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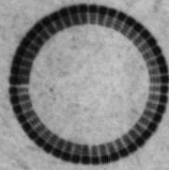
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**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

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**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.

### 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 of 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.

## 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 it 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, 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 the 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 out the same only on the order of the Association or the Executive Committee, and report in full the 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.

Foreign Missions.

Education.

Orphanage.

Woman's Work.

Baptist Young People's Union.

Sunday Schools.

Periodicals.

Obituaries.

Present-day Evils.

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*

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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.

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

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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. I Kings 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; II Timothy 2:16; I Thess. 2:13; I Peter 4:11; Rev. 22:19.

Article 3. We believe in the Doctrine of Original Sin. Gen. 3:5; Psalms 51:5; I Kings 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. Psalms 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 Foreknowledge 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; II Tim. 1:9; Titus 1:1-2; I 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; I 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; Mark 14:17-26; Luke 22:14-18.

Article 11. We believe in the Resurrection of the Dead and a General Judgment. Acts 17:31; I Cor. 15:3-4, 20-25; John 5:28-29; Heb. 9:27; II 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; II Thess. 1:9; Mark 10:30.

## MINUTES

Wednesday, Oct. 13th, 1915, The Suwannee Missionary Baptist Association met in its forty-fourth annual session with Philadelphia Baptist church.

Moderator, A. J. York, read Philippians 2. Bro. Turner, led in prayer.

The Moderator appointed a Committee on Credentials. The committee, after calling for letters, found that there was not a quorum present. The Moderator postponed the organizing of the Association until the evening session. The introductory sermon was set for two o'clock. One hour was spent in singing and prayer. Adjourned two hours for dinner.

### AFTERNOON SESSION

Opened by singing. Prayer by Bro. S. S. Proctor.

The Moderator asked for the roll call, and the following churches responded:

Philadelphia—E. L. Lenear, Edgar Gill, J. Q. Boatwright, Miss Genie Peacock, S. J. Boatwright.

Live Oak—Dr. W. B. Parshley, Mrs. W. B. Parshley, Rev. A. J. York, Mrs. C. Y. Byrd, Miss Mattie Thompson, Mrs. W. T. McCullers, Mrs. J. D. Brazzell, Mrs. J. H. Wallace, Mrs. G. G. Mays.

Antioch—E. R. Wise, R. J. Allen, Mrs. R. J. Allen.

Bulah—H. S. Thomas, J. U. McMullen.

Friendship—R. D. Turner, L. C. Lenear.

Clayland—Mrs. Geo. W. Goff, W. M. McLeod.

Jennings—A. Miller.

New Hope—R. J. Bush.

Mt. Olive—J. H. Johns.

O'Brien—W. L. McInnis.

Pleasant Hill—Geo. Douglas, C. T. Laughinghouse, W. M. Stanford.

Suwannee—G. W. Shiver.

Tiger Lake—G. L. Dorman, W. H. Robertson, Mrs. M. V. Mills, Mrs. C. E. Jenkins, Chas. Spearing.

Bellville—Miss Lucy Perry, W. Burton, Geo. H. Perry.

Oak Grove—M. R. Hurst.

Jasper—J. W. Adams, Mrs. B. Small, J. B. Dixon, Braxton Small, Barney Cheshire, B. A. Geiger, Miss Mamie Griffis.

Union—W. M. Tennerman, J. A. Holmes.

Rocky Sink—L. D. Newlan, J. M. Brown.

Orange—W. A. Robertson, Mattie Robertson, Bessie Robertson.

Rose Mary—W. H. Meeks, J. C. Stone.

Mt. Pisgah—J. E. Baden, J. F. Carver.

The Clerk informed the Moderator that a quorum was present, and he proceeded to organize. Bro. A. J. York was re-elected Moderator; R. J. Allen, Clerk, and D. J. Mills, Treasurer.

Dr. Parshley, preached the introductory sermon. Text: II Cor. 8:23.

The Moderator appointed a committee on religious exercises, E. R. Wise, chairman; the pastor of the Philadelphia church and its delegates.

The delegates from Mt. Pisgah church, presented a letter from their church, asking the Association for a letter of dismissal, which was granted, and the Clerk was instructed to write the same.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

Foreign Missions—W. B. Parshley, Geo. Perry, W. L. McInnis.



Sunday School and Baptist Young People's Union—G. L. Dorman, Miss Lucy Perry, E. R. Wise.

Present Day Evil—R. D. Turner, J. H. Johns, W. Burton.

Woman's Work—Mrs. W. B. Parshley, I. R. Clements, E. L. Lenear.

After some discussion, it was moved that the Sunday School convention be changed back to the fifth Sunday (Union meeting).

Visiting Brethren were invited to sit with us. Bro. S. S. Proctor from Center Association, and Bro. I. R. Clements, from Middling, Fla., responded to the call.

Committee on Temperance—T. L. Peacock, S. S. Proctor, G. W. Shiver, Mrs. M. V. Mills.

Nomination Committee—D. J. Mills, Mrs. C. E. Jenkins, J. U. McMullen.

The Executive Committee had nothing to report, as they had not met this year.

Religious Exercise reported that there would not be any preaching to-night, as they thought it would work a hardship on the ladies, and announced that Bro. S. S. Proctor would preach tomorrow morning at 11:00 o'clock.

Motion to adjourn until 9:30 o'clock tomorrow morning.

#### THURSDAY MORNING

The Association opened at the usual hour by singing from page 255, followed with prayer by Bro. Proctor.

The Moderator appointed as Finance Committee, John Holmes, J. Q. Boatwright; Orphanage Home, R. J. Bush, W. H. Robertson, John Holmes; Education, B. Small, Mrs. R. J. Allen, A. Miller.

The report on Present Day Evil was read by the chairman. We, your committee, find recorded in Gen. 6:5, that God saw that every imagination of the thoughts of man was only evil continually. We fear that many unconverted church members have come into our church like Simon, the sorcerer, recorded in Acts 8:9-25, and the works of the flesh are manifest, which are

these: Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, swearing, and such like that carries with it so much evil and condemnation; that they that do such things shall not inherit the Kingdom of God. To prevent this present evil, we recommend to all the churches, to guard well the door, and require of each member that they bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance and hold a strict rule of discipline.

2. Another great present day evil is the failure of church members to discharge their full christian duty and to become cold, careless, indifferent, lukewarm and almost spiritually dead, having the form of godliness, but denying the power thereof, having too much of a covetous spirit like Ananias and Sapphira who died in the act of committing a great evil. We therefore recommend that we, as christians, live soberly, righteously and godly here in this present world, and strive to be instrumental in God's hand in winning souls to Christ.

Respectfully yours,

R. D. TURNER, Chairman.  
J. W. BURTON.  
J. H. JOHNS.

Report adopted as read, and spoken on by Bros. Turner, Proctor, Dixon, Clements.

The Moderator appointed a committee on Sacred Literature, J. B. Dixon, Barney Cheshire, E. R. Wise; Home Mission, B. A. Geiger, Chas. Spearing, Geo. W. Shiver, S. S. Proctor; State Missions, J. B. Dixon, W. B. Parshley, I. R. Clements.

The chairman on Woman's Work, read her report as follows: Bring all your powers into the best service of the best king. Thus shall your work abide and be abundantly blessed of God to your own joy and the joy of the world. These are the farewell words of Miss Fannie E. Heck, President of the Woman's Missionary Union to all the Baptist women in our Southland.

Since sending forth this message from the hospital in Richmond, Va., she has been called to the presence of the King, but

her work which she loved remained for us to carry on.

At the annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union, held in Houston, Texas, last May, the Treasurer reported as a grand total from all our Southern women in cash and boxes for Home and Foreign Missions, \$374,760.83. Of this amount the women in Florida gave \$4,871.01. I am sorry to say we fell behind in our gifts for Foreign Missions. But we will aim higher this year, and hope to attain our apportionment \$5,100.00. This does not include the gifts for State Missions, orphanage, etc. In our own Suwannee Association, the women have been at work. We have now eleven Woman's Missionary Unions, an increase of five during the past year. We also have a Sunbeam Band in Live Oak, brought to life, after resting quietly for several years. Contributions for the past year amounted to \$704.59 from five societies; six have not yet reported. Several boxes have been sent to the Baptist Orphanage, in Arcadia. The women have been active in all kinds of church and mission work, and we feel sure their interest in the coming of the kingdom, grows deeper and stronger. Our work needs to be pushed steadily on. Our records need to be carefully kept, and reports sent in regularly. We wish to emphasize prayer, study, gifts and service, and to call attention to the great need of enlisting the young people. A mission study class would be most helpful in interesting the men as well as the women. Let us never lose sight of the fact that God is in the forefront of every holy conflict, leading the host against the citadels of wrong. The call comes to us to-day with renewed emphasis, that we go forward.

MRS. W. B. PARSHLEY, Chairman.  
I. R. CLEMENTS.  
E. L. LENEAR.

Report adopted. Spoken to by Sister B. Small, Bro. Parshley, Bro. Dixon.

Motion, That we adjourn until 1:30 o'clock p. m.

Meeting turned over to Bro. Proctor, who preached from John 15:6.

### THURSDAY AFTERNOON

The session was opened with singing, and prayer by Bro. Dixon from White Springs.

Motion by Bro. Dixon, and seconded by Bro. Wise, That the reports of State and Home Missions be reported to the committee on these reports in writing, and mailed to the Clerk in time to be printed in the minutes of the Association, which was commented on by Bro. Proctor, and was adopted.

### REPORT ON EDUCATION

The following report was made by the Chairman: "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Prov. 22:6, and the commands of Christ, "Teaching them to observe all things, whatsoever I have commanded you," should impress on us the urgent necessity for education along Christian lines for our children, and the further command of the Master, when he says: "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth," is plainly an admonition to each of us, to study the word of God, as given us in the Bible for ourselves.

Your Committee would ask every father and mother in this Association to propound to themselves the question, Are we striving to obey the Lord's commands? Do we teach our children or do we allow them to grow up with such Christian training as they may get from other people, the Sunday School, and the word, as preached from Sunday to Sunday? Education should begin at the mother's knee, and foremost should be the Bible, the love of the Father, and of Jesus our Lord, and all things pertaining to Christian living. By all means do not neglect the general education of the child, but doubly emphasize christian education.

We believe that religious training in childhood is the only solid foundation for morality and Christian character; in middle life that the Christian boy and girl shall become the leader and Christian worker in our churches when they reach manhood and womanhood, and foremost in all good works.

Just as the food we eat, nourishes the body and builds up the tissues, so the word of God gives fiber and muscle to our spiritual being, and determines the quality of our Christian character. The father and mother who schools the boy or girl in an atmosphere not religious, but skeptical, where the tide of profanity, agnosticism and infidelity threatens to engulf and destroy their spiritual life evidences a fearful want of appreciation of God's goodness to them in the gift of the child, and is possibly criminally careless. We have noticed the importance of education, both secular and religious, but what of denominational education and its meaning to us as Baptists? A denominational education is important and needful, just in proportion to the importance of the principles taught by the denomination. If the world could ill afford to lose the principles taught by a denomination, then that denomination can scarcely afford to neglect denominational education for no denominational education sooner or later, means no denomination. For example of this fact: See the old school Baptists, who are in fact the no school Baptists. Some seventy years ago when the Missionary and the Anti-Missionary Baptists, divided, they were of about equal strength. Observe, the difference of this day. Thus we see that a denominational educational is of no less importance than the existence of the denomination itself.

When we speak of a medical education we mean an education in the science and practice of medicine. By Christian education we mean an education in which the principles of the christian religion are taught, and that type of character built which is the product of these principles. Then, when we speak of denominational education, can we mean anything less than an education where the principles of a denomination are taught and that type of character produced which is the rightful product of these principles.

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 the training, because the law forbids religious instruction in public schools. The necessity is upon us. We must educate or retro-

grade. Baptist schools are expected to teach not only Christian principles, but distinctive Baptist principles. Let Baptists own, control, and support their own schools and colleges, and maintain their denominational character and teaching at whatever cost.

We wish to place before you the claims of Columbia College. This is your college, and we ask that you often remember it in your prayers; that you give to it liberally of your love, your money, and of your children. Pray that the students may be earnest and zealous in the pursuit of knowledge, that the president and faculty may be faithful in the discharge of duty, that they may have wisdom, and walk daily in the fear of the Lord. The gift of our love will be treasured greatly and will be used daily in kindness to the boys and girls, in the affectionate care of their minds and physical being. Your money we need for the proper equipment and maintenance of this, already great college property, and for the work required of it. Your children will be made thrice welcome to Columbia College, and will be used as material most worthy from which to form Baptist young men and young women who shall reflect honor and credit upon our college, and who will make glad the hearts and lives of the fathers and mothers who sent them to us, and as we look into the future and behold these Columbia College boys and girls, as Christian men and women to be used of the Master, in the work of the church; in the Sunday School, as preachers of his word, and as trained minds for the Mission fields. Our hearts rejoice and we praise his holy name and sing songs of gladness.

In conclusion the Committee would urge that every home within this Association shall establish the family altar, around which gather the family daily. Read to them from the word. Pray earnestly yourself; lead the children into prayers, and talk with them of the Master. This is education in the home—a training from which dates the saving grace in many a heart. Do this for the Father who loves us.

Respectfully submitted,

BRAXTON SMALL, Chairman.  
A. MILLER.  
MRS. R. J. ALLEN.

The report was adopted as read, was spoken on by Bros. Small, Parshley and Dixon.

### REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

The report on Foreign Missions was read by the Chairman as follows:

Dear Brethren—Many centuries ago, our blessed Lord spake a parable to his ancient people, in which he represents a nobleman in starting on a journey, as saying to his steward, occupy until I come; but some neglected their duty, even to the point of refusal and rebellion. Some 2000 years ago our Saviour said, Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. Things that are to be done only once, or to be accomplished in a few years, we finish before our enthusiasm is exhausted, but those things which are perpetual in their obligations fail of our interest. But as life itself and the occupations which sustain it grows more and more meaningful to us, so this great work of the kingdom, growing with the years, and rapidly approaching its consumation, should hold our attention with ever increasing devotion.

A comparison of figures will help to the end and let us use for the purpose the period of 22 years, which marks the limits of the administration of that noble steward of God, Dr. R. J. Willingham. In 1893 he had 92 missionaries and 86 native workers in the field. Last year we had 300 missionaries and 635 native workers; twenty-two years ago we had 2923 members and 383 baptisms. Last year we had 30,000 members and about 6,000 baptisms.

Then the total given by Southern Baptist churches for this work was \$154,683.00; last year the total sum was \$742,141.00. The very blessing which we pray for upon our work has grown beyond our willingness to follow. Notice, I say our willingness, not our ability, for while the membership of the Southern Baptist churches has doubled, it is safe to say that our wealth has quadrupled. Our work has reached into Japan, China, Bohemia, Africa, South America, Mexico, Cuba and the Canal Zone, and God has blessed us in it all. Yet our response

has been wholly inadequate. In the great work just mentioned our financial share as reported at the convention in Arcadia, in 1913, was only \$8,098.76 for the entire State, and for the Suwannee Association, the pitiful sum of \$72.78, last year the report at Pensacola was a little better, \$9,593.66 for the State and \$111.89 for the Suwannee Association.

But we all know how utterly inadequate our contribution is in comparison with what it might be with a membership of 1889, we contributed \$111.89, or five and nine-tenths cents each—just short of six cents a member.

Now a dollar per member, which we ought gladly to give, would have supplied \$1,889.00. But Brethren, let us not think in dollars and cents alone. The meager financial showing is significant. It means a sad lack of loyalty to our God, and of faith in his kingdom. But I am sure we do not wilfully mean to turn our back upon our Saviour. The trouble is, we have not put ourselves sufficiently in touch with the great work to inform our minds and quicken our love. Let us forget and forsake the past, and face the future years with increased energy and high resolve.

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. PARSHLEY, Chairman.  
GEO. H. PERRY.  
W. L. McINNIS.

The Committee's report was adopted and Bros. Parshley and Dixon, spoke on same.

### SACRED LITERATURE

The report on Sacred Literature was read by the Chairman as follows:

It has been said by an eminent author, that in a nation like ours, when literature came somewhat late into the field among the great forces of humanity it is destined to have a power such as it hardly can possess in any nation, not Republican in form.

This we believe is true in our government, with free speech and free press, where everyone selects and reads whatever they may choose, be it good or bad literature, and it would seem that a great number select the bad.

However, this need not create any astonishment on the part of the young when we consider the environment or example set. A church member in a Georgia town took occasion one Sunday morning, two years ago, as he went from his home to Sunday School to make a census of what his fellow townsmen were doing in matter of reading that Sunday morning. Passing by the front door of eleven residences, in which either the father or mother, or both, were church members. They were all, with two exceptions, reading the edition of a prominent Georgia daily eagerly about a man whose life was wrecked and ruined, and he, incarcerated as a felon, and only one of that number attended Sunday School that morning, and a great many of them seldom attended. Would it not have been better for those people to have been reading and studying religious literature, or the Bible for instance in the home and Sunday School, thereby instructing and impressing the young with the thought and good advice contained in the best literature that the world has ever known. The young will read; they must read something, and they generally read what is at hand; and what may generally be found at hand in many homes. Quite a number of homes have no good or religious literature in them, not even the official church paper, a small journal on missions, or the Sunday School literature that has been prepared by their denomination. But while this may be true, there are a great number of homes that are supplied with the best. Abraham Lincoln laid much stress on the fact that he was helped greatly in life by having read the life of Geo. Washington, when a boy. Why not have in your homes the biographies of great and good men for your children to read.

The poet said:

"The lives of great men all remind us,  
That we can make our lives sublime,  
And departing, leave behind us,  
Footprints on the sands of time."

Cheap literature is the bane of society. A book can be bought for a nickel, or a dime. There seems to be no harm in that. But is there not considerable harm in advertising nickel-plated writing or matter as sterling silver. Such literature robs the person of money and time, leaving him worse off than it found him. Everyone knows what books are. But what is good literature? It has been rightly and truthfully said: It is the ark on the flood. It is the light on the candlestick. It is the flowers among the leaves. The consummation of the plants; vitally the crown of beauty, and the treasure house of man's best thought. Good literature then is made up of those human writings which translate the inner meaning of the nature and life of man, into language of beauty, distinction and charm, touched with the personality of the author, gives men high ideals of life and make them better for having read it. The best literature then is that which has the deepest significance, the most perfect style; the most vivid individuality, and the most endearing appeal to the human heart and mind.

We endorse and heartily recommend the following as good literature: First, The Bible as first and best; The Baptist Witness, The Home Field, The Mission Messenger, The Foreign Mission Journal and Royal Service, The Sunday School literature, as prepared by the Southern Baptist convention.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. DIXON, Chairman.  
B. CHESHIRE.  
E. R. WISE.

Adopted as read. Responded to by Bro. Dixon.

#### REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION

The report on Sunday School and Baptist Young People's Union was read by the Chairman, as follows:

We, your Committee, offer the following as our report: We realize and know that the Sunday School and Baptist Young

People's Union are two of the most important organizations in our church. It is the place where the minds and hearts are prepared for a great work in after years. The boys and girls who are being trained in our Sunday Schools to-day will be the men and women of our land and country in the very near future. As we all know, the future will be just what we are trained in our youth, we should not be discouraged if we have not a Sunday School. Let us go home and make some improvements if we have no Sunday School in our church. Let us go home and organize one, and not see our little ones growing up without the proper training. We find from the twenty churches reporting to this Association that ten have Sunday Schools with a total membership of eight hundred pupils; seven of these Sunday Schools have contributed \$524.21 to the different causes. We find we have ten schools this year, against eleven last year. After losing one, we have an increase of 119 pupils; also an increase in collections of \$25.16. We are very sorry to have to report one school disbanded. Our attendance and collections this year are something to be proud of.

Your Committee is very anxious to see every church report a good live Sunday School at the next meeting of the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

G. L. DORMAN, Chairman.  
MISS LUCY PERRY.  
E. R. WISE.

Committee's report adopted, and commented on by Bros. Dorman, Parshley, Dixon and Wise.

#### REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

The report on Temperance was read by the Chairman, as follows:

Dear Brethren, We first reaffirm the Christian position of never ceasing opposition to the liquor traffic, on the grounds that it is utterly indefensible, and that it is subversive of good order in the body politic and destruction of the best in our home

and national lives every Baptist should stand for total abstinence from the use of intoxicating liquors and preach it as the only safe course for the individual, and that every follower of the Lord Jesus should abstain from alcoholic drinks as a beverage. We note with joy, the increasing sentiment against the liquor traffic. A few years ago the pulpit, a few laymen, and the women were fighting a forlorn hope. Now these are backed by science, the commercial world, the industrial world, a mighty and ever increasing position of the daily, weekly and monthly press, and solidly built organizations of some men and women, who are numbered by the millions, determined on the overthrow of the nefarious traffic. We believe that the time is now here for the great battle for National prohibition. We earnestly urge that every Baptist in our bounds enlist in the great and noble army, and battle for the emancipation of this grand Republic the glory of our God, and the joy of the millions of weeping mothers, wives, sisters and daughters of our country.

Respectfully submitted,

T. L. PEACOCK, Chairman.  
S. S. PROCTOR.  
GEO. W. SHIVER.  
MRS. M. V. MILLS.

Report adopted and spoken on by Bro. B. A. Geiger.

#### REPORT ON NOMINATIONS

The report on Nominations was read by the Chairman, as follows:

We, the Committee on Nomination, beg leave to submit the following: Executive Committee, A. J. York, Chairman; R. Jas. Allen, G. L. Dorman; E. R. Wise, W. L. McInnis, R. J. Bush, T. L. Peacock. Member of the State Board, B. Small. Messenger to Southern Baptist Convention, Dr. W. B. Parshley. Messengers to State Convention, J. B. Dixon, A. J. York, H. E. Carter, B. Small, E. R. Wise.

The next meeting place of the Association will be held with Tiger church, Lake Butler, beginning on Wednesday, before the third Sunday in October, 1916, at 10:00 o'clock a. m.

Introductory sermon by Bro. J. B. Dixon, and Missionary sermon by Bro. W. B. Parshley.

Respectfully submitted,

D. J. MILLS, Chairman.  
J. N. McMULLEN.  
MRS. C. E. JENKINS.

The Finance Committee reported that they had received \$59.09.

J. A. HOLMES, Chairman.  
J. Q. BOATWRIGHT.

The report of the Treasurer, D. J. Mills, was read.

#### RECEIPTS

1914		
Oct. 15	Received from Finance Committee.....	\$69.34
	Collections for State Missions.....	10.00
	Total receipts.....	\$79.34

#### DISBURSEMENTS

Paid	Clerk.....	\$15.00
	S. B. Rogers, State Missions.....	16.37
	S. B. Rogers, Home Missions.....	1.00
	Columbia College.....	3.90
	Printing Minutes.....	43.07
	Total disbursements.....	\$79.34

No balance on hand.

Respectfully submitted,

D. J. MILLS, Treasurer.

Report adopted.

#### RESOLUTION

The following Resolution was offered by Bro. Dixon:

Be It Resolved, That we give a place in our order of business for a report on, and a special hour during the session of each Association for a special sermon on Christian doctrine or the divine call to the ministry.

Resolution adopted.

Motion, by Bro. Dixon, That the State Board put a Secretary in the field for the Sunday School and the Baptist Young People's Union. Our representatives to the State convention, ask for the same.

Motion, That Bro. J. B. Dixon preach a doctrinal sermon during the next session of the Association.

The Moderator appointed a Chairman for the following Committees: Foreign Missions, B. A. Geiger; Home Missions, J. B. Dixon; State Missions, W. B. Parshley; Sunday School and Baptist Young People's Union, B. Small; Sacred Literature, T. L. Peacock; Present Day Evil, R. J. Bush; Nomination, G. L. Dorman; Woman's Work, Miss Lucy Perry; Temperance, E. R. Wise; Orphanage, J. A. Holmes.

Motion, by Bro. Wise, That the Clerk be paid \$15.00.

The Clerk offered the following Resolution:

Resolved, That we extend to Philadelphia church, and the neighborhood, 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.

Resolution adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

R. J. ALLEN, Clerk.

## ORPHANAGE REPORT

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

In that we have been unable, in so short a period, to gather such facts and figures as we would like, we wish to call our pastors' attention to the needs of the Orphanage Home. May they bring the matter to the attention of their flocks, not only once, but continually during the year, that there may not be any cause for distress among our little ones.

We are sure, when the matter is brought squarely before us, we, as a rule, are willing to respond to the call. So let us ever keep before us the needs of some eighty little ones who are dependent upon us.

Respectfully submitted,

R. J. BUSH, Chairman.

JOHN HOLMES.

W. H. ROBERTSON.

Report adopted.

## REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

Somehow it seems to be hard to get all our people to understand the difference in the various departments of our great mission works. Particularly is it true that the State and Home and Mission work are confused, and so sometimes with the Foreign. The State work of course embraces the work done in the State alone. The Home Mission work is that embraced in the work done within the limits of the Southern Baptist Convention and Cuba.

Home Missions and the State work stand side by side in the matter of importance, for without these in full harmony, and as the back ground, or base from which to work, there could be no Foreign work of course. We hear a great deal in this day of preparedness, and I do not know of anything in which preparedness is more necessary than in the work of carrying on the work of the Lord in all parts of the world, at home and abroad. But then there is need of a base of supplies in all well regulated lines of business, especially in the mission work.

The work in which the Home Board is most concerned is dual in its character. The first is of unmeasured importance to the work. The work of doing special work through able and capable and tactful men, such as the Home Board has employed for the past few years. This work consists in doing general Evangelistic work in our large cities. This phase of the work has been very successful in almost all the large cities. It has added to the local churches in all these, wherever they have held meetings, and thus have added to the strength of the forces. The other particular division of the Home Board work is that which I think cannot be over-estimated in its importance. It consists in meeting all incoming Foreigners with a kindly greeting and friendly welcome, and with the word of God as the best friend of men. We must meet them with this word, and Christianize them, or in the not very distant future, we will become so foreignized that we will not know ourselves. It is true that they are not coming in so rapid since the war began, but at the first lull in the terrible scourge they will again flock to us by the hundreds of thousands, and we will be put on the defensive again.

The very best way to do successful Foreign Mission work is to bring these men and women to Christ, and then when they have been converted, and their hearts all aglow with the love of God, they will be only too anxious to return and give to their own people the blessed knowledge of Him who has so gloriously lifted them out of the mire.

The majority of our churches in this Association have not given to this work that is the greatest means of our safety and stability as a people and as a nation. Let the pastors look to this work for the next year. It is a theme upon which we ought to speak frequently and loudly. I have not the latest statistics as to the numbers so far for this year, but whatever it is, it is certain that it falls far below that of last year at this time. This is due to the ravages of the great European war, for it has very materially touched this and all lands, in one way or another—particularly in that of finances.

Our State Board is farther behind this year than it has been at this season or at any other in years. We must come



to the help of the Lord's work. Let us build up this "Base of Supplies," and when help is called for, and supplies of "men and munitions" are wanted, we will have them ready to say, "Here am I Lord, send me."

We are the greatest people on the globe to-day. Let us show it, not in dealing out death to men, but in sending them the bread of life. Arise, gird on the armor, and strike out for great attainments for the ensuing year in the name of our King.

Fraternally,

B. A. GEIGER.  
CHARLIE SPEARING.  
G. W. SHIVER.  
S. S. PROCTOR.

#### REPORT ON WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

The annual session of the Woman's Missionary Union of Suwannee Association was held at Philadelphia church, near Live Oak, on Thursday afternoon, Oct. 14, 1915, at two o'clock.

The meeting was presided over by Mrs. W. B. Parshley, Associational Superintendent.

The devotional exercises were led by Mrs. W. J. Bush, with prayer by Mrs. B. Small.

Miss Genie Peacock, with appropriate words of welcome, made the delegates feel welcome indeed, while Mrs. C. E. Jenkins of Tiger Lake, responded with a timely address in behalf of the visitors. Then came the enrollment of delegates from their respective churches.

Antioch—Mrs. R. J. Allen.

Bellville—Miss Lucy Perry.

Bulah—Miss Roxy Jordan, Miss Olivia Jordan.

Clayland—Mrs. G. W. Goff, Miss Annie Goff.

Jennings—Mrs. W. J. Bush.

Jasper—Mrs. B. Small, Miss Mamie Griffis.

Live Oak—Mrs. W. B. Parshley, Miss Mattie Thompson.

Oak Grove—Mrs. Hearst.

Pleasant Hill—Mrs. C. C. Hughes, Miss Ruth Miller, Mrs. L. Haynes.

Philadelphia—Mrs. A. C. Boatwright, Mrs. P. M. Lenear, Miss Mae Mills, Mrs. A. J. Boatwright, Miss Genie Peacock, Mrs. M. L. Chauncey, Miss Minnie Lenear, Mrs. D. J. Mills, Miss Rosa Lenear, Miss Olive Chauncey and fifteen visitors, also fifteen children.

Tiger Lake—Mrs. M. V. Mills, Mrs. C. E. Jenkins.

The following officers were then elected for the coming year: President, Miss Mamie Griffis; Vice-President, Miss Genie Peacock; Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Lucy Perry; Associational Superintendents, Mrs. B. Small, Mrs. W. B. Parshley.

The President then took the chair, and written reports were read from the following societies: Bellville, by Miss Lucy Perry; Jasper, by Miss Mamie Griffis; Jennings, by Mrs. W. J. Bush; Live Oak, by Mrs. W. B. Parshley; Tiger Lake, by Mrs. M. V. Mills. These reports showed a year of good work. The amount contributed for all objects during the year was \$704.16 by Woman's Missionary societies. Sunbeam Band at Live Oak, with Mrs. W. B. Parshley, leader, contributed for Missions, \$8.04. This Band was the only one reported in our Union. Let us hope more will be organized the coming year.

Mrs. B. Small, as Associational Superintendent, rendered an excellent report.

The financial and graded system of the Woman's Missionary Union, were explained ably by Miss Lucy Perry.

Chiple Memorial Building Loan Fund was interestingly discussed by Mrs. B. Small.

History of Florida Woman's Missionary Union was presented by Miss Genie Peacock and three copies sold.

Mrs. W. B. Parshley gave an interesting and instructive talk on the need of Mission work.

An offering was taken for State Missions, which amounted to \$2.85.

Mrs. Parshley closed the meeting by leading most earnestly in prayer.

MISS MAMIE GRIFFIS, President.

MISS LUCY PERRY, Secretary.

Motion, That we adjourn to meet with Tiger Lake Baptist Church, on Wednesday, before third Sunday in October, 1916.

R. J. ALLEN, Clerk.

A. J. YORK, Moderator.

STATISTICAL TABLE. No. 1

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Postoffice	CLERKS	Postoffice	By Baptism.....	Letters or Statement.....	By Restoration.....	Total Increase.....	By Letter.....	By Exclusion or Erasure.....	By Death.....	Total Decrease.....	Membership This Year.....	Net Decrease.....	Net Increase.....	What Sundays have Preaching.....
Philadelphia	T. L. Peacock	Wilmarth	A. C. Boatwright	Wilmarth	12	3	2	17	4		2	6	142	4	11	2-4
Antioch	J. B. Dixon	Jasper	J. Allen	Live Oak	5	4	3	1	1	1	2	5	47		10	4
Bellville	G. W. S. Ware	Worthington	J. C. Bracewell	Lake Park, Ga.	5	3	2	10	2	2	2	2	34		8	2
Bulah	J. T. Farnell	Day	W. A. Jordan	Douling Park	9	9	2	20	3	1	1	4	68		16	Full Time
Jasper	J. B. Dixon	Jasper	B. B. Johnson	Jasper	9	9	2	20	3	1	1	4	159		16	Time
Jennings	A. R. Powell	Nashville, Ga.	G. M. Stephens	Jennings	1	1	2	4	1	1	5	5	81		3	1
Clayland	No Preacher	Nashville, Ga.	A. M. Mosely	Nashville, Ga.	2	2	1	5	4	2	2	6	105		1	Full
Live Oak	W. B. Parshley	Live Oak	M. E. Broome	Live Oak	29	18	2	49	23	2	25	25	269		24	Time
Friendship	A. Bonds	O'Brien	C. W. Hayes	Live Oak	3	3	1	4	7	2	7	9	139		2	4
Mt. Olives	R. E. Parnell	Bell	J. B. Johns	Welborn	5	2	2	7	6	2	2	7	148		16	3
New Hope	B. A. Geiger	Jasper	R. J. Bush	Ynings	8	6	2	16	2	2	2	4	55		18	2
O'Brien	W. J. Overstreet	Jasper	C. S. Register	O'Brien	9	3	2	12	2	2	2	4	50		20	4
Orange	M. J. Fawcett	Day	W. H. Robertson	Live Oak	9	8	4	21	4	2	1	7	75		20	4
Pleasant Hill	No Pastor	Day	J. W. Jenkins	Pinemount	2	2	2	4	2	1	2	2	74		2	1
Rock Sink	J. T. Farnell	Day	H. B. Neulan	Live Oak	9	2	4	21	4	2	1	7	70		1	2
Suwannee	No Preacher	Douling Park	G. W. Shiver	Live Oak	10	2	2	14	1	1	1	2	108		12	4
Rose Mary	W. M. Tompling	Welborn	W. M. Sauls	Welborn	33	2	2	37	1	1	3	4	110		33	1
Tiger Lake	R. Strickland	Branford	Claude Jenkins	O'Brien	5	2	3	10	7	1	1	9	84		1	1
Union	W. B. Tiston	O'Brien	B. D. Douglas	O'Brien	4	4	5	10	4	5	5	5	44		1	1
Oak Grove	W. N. Hurst	O'Brien	B. E. Hurst	Pinemount	151	67	29	247	74	7	18	98	1862		11	166



