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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 a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.
- 6—Invite Visiting Ministers and Brethren to Seats in the Body.
- 7—Call for Correspondents.
- 8—Appointments of Committees.
- 9-Fix Hour of Meeting and Adjourning.
- 10-Reports of Committees.
- 11-Appointment of Messengers to State Conventions and Associations.
- 12—Arrange for Printing Minutes.
- 13-Appoint Place for Holding Next Session.
- 14—Miscellaneous Business.
- 15-Adjournment.

CONSTITUTION.

Section 1. This Association shall be known as the "Suwanee BAPTIST ASSOCIATION."

SEC 2. This Association shall be composed of Messengers, elected by the several churches connected with the Association, each church being entitled to two Messengers, and one additional Messenger for every twenty-five members, or fractional part thereof, over fifty, and such members shall be received by the Association.

SEC. 3. This Association shall, at their annual meeting, elect from their members by ballot a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall serve for one year.

SEC. 4. The objects of this Association shall be:
1st. To promote unity and brotherly love among the churches.
2nd. To promote Gospel discipline.
3rd. To encourage the universal spread of the Gospel and practical

religion throughout our bounds and elsewhere.

SEC. 5. A Missionary Committee shall be appointed by the Moderator at each annual meeting of the body, subject to the approval of the Association, whose duty shall be to diligently inquire into the destitution within our bounds, make contracts with ministers of this Association, or other Associations in correspondence with this Association to the Association of the Association and property of the Association for ministerial labors to be supplied to these destitutions, and report the result of their labors for the approval of the Association.

SEC. 6. This Association shall invite correspondents and visiting

brethren to seats when in session, who shall be entitled to the privilege of aiding the Association with their counsels; and this Association may also withdraw from any church that may be in disorder,

when the same cannot be restored.

SEC. 7. The Annual Meeting of this Associotion shall begin on Thursday before the third Sunday in October, and by appointment there shall be an introductory sermon preached the first day, and on the Sabbath a collection taken up for missionary purposes.

Sec. 8. This Association shall not lord it over God's heritage, nor infringe upon any of the internal rights of the churches, but shall

only act as an advisory body.

SEC. 9. This Constitution may be amended only by a two-thirds vote of the Messengers present, provided the amendment be reduced to writing.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one only true and living God, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and that these Three are One.

2. We believe that the Old and New Testament Scriptures are the work of God, and the only rules 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

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 heirs of God and joint heirs with our Lord and Saviour 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 of 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 "baptized believers" have a scriptural right to partake thereof.

11. We believe that the washing of feet, according to the example recorded in the 13th chapter of John's Gospel, is a duty enjoined by the Lord Jesus Christ upon His followers, and should be observed immediately after the Lord's Supper, but in no case shall this article be so construed as to make it a test of fellowship.

12. We believe in a general resurrection of the righteous and the wicked, and that the wicked shall go away into everlasting punish-

ment, but the righteous into life eternal.

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

RULES OF DECORUM

ARTICLE 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 Clerk after the Messengers bave enrolled their names. In case of absence of the Moderator, the Messengers present shall elect a Moderator pro tem., who shall proceed as aforesaid.

ART. 2. Each meeting of the Association shall be opened and

closed with singing and prayer.

ART. 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 casting vote.

ART. 4. All committees shall be appointed by the Moderator, sub-

ject to a vote of the body.

ART. 5. The Clerk shall keep a careful 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.

ART. 6. No business shall be transacted without a quorum, which

shall consist of a majority of the registered members.

ART. 7. All members wishing to speak shall arise and respectfully address the Moderator, confine themselves strictly to the subject without asking leave of the chair, and no unkind allusions shall be made while speaking.

ART. 8. No motion shall be debatable until seconded, nor voted

upon until stated by the Moderator or read by the Clerk.

ART. 9. When a question is under debate no motion shall be received, except to adjourn, lay on the table, to amend, indefinitely postpone, refer to a committee, or otherwise call for the previous question.

ART. 10. Any member voting in the majority may move a recon-

sideration at any time during the session.

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

MOUNT PISGAH BAPTIST CHURCH, SUWANEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, October 13, A. D. 1892.

The Twenty-first Annual Session of the Suwanee Missionary Baptist Association convened with Mount Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church, on the 13th day of October, 1892, and the following proceedings were had, to-wit:

The Association was called to order by B. D. Harrell, Moderator.

Prayer by the Moderator.

The introductory sermon was deferred until to-night.

Letters from the following-named churches belonging to the Association were received and the names of the duly accredited delegates enrolled, to-wit:

Pine Mount—H. C. Sealey, W. H. Brown, R. A. Reid. Rocky Sink—J. R. Newlan, J. S. Parker, J. T. Landon. Mount Pisgah—J. W. Carver, J. W. Williams, T. K. Tedder. Pleasant Hill—B. D. Harrell, D. F. Jenkens, R. D. Turner. Mount Gilead—A. Cameron, J. C. Hilton. O'Brien—T. C. Williams, J. G. Smith. Friendship—C. L. Mills, W. A. Rye, Lewis Lanier.

The body proceeded to the election of its officers for the ensuing year, resulting in the election of Elder J. F. Tatem, Moderator; Bros. Rob't A. Reid, Clerk, and J. R. Newlan, Treasurer.

Visiting brethren invited to seats.

The name of Elder D. F. Ward was duly enrolled as a Corresponding Messenger from LaFayette County Association.

The following committees were appointed by the Moderator, to-

Committee on Preaching-J. W. Carver, J. W. Williams, C. L.

Committee on Missions-B. D. Harrell, D. F. Jenkens, R. D. Tur-

Committee on Education-J. R. Newlan, T. C. Williams, J. S. Parker.

Committee on Temperance-H. C. Sealey, W. H. Brown, A. Cameron, J. C. Hilton.

Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons-C. L. Mills.

Lewis Lanier, W. A. Rye, J. G. Smith. Committee on Sabbath Schools-R. D. Turner, J. S. Parker.

Committee on Finance-J. R. Newlan, J. S. Parker, B. D. Harrell.

The hour of meeting was fixed at 9 o'clock A. M. and the hour of adjournment at 5 o'clock P. M.

The Committee on Preaching reported Elder D. F. Ward to preach to-morrow at 11 o'clock A. M., Elder A. Bonds to conclude. Adjourned to 9 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

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FRIDAY, Oct. 14, 1892.

The association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Moderator.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

The name of Elder J. N. Reid was duly enrolled as a corresponding messenger from Hamilton County Association. The name of Bro. William Shelfer was enrolled as a delegate from Rocky Sink Church.

Letter from Tiger Lake Church received and the names of Bros.

G. H. Dorman and J. W. Griffin were enrolled as delegates.

Bros. G. H. Dorman and William Shelfer were added to the Com-

mittee on Sabbath Schools.

Letter from Blue Springs Church received and the names of J. H. Grant and J. M. Adams enrolled as delegates. The time for adjournment was changed from 5 o'clock P. M. to 4 o'clock P. M. The afternoon services to be held immediately after adjournment.

The request of Rocky Sink Church, asking for the next Association

to be held with that church was granted.

The Committee on Preaching reported Elder O. J. Revels to preach at 4 o'clock P. M., Elder J. F. Tatem to conclude; Elder J. N. Reid to preach to-morrow at 11 o'clock A. M., Elder D. F. Ward to conclude.

Letter from Philadelphia Church received and the name of E. L.

Lanier enrolled as a delegate.

Petitionary letter of Mount Olive Church asking to become a member of this Association was received. Petition granted in due form and the name of Elder W. C. Lee enrolled as a delegate.

Report of Committee on Temperance received and adopted.

Exhibit A.

Report of Commit'ee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons received and adopted. See Exhibit B.

Adjourned until to-morrow 9 o'clock A. M.

SATURDAY, Oct. 15th, 1892.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Moderator.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

The name of Elder J. B. Parnell was enrolled as a visitor from Beulah Church.

Report of Committee on Education received and adopted. See Exhibit C.

The Committee on Preaching reported Elder E. B. Wills to preach at 4.15 o'clock P. M., Elder J. W. Fleming to conclude.

The name of Elder R. F. Rogers was enrolled as a corresponding

messenger from Beulah Association.

Report of H. C. Sealey, former treasurer, received and adopted.

Report of Finance Comittee received and adopted. See Exhibit E. Report of Committee on Sabbath Schools received and adopted.

Report of Committee on Missions received and adopted. See Exhibit G.

The following resolution of thanks offered by Bro. H. C. Sealey

was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due and are hereby tendered the brethren, sisters and friends of Mount Pisgah Church for the hospitable manner in which they have entertained the Association.

On motion of Elder B. D. Harrell the thanks of the body were extended to Elder J. N. Reid and R. F. Rogers for the very able advice given the Association in their addresses on missions.

Committee on Preaching reported Elder R. F. Rogers to preach to-morrow at 11 o'clock A. M., Elder B. D. Harrell to conclude.

Resolved, That this Association notify the different churches in Suwanee County belonging to other associations that Suwanee and La Favette have dissolved their Associational connections: that LaFayette County has organized an Association in her own borders: that this Association solicits all the Missionary Baptist Churches in Suwanee County to unite with the Suwanee Association.

The clerk was allowed ten dollars for his services as clerk of the Association, which amount he donated to the Mount Pisgah Church to aid in completing the Mount Pisgah Church house, whereupon the thanks of the brethren of Mount Pisgah Church were unani-

mously voted the clerk for his very liberal donation.

The following brethren were elected as delegates to the next State convention: J. F. Tatem, R. A. Reid, B. D. Harrell, W. H. Brown, J. W. Carver, H. C. Sealey, R. D. Turner, C. L. Mills, J. R. Newlan, E. B. Mills.

Bros. W. H. Brown, B. D. Harrell, R. A. Reid and G. H. Dorman were elected as corresponding messengers to the Hamilton

County Association.

B os. J. W. Carver, B. D. Harrell and C. L. Mills were elected as

corresponding messengers to the Beulah Association.

Bros. R. D. Turner, J. S. Parker, J. R. Newlan, D. F. Jenkins and E. B. Mills were elected as corresponding delegates to the La Fayette County Association.

The delegates of Clayland Church having failed to bring the church letter could not be admitted as delegates, thereupon on motion Clayland Church was requested to send her minute fund to the clerk and the clerk instructed to have enough minutes printed to cover the contribution of the Clayland Church for that purpose.

Elder E. B. Mills was appointed to preach the introductory sermon at the next Association, Elder O. J. Revels alternate.

The Association adjourned to meet with Rocky Sink Church on

Thursday before the third Sunday in October A. D. 1893. J. F. TATEM, Moderator.

ROBT. A. REID, Clerk.

SUNDAY, Oct. 16.

Elder R. F. Rogers preached an able missionary sermon to a large and appreciative audience, after which a collection for missionary purposes was taken, amounting to five dollars and one cent. ROBT. A. REID, Clerk.

(EXHIBIT A.)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance begs leave to report that there is no one thing which the churches of our Lord Jesus Christ has to to contend with of more importance than that of intemperance. Go where you may we meet with this hideous monster. In the family, in society, in churches, in the States, in our legislative halls. Yes, everywhere this anaconda pokes up his head and startles us with the hisses of his forked tongue. At last we see his fatal coil and see

him insert his poisoness fangs in our people, and a father, son and a once loving husband falls by this cruel master.

Intemperance, brethren, make the blood curdle and the cold tremors pass over us when we think of the woeful work of this

terrible enemy of our race.

The broken-hearted parents, the weeping wives and fatherless children; may God save us, our daughters and sons from this evil. Brethren what must we do? First let us look to God who alone is sufficient for these things. Let us then by every means that is laudable arise in God's strength and let the wine cup alone and all will be well. Never stop until we see the woeful enemy with his flag retreating to his place of nativity—the pit of darkness. Respectfully submitted,

H. C. SEALEY, Chairman. W. H. BROWN, A. CAMERON, Committee.

(EXHIBIT B.)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

Your Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons beg to report that we are pleased to report that the Good Master has, through His goodness and mercy spared our ministers and deacons through the past Association year. Therefore your committee would suggest that the entire Association bow in prayer and thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father for His great love and mercy in prolonging the lives of our beloved servants.

Respectfully submitted, C. L. MILLS, Chairman. LEWIS LANIER, W. A. RYE, J. G. SMITH, Committee.

(EXHIBIT C.)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

To the Suwanee Missionary Baptist Association.

DEAR BRETHREN: Your Committee on Education beg leave to submit the following report and would say, the subject referred to us is one of such grave importance as to make us pause before venturing an opinion to submit to this honorable body. We congratulate our brethren on the increasing interest manifested in Sunday schools in our midst and hope to hear that this branch of our duty is being more faithfully and zealously discharged in every part of our lovely land at our next annual meeting than heretofore. Brethren if conscience is the creature of education and the evidence is conclusive then why is it that we don't strive more earnestly to avail ourselves of every laudable means to bring our children up in the full knowledge of the duty that every creature owes to its Creator, thereby Christianize the people everywhere. This can be done by the spread of education which is but the spread of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Lord. Space forbids our entering into details as we don't wish to cumber this report with what, to some, we fear, may seem a meaningless literature, but we do ask our brethren to weigh well this all important subject, because upon it depends the progress of enlightening the nations of the earth and the spread of the gospel and the true enjoyment of our homes and

firesides. Most especially would we urge this duty upon Baptists, and we would admonish you to patronize home institutions, see to it that your children get all the law allows for educating them in the everyday schools. Again let us impress upon you the great benefit to be derived from Sunday schools taught fifty-two Sundays in a year. Think of the immense amount of training our boys and girls would get with but little pecuniary outlay. A source of joy and pride is a well-conducted Sunday school. Brethren our duty in this matter is plain. How many of us seriously contemplate the magnitude of these duties, do we meet annually in an Associationly capacity for form's sake and as a matter of form appoint committees and they to be as formable as possible? We are so very brief in reporting until there is nothing worth perusing. Do we come here for mere idle talk or for mutual inte change of ideas to be ingrafted into our proceedings and sent out to the churches as a medium of thought to instill in the minds of our people the great importance of educating their children. If the former is the controlling elements and the only motive we have in view then our mission is a failure, but if the latter is the prevailing motive let us not abridge the work but increase our effort in this direction. Brethren education is the strength and beauty of Christian society, let us therefore not be derelict in the dissemination of literary or spiritual knowledge nor parsimonious in contributing of our substance to attain to a full stature in that priceless jewel i. e., knowledge of the law as it is laid down by the supreme law given by our Lord Jesus Christ.

We would confess our hope that in every church professing to be Baptist that none shall have cause to complain if they will only

avail themselves of the advantages offered them by our American Baptist Publication Society in way of cheap Sabbath school literature and through our most excellent public school system. To those of our young men and ladies desirous of obtaining a business education would recommend the Jasper Normal Institute as an institution eminently superb in all its departments for the thorough training of the people in a practical busine s education and offers as liberal terms as can be obtained in any first-class institution of

learning in the South.

Very respectfully, J. R. NEWLAN, Chairman, J. S. PARKER, T. C. WILLIAMS, Committee.

(EXHIBIT D.)

REPORT OF TREASURER.

Report of ex-Treasurer H. C. Sealey, in account with Suwannee Baptist Association:

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Oct. 13—To amount on hand Oct., 1891 \$47 06 received from ex-Treasurer . . . 22 25-\$69 31

> By amount paid Clerk, 1891 \$10 00 " Hatch Bend Church 3 40 " for Minutes, 1891 18 45—\$31 85

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Respectfully submitted. H. C. SEALEY, ex-Treasurer.

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To the Suwanee Baptist Association:

Your Committee on Finance beg to submit the following report: Amount received from the churches respectively—

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(EXHIBIT F.)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

DEAR BRETHREN: Your Committee on Sabbath Schools beg to report that Sabbath School interest is of momentous importance when we come to consider our responsibility to the rising generation, who shall take our places when we are gone home. Brethren, the blessed Word of God teaches us (Eph., 6th chapter, 4th verse) to bring our children up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Brethren, inasmuch as this is our bounden duty, and we are responsible for it, we ought to have some system by which to discharge this important duty. Your Committee considers the Sabbath School the handmaiden of the Church and one grand branch by which to learn our children the blessed truths. By using sound Baptist literature, for which we recommend the American Baptist Publication Society, No. 1420 Chestnut street, Philadelphia, as one of the grandest channels afforded us through which we can obtain unadulterated literature on reasonable and advantageous terms. We therefore recommend all Baptist Churches composing this Association to patronize the American Baptist Publication Society in the purchase of Sabbath School literature.

Your Committee regret to report such little interest in Sabbath School work in the bounds of our Association. There has only been three Baptist Sabbath Schools reported by the Churches belonging to this Association, with 122 pupils. Let us go to work and see if we can't at least report one Sabbath School for each Church at our

next Association.

Respectfully submitted.

R. D. TURNER, Chairman. J. H. DORMAN, J. S. PARKER, W. H. SHELFER, Committee.

(EXHIBIT G.)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

Your committee to whom was referred the subject of missions have had the same under consideration and beg leave to report that the subject of missions has become stale and uninteresting to many of the Baptists of the Suwanee Association. Your committee is forced to this conclusion from the fact that we don't remember to have heard but one letter to this Association that sent up anything for missions and from the further fact that the majority of the churches in this Association are doing comparatively nothing in the way of supporting their pastors. Your committee would therefore respectfully ask what is the result of such an impecunious course of conduct on the part of the membership of our denomination. First, it causes our churches to relapse into a weak and sickly condition. Why? Because they are content to put up with the services of a pastor who will call the church together once a month for what he eats and a few dollars, and your committee is thoroughly convinced that the services of such a pastor is worthless in the main so far as the edifying and in doctrinating the church is concerned; second, the destitute places in our Association are neglected and other denominations that we claim withholds part of the gospel truths from the people are more liberal than we are go in and occupy the waste places to our shame and to the injury of the cause we profess to love; third, the foreign mission field suffer to the extent we unjustly withhold our means from the Lord.

Brethren, poverty is no excuse for withholding what the Master has given us from the cause of missions. Our great mistake is that we refuse to make any sacrifice for the cause of Christ and the good of our fellow man. We refuse to take the promise of God for our government and withhold from him more than is meet which tends to improve the benighted world from a spiritual point of view. Brethren, if we are not going to do anything for missions let us wipe out the name Missionary from our denomination and substitute the more appropriate term anti-missionary in its stead and profess what we live, if we live what we profess we should willingly make sacrifices for the cause of Christ both in and out of the church, never forgetting the promises of the Lord that the cheerful giver shall be blessed in his deed. Brethren remember the sacrifices that Christ made for us and give to his blessed cause as the Lord prosperous us. This is but our duty, we are commanded to do it. Let us obey and all will be well. Respectfully submitted.

B. D. HARRELL, Chairman, D. F. JENKINS, R. D. TURNER,

Committee.

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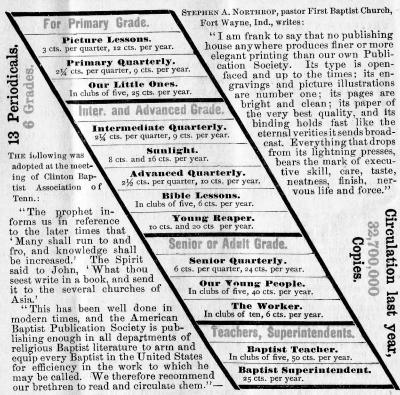
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