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*Minutes*

*of the*

*Thirty-fifth Annual Session*

*The Suwannee Baptist  
Association*

*held with*

*Live Oak Church*

*October 18th, 19th, 20th and 21st, 1906*

*Officers*

*B. D. Harrell, Moderator      Robert R. Brown, Clerk  
E. R. Wise, Treasurer*

*Missionary Committee*

*G. H. Dorman, J. M. Hall, W. B. Collins, J. H. Grant  
J. R. Newlan, T. C. Williams*

*Next Session Convenes with Jennings Church on Thursday  
Before the Third Sunday in October, 1907*

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### *ORDER OF BUSINESS*

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1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Association Called to Order by the Moderator.
3. Reading Letters and Enrolling 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 Correspondence.
8. Appointment of Committees.
9. Fix Hour of Meeting and Adjournment.
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 an 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 its annual meeting, elect from its 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 correspondence and visiting brethren to seats when in session, who shall be entitled to the privilege of aiding the Association with their counsel, and this Association may also withdraw from any church that may be in disorder, when the same can not 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.

*Amended.*

## ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one only true and living God—the Father, Son and Holy Ghost; and that these three are one.
2. We believe that the Old and New Testament Scriptures are the work of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.
3. We believe in election according to the fore-knowledge 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 depravity of the human heart, and that the natural state of man is such that he can not 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 the 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 Saviour Jesus Christ, and that they are kept by the power of God, through faith, unto eternal salvation; and that not one of them will be lost.
9. We believe that baptism is the immersion of the whole body in water; that the only proper subjects are described in the preceding 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 Scriptural right to partake thereof.
11. We believe that the washing of the 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, but 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*

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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 the messengers have enrolled their names. In case of the 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 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 vote of the body.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## MINUTES

### THURSDAY MORNING.

LIVE OAK BAPTIST CHURCH,

LIVE OAK, FLA., October 18, 1906.

The Suwannee Baptist Association met this day with above named church in its thirty-fifth annual session.

Upon suggestion of Rev. C. A. Ridley, the Introductory Sermon to be preached by Rev. T. J. Euans was postponed until tomorrow at 11 o'clock, and Rev. E. H. Reynolds, Sr., of Jacksonville, was invited to preach in lieu thereof today. Rev. Reynolds read a very instructive lesson from 133d Psalms and 21st chapter of Isaiah, and preached an excellent sermon from 2 Cor. 8:23; after which the congregation adjourned to dinner, which was served at the rear of the church.

### THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

After singing several songs and prayer by Rev. B. D. Harrell, the Association was called to order by Bro. J. R. Newlan, as Moderator, and Robt. R. Brown, Clerk.

Revs. C. A. Ridley and B. D. Harrell were appointed as Reading Clerks, and letters were read from the following churches during the Association and their messengers were enrolled, to-wit:

1. Blue Springs—J. H. Grant and Rev. B. D. Harrell.
2. Antioch—J. H. Burnett, E. R. Wise, J. L. Allison and J. W. Kight.
3. Union—C. B. Haines and T. J. Crawford.
4. Evergreen—J. H. Anderson.
5. Tiger Lake—W. L. Robinson, J. V. Brown, J. M. Kite, G. H. Dorman, and Sisters Bertha Lee Mills and Belle Helton.
6. O'Brien—T. C. Williams and Sister L. B. Davis.
7. Live Oak—Ira J. Carter, C. W. Bache, E. P. Groover, David Bonnell, Lester Scarborough, J. W. West, Carey A. Hardee and G. G. Mays.
8. Mary Belle—S. A. Jemerson and J. H. Jowers.
9. Friendship—Rev. A. Bond, J. F. Williams, L. C. Lanier and C. H. Walker.
10. Suwannee—W. H. Day and Edward Mikell.
11. Mt. Olive—Rev. W. C. Lee, J. L. White and J. H. Johns.
12. Rocky Sink—Rev. J. S. Parker, J. R. Newlan and H. P. Brown.

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13. Beulah—W. H. Ezelle and B. M. Lastinger.
14. Oak Grove—C. P. Hurst, J. S. Hurst and J. R. Hurst.
15. Clayland—A. M. Moseley, J. F. Stinston, A. B. Jones and J. G. Brinn.
16. Mt. Gilead—W. P. Page.
17. Philadelphia—A. C. Boatright, E. L. Lanier, W. T. Stekeley and Sister Josie Boatright.
18. Rosemary—T. C. Tompkins, G. A. Meeks and G. W. Shiver.
19. Fair View—H. S. Harrell.
20. Mt. Pisgah—Rev. J. F. Tatum.
21. Orange—W. H. Robinson.

Petitionary letters were received from the following churches and messengers enrolled, and, upon motion, received and right hand of fellowship extended by the Moderator:

1. Macedonia—P. T. Hurst and W. A. Nevels.
2. Jennings—J. K. Beaty and Henry Averett.
3. Jasper—J. W. Adams and Miss Florence Horne.
4. Bright Pond—R. M. Starling and A. Y. Foose.
5. Bellville—J. W. Polhill, J. C. Bracewell, Robt. Outlaw and H. Perry.
6. Corinth—Thomas Green and J. H. Green.

Invitations to seats with this body were accepted by Rev. B. A. Geigery, of the Valdosta Association; Rev. A. J. York, of the Marion Association; Rev. E. H. Reynolds, Sr., of Jacksonville, Recording Secretary State Board of Missions; Rev. F. C. Edwards, of Southern Witness; Rev. L. D. Geiger, Corresponding Secretary State Board of Missions; Rev. M. S. Stevens, of Florida Association; ministers attending Association in no other capacity: Revs. W. H. Holmes, W. H. Horn, C. A. Ridley, T. J. Evans, A. K. Evans.

Rev. B. D. Harrell was elected as Moderator, Robt. R. Brown, Clerk, and E. R. Wise, Treasurer.

The hours of meeting and adjourning were fixed at 9 a. m. and 4 p. m.

Upon motion, the Association adjourned to meet at 9 a. m. tomorrow. Benediction by Rev. B. D. Harrell.

COMMITTEES.

The following committees were appointed, to-wit:

- On Finance—J. R. Newland, Chairman; Lester Scarborough, H. B. Brown.
- On Nominations—J. L. Allison, Chairman; C. W. Bache, J. H. Grant.
- On Orphanage—J. W. Adams, Chairman; J. W. Kite, T. J. Crawford.

On Foreign Missions—T. J. Euans, Chairman; Ira J. Carter, Elmo Burnette.

On State Missions—W. H. Holmes, Chairman; J. F. Tatum, W. H. Day.

On Woman's Work—Mrs. Dr. C. S. Brown, J. S. Parker, Miss Belle Helton, Mrs. L. B. Davis.

On Deceased Ministers and Deacons—J. H. Burnett, Chairman; J. H. Grant, Henry Averett.

On Singing—W. H. Mills, Chairman; C. H. Walker. W. L. Robinson.

On Sabbath Schools—E. R. Wise, Chairman; G. G. Mays, J. H. Jowers.

On Home Missions—W. C. Lee, Chairman; C. A. Hardee, Edward Mikell.

On Periodicals—J. H. Wallace, Chairman; J. H. Anderson, C. B. Haynes.

On Education—C. W. Bache, Chairman; David Bonnell, J. V. Brown.

On Temperance—T. C. Williams, Chairman; E. P. Groover, A. Bonds.

On Ministerial Support—G. H. Dorman, Chairman; J. L. White, J. R. Beaty.

On Ministerial Education—Ira J. Carter, Chairman; J. F. Williams, Edward Mikell.

On Associational Missions—C. A. Ridley.

On Preaching—C. W. Bache, E. R. Wise.

FRIDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 19.

The Association met per adjournment. After reading the 133d Psalm by the Moderator and prayer by Rev. A. Bond, the minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The report on State Missions was read by the Clerk, as follows:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your Committee on State Missions report as follows:

The fields were never whiter unto the harvest than they are today, and the call for men and means never came to people with a clearer ring than it comes to us today. Our missionary record as an Association is a little slow to act. It is our judgment that the pastors are a little slow in regard to this matter by not preaching more and talking on this line. It has been the experience that churches will respond to the call and wishes of their pastors when they lay before them God's will and their duty. So we appeal to the pastors to preach and talk on this line more than has been done in the past, as we believe there is a move forward at present.



If they will do this it will still improve the work in our bounds, and also in other fields of duty. We recommend that the Executive Committee put a missionary in our own home work, and let it be a portion of his work to instruct and educate our people on these important lines of duty.

W. H. HOLMES, Chairman,  
I. E. TATUM,  
W. H. DAY.

Motion to adopt. Spoken to by Rev. W. H. Holmes. At this juncture Rev. T. J. Euans read the report on Foreign Missions, as follows:

#### REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The special comprehensive purpose of the foreign missionary work is the universal, complete victory of Christianity. Its aim is the restoration of spiritual manhood, after the pattern set by Jesus Christ to all mankind. We deem it important to the speedy success of Christian missions to frankly confess that no formal or nominal reception of Christianity, as has been done by so-called Christian nations, assures the prophesied and needed triumph of the cause. But, when all men, everywhere, shall have voluntarily and gladly, for themselves, believed on JESUS CHRIST as the divine Saviour, and shall have submitted THEMSELVES to His rule of living.

Brethren, this is the precise test of Christian devotion and faith and labor. We allow that idea as a business seems so far-reaching, so inclusive, involving as it must all nationalities, all governments, and the work appears so intricate, so slow, so stupendous, that an undefined, benumbing doubt is noticeably engendered, even in loyal Christian hearts. But, brethren, anything less than this would not be like OUR GOD. The grace of God should be co-respondent with His SUNSHINE at least. And, if it is His enterprise, it CAN NOT FAIL, and we know that "God so loved the WORLD," and that Christ tasted death for EVERY MAN, and that He COMMISSIONED His disciples to "go preach the gospel to EVERY CREATURE."

Together with our faith in the Scriptural assurances, there have been steady, actual accomplishments, conspicuously during the last one hundred years, which must irresistibly demonstrate to the observant mind that a law of PROGRESS is even marvelously working out a final triumph for the missionary cause. Universal trump! and for what and what for? LOVE, going out from its happy home to RESCUE THE PERISHING. LOVE, seeking to provide homes for the homeless. Love, going forth to be a guide for the lost; friend to the friendless; hope for those in despair; holiness

for the sinful; mercy for the guilty. These are the true Christian energies which must vitalize successful missionary work. It is a work sublime and glorious—and it is our work.

In 1792 the first Protestant Missionary Society was organized by the Baptists with a subscription of less than \$70. For many years the cause had to struggle against a mighty tide of ignorance, prejudice and selfishness in order to have an abiding place at all. But see how wonderful has been its growth! Think of it! Last year these United States and Great Britain alone gave over nine million dollars to aid it. Now, mission stations have been placed in the very centers of ALL HEATHEN NATIONS. No longer do we hear of OPEN DOORS to the missionary. Like Jerico, the VERY WALLS are fallen on EVERY SIDE.

At this moment, while you sit and attend in hearing, over China, India, Japan, Persia, Hindoostan, Turkey, Bulgaria, Africa, Madagascar, Greenland, and the multitudinous isles of the Pacific, there are over seventy thousand Christian laborers, striving patiently to represent unto benighted and sorrowful men and women the glory, beauty and loveliness of JESUS CHRIST, and His power and willingness to save. We rejoice that in this blessed work Baptists were the first, and have never been behind. And it is not strange that this should be true. Where our banner is raised you will see two, and only two, essential mottoes, Jesus Christ and an Open Bible—the first for regeneration, the second for holy life.

We are encouraged by the knowledge of Florida's steady advancement in missionary giving in all departments of work. The NEEDS of the hour demand MORE ENLIGHTENMENT, much prayer, and a devotion that, if need be, will sacrifice much.

Respectfully submitted.

T. J. EUANS, Chairman,  
IRA J. CARTER,  
ELMO BURNETTE.

Motion to adopt. Spoken to by Rev. L. D. Geiger, who gave a very instructive address. [If all Missionary Baptists could have heard this address, they would be more liberal in giving to missions.—Clerk.]

By suggestion of Bro. Ridley, the final adoption of these two reports was deferred for the present.

At this juncture a season of singing was participated in. Prayer by Rev. C. A. Ridley.

At this juncture Bro. T. J. Euans occupied the stand, preaching the Introductory Sermon from Mark 7:16, which was most instructive and refreshing to all. Benediction for dinner.

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

The Association convened at 2 o'clock. The reports on State and Foreign Missions were adopted.

The report on Orphans' Home was read by Bro. C. A. Ridley, and, upon motion, was received for adoption.

## REPORT ON ORPHANS' HOME.

"Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this: To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction and to keep himself unspotted from the world."—Jas. 1:27.

When we give of our means to support the orphans, we are indeed visiting them. This can best be done where there is a specially prepared place in which to care for these little ones. Such a place we have in our Orphanage at Arcadia, under the direction of our State Convention, and under the direct management of our beloved Bro. Bean, who for several years was an active member of this body.

The children in the Home are our children. We have assumed their support and we must fulfill these obligations. At present there are about fifty children in the Home, making the running expenses above \$250.00 per month. This must be met by the free-will offerings of the churches, and besides this running expense the Home at present is in great need of a new dormitory for the more than twenty boys under its protection, and also does it need an assembly hall in which to hold religious services. Let the churches make a special effort during this year to do more than ever for this appealing institution, which lies so near all our hearts.

J. W. ADAMS,  
T. C. WILLIAMS,  
W. H. HOLMES.

Spoken to by Revs. C. A. Ridley, L. D. Geiger and J. C. Bracewell. At this juncture a collection of \$8.20 was made. The report was adopted.

At 2:30 o'clock the privileges of the auditorium were accorded to Miss Spalding, who gave an interesting lesson on Woman's Work and Missions.

## SATURDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 20.

The Association met at the appointed time. Devotional exercises led by the Moderator, reading the 23d Psalm and leading in prayer. The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

The report of W. N. McLeod was read.

REPORT.

W. N. McLeod in account with the Suwannee Baptist Association.  
 Received of Finance Committee .....\$60.30  
 Received of Bro. Grant..... 3.25  
 Received of Bro. Dorman..... 5.50  
 Total.....\$69.05

Disbursements—

Paid to R. R. Brown.....\$17.00  
 Paid to Live Oak Publishing Co..... 22.50— 39.50

Balance on hand.....\$29.55

Upon motion, received, and he is hereby requested to turn over to Treasurer-elect what funds he has on hand.

The report on Deceased Ministers and Deacons was read.

REPORT ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

To the Suwannee Association:

Your Committee have inquired as to the loss by death of our ministers and deacons. We are sad to report the death of Bro. J. W. Brinson, one of our deacons. While we mourn his loss we are thankful that it is as well with us as what it is, and we hope the Lord will be with us until we meet again.

Respectfully submitted.

J. H. BURNETT,  
 J. GRANT,  
 HENRY AVERETT.

Upon motion, adopted.

The report on Home Missions was read.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Committee on Home Missions ask to make the following as its report:

We are glad to know that the churches composing the Suwannee Association are doing more in the way of giving to the cause than at any time in the history of the Association. We respectfully recommend that the spirit of mission and Christian giving shall be continuously taught from the pulpit, the Sabbath School and the young people's societies until every Christian and church member shall feel the responsibility of giving as the Lord shall prosper them. God will bless us; and our efforts in life will prosper if we liberally support with our means the Gospel of Christ.

Respectfully submitted.

W. C. LEE, Chairman,  
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by first doing so ourselves? Do we teach them to attend the worship of God by setting the example? Do we encourage the growth of the Sabbath School by going and taking our children? Do we educate them to support missions, to keep up our church, to pay our pastor and to exercise charity, by a living example of being, acting and doing?

Brethren, we are remiss in our duty and we are not educating our child when we neglect his spiritual education. To educate the mind and neglect the heart is to make smart criminals and vile scoffers of God.

If you don't want this to happen, be in the sight of God and man a pious, earnest Christian worker. Take your child to church, go with him to the Bible lesson studies, that is, to the Sunday School. Take him to prayer meeting and teach him to pray by your example. Show him that you give of your means freely and cheerfully, to support your church, your pastor, home, State and foreign missions.

Parents, are you neglectful?

Then your heart is not in the work, or you grievously lack in wisdom if you do not bring up your child to do as he should for God, home and eternity.

An earnest desire to help train or educate will react to your own benefit. The more you try to explain and show your neighbor the way to God, the more you will see your own need of earnest work, study, improvement and consecration. C. W. BACHE.

Report on Temperance was read by Bro. C. A. Ridley, and, upon motion, received for adoption. Spoken to by Revs. B. A. Geiger, C. A. Ridley. M. S. Stevens and Clerk Brown, and upon vote was adopted.

#### REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We, the Committee on Temperance, beg leave to report:

We can say that we are proud that we are able to say that public sentiment is growing in favor of abstinence from illicit use of alcoholic beverages. But we are sorry that we have so many who are using or selling patent medicines that intoxicate for a blind, and excuse themselves that the law allows it. We hope that our laws will in a few years become so stringent on these things that men will be afraid to violate. We would urge of the churches of this Association that they be more stringent in their discipline on drinking members. Sometimes in our meetings the air is made foul with the odor of strong drink. It is a shame that such is true. Let us work and pray and use every influence that we can to break down this low-down, dirty, deadly and damning vice.

T. C. WILLIAMS, Chairman,  
E. P. GROOVER,  
A. BOND.

Bro. C. W. Bache read the report on General Education. Upon motion, adopted. By request of Miss J. L. Spalding, the Association asked Bro. Bache to furnish the Southern Witness with a copy of the report on Education. Bro. Ridley also agreed to have a copy of same published in the Suwannee Democrat.

## REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee on Education desires to report that much interest is manifested not only in the education of the children, but in the desire of parents to afford greater opportunities for the acquisition of an education.

Not only is there an awakened interest in our home localities by reason of better school houses and furnishings, teachers better prepared to teach and having greater facilities for imparting instruction, but we find that the building of better school houses and the improved conditions for the education of the children is reacting on the parents, and we see increased signs of prosperity at home; new houses and improved surroundings, and all that goes to make a home. The facts all point to the advancement or uplift of the intellectual attainments and illustrate the truth that "knowledge is power;" also that education elevates and tends toward moral and spiritual improvement.

Our home schools are drawing out our children, that is, are giving them glimpses of the beauty and desirableness of an education to fit them to be perfect men and women. We therefore, for the further pursuit of learning, commend our University at DeLand as a great Baptist school, that will give the best and highest culture of mind and heart for the purpose of doing noble work for the cause of Christ.

But, brethren, are we as followers of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and as parents, doing our full duty?

Does our responsibility end with sending the child to the public school? Can he there receive all that is needful to cultivate his moral and spiritual nature? We say that he can not.

We say that our responsibility does not end in simply sending the child to school or to college. We further assert that we too often, as church members and parents, are remiss; yea, even negligent in our duty and love.

The child's education begins at home, and from the cradle on through life he learns much vital to his interests by observation and example.

The mother and father teach by word and precept, but principally by example. "We learn to do by doing." The child learns to do by following the footsteps of his parents.

Do we teach Christianity and Christian duty by doing our part? Do we teach our children to pray, by praying? To study the Bible

by first doing so ourselves? Do we teach them to attend the worship of God by setting the example? Do we encourage the growth of the Sabbath School by going and taking our children? Do we educate them to support missions, to keep up our church, to pay our pastor and to exercise charity, by a living example of being, acting and doing?

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T. C. WILLIAMS, Chairman,  
E. P. GROOVER,  
A. BOND.

At this juncture a season of singing was participated in by the choir and audience. Prayer by Bro. G. H. Dorman, after which Rev. M. S. Stevens occupied the stand, reading an instructive lesson from the 10th chapter of Luke, 16 verses of the 9th chapter of Corinthians, and preaching a very valuable sermon from the 10th chapter and 2d verse of Luke.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

The report on Singing was read by the Clerk and, upon motion, adopted.

REPORT ON SINGING.

To the Suwannee Baptist Association:

We are pained to realize that the various churches are so slack in their singing worship, only a very limited number having had any singing of any note for the past year. We do believe that the lax and bad condition of our churches is for the want of more and better singing in our divine worship, and from reading the Bible we find that singing is one of the most common and the greatest and noblest way of praising our Master. Hoping and urging that each delegate to this Association will return home and go to work with new zeal, and one year hence send up glowing reports of more singing being done in our church work, and we do believe that it will be the cause of new-born souls being made unto Christ, and that when we sing and praise our Master as we ought, we will then have livelier churches. Miram sang for victory over their pursuers after passing through the Red Sea.

Respectfully submitted

W. L. ROBINSON, Chairman.

W. H. ROBINSON.

The report on Finance was read by Bro. Ridley and, upon motion, adopted.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to report that there has been sent up to this body for—

Minutes and Clerk.....	\$ 38.55
Home Missions.....	12.85
Foreign Missions.....	12.50
State Missions.....	38.65
Associational purposes.....	10.85
Ministerial Support.....	3.50
Orphanage.....	14.45

Total.....\$131.35

J. R. NEWLAN, Chairman.

H. B. BROWN,

LESTER SCARBOROUGH.



Upon motion, the amount raised for aged ministers was donated to P. Q. Casson.

Report on Periodicals was read by Prof. Wallace, and upon motion adopted. Spoken to by Bro. C. A. Ridley, and requesting a copy for publication. Spoken to also by Bro. J. C. Bracewell.

#### REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

We, your Committee, beg leave to submit the following:

The press and its productions are pre-eminently the most potent factors in moulding both sentiment and character. A single book, or publication, has caused an upheaval or revolution in a nation. And whether it is our purpose or not, our lives will and must take color and character from the matter we read. Hence, how important to supply ourselves and family, and friends, so much as our influence is worth, with the very best reading matter to be had.

You remember how certain thousands became rampant over "Uncle Tom's Cabin," with what a thrill thousands read W. J. Bryan's address before the Chicago Convention, and with what cunning twinkle of eye, and with increased beating of heart, and resolution to emulate are manifested in the character of our youth, on completing some thrilling detective story, or one in which great cunning and bloodshed is pictured in a manner which thrills the heart of, and seizes and takes possession of our boys. And again, the mildness and loving character of the boy or girl, man or woman, who has been basking in the sunshine of some of our best Christian literature, studying the great principles of love and truth and help we can be to mankind.

Then, admitting the fact—for it is a fact—that our characters are moulded to a great extent by what we read, then let us have in our homes nothing but the very best, to the exclusion of all trashy reading matter.

First, we commend the Bible, the blessed word of God, which teaches us wisdom, meekness, forgiveness and LOVE. We should study the Bible diligently, for in it we have all the elements that lead to the highest type of Christian living on earth and a sweet vision of the great hereafter.

Then, we would commend the Southern Witness, our denominational State paper, the Mission journals, including the Home Field, and the Sunday School publications of the Southern Baptist Convention and the American Baptist Publication Society.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. WALLACE, Chairman.

Report on Sabbath Schools was read by Bro. E. R. Wise, and upon motion, adopted. Spoken to by Bros. Ridley, Bache, Dor-man and M. S. Stevens.

## REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Sunday School is the teaching service of the church, and is therefore of as much importance as any other service of the Church. To neglect it is suicidal, since it is our base of supply. At least nine-tenths of our members are to come out of the Sunday Schools. We recommend that the older folks manifest a greater interest in this part of the church work. It is not a service for women and children; it is a service for all to come together and study the word of God. And if you stay at home and send your boys, it will not be long before they will be large enough to stay at home or go elsewhere, while you sit wondering why he doesn't any longer go to Sunday School. He is only imitating his father.

Respectfully submitted.

E. R. WISE, Chairman.

G. G. MAYS,

J. H. JOWERS.

Report on Associational Missions was read by Bro. Ridley and the report adopted.

## REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

We, your Committee on Associational Missions, submit the following report:

Nothing of very great importance has been done by the Association this past year. We recommend that the Association instruct its Executive Committee to again take up the work of employing a missionary to work in our bounds. The State Board offers to meet us on half way ground, and you can consider it the opportunity of a life-time, and would recommend that we at once go about getting things in shape for this work, and that the churches come up to the help of God against the mighty.

C. A. RIDLEY, Chairman.

Report on Ministerial Support was read by Bro. G. H. Dorman. Spoken to by Bros. Bracewell, Stevens and Bache, and report adopted.

## REPORT ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

Your Committee on Ministerial Support beg to make the following report:

One of the great writers of the New Testament and an apostle of the Lord positively declares that it is ordained of God that they who preach the gospel should live of the gospel; and if this be the teaching of the Bible, professing Christians and members of the Church of Christ ought not to treat a collection for the pastor with carelessness and indifference. Again, we are taught that the

laborer is worthy of his hire. We ought, as men, to be strong and not weak, as the great Maker and Creator of mankind gives us breath to live and move. It is He that gives us this world's goods. We find that it is written, he that had gathered much had nothing over, and he that had gathered little had no lack.

We are sorry to say that Baptists who are blessed with the liberty of calling the preacher of their own choice, too often turn him away without a due recompence of reward for services rendered. Brethren, this ought not so to be. In God's name let us be governed by the truths of the Bible. It is all wrong and a shame before God for members of the Church of Christ to leave off compensating the faithful minister and pastor of the flock until the last; settle up all other matters, and if there be anything left, then divide with the pastor. Such should not be, and your Committee earnestly pray that the ministers of the Church of Christ may not be counted least and last of all. But let us, as Christians, give to our servants as the Lord has given to us food and raiment, that they may feel good in breaking the bread of life, and giving food for the soul.

Respectfully submitted.

G. H. DORMAN, Chairman.

J. L. WHITE,

J. K. BEATY.

Upon motion, ordered that the Clerk have 500 copies of the minutes printed and that he receive the remainder of what was raised for minutes and Clerk.

The Committee on Nominations reported having selected Jennings as the place of holding the next session of the Association, and selected Rev. B. A. Geiger to preach the Introductory Sermon, and Rev. C. A. Ridley the Missionary Sermon on Sunday.

The following were appointed to the State Convention: Bros. G. H. Dorman, B. D. Harrell, J. G. Allison, C. A. Hardee, J. F. Tatum, T. L. Peacock, R. R. Brown, T. J. Euans, C. A. Ridley, W. H. Horn,

The following resolution, presented by Bro. Bracewell, was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the messengers and visiting brethren and sisters attending the Suwannee Association, do hereby return thanks and our heartfelt Christian love to the church at Live Oak and the citizens of the city for their courtesies, care and hearty good will shown us.

J. C. BRACEWELL.

The same Missionary Committee within our bounds was continued for another year.

There being no other business, the Association adjourned, to

meet with Jennings Church on Thursday before the 3d Sunday in October, 1907.

The audience sung "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," and a general hand-shaking was participated in. Benediction.

B. D. HARRELL, Moderator.

R. R. BROWN, Clerk.

### HONORED DEAD BY CHURCHES

Antioch—Sister Nancy E. Bevan and Deacon J. W. Brinson.

Beulah—C. T. McIntoush.

Bellville—Miss Bertha Willis.

Jasper—C. D. Tuten; joined, was taken sick and died before baptism.

Jennings—Mrs. Ernest L. Perkins and Miss Ora Lee McCall.

Mt. Olive—Nelson Johnson and Nettie Jones.

Tiger Lake—Lucious Dailey.

### ROSTER OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

Philadelphia—Rev. T. L. Peacock.....	Kirkland, Fla
Philadelphia—Rev. E. B. Mills.....	Luraville, Fla
Live Oak—Rev. C. A. Ridley.....	Live Oak, Fla
Rocky Sink—Rev. J. S. Parker.....	Live Oak, Fla
Oak Grove—Rev. J. S. Hurst.....	Live Oak, Fla
Mount Olive—Rev. W. C. Lee.....	Wellborn, Fla
Bellville—Rev. J. C. Bracewell.....	Lake Park, Ga
Antioch—Rev. A. K. Evans.....	Live Oak, Fla
Friendship—Rev. A. Bonds.....	Live Oak, Fla
Friendship—Rev. R. D. Turner.....	Pinemount, Fla
Mount Pisgah—Rev. J. F. Tatum.....	O'Brien, Fla
Mount Pisgah—Rev. O. J. Revels.....	Pinemount, Fla
Blue Springs—Rev. B. D. Harrell.....	Pinemount, Fla
Union—Rev. J. J. Holmes.....	O'Brien, Fla
Union—Rev. W. H. Holmes.....	O'Brien, Fla
Union—Rev. J. W. Fleming.....	O'Brien, Fla
Tiger Lake—Rev. W. H. Horn.....	Houston, Fla



## FINANCIAL STATISTICS

The following Amounts have been Paid this year, and include amounts from Sunday-school, W. M. S., and other Societies

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Repairing and Building	Incidental and S. S. Expenses	For Visiting Ministers	For the Poor	Associational Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Opphanage	Value Missionary Boxes	Ministerial Education	Aged Ministers	For Minutes and Clerk	Total	Value of Pastor's Home (Parsonage)	Value of Church Property	Total Value of Property
Beulah	\$ 40 00				\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 50	\$ 1 00				\$ 1 00	\$ 46 50		\$ 500 00	\$ 500 00
Rocky Sink	75 00		3 00			1 35								2 00	81 35		900 00	900 00
Union	51 85													1 50	54 40		200 00	200 00
Mount Olive	20 00					1 00		1 00						2 45	23 45		325 00	325 00
Friendship	Not rep.													1 00			200 00	200 00
Sweetmeat	28 75					1 00			8 35					1 10	40 75		300 00	300 00
Ellet Springs	30 00			25 00	10 00	1 00	5 00	5 00						1 50	104 85		300 00	300 00
Oak Grove	30 00					1 00								1 00	32 00		300 00	300 00
Moyit Clead	50 00													1 00	51 00		75 00	75 00
Clayton	75 00	6 60	5 75				1 25	1 00	1 00	3 40				1 00	83 65		700 00	700 00
Philadelphia	50 00	80 00		50 00			1 00	1 00	11 00	6 60				2 00	71 45		200 00	200 00
Tiger Lake	197 38						1 00	1 00	35	65				1 50	252 53		300 00	300 00
Rosemary	21 00					1 25						1 00		1 00	25 53		300 00	300 00
Orange	15 85							25						1 00	17 10		100 00	100 00
Marybelle	10 00					1 00								1 00				
Jennings	200 00	150 00					7 77	8 50	1 55	9 84				1 00	400 09			
Live Oak	1,200 00	1,650 00				65 00	100 00	90 00	130 00	143 00				5 00	4,765 09	2,000 00	20,000 00	23,000 00
Jasper	200 00		17 70	83 86	200 00		20 10	22 00	17 30	4 50				2 00	365 26			
Altoona	200 00					17 32	3 00			4 50				1 00				
Belleville	100 00			25 00			12 70	3 00	4 75	24 88				1 25	257 27		300 00	300 00
Evergreen	100 00													2 10	152 01		400 00	400 00
Corinth	57 36	76 27				2 50		25		5 60				1 10	141 88			
Macedonia						1 00								50	3 70		400 00	400 00
Belmont Pisgah							25	25	25	25				1 50	5 00			
Belmont Pond						75	4 00	1 50	47	2 00				1 50				
O'Brien	50 00													1 20			800 00	800 00

