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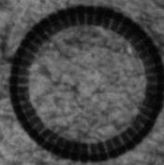
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Wednesday, October 14, 1914, The Suwannee Missionary Baptist Association, met in its forty-third annual session with Jennings Baptist church, on October 14, 1914, at 10 o'clock, and was called to order by the Moderator, A. J. York. He read the 27th Psalm followed by singing, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," and prayer by Bro. B. A. Geiger.

Letters were called for and the following were turned into the clerk:

Rocky Sink—Gus Brown and J. D. Overstreet.

Clayland—J. D. Williams, J. J. Watson and J. E. Brim.

Philadelphia—Miss Genie Peacock, John Peacock, D. J. Mills and Mrs. D. J. Mills.

Live Oak—A. J. York, W. B. Parshley, and Mrs. W. B. Parshley.

Suwannee—G. W. Shiver, and W. L. Overstreet.

Oak Grove—Mrs. E. A. Hurst and W. R. Hurst.

Friendship—R. D. Turner.

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

Mt. Gilliard—Chas. Griffin,

Jennings—A. J. Ward, G. M. Stephens and Miss Nora McCall.

New Hope—E. H. Sowell, G. W. Dimpsey, H. J. Simmons, G. O. Bush, R. J. Bush and W. Robertson.

Mt. Olive—W. M. Hines and A. S. Hogan.

Jasper—R. L. Frink, Braxton Small, J. D. Dixon, B. B. Johnson and Mrs. Braxton Small.

Pleasant Hill—W. W. Leggett, J. W. Jenkins and Mrs. J. W. Jenkins.

Tiger Lake—G. L. Dorman and Mrs. M. V. Mills.

Mt. Pisgah—J. E. Baden.

Beulah—W. D. Stinson, B. F. Durhan and L. C. Ezell.

Clerk reported quorum present.

Motion that the delegates see that their names are on the letters and those that hereafter come in compose this Association.

The election of officers being next in order, motion that the clerk cast the ballot for Moderator. He cast the vote for A. J. York for Moderator.

The Moderator cast the vote for R. James Allen for clerk.

The clerk cast the ballot for D. J. Mills as treasurer.

The meeting was then turned over to Bro. J. B. Dixon to preach the introductory sermon, using as his text: Isaiah 28th chapter and 16th and 17th verses. After preaching the Association adjourned two hours for dinner.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Opened by singing. Prayer by Bro. Howard.

Visiting brethren from other Associations invited to seats.

Bro. H. S. Howard from Florida Association, and Bro. B. A. Geiger were present.

Letters called for. Rosmary-Answert, J. S. Altman; O'Brien, T. J. Webb; Mary Bell, J. S. Hurst, S. A. Jimerison; Bellville, G. H. Perry, Miss Lucy Perry; New Prospect, Wm. Brantley.

Sister Pulman, assistant secretary, was present.

The Executive Committee read report. Report adopted as read.

To the Suwannee Missionary Baptist Association—Greetings: Dear Brethren: Your Executive Committee charged with the administration of your affairs, begs to say that while we have tried to be on the alert and hold ourselves ready for service at any time, yet there has been but few matters to claim our attention and therefore not much to report. We asked the state board for an appropriation of seventy-five dollars to aid in finishing up the Suwannee Station Baptist church. There was a committee appointed at our meeting in Live Oak to make the appointment of the six hundred dollars, which was asked for by the State Board. They did so, sending each church their pro rata amount. We recommend that each pastor

urge his church to raise the amount assessed against their church and forward same to Bro. S. B. Rogers, Jacksonville, as soon as possible.

Respectfully,

E. R. WISE, Chairman Executive Com.

Religious exercises, W. W. Leggett and the delegates from Jennings church.

Committees appointed as follows:

Temperance—J. D. Overstreet, C. H. Brinson and G. L. Dorman.

Sunday School—B. Y. P. U.—Braxton Small, Miss Genie Peacock and H. S. Howard.

Home Mission—W. S. Murrow, B. A. Geiger and G. W. Robertson.

Foreign Mission—J. B. Dixon, J. J. Watson and J. W. Jenkins.

Present Day Evils—E. R. Wise, J. L. McDaniel and A. J. Ward.

State Mission—W. L. Overstreet, B. B. Johnson and Mrs. M. V. Mills.

Education—R. J. Bush, R. D. Turner and E. H. Sowell.

Woman's Work—Mrs. Addie Paulk, J. D. Overstreet, Mrs. W. B. Parshley and B. A. Geiger.

Motion that the Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. report be set for 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Finance Committee—A. S. Hogan, R. L. Frink and W. D. Stinson.

Religious Exercise—Reported that Bro. H. S. Howard preach at 7 o'clock p. m.

Orphanage—B. B. Johnson, D. J. Mills and E. H. Brinson.

Sacred Literature—W. B. Parshley, Mrs. E. A. Wise and R. D. Turner.

Motion to adjourn until 7 o'clock Wednesday evening. The service was opened by singing hymn on page 3.

After prayer by Bro. W. L. Overstreet, report on Home Missions was read by Bro. B. A. Geiger, as follows:

(By Home Missions is meant the work done by our denomination in our own home-land and in the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention.)

The work consists mainly in evangelistic efforts in the cities and in the rural and isolated districts in the several states in Southern Baptist territory. These two phrases of evangelism are of most vital importance to our denominational life and to our civic life as well, for who wants to live in a land or in a community where there is no regard for Christianity and its teachings and how much better can the moral life of a community be enhanced than in the propagation of the teachings of the Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Then aside from the clear command of our Lord it is to our own interest as well that we put our efforts into this work of evangelism. How true has some one said of the foreign elements in our cities: "If we do not Christianize them, they will paganize us." Then let us truly be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and in Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the world, for he says, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the earth." Think of the Saviour's own life on earth. How he went about doing good unto all people, in the cities, in the country and in the by-ways and on the high-ways; how compassionate and sympathetic, how comforting and strengthening. Can we find a more worthy example. Think of the vast amount of good that has already been accomplished. Of the men and women who grace the important positions and pulpits of our denomination and its work in its various forms. Can we look at these and say it does not pay, to sav nothing of the satisfaction at having obeyed our Lord and Master. What have you done, what has your church done along this line and in this work? Of the twenty-eight churches in the Association, only twenty-five made a report to the Association last year. Of these twenty-five represented, only eight reported anything at all contributed for this part of the denominational work and that was only \$281.24. Of these eight only two gave an amount exceeding \$5.00.

The report from the State Board office for this year shows much less than the above amount contributed. Of course we are speaking of Home Missions. Are we doing our full duty and giving as the Lord doth prosper us?

Brethren, let us arise in the strength of the Lord and possess the land, for we are able. Has not the Lord assured us, "And lo, I am with thee." Then awake, awake put on thy strength, O Zion and in this strength let God's

will and purpose concerning man be made known. His saving health among all nations.

Fraternally submitted.

W. S. MURROW, Chairman.  
G. W. ROBERTSON,  
B. A. GEIGER.

Report adopted and spoken of by Bros. Geiger, Dixon and York.

The treasurer read his report as follows:

D. J. Mills in account with Suwannee Association.

1913, Oct. 26, Balance on hand .....	\$ 3.00
1913, Oct. 26, Recd. from Finance committee....	9.50
1913, Dec. 9, Recd. from J. E. Barden for minutes ..	2.00

\$14.50

#### 1913, DISBURSEMENTS.

Nov. 1, Paid State Missions .....	\$ 6.00
Nov. 1, Paid Foreign Missions .....	1.00
Nov. 1, Paid Orphanage .....	.50
Nov. 1, Paid Aged Ministers .....	2.00
Nov. 1, Paid R. J. Allen, by order E. R. Wise, chairman executive committee .....	3.00

Total disbursements .....

\$14.50

Leaving nothing on hand.

Respectfully submitted.

D. J. MILLS, Treasurer.

Motion we adjourn for preaching.

The meeting was turned over to Bro. Howard. His text can be found in II Corinthians, 9th chapter, 15th verse, "Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift." He preached a fine sermon.

After preaching we adjourned until 9:30 Thursday morning.

Nomination committee was appointed: G. M. Stephens, Miss Genie Peacock, Mrs. Braxton Small and G. L. Dorman.

#### THURSDAY MORNING.

Opened the session by singing piece on page 57 and prayer by Bro. Turner.

Motion that report on Education be postponed until 10:30 o'clock a. m. Also State Missions come up at 10 o'clock this morning.

Report on Sacred Literature was read by Bro. Parshley, as follows:

A report under this heading, of course, must be somewhat conventional. If it is intended to recommend our denominational publications and it should do so. There are doubtless no churches in our Association which patronized other than our own, but we are fearful that some churches are not using any literature in their Sunday School; in short, some churches which have no properly organized school no church can avail itself of any of the present agencies for helping the young people of the church whether in the Sunday School or B. Y. P. U. without literature prepared for their special use and this will be found in our own publications. A departure of literature which we wish especially to commend, however, is that of our mission work. We can never be as interested in the great movement of the Kingdom as we should be so long as we are ignorant of what is being done. Many have the idea that Mission Magazines are chiefly devoted to begging and pathetic stories, but in reality there is perhaps no better educational literature published than the monthly Mission Magazine, put out by our great societies.

We spend money for Sunday magazines to keep in touch with the world, while 25c a year will bring us 12 copies of a periodical that discusses all sides of the life of the great pagan and Roman Catholic countries, of the world commerce, history, folklore, climate and geography. are all brought to us from time to time in the most interesting way. A special periodical published by the women and called Royal Service, covers all this work most helpfully.

We are glad to report that the Witness is improving in every respect and commend it to our people as our only state paper. It is greatly to be deprecated that any rival to it should be started. We wish to state, however, that as the Witness calls itself and is, the organ of the convention, it should represent no special wing of the great Baptist people and should devote its energies to all parts of the state. The great book of sacred literature is our Holy Bible. It is not read in the homes as it should

be. It is not taught in the churches as it should be, and yet it is the foundation of our civilization and of our literary and culture. It is the sword of the spirit, it is the word of God and no man can neglect it and live a fruitful Christian life. May the Master lead us back to the family Bible and to family worship.

Respectfully submitted.

W. B. PARSHLEY,  
R. D. TURNER,  
MRS. E. R. WISE,

Committee.

Report adopted and spoken on by Bro. Parshley, Mrs. Peelman.

The report on Present Day Evils was read by the chairman as follows:

We have many evils in our day as Paul did in his Rom. 7:21, "I find then a law that when I would do good, evil is present with me." But we find in the life of Paul that he was even ready to rebuke sin in all of its forms and we should be ever ready to sound a note of warning when we see it make its appearance in our churches and community. We are commanded to shun the very appearance of evil, but when we look around us we find that the laws of our land are being broken on every side. We have the dens and dives throughout our fair land. When sin in its deepest dye is being committed each day, and we also have the places of Sunday amusements that are not much better, where many of our church members go to spend the day, rather than go to their churches.

Brethren what can we hope for if the true and tried do not take a definite stand against those things. When the wicked rule the people mourn and when the righteous rule the people rejoice.

Respectfully submitted.

E. R. WISE,  
A. J. WARD,  
G. M. STEPHENS.

Report was spoken of by Bro. Parshley and Bro. Dixon. Said report was then adopted as read.

The meeting was then turned over to Bro. Montague. He gave us a fine talk on Education. After he finished there was a collection taken up for Columbia College, amounting to seventy-five dollars.

The report on Foreign Missions and State Missions were both read by their chairmen as follows:

Foreign Mission Board carries on work in Italy, Brazil, Mexico, Argentina, Japan, China and Africa. In these countries we have 380 churches with 833 out stations, 30,000 church members and 542 Sunday schools, with 22,000 scholars enrolled. We have 9,376 students in mission schools; 420 of them are in the theological seminaries and training schools seeking specific preparation for Christian work. The present force of workers embrace just three hundred of which number twenty are under appointment, but have not yet sailed for their field. In addition to these home-sent missionaries we have on the combined field 635 native workers. The work prospers on nearly all the fields (5,252) converts were baptized last year, the largest number ever reported for a single year. The fields are ripe unto the harvest, shall we be able to meet the task. Gifts to the work advanced \$44,000 last year, but one-half of our people had no part in this advance and consequently had no part in the blessed results accomplished and will have no part in the glorious reward to be bestowed.

Our task for the present year includes—(1) The completion of Judsen fund; (2) The enlistment of more than half of our church members who have not yet given anything to foreign missions; (3) The development of present givers into larger giving; (4) The inauguration in each church of a plan of systematic monthly giving and remitting for this cause so that the working may be taken care of and debt and interest payment may be avoided. We commend these four objects to the thoroughful consideration of our pastors and churches.

Respectfully submitted.

J. D. DIXON,  
J. J. WATSON,  
J. W. JINKINS.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE MISSIONS.

"Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea." Acts 1:8. We stand forty-five thousand strong in the land of Florida and to whom much is given much is required. There are struggling churches to aid and a great harvest to reap. State Missions is the

artery that supplies the whole mission life. To neglect it seems to neglect all missions. Hear and ponder these words from report of the Mission Board of Texas, by Dr. Geo. W. Truell at a recent convention. The American Baptist year book for the year 1912 reveals the fact that there were eighty thousand one hundred and twenty-three fewer Baptists in the United States in the last year than the year preceeding. It also shows for the same time a decrease for state missions of \$478,230 and increase for church property of \$9,426.39; an increase for education of \$10,916.00; a decrease for Bibles and colportage work of \$1,119.00, and an increase of church expenses of \$930,102.00. These figures prove that we may increase our church property by millions, our education by the thousands and our church expenses by the hundreds of thousands, but if we decrease our offering for state missions and colportage, we will have a decrease of baptisms which would decline and a denominational death. Report of 1913 shows that there was \$211.39 paid for state missions being twenty-six churches out of which only ten churches paid. Leaving sixteen churches who say by our acts we don't believe in helping our own, when the open book tells us if any provide not for his own and especially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith and is worse than an infidel. I Tim. 5:8.

Respectfully submitted.

W. L. OVERSTREET,  
B. B. JOHNSON,  
MRS. M. V. MILLS,

Committee.

Report spoken on by Bro. Dixon, Mrs. Peelman, Bros. Parshley, Geiger, Brinson and W. L. Overstreet.

We adjourn two hours for dinner.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Opened by singing and prayer by Bro. Geiger.

Report on Education was read as follows:

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 feel like we cannot too highly regard this God-given gift, for Christian education fits a man or woman for all the spheres of life both reli-

gious and secular, for the home, for society, for business and to do the work so much needed in the religious fields and in our churches. Our denominational schools and colleges are the only reliable sources from which we draw our forces for state, home and foreign missions. Close our schools and we would soon be as ignorant as we were a hundred years ago. The uneducated man can't resist and defeat the present day assaults made upon Christianity. We must support and give our patronage to our Baptist schools and colleges. The necessity is upon us; we must educate or retrograde. We are leading in our south land today in patronizing to our Baptist school for we have long learned that if we send a good boy to our colleges we are sure to get a better boy sent back to us. We therefore, feel proud to commend Columbia College to this association. We ask that you give to it liberally. 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.

Respectfully submitted.

R. J. BUSH,  
E. H. SOWELL,  
MRS. D. J. MILLS,  
R. D. TURNER,

Committee.

This report was spoken on by Bro. Montague. Report adopted as read.

The report on Sunday School conventions was read by Miss Genie Peacock as follows:

The first meeting of our Sunday School Convention since the last meeting of the association was held with Mt. Pisgah church, the fifth Sunday in November. Attendance very good and various topics of Sunday School work were ably discussed by Bro. Parshley and S. S. Mathis, J. F. Tatum and Col. Hardee. The next session was held with Philadelphia church the 5th Sunday in March. Attendance good. Bible school work was explained by Bro. W. B. Parshley. Missions by Bro. J. B. Dixon. The work of the Convention, Bro. T. L. Peacock.

The next session was held in Live Oak church the fifth Sunday in May. Attendance very good. I am glad to say that there were more of our pastors present at this

session than any previous one, the program was very nearly carried out at this session. All social barriers were removed and the meeting was one continued love feast.

The next session convened with New Hope church the fifth Sunday in August. Attendance very good. Several subjects were ably discussed. Offering for state missions amounting to \$8.44 was given at this meeting. Officers for ensuing year were elected as follows: E. R. Wise, president; W. S. Murrow, first vice president; Genie Peacock, secretary. I am sorry to report that several of our pastors are still standing aloft from the convention. Let us pray and work for the advancement of this great work. Let our united prayers be that ere another association year shall close every church be enlisted in this great work.

Respectfully submitted.

MISS GENIE PEACOCK, Secretary.

Report adopted as read.

Report on Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. work was read, as follows, to-wit:

We, your committee on S. S. and B. Y. P. U. work offer the following report: We recognize this work as the great opportunity of the church to bring about the conversion of our children and young people and that the Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. are most potent agents for the development of Christian character and the dissemination of sound Bible doctrine. We note with gratitude a growing interest in some of our churches in the work and truly hope that before long every church in the association will support a well organized Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Dr. Frost in his book, "The School of the Church," says the Sunday School of today is a school of gathering for instruction. It has all the elements of a school with some elements which makes it distinct in character, unique in purpose, method and curriculum. It is in the church of the church and for the church. A church school in every true and commanding sense.

We recognize this work as a mighty instrument for bringing things to pass for the kingdom of God, but it gets its life power and directing energy in the churches in the very structure and efficiency of which it forms an organic part. Then as loyal workers in the Master's vineyard we should remember more and more how true are



Jeremiah's words, "It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth, and that we strive earnestly that with Obadiah we can say, "I thy servant feared the Lord from my youth up," and that our church set themselves to the task of training our boys and girls to hear and to heed when God says "Remember now thy creator in the days of thy youth."

The great need of our churches is the efficient training of our forces. The boys and girls of today will be the teachers and leaders of tomorrow. Doctors, lawyers and public school teachers do not come by accident, but by a long course of study and training, workers for the cause of Christ must come the same way. We should have organization. We are told that a Sunday school is well organized where each part is so related to the other parts and to the whole that its work may be done with the least possible friction and in the most efficient way.

We should have graded school which involves three things. First, graded lessons, second graded teachers, third, graded pupils. All this cannot come in a day, but it should be our aim to bring it to pass and thereby fulfill our part in the great plan of the redemption of the world for Christ. How many beautiful children do we constantly see all around us with the promise of long life, strong and sturdy of body, the mind open and eager for knowledge, but often without Christian influence or training. They will gladly hear the word of the Master as He says for whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. If we, as true and faithful servants, do our duty and lead them into the church. We earnestly ask that our preachers give more of their time and attention to Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. work and that they strive with patience and steadfast purpose to establish some branch of the Master's work for the children and young people in every church that they serve. Let us pray that our pastors may have the spirit of the Master with them in this great work and that all efforts along this line may be greatly blessed and that we, the parents and the laymen of the churches, may do all that we can to assist the pastors.

We find that of the twenty-three churches who report to this session of the Association, there are eleven churches with Sunday schools, with a total enrollment of six hundred and seventy-two scholars and a total of

\$499.05 collected and expended as having been raised by seven schools reporting, there being four schools who show no collections. There are twelve churches who report no Sunday Schools. The twenty-three churches reported to the Association, show a membership of 1,587. Your committee recommends:

First, That each church within the bounds of our Association organize a Sunday School for the study of God's word with the children and that a B. Y. P. U. be organized for the training of our young people for church service.

Second, That the Sunday School Convention have the earnest support of the churches of this Association and that a large number from each church attend each convention.

Third, That our pastors and Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. members, scholars and teachers attend the yearly state encampment of the Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. held each year at Columbia College in Lake City. We believe that this encampment deserves our hearty support.

Fourth, The literature supplied by our Sunday School Board is well adapted to every need of our churches for the teaching and training of the children and young people into the well rounded Baptist life. We suggest its use by our churches.

Respectfully submitted.

BRAXTON SMALL,  
H. S. HOWARD,  
MISS GENIE PEACOCK,  
Committee.

This report was adopted and spoken on by Bro. Braxton Small, Bro. Montague and B. A. Geiger.

Chairmen of the various committees appointed.

Foreign Missions—W. B. Parshley; Home Missions, B. A. Geiger; State Missions, Col. C. A. Hardee; Education, Braxton Small; S. S. and B. Y. P. U., J. D. Overstreet; Present Day Evils, W. L. Overstreet; Sacred Literature, J. B. Dixon; Woman's Work, Mrs. W. B. Parshley; Temperance, T. L. Peacock; Orphanage, R. J. Rush; Nominations, D. J. Mills.

## REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

In the Twentieth Century this subject, Woman's Work, carries with it the thought of many and varied vocations. A vast field of rapid developing outlets. In fact, there is no profession or work barred from woman now, especially in the United States, her outlet has no bounds.

But this report has not to do with any new vocation of woman; it began centuries, yea many centuries ago, with Martha zealously serving her Master, with Mary humbly heeding His teachings, with the anointing before the crucifixion, and with the proclaiming of the resurrection. This spirit of Christ-serving women lives today, coming on down through the generations, manifesting itself in thousands of working women, seeking to serve the self-same Master.

For years their efforts were given little recognition; but the interest, sacrifice and devotion which characterized their work has won honorable mention in the most successful church organizations. Truly it has been said that "The silent feminine tide flows in the field of all successful Christian labor."

Statistics show that in 1912 the Woman's Missionary Union of the South contributed as much to Missions as the entire S. B. C. did the year the W. M. U. was taken into the convention as an auxiliary. Not only have their gifts been self-denied means, but faithful service, ardent prayers, and above all, their sons and daughters.

It was twenty years ago that a few zealous, consecrated women in our state came together and organized a Florida Baptist Woman's Missionary Union, disseminating missionary information, and propagating the gospel at home and in foreign fields. This has not been many years ago, but long enough that there has been marvelous growth and wonderful results in the women's work of our state. Great things have been undertaken, and by God's help, great things accomplished.

Reports this year show that in our own little association much work has been done by the women. There are now six Woman's Missionary Unions, and a few children's societies. Contributions fairly good, amounting to \$1,024.55. Local and personal service have had attention. The Baptist Orphanage has also been remembered with boxes and other funds. But there is yet great need in our Association for more organized work especially so in the

rural churches. And a need for more systematic records in the already organized Unions.

If the pastors will lend a helping hand to our Associational superintendents these difficulties can be overcome, and as a result our churches will be benefitted, numerically, financially and above all spiritually.

"If we cannot be the watchman  
Standing high on Zion's wall,  
Pointing out the path to Heaven,  
Offering life and peace to all;  
With our prayers and with our bounties,  
We can do what Heaven demands,  
We can be, like helpful Aaron,  
Holding up the prophet's hands."

MRS. ADDIE PAULK,  
MRS. N. B. PARSHLEY,  
J. D. OVERSTREET,  
B. A. GEIGER.

Committee.

Report on Orphanage read as follows:

We, your committee on Orphans Home beg leave to submit the following report: Eleven years ago God touched the hearts of the Florida Baptists and laid upon them the care of the orphan child. There were and are children in our state without a home and as it is a part of the religion of Jesus Christ to care for the fatherless and homeless child our denomination took upon itself the responsibility of erecting a home for the care and maintenance of such unfortunate children. This home is located at Arcadia, DeSoto county, Florida, and at present has seventy-one children of this number thirty-six are girls and thirty-five boys. The home has eighty acres of land of this number fifteen acres are in lawn and play ground for the children, twenty-two acres in cultivation, and eight acres in an orange grove and the remainder in pasture.

There are three two-story brick main buildings and a superintendent's home, with two frame buildings, one used for a laundry and the other for a cannery. These larger buildings are used for boys and girls dormitories; the recent erection of a superintendent's home has made room for at least thirty more children. This new room has not as yet been furnished because all funds on hand have been used and at this time enough money to put this

room in order is still in the hands of the Florida Baptists and until it is turned into the officers of the home can this most needed work be done. Full orphan children without a home or any one to care for them are taken into this home up to the age of 12 years. They are kept in and cared for by the home just as long as they need its protection. They are given a fair education and special training to prepare them for self support.

It costs an average of six hundred dollars per month to meet the expenses of the home, and it has no endowment or means of support only by voluntary contributions from churches and individuals. The support received is not all the time adequate to meet the demands, especially during the summer months. One of the great needs now is a hospital, as they have no place to take care of the sick children. They need also a baby home specially arranged for the smaller children. Out of the total number of seventy-one children, thirty-five of them are Christians and all attend religious services at regular intervals.

We heartily commend this part of our church work to the churches and earnestly insist that they contribute to the support of this institution in a very liberal way.

Very respectfully submitted.

B. B. JOHNSON,  
C. H. BRINSON,  
D. J. MILLS,

Committee.

Report was adopted as read.

Report of the Finance committee was read and adopted as read, to-wit:

We, your committee on Finance, beg to report a collection of \$69.34 for all purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

R. L. FRINK,  
A. S. HOGAN,  
W. D. STINSON,

Committee.

Motion that the clerk be paid \$15.00 for his services and the remainder go for the object sent in for and the rest for ministers.

THURSDAY EVENING.

Opened by singing several pieces and prayer by Bro J. D. Overstreet. Motion that a committee of three be appointed on Resolutions. J. B. Dixon, E. R. Wise and W. L. Overstreet, committee.

Report on Nominations was read.

Report as follows: We the committee on Nominations beg to submit the following as our report.

Executive Committee of the Association, E. R. Wise, Chairman; T. L. Peacock, D. J. Mills, T. C. Williams, R. J. Bush, W. L. Overstreet and J. L. McDaniel.

Member of State Board, Braxton Small,  
Messengers Southern Baptist Convention, Dr. W. B. Parshley.

Messengers to State Convention, A. J. York, W. S. Murrow, T. L. Peacock, Col. C. A. Hardee, J. F. Harrell.

The next meeting place, Philadelphia Baptist church, on Wednesday, before the third Sunday in October, at 10 o'clock.

Introductory sermon, by Bro. W. B. Parshley; Missionary sermon by Bro. J. D. Overstreet.

Respectfully submitted.

G. M. STEPHENS,  
MRS. BRAXTON SMALL,  
MISS GENIE PEACOCK,  
Committee.

The chairman on Temperance read his report as follows:

Your committee is pleased to find that throughout the south and the whole country sentiment is growing in favor of Temperance. There seems to be an occasional reverse, but there are many coordinate forces accomplishing that end. The instruction of students in common schools concerning this evil effect of alcoholic drink, the awakening of business men to the fact that alcohol destroys the efficiency of all laborers; the growing knowledge of the public minds to the fact that the liquor traffic is a deadly foe to the administration of common good. The fact that constitutional ground and the enactment of national, state and municipal laws which serves as well to prohibit as any other law against crime. Together with God's people who are moved by the conviction of a moral

and religious conscience to emancipate this and our future generation from the chains of this slavery all are mighty allies effecting this great end. Our knowledge of the effects of the above named forces serves to greatly encourage us. But we realize that the false cries of the liquor interests that prohibition does not prohibit. The law is a failure and the people don't want it, etc., etc., are having their influence and weakening many efforts. Hence, we earnestly urge our people to be instant in season and out of season in teaching to the contrary the facts in the case that not only are their cries untrue, but prohibition decreases crime, fosters prosperity, increases the efficiency of laborers in all the walks of life, and helps to raise the standard of character in social, moral and religious life and on the other hand that its use in any measure breeds drunkenness, poverty, corruption, disease, murder, sin and death. Surely every liberty-loving, home-loving, God-fearing, person ought to strongly oppose its traffic or use in any degree, all the time in every place.

Respectfully submitted

J. D. OVERSTREET, Ch'm'n.  
C. H. BRINSON,  
G. L. DORMAN,

Committee.

Said report was adopted as read and spoken on by J. D. Overstreet, H. S. Howard and A. J. York.

A resolution was offered as follows:

Resolved, That we, the messengers and visitors to the Suwannee Association, tender a vote of thanks to this church and community for their hospitality to this body, also for the use of the school auditorium for the Woman's Missionary meeting.

Respectfully submitted.

W. L. OVERSTREET.

October 15, 1914.

Committee on Resolutions read the following:

We the Suwannee Missionary Baptist Association, in business assembled, beg leave to offer the following resolutions:

1. Be it Resolved, That we ask each church in the fellowship of this Association, to appoint a committee of

three, consisting of the pastor, one deacon and the clerk, to act as a committee on Missions and that this committee make a thorough canvass of the entire membership of the church in the interest of all of our Mission work.

2. Resolved, That we suggest to the churches of our Association that when they extend a call to a preacher to serve them as pastor, they indicate to him in the call the amount they will pay him for his services.

J. B. DIXON,  
E. R. WISE,  
W. L. OVERSTREET.

Committee.

Said report was adopted as read and spoken on by Bro. Dixon.

The meeting was now turned over to Bro. Parshley to preach a Missionary sermon. His text can be found in Isaiah 42nd chapter, 4th verse. After preaching a collection was taken up for State Missions amounting to \$10 to be sent to Bro. S. B. Rogers.

Motion we adjourn to meet with Philadelphia church on Wednesday at 10 o'clock, October 13, 1915.

A. J. YORK, Moderator.

R. JAS. ALLEN, Clerk.

#### Minutes of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Suwannee Association.

The W. M. U. convened in the auditorium of the school building of Jennings, Florida at 2:00 p. m. Thursday, October 15, 1914.

The meeting was called to order by Associational Superintendent, Mrs. Braxton Small and devotional services were led by Mrs. M. V. Mills, reading a scripture lesson from eighth chapter of Romans, followed by prayer by Mrs. H. C. Peelman. "Onward Christian Soldiers," was sung and by request of Mrs. Peelman, the Jubilate hymn was rendered.

Mrs. J. L. McDaniel, of Jennings, extended the Union a most cordial welcome and Mrs. Parshley, of Live Oak, responded in well chosen words, voicing the sentiment of

each one attending and was prevailed upon to sing a song in the language of the Japanese, she being a returned missionary from that country.

Miss Lucy Perry was appointed secretary, after which the following delegates were enrolled from their respective churches:

Antioch—Miss Nean Allen, C. H. Brinson and E. R. Wise.

Belleville—Miss Lucy Perry.

Jennings—Mesdames N. J. Bush, R. A. Lawson, D. C. Kinlaw, G. M. Stephens, J. C. Barnes, S. A. Peel, J. L. McDaniel and Miss Octavia Averiette.

Jasper—Mesdames M. P. Hunter, W. S. Murrow, A. S. Paulk, P. H. Sandlin, Braxton Small, Misses Mamie Griffis and Nellie Frink.

Live Oak—Mrs. W. B. Parshley.

O'Brien—Mrs. L. D. Webb.

Philadelphia—Mrs. D. J. Mills and Miss Genie Peacock.

Tiger Lake—Mrs. M. V. Mills.

Report from the societies were called for and the following, Live Oak, Jasper, Jennings and Bellville, responded with written reports, showing a splendid year's work.

The total contributed for all objects being \$1,024.55

Our Associational Superintendent, made her annual report, which showed a year of splendid effort and Mrs. Peelman's address was an inspiration to all, explaining fully the standard of excellence, and urging us to greater effort and endeavor the coming year.

Rev. J. D. Dixon delivered a most excellent address on State Missions.

The Chipley Memorial Building Fund was ably discussed by Mrs. A. S. Paulk.

A reading, "The Missionary Society in the Country," was given by Mrs. Parshley, which was full of helpful suggestions.

A paper, "What a Society Can Do," prepared by Mrs. Maude Bracewell, of Bellville, was read by Miss Lucy V. Perry.

Special prayer was offered for Miss Hick, she being very ill at this writing.

An offering was made, amounting to \$4.70 which was given to Mrs. Peelman for State Missions, the Jennings Society being given credit for same.

Mrs. Braxton Small, of Jasper, and Mrs. W. B. Parshley, of Live Oak, were elected associational superintendents, and Miss Lucy V. Perry, of Belleville, was elected secretary of the Union.

These officers were asked to draft a constitution and by-laws for the Associational W. M. U. to be presented at the next Union meeting.

Quite a number of subscriptions were taken for "Royal Service," and good many copies of "History of W. M. U." were sold.

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

MRS. B. SMALL, Superintendent.

MISS LUCY PERRY, Secretary.

STATISTICAL TABLE No. 1.

(Part One.)

PASTORS AND P. O.	CHURCHES	CLERK and P. O.
R. Strickland, Welborn	Tiger Lake	G. M. Harrell, Live Oak
No Pastor	Jennings	G. M. Stephens, Jennings
T. L. Peacock, Wilmarth	Beulah	W. A. Jordan, Dowling Park
J. S. Hurst, Live Oak	Mary Bell	J. J. Ramsey, Live Oak
J. D. Overstreet, Live Oak	Antioch	R. J. Allen, Live Oak
R. E. Parnell, Welborn	Mt. Olive	J. B. Johns, Welborn
H. A. Jordan, Pinemount	Mt. Pisgah	R. F. Howell, Pinemount
W. B. Parshley, Live Oak	Live Oak	M. E. Broom, Live Oak
A. Y. York, Live Oak	Bellville	J. W. Polhill, Lake Park, Ga.
J. B. Dixon Jasper	Jasper	B. B. Johnson, Jasper
A. J. York, Live Oak	Suwannee	G. W. Shiver, Live Oak
T. L. Peacock, Wilmarth	Philadelphia	A. C. Boatright, Wilmarth
J. D. Overstreet, Live Oak	Rocky Sink	Herbert Newland, Live Oak
J. L. Belford, Lee	Mt. Gilliard	W. P. Page, Falmarth
W. B. Tuston, Branford	Union	B. D. Douglas, O'Brien
W. H. Holmes, O'Brien	Friendship	R. D. Turner, Pinemount
W. M. Tampling, Lee, R. 1	Rose Mary	J. C. Dixon, Live Oak
J. D. Overstreet, Live Oak	New Hope	G. W. Dempsey, Jennings
R. E. Parnell, Welborn	Clayland	A. D. Simmons, Newburn
A. Bonds, O'Brien	Oak Grove	W. M. Stanford, Pinemount
W. H. Holmes, O'Brien	Pleasant Hill	J. W. Jenkins, Pinemount
H. A. Jordan, Pinemount	O'Brien	W. L. McInnis, O'Brien
A. Smith, Stockton, Ga.	Hopewell	J. M. Henderson, Fargo, Ga.
A. P. Young, Nashville, Ga.	New Prospect	Wm. Brantlev, Jasper

STATISTICAL TABLE No. 1.

(Part Two.)

By Baptism	By Letter or Statement.	By Restoration.	Total Increase.	Dismissed by Letter.	By Expulsion or Removal	By Death.	Total Decrease	Membership This Year.	Net Decrease.	Net Increase.	What Sunday Have Preaching.	Families of Deceased Ministers.	Chipley Memorial.
3	2		5	3			3	77		2	1st S. S.		
3	10		13	4			4	86		9	half time		
6	1	2	9	2			2	60		7	3rd S. S.		
	3							73		3	3rd S. S.		
	1		1	1	2		3	49	2		2nd S. S.		
14	5	1	20	7		2	9	47		11	2nd S. S.		
				4	3	3	10	99	10		4th S. S.		
								21	7		full time	10.00	5.00
4	9	1	14	21			21	32			4th S. S.		
3	1		4					43			4th S. S.		
8	11	3	22	11		2	13	143		9	full time		2.00
				1	1		2	18	2		4th S. S.		
12	2	1	15	4		1	5	131		10	2nd S. S.		
6	1		7	3	4	1	8	70	1		1st S. S.		
				9		1	10	75	10		3rd S. S.		
2	2		4					82		4	1st S. S.		
								67			1st S. S.		
								94			6th S. S.		
6	2		8		2		2	94			4th S. S.		
10	4	1	15			5	5	173		10	3rd S. S.		
12	3		15					115		15	4th S. S.		
						1	1	42	1		2nd S. S.		
17	2	6	25					55		25	2nd S. S.		
				1			1	28	1		2nd S. S.		
3	1		4	2			2	54		2	4th S. S.		
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STATISTICAL TABLE No. 2.

(Part One.)

OUR HONORED DEAD	PRESIDENTS W. M. U. and Postoffices	For all Purposes.
Jasper		
Sister J. S. Frink		
J. D. Mullis	J. L. McDaniel Jennings	
Philadelphia		
H. C. Deal		
A Deacon		
Mt. Gilliard		
Henry Hardee		
Ricky Sink		
R. F. Parker	Miss Maude Bracewell, Lake Park, Ga.	\$ 12.10
Mt. Pisgah	Miss Mamie Griffin, Jasper	714.36
Daniel Gaylard		
C. C. Roberts		6.00
Ella Moseley		
New Hope		
W. R. Bush		
Mamie McRhins		
Avie Shiver		
Harlie Prather		
Robert Rillins		
Mt. Olive		
W. M. Law		
Roser Kennedy		
Oak Grove		
H. J. Sapp		

STATISTICAL TABLE No. 2.

(Part Two.)

CHURCHES.	SUPTS. and P. O.	No. Schools	No. Pupils	No. Teachers	Scholars Baptized.	Sunday School Expenses.
Tiger Lake	S. T. Duckworth, Live Oak	1	47	5		
Jennings	J. L. McDaniel, Jennings	1	67	8		\$17.19
Beulah						
Mary Bell						
Antioch	J. H. Burnett, Live Oak	1	45	4		4.00
Mt. Olive	W. M. Hines, Welborn	1	45	4		
Mt. Pisgah	R. F. Howell, Pinemount	1	58	5		
Live Oak	H. E. Carter, Live Oak	1	140	12		51.44
Bellville	Ed Johns, Lake Park, Ga.	1	16	6		
Jasper	J. H. Reid, Jasper	1	125	12		75.43
Suwannee	Mrs. Mattie Phillips, Live Oak	1	13	3		
Philadelphia	A. C. Boatright, Wilmarth	1	56	6		
Rocky Sink	W. L. Mitchell, Live Oak	1	60	6		5.67
Mt. Gilliard						
Union						
Friendship						
Rose Mary						
New Hope						
Clayland						
Oak Grove						
Pleasant Hill						
O'Brien						
Hopewell						
New Prospect						

STATISTICAL TABLE No. 3.

(Part One.)

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	For Building.	Incidental and Improving.	Visiting Ministers.	Association Missions.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.
Tiger Lake	\$114.55	\$ 86.99			\$5.36	\$ 5.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 7.00
Jennings	223.80		18.00	49.50		24.25		63.07
Beulah	40.00	30.00			3.00	8.60		4.00
Mary Bell	37.00						1.00	
Antioch	125.00			15.50		3.25	7.85	4.20
Mt. Olive	97.95							
Mt. Pisgah	100.00					21.00		
Live Oak	900.00	200.00	56.75			65.00	87.50	75.00
Bellville	125.00	55.00	5.75	55.60		8.95	6.45	2.15
Jasper	935.00	333.17	312.66	51.50		166.20	20.72	16.54
Suwannee	73.93	52.68				4.00		
Philadelphia	75.70					27.00		
Rocky Sink	100.00			16.20			5.00	3.00
Mt. Gilliard	50.00							
Union	34.50				1.35			
Friendship	28.15						1.00	
Rose Mary	100.00	12.12			.50	1.00	.50	
New Hope	175.00					12.70		
Clayland	25.00							
Oak Grove	25.00							
Pleasant Hill	20.00	250.00	11.75			2.00		
O'Brien	72.00							
Hopewell	35.00							
New Prospect								

STATISTICAL TABLE No. 3.

(Part Two.)

Current Ex. and Endowment Columbia Col.	Ministerial Education.	Aged Ministers.	Orphanage.	Minutes and Clerk.	Total.	Value of Pastoriums.	Value of Church Property.	Church Organized.
\$ 5.00			\$ 7.69	\$ 3.00			\$ 300	\$ 300
	1.20		29.65	3.00			1,000	1,000
2.00				3.00			800	800
				1.50			500	500
				3.10			1,000	1,000
							400	400
				2.00				1879
50.00		10.00	67.08	5.00		2500.00	10,000	12,500
3.00		1.00	1.50	3.90				1847
14.25		4.50	44.99	10.00			12,000	12,000
				2.30			250	250
				3.00			800	800
3.00				3.00			900	1,400
				1.50			700	700
				1.35				
				2.00				
		.15	1.00	1.80			200	250
			3.22	1.75			700	700
				2.62				
				1.70				1897
				1.50			600	600
				1.40			800	800
				1.00				
				.75				



