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 Forty-Second Annual Session
 OF THE
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Held With The
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 October 15, 16, 1913

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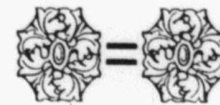
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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

10:00—Temporary organization.
Enrolling names of messengers.
Permanent organization.
11:00 A. M.—Introductory sermon.
12:15—Dinner.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

2:30—Appointment of committees.
Reading petitionary letters.
Recognition of visitors and correspondents.
Report of Executive Committee.
Miscellaneous business.
Adjourn for the afternoon.

EVENING SESSION.

7:30—Song service and sermon.
Report on Young People's Work.

THURSDAY MORNING.

9:30—Reading minutes of previous day.
Invite visitors and call for messengers.
Report of Committee on Education.
Report of Committee on Missions—State, Home
and Foreign.
11:00—Missionary sermon.
Dinner.

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THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

2:00—Report of Committee on Nominations.
Report of Committee on Present-day Evils.
Report of Committee on Sacred Literature.
Report of Committee on Woman's Work.
Miscellaneous business.
Adjournment.

EVENING SESSION.

7:30—Song service and sermon.
Report on Sunday Schools.

FRIDAY MORNING.

9:30—Reading minutes of previous day.
Report of Committee on Orphan's Home.
Report of Committee on Obituaries.
Miscellaneous business.
Sermon conditional.
Dinner.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

2:30—Report of Finance Committee.
Report of Treasurer.
Appointment of Chairman of Standing Committee.
Adjournment.

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Constitution

Article 1. This organization shall be known as the Suwannee Missionary Baptist Association.

Article 2. The specific objects of this Association shall be:—

1. To unite the influence and pious intelligence of the Baptists within its bounds and thereby facilitate their union and co-operation.
2. To form and encourage plans for the revival of experimental and practical religion and the spread of the gospel within the bounds of this Association, and elsewhere.
3. To aid weak churches in our bounds.
4. To encourage and aid the education of our pious young men who may be called by the Spirit and approved by their churches for the work of the gospel ministry.
5. To promote pious and useful education among all Baptists.
6. To care for the needy orphans among us.
7. To aid in any work whose object is the saving and uplifting of humanity.

Article 3. This Association shall be composed of messengers from its several churches on the following basis: Three messengers from each church,

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and one additional messenger for every twenty-five members or major part thereof, in excess of fifty members, and one messenger each from the auxiliary bodies of the church.

Article 4. The messengers shall present to the Association letters certifying their appointment, and giving also the statistics of the church and its auxiliaries for the current year.

Article 5. Whenever the messengers appointed by a church shall fail to attend, or the number is not equal to the representation allowed by the constitution, the Association at its discretion may accord seats to another member present from said church.

Article 6. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually by ballot, and by a majority vote, but the Association may by a unanimous vote, instruct someone to cast the ballot for the body as a whole.

Article 7. The duties of the Moderator shall be to preside, keep order and appoint all committees not otherwise provided for.

The Clerk shall keep the records of the Association, supervise the printing and distribution of the minutes, and keep a regular file of the published proceedings of the Association, and deliver same to his successor in office.

The Treasurer shall keep a correct account of all the money received and disbursed by him, paying out the same only on the order of the Association or its Executive Committee, and report in full the

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transactions of his office at each annual session of the Association.

Article 8. The business of the Association shall be transacted ad-interim by an Executive Committee consisting of seven members to be recommended by the Committee on Nominations, and approved by the body. The Moderator and Clerk of the Association to be members ex-officio, of the Committee.

Article 9. The annual meetings of this Association shall begin on Wednesday before the third Sunday in October, and by appointment there shall be preached an introductory sermon on the first day.

Article 10. Newly organized churches may be admitted into the Association on petitionary letters presented by their messengers, accompanied by a certificate of the presbytery as to their orthodoxy and proper organization.

Article 11. This Association shall be advisory only in matters of controversy between members of any of the churches or between different churches, but reserves to itself the right to withdraw fellowship from any church which it deems disorderly or heterodox, and concedes to its constituent churches the right to sever their connection with this body whenever they shall apply for letters of dismissal from the Association.

Article 12. The Moderator shall at each session appoint Chairman of Committees on the following subjects, to-wit:—

State Missions.

Home Missions.

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Foreign Missions.
Education.
Orphanage.
Woman's Work.
Baptist Young People's Union.
Sunday Schools.
Periodicals.
Obituaries.
Present-day Evils.

And such other questions as the Association may deem proper.

Article 13. All messengers, officers and members of the Executive Committee shall be members of some of the churches composing this body.

Article 14. When any church neglects to send up statistics to the annual meeting, the Clerk shall insert the last reported total membership in the column containing said statistics.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The first meeting of each annual session of the Association, the Moderator of the previous session shall call the messengers to order. 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.

2. Each meeting shall be opened and closed with singing and prayer.

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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 deciding vote.

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

5. The Clerk shall keep a complete 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.

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

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

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

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 previous question.

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

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

Articles of Faith.

Purpose: To set in order a declaration of those things most surely believed among us. Luke 1:1.

Article 1. We believe in one only true and living God, and that there are three persons in the God-head—Father, Son and Holy Spirit. 1st King 8:60; Isaiah 44:6; Matt. 28:19; John 10:30; 14:16.

Article 2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God and the only rule of Faith and Practice. Deut. 4:2; 12:32; Matt. 15:9; Luke 11:28; John 14:15; 2nd Timothy 3:16; 1st. Thess. 2:13; 1st. Peter 4:11; Revelations 22:19.

Article 3. We believe in the doctrine of Original Sin. Gen. 3:5; Psa. 51:5; 1st. King 8:46; Rom. 3:9; Gal. 3:22.

Article 4. We believe in the total depravity of the human heart and that the natural state of man is such that he cannot recover himself from his fallen and ruined condition. Psa. 53:1; Jer. 13:23; Rom. 8:7-8; John 3:3; Micah. 6:7; Gal. 3:10-11.

Article 5. We believe in Election according to the Fore-knowledge of God, through Sanctification of the Spirit, and Belief of the Truth. Deut. 7:6; Acts 22:14; 13:46; Romans 8:29-30; Eph. 1:4; Matt.

24:31; John 10:16; 6:37; Romans 9:15; 2nd Tim. 1:9; Titus 1:1-2; 1st. Peter 2:9.

Article 6. 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, but his own voluntary rejection of that Grace. Titus 2:11; John 3:16-18.

Article 7. We believe that sinners are Justified only by Faith in Jesus Christ. Romans 5:1; Isaiah 53:11; Acts 13:38-39; Romans 10:4; 3:25-26; 1st. Cor. 1:30; Gal. 3:21-24; 2:16.

Article 8. 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 men everywhere. Matt. 28:19-20; Acts 4:12; Romans 1:16; Acts 16:31.

Article 9. We believe that the Saints shall persevere in Grace and never finally fall away. John 10:27-29; 17:9-12; 11:25-26; Romans 8:31-39.

Article 10. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are Ordinances of Jesus imposed upon His Church. Matt. 28:19-20; Luke 22:19.

That nothing is Baptism but immersion. Matt. 3:16.

That believers are the only proper subjects of His Ordinances. Matt. 3:7; Acts 8:36-38.

And that none but Baptized believers are entitled to partake of the Lord's Supper. Acts 2:41-42; Matt. 26:20-30; Mar. 14:17-26; Luke 22:14-18.

Article 11. We believe in the Resurrection of the Dead and a General Judgement. Acts 17:31;

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1st. Cor. 15:3-4, 20-25; John 5:28-29; Heb. 9:27;
2nd. Peter 3:7.

Article 12. We believe that the Punishment of the Wicked will be Everlasting, and the Joys of the Righteous will be Eternal. Matt. 25:46; 2nd. Thess. 1:9; Mar. 10:30.

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Minutes

Wednesday Morning

THE SUWANNEE Missionary Baptist Association met in its forty-second annual session with Jasper Baptist church on October 15, 1913. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator A. J. York.

After singing and prayer led by Brother Peacock, Brother York read the 131st. Psalm.

Motion that the delegates on the letters who appear on the list and those who may come in, compose this Association.

Messengers were called for and the following churches handed in their letter:—

Jasper—J. H. Reid, S. S. Mathis, W. S. Murrow, R. L. Frink, B. Small, P. H. Sandlin, J. W. Adams, Mrs. B. Small, Mrs. W. C. Caldwell.

Antioch—E. R. Wise and wife, R. J. Allen, Mrs. C. H. Brinson, J. H. Burnette, Miss Nean Allen.

Live Oak—A. J. York, C. A. Hardee, Mrs. C. N. Hildreth, Jr., Mrs. Parramore, Mrs. W. C. Bache, Mrs. C. Y. Byrd, Mrs. Harry Wood.

New Hope—G. W. Dempsey, R. J. Bush.

O'Brien—Mrs. L. B. Davis, T. C. Williams, Miss Vertie Roberts.

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Philadelphia—T. L. Peacock, Miss Geanie Peacock, P. M. Lanier.

Union—B. D. Douglas.

Suwannee—P. S. Mikell.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The next order of business was the election of officers of the Association. The following were elected:—

Moderator—A. J. York.

Clerk—R. J. Allen.

Treasurer—D. J. Mills.

Motion that we extend to the Beulah Association, if they disband, or any church in its Association wishing to come in with us, an invitation to do so.

Upon motion the reading of the report on State Missions was postponed until Thursday evening.

Upon motion it was ordered that the report on Sunday Schools and Baptist Young People's Work be read on Wednesday evening instead of Thursday evening.

Brother H. A. Jordan preached the introductory sermon, using as his text 1st. John 3:12.

After preaching, the Moderator appointed the following committees:—

Finance Committee:—

L. D. NEWLAND.

P. S. MIKELL.

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Religious Exercise Committee:—

S. S. MATHIS.

BRAXTON SMALL.

W. S. MURROW.

T. C. WILLIAMS.

Adjourned two hours for dinner.

Wednesday Afternoon

Wednesday afternoon the Association was opened by singing a hymn. Prayer by Brother Adams.

Upon motion the Pine Mount delegates were invited to seats with us.

Brother Mathis amended the motion that a committee be appointed by the Moderator to report on this application. Amendment carried.

Upon motion the report of Sunday Schools and Baptist Young People's Work was placed at 10 o'clock Thursday morning.

Motion that Home and Foreign Missions' report be taken up at 7:30 o'clock this evening.

The Religious Exercise Committee reported that Brother Parshley would preach tonight and Dr. A. P. Montague tomorrow at 11 o'clock.

The Executive Committee read their report which was spoken to by Bros. Mathis, Parshley, York Report as follows:—

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REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

To the Suwannee Missionary Baptist Association,
Greeting:—

Dear Brethren:—Your Executive Committee charged with the administration of your affairs ad-interim, beg to say that while we have tried to be on the alert and hold ourselves ready for service at any time, yet there have been but few matters to claim our attention, and therefore, not much to report.

You are, of course, aware of the action of our last State Convention, held at Lakeland in December, in abolishing, at least for a year, the old plan of employing an Associational Missionary for each Association and substituting instead a plan for grouping certain Associations most easily accessible, into co-operative districts, and employing an Evangelist for each district.

This seemed to the Convention necessary in order to place within easy reach of the weakest church, as strong a man as could easily be secured; enabling the State Board of Missions to pay larger salaries and thereby procure stronger men than could be done by the employment of the larger number of men employed under the old plan.

Your Committee being in full accord with the Convention, held a meeting at Live Oak, at the Auditorium on January 10, 1913, and decided to cooperate with the Executive Committee of Beulah Harmony and Central Associations, and at a joint session of committees of these three Associations with ours, held at Live Oak on January 17th, Rev. S.

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S. Mathis, former pastor of the First Baptist Church of Jasper, was unanimously elected as our Evangelist, and was commissioned by the Board and began work on March First of this year.

Brother Mathis has waged a vigorous campaign and has given to our Association a liberal share of his time.

He has given the pastors and churches some valuable assistance in Evangelistic meetings as well as to subserve the interests of our work in general. For a fuller account of his work you may refer to his report, which will doubtless follow.

It was further made to appear to us that Rev. B. D. Harrell was entitled to an interest in the aged minister's fund. We recommend that he be put on the aged minister's list.

An appropriation was also recommended for the Rose Mary church for \$125.00 to aid them in erecting and completing a new building.

It is with peculiar pleasure that we call your attention to the new church building of the Jasper church, which is now complete and in which we are assembled, and appreciate the further fact that the building has been erected without aid from any agency of the denomination.

We note with sorrow, however, that the two strongest churches of the Association are without pastors, Brother Mathis having resigned at Jasper on March 1, and Brother W. R. Ivey, a prominent member of this committee having left the Live Oak church and the State, on October 1. May the time soon come when these two churches shall be manned

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by strong men, and other churches in our Association, who are pastorless, find the right leader.

We believe that we are rapidly coming to a new day—a day of progress and achievement in the Kingdom of Christ, and we pray that the Suwannee Association may take her place in the front rank among the Associations of Florida.

Recommendations.

We desire to recommend:—

1. That the Association urge the pastors of the leading churches and the leading laymen in all our churches to arrange and assist in every way possible in holding Missionary Institutes and Rallies for the purpose of disseminating Missionary information and generating Missionary enthusiasm, that our churches may become Missionary in FACT as well as in name.

2. That each church shall undertake immediately upon the beginning of the new fiscal year, the raising of a definite sum for the various objects fostered by our State Convention, and that the new Executive Committee make an apportionment to every church, asking for a definite sum and prorata share of our obligations.

3. We earnestly request each church to send messengers from among its young people, and Sunday School officers to the various meetings of our Sunday School Conventions.

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4. That every member of the Association pledge his hearty assistance to the clerk in completing a roll of the churches of our Association, in order that the Executive Committee may be able to get in touch with inactive and non-contributing churches.

5. Last and greatest and most important let every church and every member see to it, that a liberal offering is made for State Missions and same forwarded to Dr. S. B. Rogers at Gainesville, at once.

Respectfully submitted,

E. R. WISE,

Chairman, Executive Committee.

Report adopted.

MISSIONARY REPORT.

To the Suwannee Missionary Baptist Association:—

Dear Brethren:—I was commissioned by the State Board of Missions to do Evangelistic Work in the Suwannee, Beulah, Harmony and Central Associations, and began work on March 1st.

I have tried as best I could to respond to every call for my service from every source, but have had to refuse some churches who have asked for meetings on account of having more work offered than I could do.

To this date I have done the following work in this Association:—

Evangelistic Meetings held	6
Sermons in These Meetings	59
Received For Baptism	12
Institutes Attended	3.

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Addresses in Above Institutes 15
Collected in This Association \$89.57

Above report is, of course, only a small part of the work done, being a statement of work done only in this Association.

Yours very fraternally,
S. S. MATHIS,
Evangelist.

Report adopted.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

Committee on Foreign Missions:—

T. C. WATTS.
DAVID HERNDON.
MRS. P. H. SANDLIN.
MRS. E. R. WISE.

Committee on Home Missions:—

T. L. PEACOCK.
B. D. DOUGLAS.
MRS. W. C. BACHE.

Committee to investigate the credentials of Pine Mount church:—

S. S. MATHIS.
BRAXTON SMALL.
C. A. HARDEE.
H. A. JORDAN.
T. L. PEACOCK.

Committee on Nominations:—

G. W. DEMPSEY.
E. R. WISE.

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R. J. BUSH.
T. L. PEACOCK.

Committee on Education:—

BRAXTON SMALL.
J. H. BURNETTE.
MISS GEANIE PEACOCK.

Committee on Orphanage:—

E. R. WISE.
MRS. C. Y. BYRD.
C. N. HILDRETH, JR.

Brother Murrow read some Articles of Faith and gave reference in the Bible where to find them. Upon motion it was ordered that a committee of three be appointed to examine the Articles of Faith of Brother Murrow and report, and the following were appointed:—

W. S. MURROW.
T. L. PEACOCK.
E. R. WISE.

Committee on Present-day Evils:—

S. S. MATHIS.
T. C. WILLIAMS.
MRS. L. B. DAVIS.
MRS. ADDIE PAULK.

Committee on Temperance:—

R. J. BUSH.
C. A. HARDEE.
H. A. JORDAN.

Adjournment.

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Wednesday Evening

The service on Wednesday evening was opened by singing hymn on page three. After prayer by Brother Overstreet, messengers were called for and the following responded:—

Rocky Sink—L. D. Newland.

Beulah—W. D. Stinson, L. C. Ezell.

Mt. Olive—H. V. Johns, John Starling.

Report on Foreign Missions was read by Bro. Mathis, as follows:—

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Jesus said to His disciples: "All authority hath been given unto me in Heaven and on earth. Go ye therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the earth."

In response to this command the Missionary Baptists of the South contributed to Foreign Missions last year \$566,371.64, all of which was expended in the futherance and maintenance of our Foreign work.

Of this amount, Florida's offering was \$9,965.32 of which the Suwannee Association, according to our year book, gave \$184.00. Two churches of the Association contributed \$160.55, leaving a balance

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of \$23.45 contributed by all the approximately 28 other churches combined, an average of less than \$1.00 each, but perhaps this is hardly a fair comparison, for out of those 28 churches only six gave anything at all, there being only eight churches in our Association that contributed to Missions last year. In other words, two and one-half million Southern Baptists gave 22½ cents per capita.

While approximately 700 Suwannee Association Baptists gave less than eleven cents per capita.

"Will a man rob God?" asked the prophet, and when the people said "How have we robbed Him?" he answered: "In offerings," and verily it must be true today.

Brethren, deplorable as these facts are, when considered in the face of His Command, yet they will not be much improved upon, until the Spirit of our Master so seizes and holds us that His Cause shall have the place it deserves—first place in our hearts and plans, and causes us to bestir ourselves to action in behalf of the lost in our own homes, State and Nation.

"Let your light so shine among men"—which men? All men from Jerusalem to the uttermost parts of the earth, "that they may glorify your Father who art in Heaven."

Shall we whose souls are lighted with wisdom
from on High,

Shall we to souls benighted the Lamp of Faith
deny?

Salvation, Oh Salvation

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The glorious news proclaim,
Till earth's remotest nation
Shall shout Messiah's name.

Respectfully submitted,
S. S. MATHIS, Chairman.
T. C. WATTS,
DAVID HERNDON,
MRS. P. H. SANDLIN,
MRS. E. R. WISE,

Committee.

Report adopted and spoken on by Brother Wil-
lam Parshley.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Of all the agencies employed in the carrying out of the Great Commission, there are none, nor indeed can be none more important than the work of the Home Mission Board. The very name "Home Missions" should enthuse the heart of every Southern Baptist. It means the protection and sanctity of the home in our beloved Southland.

Much more it means the salvation of our loved ones, our friends, and the stranger within our gates. In fact it stands for the salvation of a lost world. Strengthen and fortify our Baptist cause at home, and we are prepared to give it to a dying world.

It has been said that "As goes America, so goes the world," and "Goes the South, so goes America." We believe this is true with reference to Baptist principles. Nowhere on earth have Baptist principles flourished and conquered as in our own South.

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Then how great the responsibility of Southern Baptists, of Florida Baptists, of Suwannee Baptists? By the aid of the Home Board, we are able to combat the heresies of papalism and paganism that are constantly landing on our shore through the great flowing tide of emigration. Through the assistance of Home Missions many once weak and homeless churches are now strongholds in our Lord's Kingdom.

By the Home Board our State and Associational Mission Work is much strengthened. When we consider all this and then look at the financial table of our Suwannee Missionary Baptist Association, we are shocked at the indifference of our churches.

In 1912, the workers employed by the Board reported 26,899 baptisms; total additions to the churches, 47,728; 683 churches constituted and 754 Sunday Schools organized. More than two Sunday Schools and nearly two churches for every day in the year!

Then there is the mountain school work, the department of evangelism, our work in Cuba and the Canal Zone, and the work among the negroes all carried on by the Home Board. Yet in the face of the fact that the Board has done so much and that so much more needs to be done, only ten of the thirty churches in our Association contributed to Home Missions last year, and their offerings were small—a total of \$226.00.

We have several churches who ought alone to have given more than this amount. We earnestly recommend that every pastor in our bounds take and

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read and try to get each member in their fields to take and read our Home Field. That each pastor pray for the guiding influence of the Holy Spirit, and that they be obedient to the Spirit in dealing with the great question of Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

T. L. PEACOCK, Chairman.

MRS. C. W. BACHE,

B. D. DOUGLAS,

Committee.

Report adopted, and was spoken on by Brother William Parshley.

Motion that Report on Woman's Work be placed for two o'clock Thursday afternoon.

Committee on Woman's Work:—

MRS. BRAXTON SMALL.

W. L. OVERSTREET.

P. M. LANIER.

MRS. ADDIE PAULK.

Motion we adjourn until tomorrow, 9:30 A. M.

Thursday Morning

Thursday morning service was opened by singing Hymn No. 49. Prayer by Brother Patterson.

Visitors from other Associations, Brothers Patterson, Montague and Mrs. H. C. Peelman, were invited to seats with us.

Letters were called for and the following responded:—

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Jennings—Mrs. W. C. Taylor, Mrs. J. L. McDaniels, Rev. N. B. Buckley, Raymond Lee, D. J. Herring.

Friendship—L. C. Lanier, C. H. Walker.

Bellville—T. P. Johns, Mose Coker.

Hopewell—David Herndon, Mollie DeLoach.

Committee on Articles of Faith reported, as follows:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ARTICLES OF FAITH.

We, your Committee, to whom was referred the proposed Articles of Faith with Scripture references inserted and which paper is herewith attached, have carefully gone over the contents of this paper and most heartily and earnestly recommend its adoption as made and that the same be printed in the minutes from year to year as they are prepared.

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. MURROW,

T. L. PEACOCK,

E. R. WISE,

Committee.

Report adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.

Report on Sunday Schools and Baptist Young People's Work was read by Brother Murrow, as follows:—

Young People's Work is one of the most important obligations laid upon us by the Master. "Train up a child in the way he should go and when

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he is old he will not depart from it." Prov. 22:6.

"And ye fathers provoke not your children to wrath; but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." Eph. 6:4.

From these we have the obligation and the command. Others feeling this resting upon them to such an extent that they were burdened with the desire to solve the problem of the training of the young, organized and put into work some twenty years ago, the training school of the Church—the B. Y. P. U.—and now there are in the South over twenty-five hundred Unions in connection with the various churches training for service the young people in their respective communities.

How many in Florida ?

How many in this Association ?

These should be important question for us. G. E. Mabry, of Tampa, is President, and George Hyman, now of Sanford, is Secretary of the B. Y. P. U. of Florida. The State is divided into four districts, and Conventions are held in each for inspiration and suggested plans for bettering the work of the local Unions.

A yearly Encampment is held at Lake City, on the Grounds and in the Halls of Columbia College, which partakes of the Chautauqua idea and is indeed one of the livest factors in giving inspiration to the work that we have in the State.

We recommend that each Church within the bounds of this Association organize and maintain a Baptist Young People's Union, the training service of the Church, so that our young may grow into

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manhood and womanhood willing, anxious and ready to do the Master's service in this His vineyard.

The Sunday School is not displaced by the B. Y. P. U., but is really aided by it, in that teachers and officers for the Sunday School are found more readily and better prepared among those who have been in the B. Y. P. U., the training School of the Church.

The Sunday School is needed and cannot be displaced, for it is the Teaching Service of the Church. The Bible—the Word of God—is taught there and that exclusively, or should be. Christ's command "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you," and "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth," are before us.

What better way can we comply with these commands from the Inspired Word than that which has been organized and become an indispensable part of the Church Work—The Sunday School ?

Statistics show that a vast majority of the conversions come from the children of the Sunday School. So then, in teaching there are two things to be considered. Teaching the believer the more perfect way that he may be rooted and grounded in the Faith, and teaching the unbeliever that he may realize the fullness of the love of God, and become as a little child.

Out of the 21 churches reporting to the Association last year, only ten report any Sunday School, only two report any conversions, and only one report any contributions. These same churches re-

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port 566 scholars with 70 teachers from a Church membership of 1,274, showing less than half of the Church membership as being at all interested in the systematic and organized method of studying and teaching God's Word. This should not be. Oh! for a closer walk with God.

The State Board has employed for several years a man to look after, properly organize, systematize and encourage this department of the work of the Church. Training classes have been organized and men and women all over the State are preparing themselves for more effective work in the teaching service.

We beg to note one more advance which is proving the wisdom of such, in the organizing of a Sunday School Convention, holding its sessions on the fifth Sunday and the two or three days before.

These are inspirational, uplifting and very beneficial, not only to the School itself, but to the whole community in which it is held. We recommend most heartily the continuance of these Conventions, and urge upon all the Churches to organize a Sunday School for the purpose of studying God's Word and doing it systematically and intelligently, and that each school have a large representation at each Convention.

Respectfully submitted,
J. H. REID,
N. G. BUCKLEY,
RAYMOND LEE,
W. S. MURROW,

Committee.

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REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

The report on the Sunday School Convention of the Suwannee Missionary Baptist Association, was read by Brother Peacock, as follows:—

By unanimous vote of the delegates present at the Fifth Sunday meeting of the Suwannee Missionary Baptist Association, assembled with the Baptist Church at Tiger Lake, the Sunday School Convention of said Association was organized Saturday before the Fifth Sunday in September, 1912, by electing E. R. Wise, President; S. S. Mathis, first Vice-President, and T. L. Peacock, Secretary.

The second session of the Convention was invited to the Philadelphia Church, but owing to some misunderstanding only two or three churches were represented at this session, and very little was done.

The next session was held with Mt. Olive. The attendance at this session was very good. Much good was accomplished, the best of which was the conducting of a teacher's class by S. S. Mathis. The result was shown in six diplomas which were awarded.

The next session was held with O'Brien church. The attendance was good and much interest manifested. The result of this meeting was five diplomas being awarded and also one extra seal. Also at this meeting Sunday School work, temperance Course and Missions were ably discussed and greatly encouraged.

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The fourth session was held with Antioch Church. The attendance being good and Teacher Training continued. General Missionary Rally. Officers for ensuing year elected as follows:—

E. R. WISE, President.

S. S. MATHIS, 1st. Vice President.

GEANIE PEACOCK, Secretary.

The result of the first year's work of the Convention were eleven diplomas to teachers and three extra seals. Also general increase of interest in Bible School work among those who have attended the meetings of the Convention.

Thus we see that the work of the Convention, though in its infancy and with some opposition, has been great. With the co-operation of all the churches and pastors it would have been very great.

Respectfully submitted,

T. L. PEACOCK,

Secretary 1912.

Both the above reports were spoken to by Bros. W. S. Murrow, J. H. Reid, A. P. Montague, N. G. Buckley, T. L. Peacock, and unanimously adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The report on Education was read by Brother Braxton Small, as follows:—

When God made the man Adam, and breathed into him the breath of Life, and he became a living Soul, the education of man began. We must all believe that it was the will of the Divine Maker that

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the mind and faculties of man should grow and expand. This is exemplified in the growth of the mind of a child. As a babe it is possessed of but little intelligence, and whose mind grows and advances as the strength of body and age comes to it, until the man is fully developed:

The development and instruction of these natural faculties is what we know as education. The man of business and the professional man, who have an education, are better equipped to meet the business and professional problems than the unlearned man. The farmer and the machinist, who are possessed of technical learning, can do better and more effective work, each in their particular calling, than the man who has had no advantages. The Christian, whether he be layman or pastor, can study the Word of God with greater intelligence, and can impart to others the knowledge he has acquired with more clearness and effectiveness, if he or she be educated.

We believe that Christian education is one of the most vital forces in the world for good, and is sweeping the world onward and upward. We cannot too highly regard this God-given gift, for Christian education fits a man or woman for all the spheres of life, both religious and secular, for the home, for society, for business, and to do the work so much needed in the religious field and in our churches.

Our denominational schools and colleges are the only reliable source from which we draw our forces for State, Home and Foreign Missions. Close

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our schools, and we would soon be as ignorant as we were one hundred years ago. The uneducated man cannot resist and defeat the present day assaults made upon Christianity, and especially upon Baptist interpretation of the Bible by the quick-witted and advanced thinkers of our enemies. We must support and give our patronage to our Baptist schools and colleges.

The schools of other denominations will not supply us with the training we need, and are not safe and reliable guides for our young men and women. The State Schools do not give us this training, because the law forbids religious instruction in public schools. The necessity is upon us. We must educate or retrograde.

We are leading all other denominations in the South today because we are giving a larger and more loyal support and patronage to our Baptist Schools than any other denomination does to theirs.

We commend to this Association our much beloved Columbia College. We ask that you give to it liberally of your love, of your money, and of your children. The College will take your gift of love, and will use it in loving kindness to the children you send us, and in affectionate care of their minds and bodies. Your gift of money will be used for the upbuilding of this already great College property, and its proper equipment for the work required of it. The gift of your children will be used by the College as most worthy material from which to turn out from its gates boys and girls who shall become the men and women of the future, reflect honor and

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credit upon the College, and who shall be a joy to the hearts of the fathers and mothers who send them to us.

And lastly, but not least, these boys and girls shall become Columbia College men and women, to be used of God in our local churches, giving them better teachers for the Sunday Schools, abler preachers for preaching the Word, and provide the Boards with more intelligent men and women for the different Mission fields.

Respectfully submitted,
BRAXTON SMALL, Chairman.
J. A. BURNETTE,
GEANIE PEACOCK,

Committee.

Report adopted. Subject spoken on by Bros.
Braxton Small, Scott Patterson, A. P. Montague.

The hour having arrived for preaching, Rev.
A. P. Montague gave us a fine talk on education.

After service a collection was taken for Ministerial Education, which amounted to One Hundred and Two Dollars (\$102.00) for Columbia College.

Motion we adjourn two hours for dinner.

Thursday Afternoon

The session of Thursday afternoon was opened by singing Hymn No. 67, and prayer by Brother Buckley.

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Letters were called for and the following responded:—

Rose Mary—W. H. Meeks, J. S. Altman.

Clayland—Arthur Hart, E. B. Mosely.

Pleasant Hill—W. W. Leggett, Mary Bell, S. D. Jamison, W. F. Ramsey.

New Prospect—W. H. Brantley.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

The report on Woman's Work was read by Mrs. Braxton Small, as follows:—

Your Committee on Woman's Work beg to submit the following report:—

The work of woman in the Church cannot be estimated in words, or in dollars and cents. Paul laid great emphasis on their work when he said: "Help those women which labored with me in the Gospel," and the so-called woman's sphere was not limited by the Master when he said "the field is the world." It was said of one woman "She hath done what she could," and that service for the Master was the breaking of a box of precious ointment, the sweet odors of which are gladden hearts to this day.

If all the pastors of the Suwannee Association could realize what Woman's Work means to them in their labors in the Vineyard of the Lord, they would not rest until they had made every effort to have organized a W. M. U. Society in every church they serve.

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There is great need of hearty co-operation between pastors and associational superintendents. When a pastor knows that a society could be organized in his church, he should advise the superintendent, and she would at once visit them, and organize the society, or else the pastor organize the society, and advise the superintendent, so that she could send them literature, and visit them at the first opportunity, but most especially that the superintendent may report them to the State officers, so that they may know where the new societies are located, and give them proper recognition and support.

Your Committee would earnestly recommend to the women of our Association their loving and prayerful consideration of this work, and have them to know that this is service for God, and that it will be owned and blessed of Him. We would further recommend the organizing of Sunbeam Bands, Royal Ambassadors, Young Woman's Auxillary and Woman's Missionary Unions, wherever possible.

The Woman's Work of the Association for the year just closed, as far as could be ascertained by the Committee, is as follows:—

Mission Study Classes	2
Number of W. M. U. Societies	5
Young Woman's Auxiliary	None
Royal Ambassadors	None
Sunbeam Bands	None
W. M. U. Members	43
Subscribers to F. M. J.	1
Subscribers to H. F.	2
Subscribers to O. M. F.	19

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Subscribers to Baptist Witness 20

Contributions.

Foreign Board	\$ 28.45
Home Board	27.40
State Board	108.20
Chipley Memorial Fund	14.90
S. S. Bible Fund	1.50
W. M. U. Training School	3.00
Columbia College	18.90
Aged Ministers	15.40
Ministers' Assurance	4.00
Orphanage (Money and boxes)	54.40
Help to Poor	18.65
Other Purposes (Local expenditures)	726.15

Total reported\$ 1020.95

Respectfully submitted,
 MRS. BRAXTON SMALL, C'h'm.
 MRS. ADDIE PAULK,
 W. L. OVERSTREET,
 P. M. LANIER,

Committee.

Report adopted. Subject spoken on by Mrs. Braxton Small, Mrs. H. C. Peelman, Bros. Patterson and Parshley.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

Report of Treasurer D. J. Mills, in account with the Suwannee Missionary Baptist Association, as follows:—

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1912. Oct. 19, Receipts from Finance Committee	\$ 74.40
1912. Oct. 20, Receipts from Finance Committee	16.50
1912. Oct. 20, Received from former treas	3.00
Total	\$ 93.90

Disbursements.

Oct. 20. Paid S. B. Rogers as follows:—	
Oct. 20. For State Missions	\$ 23.25
Oct. 20. For Home Missions	8.75
Oct. 20. For Foreign Missions	7.50
Oct. 20. For Aged Ministers	1.30
Oct. 20. For Clerk	15.00
Dec. 31. For printing minutes, etc	35.10

Total Disbursements\$ 90.90
 Leaving balance on hand 3.00

Total\$ 93.90

Respectfully submitted,
 D. J. MILLS, Treasurer.

Report adopted.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

The report of the Committee on Nominations was read by Brother R. J. Bush, as follows:—
 We, your Committee on Nominations, beg to submit the following as our report:—

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Executive Committee of the Association:—

E. R. WISE.
T. L. PEACOCK.
D. J. MILLS.
T. C. WILLIAMS.
R. J. BUSH.
S. S. MATHIS.
J. L. McDANIEL.

Member of State Board:—

W. S. MURROW.

Messenger Southern Baptist Convention:—

REV. J. B. DIXON.

Messengers to State Convention:—

S. S. MATHIS.
W. S. MURROW.
T. L. PEACOCK.
C. A. HARDEE.
J. F. HARRELL.

Next Meeting Place:—Jennings Baptist church.

Wednesday before the 3rd Sunday in October.

Introductory Sermon by Rev. J. B. Dixon.

Alternate by Pastor of Live Oak church.

Missionary Sermon by Rev. N. G. Buckley.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. DEMPSEY,
R. J. BUSH,
T. L. PEACOCK,
E. R. WISE,

Committee.

Report adopted. Brother Mathis moved to amend the report by adding the following:—

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Home Mission Superintendent:—

T. L. PEACOCK.

Foreign Mission Superintendent:—

J. B. DIXON.

REPORT ON PRESENT-DAY EVILS.

The report of the Committee on Present-day Evils was read by Rev. S. S. Mathis, as follows:—

If your Committee on Present-day Evils interpret the signs of the times aright, one among the greatest evils of the day is the flagrant violation of the law. With our advanced civilization and ever increasing facilities for education, it would not be unnatural to expect a law-abiding citizenship, but an earnest look at the situation can but cause the thoughtful person much concern.

Perhaps there has never been a day when there was less violation of law by the so-called lawless element, nor when criminals of low and high rank were being brought to a more speedy justice; but the danger that confronts us today is the "petty" violations of law by those who are regarded as law-abiding citizens.

There are constant and flagrant violations of our game and fish laws—little things in themselves they may seem—but breeding in the heart of the violators, as well as in the growing youth, that general disregard for law, which finally undermines our civilization and the State and Nation itself.

It may, perhaps, be granted that there are many laws upon our statutes that are not worthy of our respect, but our judiciary is clothed with proper

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authority and power to pass upon the validity of law, and it is our part to obey them as they are.

But perhaps the worst of it all lies in the fact that many churchmen are thoughtless of the laws they constantly violate. Brethren, one of the Commandments of the New Testament is that "Ye obey the powers that be," and a high regard for right and a keen sense of honor will impel one to obey the laws of the land.

Another evil that is encroaching upon the rights of Christianity and attempting to undermine our civilization is the disregard for, and violation of the Sabbath. The open dealing in cold drinks and cigars on Sunday by older persons can but bear fruit in the rising generation in an undermining of our religious standards.

The keeping to one day in seven purely for worship of God and the building up of our physical and moral selves, has come to us from before the flood and delivered to us to be transmitted to future generations. Shall we give them a high regard for the Sabbath and high religious ideals, or shall we allow those who have no regard for our holy institutions to tear them down? Let every one bestir himself to the best there is in him for the maintenance of law and the preservation of the Sabbath.

Respectfully submitted,

S. S. MATHIS, Chairman.

MRS. ADDIE PAULK,

MRS. L. B. DAVIS,

T. C. WILLIAMS, Committee.

Report adopted. Subject spoken on by Bro. S. S. Mathis.

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REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

The report of the Committee on Religious Literature was read by Brother W. S. Murrow, as follows:—

The World today is keeping abreast of the times in every phase of life—its duties and its problems, its pleasures and its pastimes, its sorrows and its griefs, by the use of the printed page in its various forms—the large daily, the semi-weekly, the weekly and magazines and journals, and books and books upon top of books by all kind of writers, and rightly so. One who does not read and keep informed of the happenings of the day is looked upon as queer and ignorant, and not alive to the best interests of neither his community, his home, nor himself. He cannot converse intelligently with the common school child and is put down as a know-nothing.

These papers named above are disseminators of instruction and kindle enthusiasm and ambition, and arouse genius to produce the wonderful improvements and achievements that have marked this as a progressive age. If these provide such a store of knowledge and do so much for the onward march of civilization in the different phases of life, why not the State denominational paper, the monthly journals sent out by the Boards and the other literature, tracts and etc., receiving our anxious and eager attention that we may know what is going on in the work of the kingdom, that we may be better informed and our enthusiasm kindled and made to

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burn with a zeal and energy with a knowledge toward God.

Being informed is one of the highest compliments that can be paid a man today, and being informed in things religious is the duty of every child of God. Does He not say in His own printed page "Search the Scriptures," and "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the truth."

It has been demonstrated that a large percent of the knowledge and instruction that people acquire is acquired through the eye. Then how important it is that the professed Christian study, read and study the literature that pertains to his profession. The merchant reads his trade journal and paper and such like. The lawyer his advance sheets and other literature pertaining to his calling, the doctor reads his journals and magazines, and all of them, as well as others, in all professions, invest their money and time in the perusal of the printed page to perfect them in the work of their profession.

If then the profession of Christianity is the most important and vital and eternal profession, and who can deny that it is, then how much more incumbent upon us as professed Christians, to read approved books and magazines and matter that will store the mind with the deep and rich truths of God that we can readily and earnestly contend for the Faith once delivered unto the saints.

It is from a knowledge of conditions that we at all times are prepared to suggest and plan a remedy or propose progress. In order to have this knowl-

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edge we must profit by the experience of other organizations and institutions. They have their papers—weekly and monthly, as well as journals and magazines. We must have our weekly paper and monthly magazines or journals reporting the work and the interests, and reciting the plans and purposes of those at the front.

The Baptist Witness, published at Lakeland, the Home Field, published in Atlanta, Ga., and the Foreign Mission Journal published in Richmond, Va., the Sunday School periodicals and lesson helps and the many various and good books published by the many learned and experienced students of these truths, and last, but by no means, least, the Word of God—Holy Writ—gives the information for this upbuilding and far more interesting and compensating than any of the others in their profession, for this is Eternal.

We therefore recommend that each and every family provide themselves with a copy of the Bible, get some part of the Sunday School Board literature for study and so far as practicable, subscribe for and read each of the above named papers or journals and let religious books take the place of those bearing on the weaker and less important subjects of this life.

Respectfully submitted,
W. S. MURROW, Chairman.
W. L. OVERSTREET,
W. L. SHEPARD,
H. V. JOHNS,

Committee.

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Report adopted. Subject spoken on by Bros. W. S. Murrow, S. S. Mathis, A. J. York.

W. S. Murrow read a telegram from Brother Trice stating he could not be with us on account of a member of his church, a young man, being killed that morning.

Upon motion it was ordered that the clerk send Brother Trice a telegram of our regret that he could not be with us, and our sympathy to the bereaved family.

Motion that we take up reports on Orphanage.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS OF PINE MOUNT CHURCH.

We, the Committee upon Credentials of Pine Mount church, after much deliberation beg to say that we find a very peculiar and unusual situation and we desire to recommend that the messengers be received with fraternal greetings under the watchcare of the Association until the next annual session of the Association, where they shall present petitionary letters together with certified presbytery who organized them as provided in Article 10 of our Constitution.

Respectfully submitted,
S. S. MATHIS, Chairman.
BRAXTON SMALL,
C. A. HARDEE,
H. A. JORDAN,
T. L. PEACOCK,

Report adopted.

Committee.

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Pine Mount delegates—T. C. Mock, and Herbert Hogan were seated as Messengers.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

The report of the Committee on Orphanage was read by Brother R. J. Bush, as follows:—

Our Orphanage at Arcadia under the skillful management of Bro. J. E. Trice, is making splendid progress with the children that the Lord has entrusted into our hands to give a home.

The education of these helpless ones for citizenship is no small task, but calls for heroic work on the part of those that have the work in charge.

Their daily support must be seen after 365 days every year, but the responsibility is not greater than the privilege. The nearly 75 children are looking to us. We have told Brother Trice to go forward.

Brethren, we should press the claims of the Orphanage till every church and every member within the bounds of our Association will respond with reasonable contributions for the support of our Orphanage.

Respectfully submitted,
E. R. WISE, Chairman.
MRS. C. Y. BYRD,
MRS. C. N. HILDRETH, JR.,
Committee.

Report adopted. Subject spoken on by Bros. W. S. Murrow, T. L. Peacock, A. J. York.

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REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The report of the Finance Committee was read by Brother Newland, as follows:—

Your Committee on Finance makes the following report:—

Foreign Missions	\$ 1.00
Orphanage	50
Aged Ministers	2.00
State Missions	6.00
Minutes and Clerk	56.27

Total\$ 65.77

Respectfully submitted,
L. D. NEWLAND.
P. S. MIKELL,

Committee.

Report adopted.

Motion that the clerk take the money for minutes and have the minutes printed; and pay the balance due on last year's minutes, and that he keep the balance for his services.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

The report of the Committee on Obituaries was read by Brother Peacock, as follows:—

On investigation we learn that Rev. O. J. Revels and Deacons Geo. H. Dorman, T. A. Mikell and S. P. Mays have been called to their reward.

We bow in humble submission to the will of our

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Heavenly Father, and recommend that in loving remembrance of them we set apart one page in our minutes to their memory.

Respectfully submitted,

T. L. PEACOCK, Chairman.

Report adopted.

Upon motion the report of the Committee on Temperance be heard at 7:45 this evening.

The report of the Committee on State Missions was placed at 8:15 this evening.

Motion to adjourn.

Thursday Evening

Thursday evening's service was opened by singing Hymn No. 157. Prayer by Brother Parshley. Letters were called for and the following responded:—

Tiger Lake—G. L. Dorman.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The report of the Committee on Temperance was read by Brother R. J. Bush, as follows:—

To the Suwannee Association. Greeting:—

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

After looking over the field and concentrating our minds on the importance and duties of the hour, we are joyful over the fact that the drink habit in our midst is considerably on the decrease. Not that it has been totally abandoned, neither do we

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look for than in some time, still we hope some day to see prohibition triumph.

Judging from the decrease in crime in our land and especially where rum is the prime cause, we cannot help but feel grateful for the showing, realizing that there is nothing on earth that will rob man of every spark of love for his home, his country, and last but not least, for his God, like that of strong drink.

Let us strive to do all in our power to help our brother rid himself of that which will carry him onward on the wave of destruction and degradation.

We ask that our body of loyal workers do all in their power to put forth greater efforts in the future than has been put forth in the past, to help our fellow-man rid himself of the rum habit, and may our walks in every-day life be such as will draw men closer to God, and thus lift them to a higher standard of manhood, for we feel that there is nothing we could do that will relieve the troubled minds of the many mothers, daughters and wives of our country than to do something for the fathers and sons who might be led astray by bad associates and the rum habit.

May God, who is always willing to give in return for services rendered in His behalf, continue to bless our every effort along this line.

Humbly submitted,

R. J. BUSH, Chairman.

C. A. HARDEE,

H. A. JORDAN,

Committee.

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Report adopted. Subject spoken on by Bros. Buckley, York and Mahon.

RESOLUTION.

The Clerk offered the following resolution:—
Resolved that we extend to Jasper church and the town our sincere thanks for their kindness and courteous treatment to the delegates during our stay among them in this session of the Association.

We also extend our thanks to the choir for their noble and faithful work.

Respectfully submitted,
R. J. ALLEN, Clerk.

Resolution adopted.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES.

Chairman of the Committees were appointed, as follows:—

Foreign Missions:—

J. B. DIXON.

Home Missions:—

W. S. MURROW.

Sunday School and Young People's Work:—

BRAXTON SMALL.

Temperance:—

S. S. MATHIS.

Present-day Evils:—

E. R. WISE.

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Woman's Work:—

MRS. ADDIE PAULK.

Education:—

R. J. BUSH.

State Missions:—

T. L. PEACOCK.

Nominations:—

J. H. REID.

Orphanage:—

RAYMOND LEE.

Sacred Literature:—

N. G. BUCKLEY.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The report of the Committee on State Missions was read by W. S. Murrow, as follows:—

State Missions have been on the advance move for a number of years and plans have been made for an increase in effort and work this year.

At large there have been maintained and fostered and assisted by the State Board, the following:

74 Missionary Pastors.

128 Preaching Places.

98 Houses of Worship.

400 Sunday Schools.

14 Ministerial Students.

75 Homeless Orphans.

12 Aged Ministers.

And 100,000 Men and Women to a Better Life.

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What has the Suwannee Association done to help in this great work? What have you done?

Let us see.

Last year of the 28 churches in the Association only 21 made any report at all, and only 14 of these reported anything done for State Mission Work and their contributions amounted to the enormous sum of \$294.39. More than three times that amount, approximately \$900.00, was expended within the bounds of this Association.

Then Brethren, we are not Missionary, but a mission upon the State itself, and fall under one of the classes named above.

WHICH ?

Is it any wonder that our Board groans under the burden of DEBT and is appealing with trembling voice and bleeding heart for the help it is possible for us to give if we will only see the need and realize of a surety that we are robbing God ?

The State Board will have to raise within the next forty-five days the round sum of \$12,000.00 to meet its obligations which have been made upon the expressed wish of the churches through their representatives in Convention assembled.

Let us rise up in our might and cry out unto God, our Father, for forgiveness for our shortcomings of the past and for strength and determination to use the means at our hands for the furtherance of this great work, and to this end we recommend that pledges be made at this session of the Asso-

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ciation to be collected by the various churches and forwarded to Dr. Rogers at Gainesville by December first.

Respectfully submitted,
W. S. MURROW, Chairman.
T. L. PEACOCK,
S. S. MATHIS,
C. A. HARDEE,

Committee.

Report adopted. Subject was used in talks by Brothers Mahon and S. S. Mathis.

A PLEDGE.

Pledges were asked for from all the churches for State Missions to be paid by December First. One Hundred and Fifty Dollars and Fifty Cents was pledged.

ADJOURNMENT.

Motion we adjourn to meet with Jennings Baptist Church on Wednesday, October 14, 1914, at 10 o'clock A. M.

R. J. ALLEN,
Clerk.

A. J. YORK,
Moderator.

MINUTES SUWANNEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Minutes Woman's Missionary Union of the Suwannee Association

The W. M. U. convened in the old church building of Jasper, Florida, at 2:30 o'clock, October 16, 1913.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Braxton Small, Associational Superintendent.

"All Hail the Power of Jesus Name" was sung, and the One Hundredth Psalm was read in concert. Rev. Scott Patterson led in prayer.

Mrs. M. P. Hunter was elected Secretary, after which the following societies answered to the roll call:—Jasper, Jennings and O'Brien.

Written reports were handed in from Live Oak, Jasper, Jennings and Bellville; and we are proud to report a total of \$1,020.95 raised by these four societies during the year.

The Judson Memorial and Building Fund was discussed by Mrs. Addie Paulk and remarked upon by Mrs. Peelman.

"The Standard of Excellence" was read by Mrs. B. Small, and explained by Mrs. Peelman.

"The Ideal Building" was presented and discussed by the leader.

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Mrs. Taylor, of Jennings, and Mrs. Small, of Jasper were elected Associational Superintendents.

Mrs. Peelman's address on "Practical Methods of Work" was an inspiration to all present. She recommended that all Societies give liberally to the Library Fund for Columbia College, instead of the Margaret Home.

Rev. Scott Patterson, a returned missionary from Africa, was introduced, and spoke words of importance about the missionary work in Africa, and showed curios from there.

An offering was taken and given to Mrs. Peelman for State Missions.

The meeting was closed with an earnest prayer by Mrs. Peelman.

MRS. B. SMALL, Superintendent.

MRS. M. P. HUNTER, Secretary.

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Our Honored Dead

Mt. Olive—Mary E. Hutchinson,
Tollie Richardson.

New Hope—Bertie Stone, Florida
Deas, S. A. Dorman, O. L. Sowell.

Hopewell—J. W. Kent, T. W. Pearce
Sallie DeLoach.

Jennings—Henry Averitt.

Rocky Sink—Rose Parker, Mollie
Williams.

Clayland—W. H. Lamb.

Philadelphia—Rev. O. J. Revel.

Antioch—T. A. Mikell.

Jasper—Ella Mullis, Gussie Alt-
man, L. Townsend.

Live Oak—Deacon S. P. Mays, One
more report, but no name.

NUMERICAL

Churches	Pastor and Post Office	Clerk and Post Office Address
Antioch	H. A. Jordan, Welborn, Fla	R. J. Allen, Live Oak
Bellville	No Pastor	J. W. Polhill, Lake Park, Georgia
Bright Pond	J. S. Hurst, Live Oak	Cecil Lashley, Jasper
Beulah	T. L. Peacock, Wilmarth	W. A. Jordan, Dawling Park
Clayland	No Pastor	A. M. Morely, Newburn
Friendship	W. H. Holmes, O'Brien, Fla	C. W. Hays, Live Oak
Hopewell	A. Bond, O'Brien, Fla	David Herndon, Tarter, Georgia
Jasper	J. B. Dixon, Jasper, Fla	W. C. Caldwell Jasper
Jennings	N. G. Buckley, White Springs	G. M. Stephens, Jennings
Live Oak	No Pastor	W. E. Broome, "
Mary Bell	J. S. Hurst, Live Oak, Fla	J. J. Ramsey, Live Oak
Mt. Gilliard	J. S. Hurst, Live Oak	P. W. Page, Falmouth
Mt. Olive	R. E. Parnell, Welborn	J. B. Johns, Welborn
New Hope	W. L. Overstreet, Live Oak	G. W. Dempsey, Jennings
New Prospect	A. P. Young, Nashville, Ga	Wm. Brantley, Jasper
Orange	J. R. Clemonts, Day	W. H. Robinson, Newburn
O'Brien	A. J. York, Live Oak	W. L. McInnis, O'Brien
Pleasant Hill	W. H. Holmes, O'Brien	J. W. Jenkins, Pine Mount
Pine Mount	R. E. Parnell, Welborn	T. C. Mark, Pine Mount
Philadelphia	J. F. Tatum, Pine Mount	A. C. Boatright, Wilmarth
Rocky Sink	W. L. Overstreet, Live Oak	J. A. Mitchell, Live Oak
Rose Mary	W. L. Overstreet, Live Oak	J. C. Dixon, Live Oak
Suwannee	J. D. Overstreet, Macon, Ga	J. A. Phillips, Live Oak
Tiger Lake	No Pastor	G. M. Harrell, Live Oak
Union	W. B. Tiston, Columbus, Ga	J. L. Holmes, Columbia

TABLE

By baptism	Increase this year			Decrease this year			Membership this year	Net decrease	Net increase	What Sundays have preaching
	Letter or statement	By restoration	Total increase	By letter	By expulsion or erasure	By death					Total decrease
2	1		3	7		1	8	51	5	2nd S.
1			1			2	2	63	1	3rd S.
9			9					63		4th S.
5	4		9	1			1	61		8 3rd S.
					48	1	49	60	49	4th S.
								71		1st S.
8	2		10		1	3	4	56		6 4th S.
	1		1	14	2	3	19	134	18	All
7	8		15			1	1	88		14
12	25		37	29		2	31	206		6 All
	5	4	9			1	1	71		8 1st S.
	4		4	4			4	85		3rd S.
28		1	29	1		2	3	136		26 2nd S.
24	4	4	32	3		4	7	162		25 3rd S.
	1		1	1	2		3	27	2	
8	4		12					60		12
					1	1	2	48	2	3rd S.
	4		4					29		4
12	10		22					22		22 3rd S.
4			4	3		1	4	146		2nd S.
10	2	2	14	5	5	2	12	77		2 1st S.
14	7	1	22	8		1	9	77		13
3	8	1	12	1			1	22		11 1st S.
3	5	3	11			1	1	73		10 1st S.
5			5	1	11		12	86	7	1st S.
155	95	16	266	79	69	26	174	1889	84	176

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FINANCIAL

Churches	Pastor's salary	For building	Incidental and Improving	Visiting ministers	Associational Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions
Antioch	125 00				14 55	12 95	2 05	4 90
Bellville			7 00			6 00		
Bright Pond								
Beulah	40 00				10 70			
Clayland								
Friendship	50 00							
Hopewell	45 00							
Jasper	346 69	632 77	100 00		405 30	152 06	68 24	66 78
Jennings	346 30	5 50				7 82	2 75	1 10
Live Oak							200 00	
Mary Belle	37 00							
Mt. Gilead	50 00							
Mt. Olive	80 38							
New Hope	120 00	3 00	30 00	8 00				
New Prospect								
Orange	60 00							
O'Brien	72 00							
Pleasant Hill							50	
Pine Mount	25 00							
Philadelphia	100 00					20 50		
Rocky Sink s.	75 60			37 59		5 51		
Rose Mary	100 00	10 00	3 00		9 17	1 40	1 50	
Suwannee	51 50	20 00	34 56			2 25	3 20	
Tiger Lake			3 75		49 61	2 90	3 00	
Union	50 00							
Total	1774 47	671 27	178 31	45 59	489 33	211 39	281 24	72 78

TABLE.

Current expenses and Endowment, Columbia College	Ministerial Education	Aged Ministers	Orphanage	Minutes and Clerk	Total	Value of Pastoriums	Value of Church property	Total value property	Church organized, Year
2 00	1 00	3 15	5 00	1 75	172 35		1,000.00	1,200. 0	1852
1 00		2 00	50	1 75	18 25		500 00		1847
				1 00	1 00				
				3 00	53 70		460 00		1897
				2 00	2 00		400 00		
				3 00	53 00				
				2 50	47 50				
13 90		10 40	56 27	5 00	1857 41		10,000.00		1877
2 00	1 50			1 00	367 97		1000 00		
				\$5	\$205	2 000	10,000.00	12,000. 0	
				1 50	38 50		25 00		
				3 00	53 00		700 00		
				7 32	87 70		350 00		1892
				3 20	164 20		700 00		
				1 00	1 00				
				1 20	61 20		250 00		
				2 85	74 85		800 00		
				1 00	1 50				
				1 05	26 05				1913
				3 80	124 30		800 00	1500 00	1876
				3 00	121 70		1400 00		1883
				3 40	128 47		200 00		
15 00				2 00	128 57				
				2 00	61 26		200 00		
				1 00	51 00				
33 90	2 50	15 55	61 77	6432 3	901 88	200000	28,785.00	14,700.00	

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Churches	Name of Superintendent and P. O. Address.
Antioch .....	.....
Bellville .....	.....
Bright Pond .....	.....
Beulah .....	.....
Clayland .....	.....
Friendship	R. R. Brown
Hopewell .....	.....
Jasper	J. H. Reid, Jasper, Fla
Jennings	J. L. McDaniel, Jennings, Fla ..
Live Oak	C. A. Hardee, Live Oak, Fla ...
Mary Bell .....	.....
Mt. Gilliard .....	.....
Mt. Olive	H. V. Johns, Houston, Fla
New Hope .....	.....
New Prospect .....	.....
Orange .....	.....
O'Brien .....	.....
Pine Mount .....	.....
Philadelphia	A. C. Boatright, Wilmarth, Fla ..
Pleasant Hill .....	.....
Rose Mary .....	.....
Rocky Sink	H. B. Brown, Live Oak, Fla
Suwannee	G. W. Shiver, Live Oak, Fla ...
Tiger Lake .....	.....
Union

No. Schools.	No. Pupils.	No. Teachers.	Scholars Baptized.	Sunday School ex.
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1	30	5
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1	108	14	\$52.85
1	67	9
1	100	12
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1	50	7
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1	73	5
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1	57	6
1	26	6
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