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## ORDER OF BUSINESS

## Thursday Morning, 10:00 o'Clock

10:00 A. M.—Temporary organization; enrolling names of Messengers; permanent organization.

11:00 A. M.—Introductory Sermon,

12:15 P. M.—Dinner.

## Thursday Afternoon

1:30 P. M.—Appointment of committees, reading petitionary letters, recognition of visitors and correspondents, report of Executive Committee. Miscellaneous business.

3:30 P. M.—Adjourn for the afternoon.

## Friday Morning

9:30 A. M.—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; Orphans Home.

10:30 A. M.—Report on Temperance.

11:00 A. M .- Doctrinal Sermon.

12:15 P. M.-Dinner,

## Friday Afternoon

1:30 P. M.—Reports of Committees on Present Day Evils, Sacred Literature, Woman's Work, Sunday School and B. Y. P. U.; miscellaneous business.

3:30 P.M.—Adjournment.

## Saturday Morning

9:30 A. M.—Reading Minutes of previous day; report of Committee on Obituaries; report of Treasurer.

10:30 A. M.—Miscellaneous business.

11:00 A. M. -- Missionary Sermon,

12:15 P. M.—Dinner,

## Saturday Afternoon

1:30 P. M.—Report of Finance Committee; report of Committee on Nominations; appointing of chairmen of standing committees.

4:30 P. M.—Adjournment.

## ARTICLES OF FAITH

"Purpose, to set in order a declaration of those things most surely believed among us"—Luke 1:1.

Article 1. We believe in one only true and living God. and that there are three persons in the God-head, Father. Son and Holy Ghost.—I Kings 8:60; Isaiah 44:6; Matthew 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. 4:20, 12:32; Matt. 5:9; Luke 12:28; John 14:15; II Tim. 2:16; Peter 4:11; I Thess. 2:13; Rev. 22:19.

Articles 3. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.—Genesis 3:5; Psalm 51:5; I Kings 8:46; Romans, 3:9; Galatians 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.—Psalm 51:1; Jer. 13:23; Romans 8:7-8; John 10:16; John 3:3; Micah 6:7; Galatians 3:10-11.

Article 5. We believe in the election according to the foreknowledgement of God through sanctification of the spirit and belief of the truth.—Deut. 7:6; Acts 22:14, 13:46; Romans 8:29-30; Ephesians 1:4; Matt. 24:31; John 10:16. 6:37; Romans 9:15; II Timothy 1:9; Titus 1:1-2.

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 52:11; Acts 13:38-39; Romans 10:4, 3:25-26; I Corinthians 1:30; Galatians 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.—Matthew 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.—Matthew 28:19-20; Luke 22:19. That nothing is baptism but immersion.—Matthew 3:16. That believers are the only

proper subjects and that the only proper administrators of baptism are ministers who have been regularly ordained by a church of same faith and order; by the imposition of hands of a presbytery.—Matthew 3:15; I Corinthians 11:2; I Timothy 4:14; Titus 1:5. And that none but baptized believers are entitled to partake of the Lord's Supper.—Acts 2:41-42; Matthew 26:20-30; Mark 14;17-26; Luke 22:14-18.

Article 11. We believe in a resurrection of the dead and a general judgment.—Acts 17:31; I Corinthians 15:34, 20:25; John 5-28-29; Hebrews 9:27; II Peter 3-7.

Article 12. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting, and that the joy of the righteous will be eternal.—Matthew 25:26; II Thessalonians 1:9; Mark 10:30.

#### CONSTITUTION

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

Article 2. The specific object of the Association shall be: a. To unite the influence and pious intelligence of the Baptists within it and thereby facilitate their union and cooperation.

b. 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.

c. To aid weak churches in our bounds.

d. To encourage and aid the education of our pious young men who may be called by the Spirit and approved by their respective churches for work of the Gospel ministry.

e. To promote pious and useful education among all Baptists.

f. To care for the needy orphans among us.

g. 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 each 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 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 other members present from said church.

Article 6. The offcers of this Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk and a Treasurer, who shall be elected annually by ballot and 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, supervising 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 money received and disbursed by him, paying out the same only on the order of the Association or of the Executive Committee, and report in full the transactions of his office at each annual session of the Association.

Article 8. The business of this Association shall be transacted ad interim by an Executive Committee. This committee shall consist of one member from each church in the Association. The local church shall elect the member and the Association shall ratify the selection. The Moderator and the Clerk of the Association to be members exofficio.

This body shall supervise all missionary work in the Association and shall meet in session at least once every three months, at the union meetings of the Association.

Article 9. The annual meeting of this Association shall begin on Thursday before the third Sunday in October, and requesting all churches which hold regular services on the third Sunday and Saturday before to give their pastors their October meeting in each year, in order that the pastor may attend the Association and remain there through Sunday, 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 during the session of the Association; presented by messengers accompanied by a certificate of the presbytery as to their orthodox and proper organization.

Article 11. This Association shall be advisory only in matters of controversy between members of any of the

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 from this body whenever they shall apply for letters of dismissal from the Association.

Article 12. The Moderator shall, at each session, appoint chairmen of committees on the following subjects, to-wit: State Missions, Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Education, Orphanage, Woman's Work, Sunday School and B. Y. P. U., Periodicals, Obituaries, Present Day Evils, Temperance, and such other questions as the Association may deem proper.

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

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

#### RULES OF DECORUM

1. At the first meeting of each annual session of the Association, the Moderator of the previous session shall call the messengers to order and after singing and prayer he shall declare the Association ready for business, the first item being the election of a Moderator and a 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 correct record of the proceeding sof 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 will 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 table, amend, indefinitely postpone, refer to a committee or otherwise call a previous question.

10. Any member in the majority may move a reconsidera-

tion 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 the members present.

## **MINUTES**

Beulah Baptist Church, October 14, 1920.

After reading a portion of God's Word, found in Corinthians, Third Chapter, by Rev. A. J. York, Rev. J. A. Davis led in prayer.

The congregation then sang that good old hymn, "How Firm a Foundation."

Rev. A. J. York appointed H. J. Horne and D. J. Mills as a Committee on Credentials.

The following churches and messengers responded

Corinth-Frank Stokes, L. Tolar.

Pleasant Hill—Frank Leggett, Mrs. A. F. Leggett, Mrs. M. L. Law New Hope—R. J. Bush—Mrs. W. B. Herring.

Beulah-B. E. Tucker, G. D. Lyons, P. T. Jordan, H. S. Thompson.

Philadelphia—D. J. Mills, R. R. Brown, Mrs, Mary Mills, Ada Mills, E. L. Lanier, Mrs. E. L. Lanier.

Jasper-J. A. Davis, Braxton Small, Mrs. Braxton Small, R. L. Frink.

Dr. J. H. Corbett, Mrs. J. H. Corbett, Mrs. B. Chessire.

Suwannee G. W. Shiver, P. S. Mikell.

Branford, B. R. Mimms, W. S. Duncan, Mrs. J S Stafford, Mrs. F. D. Phillips.

Mt. Olive-S. A. Richardson, H. V. Johns, J. H. Johns.

Antioch-R. J. Allen, E. R. Wise.

Mt. Pisgah-W. T. Newsome, R. F. Howell,

Tiger Lake—G. L. Dorman, Corinne Dorman, Callie Dorman, H. J. Horne, Mrs. H. J. Horne, W. L. Robinson, Harry Robinson, E. T. Horne.

Orange-J. C. Morgan.

Belleville-By letter; no messengers.

Pine Grove-By letter; no messengers.

Moved and carried that the messengers present constitute this Association.

The following officers were elected by acclamation.

A. J. York, Moderator.

G. L. Dorman, Clerk

D. J. Mills, Treasurer.

Adjourned until 1:30 P. M.

Rev. J. A. Davis preached a very able and interesting introductory sermon, 1:30 P. M.

After singing and prayer, the Moderator appointed the following committees:

State Missions - E. R. Wise, J. K. Collier, C. J. Bruner.

Home Missions - A. H. Townsend, R. J. Bush, R. F. Howell.

Foreign Missions-H. A. Jordan, E. L. Lanier, J. C. Morgan.

Sunday School and B. Y. P. U.—Braxton Small, Dr. J. H. Corbett, W. G. Duncan.

Temperance-W. T. Newsome, D. F. Barry, W. L. Robinson.

Orphanage-D. J. Mills, H. V. Johns, R. J. Allen,

Call for Visitors—A. H. Townsend, J. T. Farnell and D. F. Barry from the Middle Florida Association; J. R. Clements from the Lafayette Association, and C. J. Bruner from the Beulah Association responded.

The following churches reported by letter and messengers:

Rocky Sink-E. R. Brown, A. H. Mitchell, T. D. Tyson, B. I. Brown.

Mt. Gilead.—J. K. Collier, Mrs. J. K. Collier, A. Cameron, H. S. Williams.

Clayland T. T. Hart, W. H. Holland, T. J. Zipperer.

Friendship-R. D. Turner, L. C. Lanier, C. W. Haynes.

O'Brien-T. J. Webb, H. A. Jordan, J. T. McCagherine.

Call for report of Executive Committee, Brother A. J. York being chairman stated that he had been gone from among us and had no report to make.

The following committees were appointed

Obituaries E. R. Brown, T. J. Webb, P. T. Jordan.

Nominations-H. J. Horne, G. D. Lyons, R. L. Frink

Sacred Literature-R. R. Brown, G. W. Shiver, A. H. Mitchell.

Present Day Evils-R. D. Turner, J. A. Davis, J. H. Johns.

Education—W. T. Newsome, S. A. Richardson, Mrs. F. D. Phillips. F. Woman's Work—Mrs. W. H. Green, Mrs. Braxton Small, C. J. Bruner. Finance—R. J. Bush, B. R. Mimms.

Brother R. L. Frink, of Jasper, was appointed Chairman of the Layman's Movement for the Suwannee Association. Each church is re-

quested to elect a member for this committee, to work with Brother Frink, and notify him who their committeeman is, in order that they may hold a meeting at an early date.

No one being present to represent the Baptist Witness, the Moderator appointed Rev. J. A. Davis, who gave us a good talk on why we should subscribe for our own denominational paper.

On motion and second, the rules were waived and the report on Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. was read by Braxton Small.

Rules were further waived, and report on Sacred Literature was read by R. R. Brown.

Above reports were spoken on by J. A. Davis, J. T. Farnell, C. J. Braner and others.

Motion to adjourn until tomorrow at 9:30 A. M.

#### Friday Morning

After singing and prayer by I. R. Clements, the meeting was called to order.

On call for letters and visitors, the following responded:

Tiger Lake—Mrs. M. A. Mills, Mrs. O. S. Mills, O. S. Mills, C. R. Brown, J. V. Brown, Miss R. A. Brown,

Visitors responding were W. W. Willian and W. C. Taylor, from the State Board at Jacksonville.

Brother W W Williams was invited to give us a talk on Sunday School and B Y. P. U. He took Matthew 28:19:20 as a foundation for his remarks. He gave us a good talk, asking how many hours per year are given to the training of the children in our homes, and asking us not to put off until tomorrow what can be done today; telling us that we should go and carry our children to Sunday School and church instea dof sending them alone.

Report on Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. adopted.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND B. Y. P. U.

The Sunday School in the United States has been a most efficient means of imparting religious instruction to the young; a most effective agency for the church; the pioneer religious force in new communities, and the conserver of religious instruction for the family in every community where it exists

The first record we have of the Sunday School in the United States was in the year 1674, and from that day to the present time the Sunday school has had its part in the teaching of God's Word to children as well as to men and women, and the building up of God's Kingdom. In 1873 a plan for uniform Bible Lessons was formally inaugurated, and these unifor mlessons have been adopted by most of the denominations in the United States and also in Canada and

in England; and are known as the International Sunday School Lessons. Each denomination publishes its own lessons, with helps; and thus a large amount of Sunday School Literature has come into use.

The modern Sunday School aims to reach children of all ages, from babes to the adult. Children under three years of age are on the "Cradle Roll," and the aim is to leave an impression on the mind of the young child that the Sunday School is interested in its young life. Then follow the Primary, Junior, Intermediate and Senior Grades, and a Home Department for those who do not go to Sunday School but can be interested in some study of the Bible at home.

The Sunday School is, very naturally, connected with every phase of church work. It is not an organization separate and apart from the other church forces. Our Baptist Sunday School stands for missions and teaches missions, and the pastor of the church is the pastor of the Sunday School. We have no connection or relation with interdenominational work or with the Inter-Church Movement. Our state officers do not sell or publish lesson supplies; but all of this matter can be bought from our Baptist Sunday School Board at Nashville, Tenn., who will be glad to send prices and samples to any of our Sunday Schools, on request.

The B. Y. P. U. is the department of training for the Baptist Church. To train the young people—young men and young women—for some definite place in the work of the harvest and to become strong and earnest men and women, entitles the B. Y. P. U. to full recognition as a well defined and very important division or department of the Baptist denomination. What a joy it is to the older members of the church to see these young B. Y. P. U. members—training and studying, realizing that on these young shoulders must fall the full charge, support and leadership of the church as the older members pass over the river.

There is a great need for a Sunday School convention, each year, in our Association, with all the churches of the Association coming together to stidy the best methods for advancing the work of the Sunday School and the B. Y. P. U., so that there shall not be a Baptist Church in our Association but that has a Sunday School and a B. Y. P. U.

We most earnestly request every member of this Association to become a member of the Sunday School of the church of their membership and to enter with gladness upon the study of the Bible. Be sure that the children of the family attend every service of the Sunday School and the B. Y. P. U. To our young members, both boys and girls, we urge upon you to join the B. Y. P. U. and early in life fit yourself for leadership in the service of our Master.

Respectfully submitted,

BRAXTON SMALL, Chairman, J. C. CORBETT, W. G. DUNCAN.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SACRED LITERATURE

The Bible, the most sacred of all books, is the only revealer of God to man. It has given us the key that unlocks the mysteries of creation, the clue by which to thread the labyrinth of the universe, the glass through which to look "from Nature up to Nature's God."

It is only when we stand and gaze upon nature, with the Bible in our hands and its idea of God in our understandings, that nature is capable of rising to its highest majesty and kindling in our souls the highest emotions of moral beauty and sublimity.

Without the all-pervading spiritual God of the Bible in our thoughts, nature's sweetest music would lose its charm, the universe its highest significance and glory.

The oldest reliable history is that given by Moses, "And God said, Let there be light: and there was light." And on down, for four thousand years, the sacred volume follows the fortunes of God's chosen people, and, incidentally, it gives us at the same time light on the contemporary nations of heathendom. See what it has done for science. True, it does not unfold to us the mysteries of geology, astronomy, or chemistry. And yet it does train the mind for its loftiest flights and its broadest explorations.

"I have always found," said a patron of the National Institute at Washington, "in my scientific studies, that when I could get the Bible to say anything on the subject it afforded me a firm platform to stand upon, and another round in the ladder by which I could safely ascend." It throws its beams into the temples of science and literature, no less than of religion; and so prepares the way for man's advancement in philosophy, metaphysics and natural science no less than in the realm of ethics; and, as it saves the soul, it exalts the intellect.

The Bible is adapted to every phase of human life, of taste, temperament, culture and condition. It has strong reasoning for the intellectual, it takes the calm and contemplative to the well balanced James, and the affectionate to the loving and beloved John. The pensive, sad, may read the tender lamentations and the funeral strains of Jeremiah. Let the hopeful and confident commune with graphic and creative Joel; and the plain and practical may go to the wise Ecclesiasties or to the outspoken Peter.

Those who like brilliant and wholesome truths and precepts of pithy sayings should study Proverbs, and the lover of pastoral and quiet delineations may dwell with the Sweet Singer of Israel or the richly endowed Amos or Hosea.

If you would take the wings of imagination and leap from earth to heaven, or wander through eternity, then open the Revelations, and pour over and fill yourself with the glory of the New Jerusalem, and listen to the seven thunders, and gaze on the pearly gates and the golden streets of the Heavenly City.

Not only is the Bible precious to the poor and the unlearned; not only is it the counsellor and confidant of the great middle class of society (both spiritually and mentally speaking), but to the scholar and the sage; the intellectual monarchs of the race bow to its authority.

To multitudes of our race the Bible is not only the foundation of their religious faith; but their daily practical guide.

It has taken hold of the world as no other book ever did. Not only is it read in all Christian pulpits, but it should be read by Every Emitation from the palace to the cottage.

It is the golden chain which binds hearts together at the marriage altar; it contains the sacred formula for the baptismal rite.

It blends itself with our daily conversation, and is the silver thread or all our best reading.

When the good mother parts with her dear boy, other volumes may be placed in his hands; but we are sure that with tearful prayer she will fold among his apparel a Bible.

Charles Dickens placed a Bible in his son's trunk as his boy went to become a colonist in Australia. He afterward wrote to him: "I put a New Testament among your books for the very same hope that made me write an easy account of it for you when you were a little child, because it is the best book that ever was or ever will be known in the world, and because it teaches you the best lessons by which any human creature who tries to be faithful and truthful to duty can possibly be guided."

Read your Bible; make it your daily business to obey it in all that you understand. If we be ignorant, the Scriptures will instruct us; if out of the way, they will bring you home; if out or order, they will reform us; if in heaviness, comfort us; if dull, quicken us; if cold, inflame us.

John Ruskin says: "All that I have taught of art, everything that I have written, whatever greatness there has been in any thought of mine, whatever I have done in my life, has simply been due to the fact that when I was a child my mother daily read with me a part of the Bible and daily made me learn a part of it by heart; and to my early knowledge of the Bible I owe the best part of my taste in literature."

The Bible is simple, yet grand; mysterious, yet plain, and though from God, it is nevertheless within the comprehension of a child.

You may send your children to school to study other books, from which they may be educated for this world; but in this divine book they study the science of the eternal world.

The family Bible has given to the Christian home that unmeasured superiority in all dignities, decencies and enjoyments of life, over the home of the heathen. It has elevated woman, revealed her true mission, developed the true idea and sacredness of marriage and of home-relationship; it has unfolded the holy mission of the mother, the responsibilities of the parent and the blessings of the child.

Take the Bible from the family, and it will degenerate into a mere conventionalism; marriage into a "social" compact, the spirit of real motherhood would depart. Affection would sink to brute fondness and what we call home would become a den of sullen selfishness, of barbaric lust. Our churches would decay and crumble; our governments would finally topple and fall, and the Red and the Bolshevist would hold full sway. As I described the Bolshevist a year ago, I will now say that a "Red" is one that is not very well read.

I would recommend the fostering of the Sunday School in all that it means to the church. Also, in connection with the Bible study the reading of the following books:

"Training in Bible Study," by Dawe.

"Baptist Principles," by Folk.

"Our Church Life," Frost.

"The Bible and Modern Life," by Cooper,

"Pilgrim's Progress," by Bunyan.

In fact, if all the churches would maintain a circulating library of the above books, and others of similar nature, in less than three generations we would see, if living, a great change for the better from what we now have.

Of course, subscribe for and read our paper. The Baptist Witness and Home Field and Foreign Mission Journal.

Respectfully submitted,

R. R. BROWN, Chairman. A. H. MITCHELL. G. W. SHIVER.

Report on Sacred Literature adopted.

Orange church reported—R. M. Robinson, Hugh Landon, J. M. N. Clark Adjourned until 1:30 P. M., for dinner,

Rev. H. A. Jordan preached a very interesting doctrinal sermon. His subject will be found in Daniel 4:10-15, using as a further subject "The Counterfeiting of God's Church, Founded by Jesus Christ."

After singing a song and prayer, report on State Missions was read by E. R. Wise and spoken on by E. R. Wise, C. J. Bruner and W. W. Willian.

#### REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

From a business point of view, there is not a state in the Southern Baptist Convention with such varied and sundry resources as Florida. Her fields are fertile and her many industries intespersed, making Floida an inviting field for business men and laborers of every class. Theefore, her growth in population is rapid and varied, making her one of the most inviting states as a mission field. But an earnest investigation provokes a frank confession that our growth religiously is not as rapid as one would desire, and sometimes we entertain some very grave fears that our religious growth is not keeping pace with the financial growth. Many of our churches have imbibed the spirit of the anti-missionary and are therefore in great need of intelligent training along lines of missionary endeavor. Our State Board is fully awake on the question, and has offered to send help to every association. So, in this and many other ways the State Board has proven, o be our friend, and is entitled to our most hearty and loyal support.

Let us insist that every church in our Association stand by the 75 Million Campaign movement, meet our pledges and also get others that have not pledged, to do so, that the great work of evargelization shall not be hampered; and as we labor in our Jerusalem—the sunny land of Florida—may we see to it that there is nothing left undone on our part.

Respectfully submitted.

E. R. WISE, Chairman C. J. BEUNER. J. K. COLLINS.

Report adopted.

Rosemary Church reported by letter and the following messengers J. S. Alderman, J. P. Privett and J. C. Stone.

Report on Education read by W. T. Newsome and spoken on by W. T. Newsome and J. C. Morgan.

#### REPORT ON EDUCATION

We find that there is an increased interest being manifested in education along all lines and among all people. Our public school officials are becoming more aroused to the educational needs of our children. The parents of our county and state are rising up and demanding better teachers and longer school terms for their children. This is well indeed. For there is no other line of work with which we are more vitally concerned or that is so insistently demanding our very best efforts than that of giving to our boys and girls a broader and more efficient education than we received for ourselves. Our children

are more to us than all the rest of the world combined. We should, therefore, exhaust every source and means in giving to them the best education that it is possible for us to give. In doing this we should be extremely careful in seeing that they get this learning, as much as possible, under Christian influences. While our children are attending public schools, we can give them Christian training in our B. Y. P. U.. Sunday Schools and other church work that will enable them to be a power for righteousness wherever they may go in the future. If they go to any finishing school, make sure that it is to our own denominational colleges and training schools, that are maintained by us for that special purpose.

As the mind of the child gets its first impressions of good and evil from its home environments, later from the community environments, and still later from the teaching it receives in school; then let us as parents be very careful as to the examples we set before our children at home, and still more careful of the company in which they are thrown and the influences that are thrown about them in our communities and our schools.

Respectfully submitted,

W. T. NEWSOME, Chairman MRS. F. D. PHILLIPS. S. A. RICHARDSON.

Report adopted.

Report on Home Missions was read by R. J. Bush, and spoken on by W. C. Taylor.

#### HOME MISSIONS

Brethren, under this great topic, "Home Missions," does it appear to us as laborers in the vineyard of our Lord that this subject appeals to the needs of the mountaineers in our land, the U. S. A., in their crude community life—one, two and three families in a place.

Oh, how they need to be brought into organized fellowship with their Lord.

Or does this topic refer to foreigners coming to our shores, bringing with them alien doctrine ("If even an angel preach any other doctrine other than this which we preach, let him be accursed."—Galatians 1:8-9.)

Oh, how we are being, or subject to be, contaminated with error.

Or does it refer to the needs of the Indians in our land, which need the Gospel of our Lord? Which is the power of God thereunto salvation. Yes; twice yes.

It refers to all those references, which lay a heavy responsibility on us.

But oh, alas! The subject again (Hôme Missions)!

We are great sticklers for missions. Do we prove it?

How are we organizing our children and teaching this great subject. Home Missions?

But we need to be handled upon the knees of mothers with minds converted from fashion and pride to real home-making and Christian pride

Brethren, Home Mission hot beds are in the Christian homes of our band

Is the fire burning? May this question impress itself upon the heart of each one who may chance to read it! May the echo of God's thought sound in our ears, from the text "To all the world," and we must realize that this is only made possible by the leadership of the Holy Spirit in the homes.

Let us bow in humble submission to God's plan and apply ourselves.

Faithfully submitted,

A. H. TOWNSEND, Chairman. R. J. BUSH.

R T HOWELL

Report adopted

Adjourned until 9:30 A. M

Saturday morning, after singing and being led in prayer by Rev R D Turner, the Minutes were read and approved.

Call for letters.

Union Church responded by letter.

Report on Present Day Evils read by R. D. Turner.

Spoken on by R. D. Turner and J. A. Davis.

## REPORT ON PRESENT DAY EVILS

Dear Brethren - Your Committee on Present Day Evils beg leave to submit the following report:

We find that ever since the fall of Adam and Eve (Genesis 3:1-6) Present Day Evils have been in our midst and that Satan, the old serpent that deceived Eve in the Garden of Eden, is as a roaring lion walking about seeking whom he may devour.

We find as one Present day Evil Sabbath breaking in many ways; men using that day for work for gain and profit, by doing many things on that day to save money that should be done in the weekdays; and all manner and kind of idleness, which leads to Present Day Evils, such as visiting the ballroom, the evil drinking, the gambling table, the theater shows, the bathing pool, late hours, joy riding. These are some of the seed that make the corrupt trees that bring forth the evil fruits of adultery, murder and drunkenness, which lead to destruction.

The best remedy: Bring up the child in the way that it should go; teach them of Christ; carry them to the Sunday school, and live true Christian lives before them.

Infidelity and unbelief in Christ are great evils on the part of the world today; and on the part of the church, indifference is a great Present Day Evil. With us as church folks, we are too much interested in worldly affairs, such as trade, gain and profit, and for the love of money, which is the root of all evil (1 Timothy 6:10). But we give Catholicism as one of the greatest evils as fast approaching our fair land, to rob us of our God-given liberty and of our privileges of serving and worshipping God according to the teaching of His word, under our own vine and fig tree, without the fear of being harmed or molested.

Brethren, take heed and stand firm, as bold yet humble soldiers of the cross of Christ, lest our children or the near future generations, may be deprived of these God-given rights and pivileges, but may have

to serve God in dens and caves to escape civil punishment or martyrdom.

Respectfully submitted,

R. D. TURNER, Chairman

J. H. JOHNS

J. A. DAVIS

Report adopted.

Report on Temperance read by W. T. Newsome and spoken on by J. A. Davis and W. C. Taylor.

#### REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

Intoxicating beverages are no longer made and sold, publicly, to the citizens of this great nation of ours. This fact gives us cause for great rejoicing. We should therefore turn our attention to the stamping out of the illegal manufacturing and sale of the abominable stuff that is being carried on right in our own communities and among our own young men, by the illiterate and lawless elements of our country. We believe in obeying the laws of God without the exception of any. We, therefore, should obey the laws of our nation and render whatsoever assistance or aid that is possible for us to render to the officials of our government in freeing our people from the bondage and slavery of alcoholic beverages.

Millions of dollars that have heretofore gone into the coffers of the wholesale and retail liquor dealers are now being turned into other and more useful channels. Men who have in the past spent their earnings for liquor are now using the same for the schooling of their children and giving to them more of the necessities of life. Men whom the use of liquor had rendered unfit for business are now becoming useful business men and are making for themselves a place among the real men of today. Homes whose inmates have suffered from the abuses of a drunken father or son, have become bright and happy again. Wherever there has been sadness and unhappiness because of liquor, there is now joy and gladness. As God has aided us in defeating this great enemy that has cost us so much woe misery and unhappiness, let us as a Christian people pledge ourselves to the support of an administration that will keep it forever banished from our shores.

Respectfully submitted,

W. T. NEWSOME, Chairman.

W. L. ROBINSON.

D. F. BARRY

Report adopted.

Report on Woman's Work read by Mrs. Braxton Small.

Adjourned untli 1:00 P. M., for preaching,

Rev. W. C. Taylor preached a very able and interesting sermon using as a text Acfs 26:19.

After preaching, a collection of 33.21 was taken for the Orphans Home at Arcadia.

#### Afternoon, 1:30 o'Clock

Motion made and seconded that a committee of three—E. R. Wise, H. J. Horne and R. F. Howell—arrange a time and place for the organization of a Sunday School Convention in the near future.

Moved and carried that the Clerk be instructed to record in the Minutes the 75 Million Campaign Report as handed us by Brother Williams.

Report on Foreign Missions read by H. A. Jordan; spoken on by H. A. Jordan and A. J. York.

#### REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

Since the days of our Savior there has been no concerted action in our churches as great as today. Great gifts, great consecration and greater vision; more missionaies on the field will exact still geater endeavor on our part, that their usefulness on the foreign field may reach its maximum limit.

Our Lord said He would give us the heathen for an inheritance; but He must have meant that we should give them the light, that the inheritance might have that inheritance. Also with twenty per cent of our campaign funds going for foreign Missions will require of us holding the home base with more earnest prayer, to support them in sympathetic, consecrated and prayerful lives. Brethren, Foreign Missions call for the very best that we can give. First, for the best manhood to undertake, for best intellect to direct, and with the wisely given; and trusting in Him who said, Go and do, and I will be with you. The gospel will soon have been preached to the uttermost parts of the world, which He said must be done.

Respectfully submitted,

H. A. JORDAN, Chairman.

E. L. LANIER.

J. C. MORGAN

Report adopted.

Report on Orphanage read by D. J. Mills; spoken on by A. J. York

## REPORT ON ORPHANAGE

Dear Brethren:—The appeal of the orphan child is an appeal that reaches every heart. A child in need will always find a ready response from friends who are willing to render assistance, because of our in herent love for innocent childhood.

Therefore, the earnest appeal and crying needs of the orphan chlidren throughout this great state state of ours became so urgent that the Baptists of Florida, some years ago, felt impelled to establish a home at Arcadia for the care of orphan children, and as the result of this great move, we now have, and are the owners of, eighty-three acres of land, of which twenty-five are in cultivation, eight acres in brange grove. Three two-story brick buildings, one concrete one-story building, one frame building, namely, girls building, dining hall and large boys dormitory, school room and middle sized boys dormitory. Maxy Memorial Babies Building and Superintendent's Home. The Memorial Hospital Building is in course of construction; also, we have all necessary outbuildings, consisting of barn, cannery, launtry, shops, etc.

Our latest report shows 110 children and eight helpers in the home, and they are being maintained at a cost of about \$17.00 per child a month, which pays all current expenses of the work, including clothing, food supplies, schooling, helpers' salaries, medicines, etc., all of which goes to show what has been done and is being done in the interest and for the benefit of our orphan children.

Our Orphans Home is now being supported through the campaign fund on a basis of 10 per cent, which is not sufficient to support the work, as it only brings in about \$20,000 a year, and it takes about

\$25,000 a year to support the work.

Therefore, brethren, it is up to the Baptists throughout the state to make up this deficit.

Your committee, therefore, recommends that every Sunday School society and church in this Association place special stress on the needs of this worthy institution in the next sixty days, and put forth every effort for the relief of this great work. So that we may not be counted as being neglectful in the taking care of our very own worthy institution.

Respectfully submitted,

D. J. MILLS, Chairman. H. V. JOHNS. R. J. ALLEN.

Report adopted.

#### REPORT ON OBITUARIES

#### READ BY W. T. NEWSOME

Your Committee on Obituaries make the following report:

Dear Brethren: Our Heavenly Father, through His infinite wisdom has seen fit to take from us our dearly beloved brothers and sisters.

Though our hearts are made sad at their departure, yet we bow in humble submission to Him who doeth all things well.

We hope that they have gone home to rest and that we may so live that we will meet them there.

Antioch Sister Alice Allen.

Mt. Gilead-Brother M. V. Clayton,

Mt. Olive-Sister Laura D. Johns.

Sister Merdie B. Law.

Sister S. E. Johnson.

Brother T. D. Bryan.

Tiger Lake-Sister A. J. York.

Sister Lula Furgason

Brother Webster Hall.

Beulah-Sister Cora Tucker.

Sister Ethel Baxter.

Philadelphia-Brother Jasper Johnson.

Sister Vera Johnson.

Sister Pearl, Moore.

Rocky Sink - Brother E. A. Hodge.

Pleasant Hill-Brother W. P. Nobles.

Sister Samantha Starling.

Merran E. Douglas.

Clayland -Sister Iseral Baxter.

Orange—Sister Fannie Sanders.
Sister Ada Howard.
O'Brien—Brother H. M. Flemming
Friendship—Brother Henry Bond.
Jasper—Sister E. M. McLaughlin,
Respectfully submitted,

E. R. BROWN, Chairman

T. J. WEBB.

P. T. JORDAN.

Report adopted.

#### REPORT OF TREASURER

READ BY D. J. MILLS

Treasurer's Report, 1919-1920; 1919-Receipts Oct. 18-From Finance Committee. \$81.55 Oct. 18-From former Treasurer, H. J. Horne 6.70 Oct. 18-Collection for State Missions. 13.57 Total Receipts \$101.82 Disbursements Oct. 18-G. L. Dorman, Clerk salary. .\$18.00 Oct. 24-Paid S. B. Rogers, State Missions. 13.57 Dec. -Paid for printing Minutes ,etc ... 56.63 Total Disbursements \$\$88.20 1920-Oct. 16-Balance on hand \$13.62

Respectfully submitted.

D. J. MILLS, Treasurer

Report adopted.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to report. We have received from the churches present \$87.14, which we have turned over to the Treasurer, D. J. Mills.

Respectfully submitted.

R. J. BUSH, Chairman.

B. R. MIMMS.

Report adopted

## REPORT ON NOMINATIONS

Your Committee on Nominations submit the following report: Executive committeemen from the several churches as follows; Pleasant Hill—D. P. Nobles, Pine Mount, Fla., R. F. D. No. 2. O Brien—J. E. Daniels, O'Brien, Fla.

Tiger Lake—H. J. Horne, Live Oak, R. F. D. No. C. Philadelphia—D. G. Mills, O'Brien, Flat R. F. D. No. 1. Antioch—F. B. Brinson, Live Oak, Flat R. F. D. No. C. Friendship—C. W. Haynes, Live Oak, Flat R. F. D. No. C. Pine Grove—L. P. Geiger, Jasper, Flat R. No. 1. Mt. Olive—J. H. Johns, Live Oak, R. No. 1, Mt. Pisgah—R. F. Howell, Pine Mount, R. No. 1. Suwannee—G. W. Shiver, Live Oak, R. No. C. Rocky Sink—L. D. Newland, Live Oak, R. No. C.

Mt. Gilead—A. Cameron, Live Oak, R. No. B. Ciayland—T. T. Hart, Live Oak, R. No. E.

Jasper-Braxton Small, Jasper.

Beulah G. D. Lyons, Dowling Park, R. No.

New Hope—R. J. Bush, Jasper. Member of State Board, E. R. Wise.

Messenger to Southern Baptist Convention, A. J. York.

Messengers to State Convention, B. Small, J. W. Jenkins, D. J.

Mills, G. L. Dorman, W. T. Newsome.

The next session of this Association will meet with Jasper Baptist Church of Jasper, Fla., Thursday before the third Stinday in October. 1921, at ten o'clock A. M.

Introductory Sermon by W. T. Newsome.

Doctrinal Sermon, D. F. Berry. Alternate, H. A. Jordan

Missionary Sermon to be supplied by State Board.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. HORNE, Chairman.

R. L. FRINK.

G. D. LYONS.

Report adopted.

The Moderator then announced chairmen of committees as follows

Education—R. L. Frink. Home Missions—D. F. Barry.

State Missions-R. J. Bush.

Foreign Missions-J. A. Davis.

Temperance-Sidney E. Allen.

Sunday School and B. Y. P. U.-C. R. Brown.

Orphanage-B. R. Mimms.

Obituaries-R. Y. Howell.

Nominations-O. S. Mills.

Sacred Literature-J. T. McCaghren.

Present Day Evils -R. J. Allen.

Woman's Work-Mrs. W. H. Green.

Moved and carried that Clerk be paid \$20.00 for services.

Motion to Give Baptist Witness printing of Minutes,

J. A. Davis reported sixteen subscriptions to the Baptist Witness.

A. J. York tendered his resignation as Moderator. Accepted.

Moved and caried that D. J. Mills be Moderator during interim, until aext session of Association.

Resolved, That we, the messengers and visitors of this Association, extend to Beulah Church and neighborhood our thanks for the great and hospitable manner in which we have been so royally entertained 4 ring our stay in their midst. May we all return to our homes and ever remember them in our prayers, that they may continue to press anward and forward to the mark of their high calling.

R. J. ALLEN

Adjourned, to meet with Jasper Church, Thursday before third Sunday in October, 1921.

A. J. YORK, Moderator G. L. DORMAN, Clerk.

#### REPORT OF THE W. M. U.

The annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Suwannee Association was held with the Beulah Church October 15. 1920. A large number of ladies were present.

In the absence of Miss Lucy Perry, Mrs. O. S. Mills acted as Secretary.

After singing "Jesus Lover of My Soul," Mrs. O. S. Mills read twenty verses of the fifth chapter of Ephesians.

Mrs. M. V. Mills led in prayer, after which Mrs. Small presented Dr. Davis and Dr. Taylor, both of whom gave interesting talks on the Woman's Work and the good it is doing in the church.

Mrs. Small spoke on Missions and the 75 Million Campaign.

Reports were read from Jasper, Live Oak, Bellville and Tiger Lake. The following officers were elected for the coming year:

Mrs. Braxton Small and Mrs. W. B. Parshely, Associational Super-intendents.

Mrs. D. J. Mills, President.

Mrs. M. V. Mills, Vice President.

Mrs. O. S. Mills, Secretary and Treasurer.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Mrs. Small.

MRS. O. S. MILLS, Sec'y-Treas.

#### OUR HONORED DEAD

Brother H. M. Flemming.

Sister Nancy Lee.

Sister Maria Holmes.

Sister Della Holmes

Brother J. T. Crawford

Brother F. J. Harrell, Deacon,

Sister Caroline McKaskill.

Sister Emma Riley.

Sister A. J. York.

Sister Lula Furgason.

Brother Webster Hall.

Brother E. A. Hodge

Sister Israel Baxter.

Sister Cora Tucker.

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Brother M. V. Clayton.

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Sister Miriam E. Douglas.

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- J. J. Holmes, Lake City, Fla.
- W. H. Holmes, O'Brien, Fla.
- W. T. Newsome, Live Oak, R. C., Fla.
- J. F. Tatum, Pine Mount, Fla.
- A. J. York, Pasmania, Fla.
- J. S. Parker, Alton, Fla.
- J. J. Platt, Dowling Park, Fla.
- J. A. Davis, Jasper, Fla.
- B. A. Geiger, Mulberry, Fla.
- F. M. Blalock, Jennings, Fla.
- E. R. Wise, Live Oak, R. C., Fla.
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