES MAINTAINING SABBATH SCHOOLS.

CHURCHES.	No. of School	No. of Pupils	No. Officers and Teachers	Contributed for Expenses	For Benevolence, Missions
Live Oak	1	5 85	\$31 28	\$45 00	
Tiger Lake	1	3 46	3 00		
	1	4 30			

SUWANNEE STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES AND PASTORS. CLERGS AND POST OFFICES	GAIN	LOSS	No. Reported Last Year	Total Membership	Number of Females	Number of Males	Present value of Meeting House including Furnishings	For Current Expenses, Including Pastor's Salary	Contributions Forwarded During Year, for Missions General	Women's Society General	Through Other Agencies	Ministerial Education	Relief of Aged Ministers	Totals					
															By Baptism	By Letter	By Restoration	By Experience	By Letter
Live Oak, B. M. Bean	2	4	82	82			\$ 300.00	\$ 419.52	\$ 343.66	\$ 66.48	\$ 1.96	\$ 85.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 794.46					
Blue Springs, B. D. Harrrell	3	1	30	30			60.00	60.00	85.00			10.00		145.00					
O'Brien, G. N. Trivette	6	2	37	37			75.00	125.00		24.00				149.00					
Oak Grove, A. B. Wick	5	1	40	40			900.00	50.00						950.00					
Rocky Sink, J. S. Parker	1	2	76	72	15	25	350.00	75.00	30.90					455.80					
Tiger Lake, R. F. Hacker	1	2	62	61	1	1	75.00	25.00	5.80					105.80					
Evergreen, A. Bond	10	4	47	47			700.00	14.75						714.75					
Mt. Pisgah, J. J. Holmes	2	2	37	35	37	58								30.80					
Mt. Gilvend, J. S. Parker	5	1	12	12	12	30								14.75					
Mt. Olive, B. M. Bean	5	3	12	12	12	32								25.00					
Pine Mountain, O. J. Revels	5	3	3	3	3	35								25.00					
Union, J. W. Fleming	2	2	36	36			40.00							20.00					
Salem, A. Bond	2	3	37	37			2.75	20.00						20.00					
Orange, J. S. Hurst	3	3	16	16	16	20													
Marybellie, J. S. Hurst	5	3	20	20	20	35													
Beulah, S. J. Townsend	6	7	24	24	24	35													
Rosemary, O. J. Revels	6	7	24	24	24	35													
Suwannee, A. K. Evans	5	4	49	49	49	20	300.00												
Philadelphia, T. L. Peacock	1	1	65	65															
Friendship, T. L. Peacock	1	1	70	70															
Clayland, J. T. Farnell	6	3	106	106			50.00	17.80						67.80					
T. Carroll, Live Oak, Fla.	74	40	16	36	17	3	9	149	268	1150	493	\$ 2740.00	\$ 891.27	\$ 487.27	\$ 480.48	\$ 11.96	\$ 85.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 2409.82

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