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PROCEEDINGS.

OF THE

Fourteenth and Fifteenth Annual Sessions

OF THE

Suwannee Baptist Association,

Fourteenth Session Held With Mt. Gilead Church, Suwannee
County, Florida, October 14th, 15th, 16th and 17th, 1886.

ELDER B. D. HARRELL, Moderator,..... Pinemount, Fla.
ELDER W. B. HIGH, Treasurer,..... Pinemount, Fla.
ELDER W. B. HIGH, Clerk,..... Pinemount, Fla.

Fifteenth With Tiger Lake Church, Suwannee County, Florida,
October 13th, 14th, 15th and 16th, 1887.

ELDER B. D. HARRELL, Moderator,..... Pinemount, Fla.
ELDER W. J. CARROLL, Clerk,..... Live Oak, Fla.
ELDER W. B. HIGH, Treasurer,..... Pinemount, Fla.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

- 1 Introductory sermon.
- 2 Association called to order by the Moderator.
- 3 Reading letters and enrolling names of delegates.
- 4 Call for Petitionary Letters.
- 5 Election of Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.
- 6 Invite visiting ministers and brethren to seats in the body.
- 7 Call for Correspondents
- 8 Appoint Committees.
- 9 Fix hours of meeting and adjourning.
- 10 Reports of Committees.
- 11 Appointment of Messengers to State Convention and other Associations.
- 12 Arrange for printing Minutes.
- 13 Appoint place for holding next session.
- 14 Miscellaneous Business.
- 15 Adjournment.

MINISTERS AND POST-OFFICES.

1886.

J. T. Davenport,.....New Troy, Fla.	J. W. Grantham,.....New Troy, Fla.
J. P. Abbott,.....O'Brien, Fla.	A. E. Kitchen,.....Live Oak, Fla.
E. B. Mills,.....Luraville, Fla.	R. W. Phillips,....." " "
O. J. Revels,....." "	A. Bond,....." " "
B. D. Harrell,.....Pinemount, Fla.	W. B. High,.....Pinemount, Fla.
Z. Dees,.....Mayo, Fla.	

1887.

J. P. Abbott,.....O'Brien, Fla.	J. W. Grantham,.....New Troy, Fla.
A. Bond,.....Live Oak, Fla.	W. J. Carroll,.....Live Oak, Fla.
Z. Dees,.....Mayo, Fla.	J. T. Davenport,.....New Troy, Fla.
S. G. Davenport,.....New Troy, Fla.	J. W. Fleming,....." " "
T. J. Kelley,.....Live Oak, Fla.	E. B. Mills,.....Luraville, Fla.
R. W. Phillips,.....Suwannee, Fla.	O. J. Revels,.....Live Oak, Fla.
D. F. Ward,.....Hatch Bend, Fla.	W. B. Walters,.....Ellaville, Fla.
B. D. Harrell,.....Pinemount, Fla.	W. B. High,.....Pinemount, Fla.

LICENTIATES:

1886

J. H. Dixon,.....Luraville, Fla.
T. J. Kelly,....." "
R. D. Turner,....." "

1887

J. H. Dixon,.....Live Oak, Fla.

MINUTES.

FIRST DAY.

Mt. GILEAD CHURCH, October 14th, 1886.

The Fourteenth Annual session of the Suwannee Baptist Association convened this day with Mt. Gilead church, Suwannee county, Florida.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder Z. Dees. Text: Romans 2nd Chap. 1 verse.

After an intermission of one hour the Messengers were called together by W. B. High, the former Moderator, sang a hymn, and prayer by Elder W. B. High.

Letters were read from the following churches, and names of delegates enrolled:

FRIENDSHIP:--S. Bonds, C. L. Mills.
 HALF MOON LAKE:--J. H. Sullivan, Thomas Webb.
 MT. GILEAD:--H. S. Williams, Ben. Williams.
 HART HAMMOCK:--A. Landing, R. E. Langston.
 CLAY LAND:--A. J. McLeod, W. H. Pitts.
 PHILADELPHIA:--J. H. Dixon.
 BLUE SPRING:--E. Hurst, J. H. Grant.
 ROSE MARY:--W. P. Nobles, A. N. Davis, D. R. Robertson.
 TIGER LAKE:--G. H. Dorman, M. V. Mills.
 MACEDONIA:--A. Wilson, W. H. Redding.
 MIDWAY:--H. Sapp, James Walker.
 MT. PLEASANT:--J. D. Slaughter, J. Stanaland.
 CEDAR GROVE:--J. G. Smith.
 SUWANNEE:--R. W. Phillips, H. Harrell.
 LIVE OAK:--W. P. Moseley, J. C. Small.

The body then proceeded to organize by electing B. D. Harrell Moderator, and W. B. High Clerk.

Visiting brethren invited to seats. No response.

Correspondents were called for. No response.

Appointed the following committees:

On preaching:—S. M. Dees, H. S. Williams, Ben Williams.

On Finance:—A. J. McLeod, G. H. Dorman, J. H. Dixon.

The hours of meeting and adjourning fixed at 9 o'clock a. m., and 4 o'clock p. m.

Brethren Thomas Webb and J. Sullivan, by their request, were excused from further attendance of the session.

Committee on preaching reported that Elder W. B. High preach at 11 o'clock to-morrow, J. W. Grantham alternate, and that J. W. Grantham preach at 3 o'clock p.m. and Z. Dees alternate.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow. Prayer by Elder Z. Dees.

October 15th, 1886.

The body met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Elder J. W. Grantham.

Minutes of previous day's session read and adopted.

Invitation extended to visitors and correspondents. Elder D. F. Ward responded as a correspondent from Hamilton Association.

Report of Treasurer read and adopted.

W. B. HIGH

To SUWANNEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION Dr.

Oct. 1886.	To balance Oct. 1885.....	\$40 90
	Rec'd. Suwannee Union Mt. Gilead.....	1 75
	Pleasant Hill.....	1 35
	Pinemount.....	70
	Blue Spring.....	2 60
	Live Oak.....	2 05
	Elder A. E. Kitchen.....	2 50
	Antioch.....	2 20
	Elder Z. Dees.....	1 25

\$55 30

CONTRA.

Amount paid Z. Dees, Missionary.....\$55 30

Respectfully submitted.

W. B. HIGH, Treasurer.

Committee appointed on deceased Ministers and Deacons: Elder Z. Dees, R. D. Turner and W. P. Nobles.

Report of former Clerk read and adopted.

J. W. GRANTHAM,

To SUWANNEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION Dr.

Minute Funds.....\$20 50.

CONTRA.

To stationary,	\$ 1 00
" Postage on manuscript	50
" Printing Minutes	15 00
" Express on money	1 50
" Postage on minutes	50

\$18 50

Balance on hand,.....\$2 00

Respectfully submitted. ELDER J. W. GRANTHAM, Clerk.

The hour for preaching having arrived, taken recess for two hours.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Met at 2 p. m. pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder B. D. Harrell.

Renewed call for correspondents. Elder N. A. Bailey responded as a correspondent from the Marion Association.

Report of Missionary read and adopted, after being thoroughly discussed by Elders Z. Dees, B. D. Harrell, and others.

I, the undersigned having been employed by the Executive Committee in connection with the State Board of Missions as a Missionary to labor in the bounds of this Association for the past eight months, beg leave to report as follows:

Miles traveled in the discharge of duties.....	1,519
Sermons preached.....	71
Exhortations delivered.....	5
Visits and prayer with families.....	220
Persons baptized.....	8
Awaiting baptism.....	6
Churches constituted.....	1
Sabbath Schools organized.....	1

Respectfully submitted. ELDER Z. DEES, Missionary

Appointed as Messengers to Beulah Association: Elder W. B. High, Elder B. D. Harrell, R. D. Turner and D. R. Robertson.

To the Florida Association: Elder A. Bond and J. H. Dixon.

To the Hamilton Association: Elders B. D. Harrell and W. B. High.

Committee on preaching reported that Elder D. F. Ward preach at 11 o'clock to-morrow, Elder A. Bond alternate; Elder A. Bond 3 o'clock p. m., J. H. Dixon alternate.

The following brethren were appointed as Messengers to the State Convention: Elders B. D. Harrell and W. B. High, R. D. Turner, W. H. Redding, W. H. Pitts.

Upon a petition from Tiger Lake church, it was resolved that the next session of this body meet with said church, commencing on Thursday before the third Sabbath in October, 1887.

On motion and second it was resolved that the Constitution of this Association be printed annually with the minutes.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow.

October 16th, 1886.

The body met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder R. W. Phillips.

Minutes read and adopted.

Renewed call for correspondents. No response.

A motion to expunge the 11th Article of the Abstracts of Faith was, after being thoroughly discussed, lost.

Taken recess for preaching.

At 2 o'clock p. m. the body was called together by the Moderator. Prayer by J. H. Dixon.

Report of the Executive Committee read, discussed by various brethren and adopted.

Your Executive Board appointed at the last Association, met at Pinemount October, 1885, and organized by electing Elder A. E. Kitchen Chairman, B. D. Harrell, Secretary, and W. B. High Treasurer.

Upon the examination of the finances of the Association we found in the hands of the Treasurer \$40.90 in cash and \$17.60 in pledges due, making a total of \$58.50. With this as a basis, your committee determined, if possible, to employ a Missionary for all his time. We corresponded with the State Board of Missions in view of obtaining State aid. The State Board agreed to supplement our means dollar for dollar, provided we would report our actions and doings in our Missionary work to the State Board, to which we agreed.

The next thing in order was to secure the services of a faithful and efficient man to do the work; and from among the applicants for the work your committee employed Elder Z. Dees for all his time at the rate of \$250 per annum, to be paid quarterly, one-half by the Association and one-half by the State Board. Said Missionary did not take the field until after the expiration of the first quarter. He has labored eight months, having lost no time since he commenced the work, except one round, which was caused by sickness of himself and family, which he made good in the month of October.

His work has been exclusively in the destitution of LaFayette county. Your committee did not allow him to preach regularly to any organized church except where the organization had gone down.

While the conversion of souls has not been as perceptibly large as we would wish, yet we have great cause to thank God, and be encouraged, that it is even as large as it is, for it is reported that the people down on the coast have been imposed upon by unfaithful and designing men claiming to be ministers of the Gospel, then taking advantage of the people's confidence, commit crimes and leave the country.

All their prejudices had to be overcome and confidence restored in the minds of the people before the Missionary could make much headway in the work. As soon as this was done, the congregations began to increase and an increasing interest manifested at every appointment. We might truthfully say that the ground has just been prepared, and the seed sown the past year for a rich and glorious harvest of souls in the future. If the Association can be able to keep an efficient Missionary in the field all the time, much good may be done. But can this be done? We confidently assert that it can, if the membership of the Association will do their duty.

Nineteen churches last Association reported an aggregate of 581 members. Taking that number as a basis, at twenty-five cents each, and it foots up \$144.25; add to that the same amount from the State Board, and we have \$290.50, a sum sufficient to keep a Missionary in the field all the time. The labors of your Missionary for eight months of his work as Missionary will be seen by referring to his report.

Your committee have done all in their power to raise funds to pay off said Missionary by begging here and pleading there, but their appeals have not been re

sponded to sufficiently to enable them to pay the Missionary in full. Brethren, we are yet due \$23.07. We appeal to you to help us pay up.

Respectfully submitted.

A. E. KITCHEN, }
B. D. HARRELL, } Committee.
W. B. HIGH. }

Since the adoption of the above report of the Executive Committee, we are glad to say the Association has responded to the appeal, and the Missionary has been paid --CLERK.

Report of Missions read, discussed by various brethren and adopted:

God in His providence has, through His children as instruments in His hands, arranged for the perpetuation of His Gospel, hence, the matter is of great importance.

Seemingly we do not comprehend really what the term Mission implies. The advent of our Saviour is a mission that, reduced to a fact, is but means by which men are saved from utter ruin. Let us realize that God's purpose is to use as instruments in His hands to reconcile the world unto Himself. God has said, the harvest is great, &c. God has said, go preach My gospel, &c. God has said, he that believes shall be saved, and he that believes not shall be damned.

We look around in our own bounds, to say nothing away from home. We are credibly informed that there is a destitution in the bounds of this Association with an estimate of one thousand souls over ten years of age, of which there are but about one hundred that profess to know God in the forgiveness of their sins. Taking under consideration the ruggedness of that country, the disadvantages to contend with in divers respects, our conviction is that no ordinary effort on our part will suffice.

God says, go and possess the land. Shall we refuse to obey God and let the souls of our fellow man sink into hell, and the blood of that people be on our skirts? Brethren, this people should have the Gospel. We should contribute for the support of the Gospel in that destitution.

We number in this Association about six hundred. Fifty cents each will raise three hundred dollars. The State Board will aid in about the same amount, and we are then enabled to give the people the Gospel. There is now a good work begun among that people. The past eight months experience has taught us that that people now begin to help themselves. We are informed by our late Missionary that they have already pledged themselves to the amount of sixty dollars, and the probability is they will give one hundred, for the ensuing year for the support of the Gospel among them. It is manifest that this people want the Gospel. Brethren, let us go and help them. Paul says, we are laborers together with God. Soldiers of the Cross, arise and gird our armour on for the salvation of souls.

STATE MISSIONS.

While we would thus speak of the need of our own Association, we would call the attention of our churches to the destitution of other parts of our State, and especially to the Cuban work. God in His providence has sent them among us to receive the Gospel, and they are receiving it.

At Key West our State Board has had Missionaries laboring among the Cubans for two years, and a number of them have been baptised, and now Cuba itself has been opened to us, and over hundred have been baptised in Cuba since the first of January last. Now there are between one and two thousand Cubans at Tampa who are ready to receive the Gospel. It is imperative on us to aid in this work.

THE FOREIGN FIELD.

Whatever may be said of the destitution at home, it is nothing when compared to the appalling ignorance and superstition in heathen lands, China, India, Africa, South America, Europe, Mexico and Cuba have opened their doors to the preaching of the word of Life, and God is calling on us to go and carry to these perishing millions the Gospel. He that calleth on the name of the Lord shall be saved. But how shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall

they believe on Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent? This question is for us to answer and say in how much are we responsible for the death of those who perish without the knowledge of Christ?

We would recommend that each member of this Association raise one dollar. Use one-half at home and send the other half to the State Board to aid in furnishing the Gospel in other destitute places, and among the heathens.

Respectfully submitted.

W. B. HIGG, Chairman.

Report of Finance Committee read and adopted.

CHURCHES.	Minutes	General Purposes	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Ministerial Education
Philadelphia	1 15	35		35	
Hart Hammock.....	1 00				
Friendship	55	25			
Clay Land.....	1 40	60			
Half Moon Lake.....	1 75				
Mt. Gilead.....	50	50			
Rosemary	1 00	50			
Pleasant Hill.....	70		1 00		
Live Oak.....	1 20				
Macedonia.....	1 00				
Rock Sink.....	1 50	50	2 00		1 00
Blue Spring.....	1 00	75			
Tiger Lake.....	1 10				
Midway.....	1 00	75			
Mt. Pleasant.....	1 00				
Cedar Grove.....	1 00				
Balance Minute Fund 1885.....	2 00				
Total.....				\$27 40	

Respectfully submitted.

A. J. McLEOD,
J. H. DIXON,
G. H. DORMAN, } Committee.

REPORT ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

Your committee, to whom was referred the matter of deceased Ministers and Deacons, beg leave to report the following:

From the information we can gather we have great reason to be thankful to our God for the preservation of His servants—not one of them has been called from his post by death. Brethren, let us all thank God that the lives of the watchmen on Zion's walls are thus spared to preach the Gospel to dying men and women.

Respectfully submitted.
ELDER Z. DEES, Chairman.

Report on Sabbath Schools read, discussed and adopted:

We beg leave to report that we regret that there are so few Sabbath Schools in operation, and so little interest taken in the matter. We earnestly advise the brethren of the various churches to hold meetings for the instruction of children, and that a suitable brother be selected to conduct those meetings, and that the sisters join in and encourage their children to attend. We cannot train up our children properly without action upon our part in this direction. We also advise the churches to secure li-

braries, and especially song books, for the purpose of teaching their children to sing as well as the Scriptures. The good results that follow well conducted school has already been attested. We recommend immediate action on the part of the churches.

Respectfully submitted.

ELDER Z. DEES, Chairman.

Report on Temperance read, discussed and adopted.

We suggest to the churches the importance of dealing with members who sign whiskey petitions, who visit bar-rooms and encourage drunkenness. We recommend that the brethren at the next election to vote for the XIX Article of the New Constitution.

We find that the cause of Temperance is gaining strength in departments that have heretofore ignored the question entirely, and that its influence is being felt in every portion of this great country. We therefore recommend and advise the brethren to stand firm and be more zealous in this great work of reformation.

Respectfully submitted.

J. H. GRANT, Chairman.

Report on Woman's Work read, discussed and adopted.

Your committee to whom was referred the subject of Woman's Missionary work in the bounds of this Association have nothing of a definite character to report. We find but little disposition on the part of the sisterhood to organize themselves into societies for the purpose of raising funds for Missionary purposes. But your committee are aware of the fact that the work is new to most of the ladies in this Association, but we feel confident that once they are educated to the great and good work before them, and the immense good that can be accomplished by a little effort on their part that they will readily engage in the work of raising means to send the Gospel, not only to the destitute in our lands, but to the heathen.

Everything to be done decently and in order must have a system. The ladies in each church must organize themselves into a Missionary Society with proper officers and make their collections either monthly or quarterly. By adopting such a plan of operation they will be astonished at the end of the year to see how much they can raise.

We would recommend that Pastors of churches use their efforts to encourage and assist the ladies in the churches they serve to organize.

And we would further recommend that this Association select some sister within its bounds to take hold of this work.

Respectfully submitted.

B. D. HARRELL, Chairman.

Report on Publications read, discussed and adopted.

Your committee on Publications would most earnestly recommend to the brethren of this Association to subscribe for the Florida Baptist Witness as the organ of the Baptists of Florida; also, the Foreign Mission

Journal, published by the Foreign Mission Board at Richmond, Va.; also, the Heathen Helper, published at Louisville, K. Y., in the interest of the Woman's Mission Work; also, Kind Words and its publications for our Sunday Schools.

Respectfully submitted,

R. W. PHILLIPS, Chairman.

Committee on preaching reported that Elder N. A. Bailey will preach at 11 o'clock a. m., Sunday, Elder B. D. Harrell alternate.

S. M. DEES, Chairman.

Resolution offered by Elder B. D. Harrell: RESOLVED that the thanks of this body are hereby tendered to the brethren and sisters of Mt. Gilead church, and the friends in this vicinity for the hospitable manner in which we have been entertained.

On motion Elder A. E. Kithen, Elder B. D. Harrell, Elder Z. Dees, Elder W. B. High and A. J. McLeod were selected as an executive committee.

On motion Elder W. B. High was elected Treasurer of the Association. The following pledges were taken in behalf of Mission work:

John Walker, Philadelphia Church.....	\$5 00
D. R. Robertson, Rosemary Church.....	5 00
R. W. Phillips, Suwannee Church.....	5 00
J. C. Small, W. P. Moseley, Live Oak Church.....	5 00
J. R. Newland, Rocky Sink Church.....	5 00
B. D. Harrell, R. D. Turner, Pleasant Hill Church.....	5 00
W. B. High, C. L. Mills, Friendship Church.....	5 00
A. Bond, J. H. Grant, Blue Spring Church.....	5 00
J. D. Slaughter.....	1 00
Total.....	\$41 00

A song was sung, the parting hand given, and prayer offered by Elder W. B. High.

Adjourned to meet with Tiger Lake Church on Thursday before the third Sunday in October, 1887.

B. D. HARRELL,

W. B. HIGH,

Moderator.

Clerk.

Sunday, 11 o'clock a. m., an interesting and instructive sermon was preached by Elder N. A. Bailey to a large and attentive audience.

The public collection taken up Saturday and Sunday to liquidate the Missionary debt was \$23. Thus closed the Fourteenth session of the Suwannee Baptist Association.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

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1. We believe in the only true and living God—the Father Son and Holy Ghost, and these three are one.

2 We believe that the Old and New Testament Scriptures are the word of God, and only rule of faith and practice.

3 We believe in election according to the foreknowledge of God, through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth.

4 We believe that the Grace of God, that bringeth salvation hath appeared unto all men, and that nothing prevents the salvation of the vilest sinner on earth but his own voluntary rejection of that Grace.

5 We believe in the total depravity of the human heart, and that the natural state of man is such; that he cannot prepare himself for Divine favor without the assisting Grace of God enabling him to act according to the good pleasure of His divine will.

6 We believe in justification by faith, which gives peace with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

7 We believe that the Gospel of Christ is a means of Divine appointment to bring sinners to repentance and faith in Jesus Christ, and therefore should be preached to all.

8 We believe that all those who are regenerated by the Spirit of God are made the heirs of God and joint heirs with our Lord Jesus Christ and that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto eternal salvation and that not one of them will be lost.

9 We believe that baptism is the immersion of the whole body in water; that the only proper subjects are described in the preceding article, and the only proper administrators are those who have been regularly ordained by a church of Christ by the imposition of hands by a Presbytery.

10 We believe that the Lord's Supper was instituted by our Lord Jesus Christ to be commemorated by His followers, and that none "but baptised believers" have a Scriptural right to partake thereof.

11 We believe that the washing of the Saints' feet according to the example recorded in the 13th chapter of John's Gospel is a duty enjoined by the Lord Jesus upon His followers, and should be observed immediately after the Lord's Supper.

12 We believe in a general resurrection of the righteous and the wicked, and the wicked shall go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into life eternal.

13 We believe that infants and idiots are saved through the merits of the Lord Jesus Christ.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST-OFFICES.	Baptised	Rec. by Letter	Restored	Dis'm'd by Ltr	Excluded	Died	Total Present	Meet'g days
Live Oak.....	A. E. Kitchen.....	H. D. Allison.....	Live Oak.....	2	2	4	4	0	0	48	24
Philadelphia.....	A. Bond.....	J. H. Dixon.....	Luraville.....	1	1	2	2	4	0	31	2
Clay Land.....	E. F. Rogers.....	J. H. McLeod.....	Live Oak.....	2	4	0	0	2	2	47	4
Hart Hammock.....	J. W. Fleming.....	J. Q. Walker.....	New Troy.....	10	2	0	0	0	1	47	4
Mt. Gilead.....	W. J. Carroll.....	S. M. Dees.....	Live Oak.....	5	0	0	0	4	0	57	1
Cedar Grove.....	J. W. Fleming.....	J. G. Smith.....	O'Brien.....	1	3	0	0	0	1	24	4
Rosemary.....	R. W. Phillips.....	A. M. Davis.....	Live Oak.....	1	8	0	0	0	0	34	4
Pleasant Hill.....	B. D. Harrell.....	J. A. Jenkins.....	Pinemount.....	3	1	0	0	1	1	26	1
Rocky Sink.....	O. J. Revels.....	J. A. Mitchell.....	Live Oak.....	3	2	0	1	0	0	24	3
Mt. Pleasant.....	E. B. Mills.....	D. W. McInnis.....	New Troy.....	9	2	0	0	0	0	33	2
Half Moon Lake.....	W. B. High.....	J. J. Dees.....	Mayo.....	1	1	0	0	0	0	40	1
Midway.....	E. B. Mills.....	F. B. Webb.....	New Troy.....	2	1	0	3	0	1	39	4
Friendship.....	J. J. Holmes.....	C. L. Mills.....	Pinemount.....	2	0	0	3	0	0	37	1
Tiger Lake.....	R. F. Rogers.....	M. V. Mills.....	Pinemount.....	2	5	0	0	0	0	34	3
Macedonia.....	R. W. Phillips.....	W. H. Redding.....	Live Oak.....	3	0	0	2	4	0	35	1
Blue Spring.....	E. B. Mills.....	J. M. Adams.....	Luraville.....	3	1	0	0	0	0	22	3
				48	37	11	22	17	8	571	

ELDER W. B. HIGH, Clerk,
Pinemount, Fla.

MINUTES.

FIRST DAY.

October 13th, 1887.

The Fifteenth Annual Session of the Suwannee Baptist Association convened to-day with Tiger Lake Church, Suwannee County, Florida.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder B. D. Harrell.

The Association was then called to order by the Moderator.

The Clerk being absent, W. J. Carroll was appointed Clerk pro. tem.

Then called for Letters and Delegates and enrolled their names:

First Baptist Church Live Oak—W. J. Carroil, N. Y. Bryan.

Tiger Lake—A. E. High, M. A. Mills and W. H. Mobley.

Suwannee—J. M. Williams.

Mt. Gilead—T. J. Ammons, J. W. Myers.

Spring Hill—H. W. Wooley.

Rocky Sink—W. T. Mitchell, D. L. Mathis.

Clay Land—J. T. Redding, W. A. Roberson.

The body then proceeded to organize by electing B. D. Harrell, Moderator, and W. J. Carroll, Clerk.

Called for correspondents. J. N. Reid. B. F. Averitt and D. F. Ward, from Hamilton Association, responded.

P. C. Drew and K. Chambers, from Beulah Association, and were invited to seats with us.

The following committees were appointed:

On preaching—Brethren A. E. High, M. A. Mills and George Dorman. Elder P. C. Drew was appointed to preach at 3 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION

Called to order after prayer by Bro. Drew.

Committee on Finance—Brethren J. M. Williams, J. W. Myers.

On motion the appointment of other committees was deferred to to-morrow morning's session.

On motion the hour for meeting and adjourning was fixed for 9 o'clock in the morning and 4 in the evening.

On motion the body adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

SECOND DAY.

Met pursuant to adjournment. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved, after prayer by Brother Averitt.

Called for Letters and the following churches responded:

Picket Lake—S. G. Davenport, A. J. Winburn.

Hatch Bend—John Kelly, B. Sims.

Midway—James Walker, T. J. Walker.

Half Moon Lake—T. B. Webb, James Hunt.

Cedar Grove—J. P. Abbott, J. G. Smith.

Rosemary—Daniel Robertson.

Pleasant Hill—B. D. Harrell, R. D. Turner, J. A. Jenkins.

Macedonia—W. H. Redding, W. H. Hodder.

Hart Hammock—R. E. Langston, J. Q. Walker.

Mt. Pisgah—James Fleming, T. C. Williams.

Mt. Pleasant—S. B. Cothran, Martin Pearson.

Blue Spring—James Adams, R. W. Price.

Philadelphia—J. H. Dixon, W. H. Mills.

The following committees were appointed:

On Temperance—Z. Dees, B. D. Harrell, W. J. Carroll.

On Sunday Schools—S. G. Davenport.

On Religious Literature—W. N. Mitchell.

On Deceased Ministers and Deacons—J. G. Smith.

On Education—T. I. Ammons.

Appointed correspondents to other bodies as follows:

To Hamilton Association—W. J. Carroll, B. D. Harrell and S. G. Davenport.

To Beulah Association—B. D. Harrell.

To Harmony Association—Z. Dees, S. G. Davenport.

To Baptist State Convention—W. J. Carroll.

On motion the next session of this body be held with Half Moon Lake church, LaFayette county, Florida.

Brother Drew then entertained the audience briefly in the interest of the Witness.

EVENING SESSION.

Called to order after prayer by Brother Ward.

The committee on Religious Literature submitted their report.

On motion a committee was appointed to recommend some suitable Hymn book to the churches for their common use consisting of brethren Z. Dees, B. D. Harrell and James Hunt.

On motion body adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning, Elder D. F. Ward to preach at 3 o'clock.

THIRD DAY.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Brother Averitt.

On motion Brother S. Bond was received as a delegate from Friendship church.

Brother H. E. Braddock reported and was invited to a seat with us, a correspondent from Beulah Association.

On motion brethren Roberson, Redding and Myers were excused from further attendance on the body.

The committee on deceased Ministers and Deacons submitted their report, which was received and adopted, and the body bowed and returned gratitude to God for His preserving care over our Ministers and Deacons. See appendix (a)

Report on Sabbath Schools submitted, read and adopted. See appendix (b)

Report on Temperance, with preamble and resolutions, submitted, read and adopted. See appendix (c)

Preaching at 11 o'clock by Brother Revels.

Report on Education read and adopted. See appendix (d)

Renewed the call for correspondents, when Brother Rogers reported from the Beulah Association.

Report of Executive board was read and adopted.

EVENING SESSION.

Brother Fleming to preach at 2 o'clock.

Report of Treasurer to be handed in.

Executive Board was elected, consisting of brethren B. D. Harrell, W. B. High, Z. Dees, A. J. McLeod and S. G. Davenport.

Report on Hymn Books was read and adopted. See appendix (e)

Report on Finance read and adopted. See appendix (f)

On motion the Clerk be allowed \$10 for his services, and that he be allowed to exercise his discretion in the publishing of the Minutes. On

motion three hundred copies were ordered printed.

On motion Brother W. B. High was appointed to preach Introductory at Half Moon Lake next year, alternate Brother Z. Dees.

On motion the thanks of this body be tendered the brethren, sisters and friends at Tiger Lake for the very hospitable manner in which they entertained the Association and its visitors during its sitting. Too much cannot be said in their praise.

On motion adjourned to meet with Half Moon Lake church, in LaFayette county, on Thursday before the Third Lord's day in October A. D. 1888.

W. J. CARROLL, Clerk.

B. D. HARRELL, Moderator.

APPENDIX.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS. [a]

Your committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons are exceedingly thankful to our kind Heavenly Father that He has graciously spared our devoted Ministers and Deacons. Not one has died during the past Associational year. Respectfully,
J. G. SMITH, Chairman.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS. (b)

Your committee beg leave to say that, of the Churches of the Suwannee Association we find the following churches are fostering Sabbath Schools, to-wit:

Churches	Superintendents.	Teachers.	Pupils.
Live Oak,	W. E. Bennett	6	40
Suwannee,	J. M. Williams	3	35
Spring Hill	H. W. Wooley	5	28
Mt Pisgah	T. C. Williams	6	36
Friendship	M. M. Skinner	2	28
Rocky Sink	W. H. Shelfer	3	47
Blue Spring	— Goolsby	3	26

We deplore there is no more Sabbath Schools represented within the bounds of this Association. Brethren, we are not keeping the Divine injunction, "Train up a child in the way it should go."

Brother delegates, let us resolve to go home and organize at least one Sunday School in each of our several churches.

We would recommend Kind Words, published at Atlanta, Ga., and the Sunday School matter published by the American Baptist Publishing Society, in Philadelphia. As to Song Books, we would recommend Harvest Bells, Nos. 1, 2 and 3. Get No. 1 first, then 2 and 3. These are the best Sunday School Song books that are now in use. You can get shaped or round notes, as you may choose. These Song Books can be had at the National Baptist Publishing Co., 1,111 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo. Respectfully submitted.

SETH G. DAVENPORT, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE. (c)

Your Committee on Temperance beg leave to report that the Bible teaches us to be Temperate in all things. But the Bible, the great mag-

na charter of the followers of Christ teach us that no drunkard hath eternal life abiding in him, and therefore, the sin of intemperance from strong drink is of greater magnitude than any other sin of intemperance, because of the evil influence that results from, and the effects produced by strong drink. Of all the professing christians on earth, Baptists ought to be the most temperate in all things, because they claim to be the light of the world. The Scriptures positively teach that Heaven is a prepared place for a prepared people, and your committee is of the opinion that any member of the Baptist church who is guilty of drunkenness, or who aids and abets, or votes for the perpetuation of the whiskey saloon, is unregenerated and should be excluded from the fellowship of the church, and we earnestly recommend to churches of this Association that when any of its members are guilty of these things that they apply the rod of discipline, and drive them out, that the house of God may be purged of the leaven of intemperance, for the time has come when judgment must begin at the house of God. As we believe that there should be a more thorough consecration of God's people to the cause of temperance, we would recommend the adoption of the following

• PREAMBLE AND RESOLUTIONS.

WHEREAS, We, as Missionary Baptists, regard the liquor traffic as one of the greatest evils that this or any other country was ever cursed with, and that nothing but a determined opposition on the part of the friends of temperance will succeed in stamping out the evil, therefore be it

RESOLVED, 1. That we, as Missionary Baptists, hereby solemnly, and in the fear of God, declare ourselves to be uncompromising Prohibitionists.

2. That we are opposed to the manufacture and sale of all intoxicating liquors of any kind, and that we will use our utmost efforts to crush out the same.

3. We hereby brand the theory of license, be it high or low, as satanic in nature and damnable in practice.

4. That we, as an Association of Baptists, hereby declare to the world that we have no fellowship with any Association organization that does not antagonize and seek the suspension of this trade.

5. We further declare that henceforth we will be more constant and persistent in our efforts to turn all men away from the support of the rum power; and devoutly calling upon Almighty God to help us in our unyielding opposition to this dreadful foe.

Z. DEES, Chairman.

B. D. HARRELL,

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION. (d)

We, your committee on Education beg leave to submit the following report: Whereas our children are to take our places when we pass away, feel it a duty to them and to ourselves, and to God and to our country that we, as parents and guardians, should use all laudable means to further or advance the cause of Educating of the growing generation. We think that our several Ministers of the Gospel should advocate the cause of Education throughout their fields of travel

as much so as practicable. And we further recommend the reading of the Bible and religious books and papers; and we do recommend the Florida Baptist Witness and the American Baptist Flag as being our standard papers.

Respectfully submitted, T. J. AMMONS, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HYMN BOOKS. (e)

The Committee on Hymn Books beg leave to report that they have carefully investigated the subject, and would recommend for the use of our churches the Ever Green Hymn Book, published by the Baptist Book House, at Memphis Tennessee. These books can be had by addressing Graves & Hahafsee, at a price of \$1.50 per dozen. Respectfully, Z. DEES, Chairman.

(f) REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

CHURCHES.

	Minutes	Hone	Missions	Associa'n	Purp.
Picket Lake.....LaFayette County.....	1 50				
Suwannee.....Suwannee.....	1 00				
Live Oak.....".....	3 20				
Macedonia.....".....	1 00				
Hatch Bend.....LaFayette.....	1 00	1 00	25		
Clay Land.....Suwannee.....	1 60	1 25	1 00		
Tiger Lake.....".....	40				
Half Moon Lake.....LaFayette.....	1 20	25			
Blue Spring.....Suwannee.....	60	1 00			
Pleasant Hill.....".....	1 15				
Mt. Gilead.....".....	1 00		1 50		
Hart Hammock.....LaFayette.....	1 00		50		
Spring Hill.....Suwannee.....	1 60		1 05		
Mt. Pleasant.....LaFayette.....	1 00		1 40		
Cedar Grove.....Suwannee.....	90				
Rock Sink.....".....	2 00		3 00		
Mt. Pisgah.....".....	1 15		75		
Midway.....LaFayette.....	75				
Friendship.....Suwannee.....	1 10		10		
Philadelphia.....".....	1 00	25	70		
Rosemary.....".....					
Association.....			35		

Total.....\$24 15 375 10 60

Clay Land, for Foreign Missions.....\$ 50

Tiger Lake, for Widows and Orphans.....1 05

Mount Pisgah, for Foreign Missions.....50

Pleasant Hill, Association Missions.....3 40

Total.....\$5 45

Respectfully submitted.

J. M. WILLIAMS,
Chairman.

REPORT OF MISSIONARY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. (g)

The Missionary Executive Committee beg leave to report that they have done nothing in the way of Missionary work for the past year for the want of funds. The Committee met soon after the meeting of the last Association and organized, but for want of money it could do nothing. There was a considerable amount pledged at the Association, to be paid by the first of January, but it has not been paid, and hence, nothing done. Respectfully submitted.

A. E. KITCHEN, Chairman.

W. B. HIGH,

B. D. HARRELL,

Z. DEES,

PAUL HATCH,

Committee.

W. B. HIGH, In Account With SUWANNEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION:

Oct. 1886. To amount received of Finance Committee.....\$27 40
To amount collected Saturday and Sunday.....23 00
Oct. 1887. To amount received of Finance Committee.....43 95
To amount collected Sunday.....6 15
Total.....\$100 50

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Oct. 1886. To am't paid Elder Z. Dees, Missionary.....\$23 00
To am't paid Clerk.....5 00
Oct. 1887. To am't paid Clerk.....10 00
To am't paid for printing Minutes.....30 00
To am't paid for postage.....1 00
To am't coin not passable.....35
Total.....\$69 35
To balance.....\$31 15
Respectfully submitted. W. B. HIGH, Treasurer.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST-OFFICES.	Baptism	Rec. by Letter and Restor'n	Dism'd by L'r	Excluded	Died	Total Present Membership
Live Oak.....	R. F. Rogers.....	H. D. Allison.....	Live Oak.....	13	18	11	3	1	62
Suwannee.....	R. W. Phillips.....	J. M. Williams.....	Suwannee.....			0	0	0	21
Tiger Lake.....	J. J. Holmes.....	G. H. Dorman.....	Houston.....		2	2	2	0	30
Mt. Gilead.....	T. J. Kelley.....	H. S. Williams.....	Live Oak.....	1	1	5	5	0	47
Spring Hill.....	O. J. Revels.....	J. Q. Smith.....	".....	9	14	0	0	0	25
Rocky Sink.....	T. J. Kelley.....	J. A. Mitchell.....	".....			0	0	0	
Clay Land.....	W. J. Carroll.....	A. J. McLeod, Jr.....	".....			0	0	2	45
Picket Lake.....	J. T. Davenport.....	W. D. Sears.....	New Troy.....	5	9	8	10	1	23
Hatch Bend.....	D. F. Ward.....	Allen Jones.....	Hatch Bend.....	1	1	0	1	0	24
Midway.....	E. B. Mills.....	G. N. Tranck.....	New Troy.....	8	3	0	1	1	59
Half Moon Lake.....	E. B. Mills.....	J. J. Dees.....	Mayo.....	3	6	3	5	0	46
Cedar Grove.....	J. W. Fleming.....	J. G. Smith.....	O'Brien.....		3	0	2	0	25
Rosemary.....	J. M. Prather.....	A. N. Davis.....	Live Oak.....			0	0	0	
Pleasant Hill.....	D. F. Ward.....	R. D. Turner.....	Pinemount.....	1	8	1	2	0	31
Macedonia.....	O. J. Revels.....	W. H. Redding.....	Live Oak.....	16	6	5	0	0	52
Hart Hammock.....	J. W. Fleming.....	J. Q. Walker.....	New Troy.....	12	7	6	4	0	53
Mt. Pisgah.....	".....	J. W. Williams.....	McAlpin.....		2	7	0	0	24
Mt. Pleasant.....	E. B. Mills.....	Thomas Land.....	Mayo.....	3	5	3	6	0	30
Blue Spring.....	".....	J. M. Adams.....	Luraville.....	5	4	0	3	0	20
Philadelphia.....	A. Bond.....	W. H. Miller.....	Luraville.....		9	15	0	0	55
Friendship.....	W. B. High.....	C. L. Mills.....	Pinemount.....						

ELDER W. J. CARROLL, Clerk,
Live Oak, Fla.