

THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

***Suwannee Baptist
Association***

HELD WITH
O'BRIEN CHURCH
October 14th to 17th
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Next Session to be Held with Antioch Church
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MINUTES
OF THE
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OFFICERS

B. A. GEIGER, Moderator..... Jasper, Fla.
S. D. HUGGINS, Clerk..... R. F. D. No. 1, Columbia, Fla.
D. J. MILLS, Treasurer..... Wilmarth, Fla.

MISSIONARY COMMITTEE (EXECUTIVE):

John A. Wray..... Live Oak, Fla.
E. R. Wise..... Live Oak, Fla.
D. J. Mills..... Wilmarth, Fla.
J. R. Wells..... Jennings, Fla.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Association called to order by the Moderator.
3. Reading Letters on Enrolling Delegates.
4. Call for Petitionary Letters.
5. Election of Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.
6. Inviting Visiting Ministers and Brethren to Seats.
7. Call for Correspondence.
8. Appointment of Committees.
9. Fix Hour for Meeting and Adjournment.
10. Report of Committees.
11. Appointment of Messengers to State Convention and Sister Associations.
12. Arrange for Printing Minutes.
13. Appoint place for next meeting.
14. Miscellaneous Business.
15. Adjournment.

CONSTITUTION.

SEC. 1. This Association shall be known as the SUWANNEE 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 an additional messenger for each twenty-five members, or fractional part thereof over fifty, and such members shall be received by the Association.

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

SEC. 4. The object of this Association shall be: First, to promote unity and brotherly love among the churches; second, to promote Gospel discipline; third, 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 it shall be to diligently inquire into the destination within our bounds, make contracts with ministers of this Association, or other Associations in correspondence with this, for ministerial labors to supply 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 counsel, 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 Association 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 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 only voluntary rejection of that grace.

5. We believe in the depravity of the human heart, and that the natural state of man is such that he can not 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 the 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, until eternal salvation; and that no 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 articles, 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 thirteenth 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, 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 punishment, 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 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.

Art. 2. Each meeting of the Association shall be opened 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, subject to the 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, and no unkind allusions shall be made while speaking.

Art. 8. No motion shall be debated 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, 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 reconsideration 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.

MINUTES

The Suwannee Baptist Association met in its 38th Annual Session with the Baptist church at O'Brien, Fla., Oct. 14th, 1909. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. W. H. Holmes at 11 o'clock from Psa. 133-1, after which recess was taken until 1:30, at which time the Association was called to order by former moderator, Rev. B. A. Geiger.

Enrolling messengers was next in order, and Bro. Louis Entzminger and J. R. Wells were appointed as reading clerks, and letters were read and messengers enrolled from the following churches:

Antioch.—E. R. Wise, T. A. Mikell.
 Blue Springs.—J. M. Adams, Robt. Smith.
 Bellville.—Paul Johns, J. W. Pollhill.
 Beulah.—By letter.
 Bright Pond.—Ed. Lashley, Ben Rowels.
 Beulah (in Hamilton).—G. W. Smith, W. R. Belflowers.
 Clayland.—Joe Stinson, Mattie Stinson, Louis Neeley and J. J. Platt.
 Corinth.—Not represented.
 Evergreen.—R. O. Leggett, C. B. Haines, J. S. Goodbread and S. D. Huggins.
 Friendship.—A. Bond, Horace Bond.
 Fai. view.
 Hopewell (in Georgia).—David Herndon, Nancy Herndon and Bessie DeLoach.
 Jennings.—Rev. J. R. Wells.
 Jasper.—J. W. Adams and B. A. Geiger.
 Live Oak.—I. J. Carter, H. E. Carter and R. W. Price.
 Mt. Gilead.—H. S. Williams.
 Mt. Olive.—S. A. Richardson, J. S. Smith.
 Mt. Pisgah.—H. G. Drawdy, J. J. Carter, J. W. Carver and W. R. Daughtry.
 Mary Bell.—J. V. Johnson, O. S. Hurst.
 Magnolia.—I. W. Touchton.
 Macedonia.—J. M. Hurst.
 New Hope.—R. J. Bush, G. O. Bush.
 New Prospect.—A. J. Ward.
 Orange.—J. F. Landin and J. M. N. Clark.
 Oak Grove.—M. R. Hurst, H. J. Sapp.
 O'Brien.—J. L. Barnes, G. G. Smith and Sister Florence Baker.
 Philadelphia.—T. L. Peacock, D. J. Mills, P. M.

Lanier, J. J. Brannon, J. O. Boatright, Miss Bertha Lanier.

Rosemary.

Rocky Sink.—H. B. Brown, L. D. Newlan.

Suwannee.—P. H. Lewis.

Tiger Lake.—G. H. Dorman.

Union.—Henry Fleming.

The time for the annual election having arrived the old officers were re-elected as follows:

Moderator, Rev. B. A. Geiger; Clerk, S. D. Huggins; Treasurer, D. J. Mills.

Invitation to visiting brethren was now extended, and Rev. Bro. Louis Entzminger, State Sunday School Secretary, was welcomed to sit with the body, and the following committees were appointed by the Moderator:

On Service.—G. N. Traywic, L. B. Davis and T. C. Williams.

On Deceased Ministers and Deacons.—G. H. Dorman, T. C. Williams, T. L. Peacock.

State Missions.—Louis Entzminger, R. J. Bush, D. J. Mills.

Temperance.—H. S. Williams, Paul Johns, L. E. Neeley.

Periodicals.—J. W. Pollhill, Louis Entzminger, R. O. Leggett.

Womans' Work.—Mrs. C. N. Hildreth, Miss Bertha Lanier, Miss Mattie Stinson.

Home Missions.—W. H. Holmes, T. A. Mikell, Ed Lashley.

Columbia College and General Education.—H. E. Carter, I. J. Carter, J. F. Landin.

Foreign Mission.—J. R. Wells, G. O. Bush, C. B. Haines.

Ministerial Education.—B. A. Geiger, W. R. Belflowers, P. M. Lanier.

Associational Mission.—T. L. Peacock, J. S. Goodbread, J. W. Adams.

Sunday Schools.—I. J. Carter, E. R. Wise, J. J. Carter.

Orphanage.—E. R. Wise, H. G. Drawdy, J. L. Barnes.

Finance.—J. L. Barnes, J. F. Landin, J. M. N. Clark.

Nomination.—T. L. Peacock, A. J. Ward, E. R. Wise.

On motion the time for meeting and adjournment were fixed as follows: To meet at 9:30, adjournment at 4 p. m., 1:30 for dinner.

And the Committee on Periodicals report.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

DEAR BRETHREN:--We feel that the great need of our people is informing themselves along all lines of our denominational work. We believe in consecration above all things, but we believe what is still better is consecration plus information; we recommend the Foreign Mission Journal, published by the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., and the Home Field, published by the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga. They can be had for 25 cents a year each. We especially appeal to this body in the interest of our State paper, The Florida Baptist Witness. Every Baptist ought to take it. It is of inestimable value to our denominational work. The editors have been publishing it at a loss ever since March, and they appeal to you as Baptists and as Brethren in Christ's cause to stand by them in the work they are trying to do in our great State. We plead with our people all over this Association to read and inform themselves along all lines of our work.

Respectfully Submitted,

Louis Entzminger,

J. W. Polhill,

R. O. Leggett,

Committee.

Motion to adopt spoken to by J. W. Polhill, Louis Entzminger, J. R. Wells and I. J. Carter.

Committee on Services report that Bro. J. R. Wells would preach at 7 o'clock. The Association adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock on Friday morning.

But at the night service after an able sermon on Foreign Missions by Bro. Wells the following churches pledged the following amounts for Foreign Missions for the ensuing year:

Jennings	\$25 00
Jasper	15 00
Philadelphia	10 00
Live Oak	50 00
Newhope	10 00
Blue Springs	10 00
Rocky Sink	10 00
Bellville	10 00

Beulah (in Hamilton)	25 00
New Prospect	5 00
Clayland	10 00
O'Brien	10 00
Orange	5 00
Antioch	5 00
All to be paid systematically as called for.	

MORNING SESSION FRIDAY.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Bro. G. N. Traywic. Sister S. D. Harper (nee Fannin) representing the Florida Baptist Witness, was welcomed as a visitor.

Bro. I. J. Carter made a lengthy and able report and instructive address on the Laymens' movement, which was received with much appreciation.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

In reporting on State Missions we do not disregard the teachings of our Lord when he said, "Ye are the Light of the World," "The World is the Field," "Go Ye into all the World and Preach the Gospel," "Go Ye Therefore and Teach all Nations," "Ye Shall be my Witnesses in Jerusalem and all Judea, Samaria and the Uttermost Parts of the Earth." It is in regard to the Judean part of the command that we refer especially to in this report. Our State is growing in wealth and population wonderfully indeed. There are great stretches of country in Florida without the Gospel. Thousands of foreigners are pouring in upon us yearly, and thousands of Americans are coming into our State; colonies are being planted, farms cleared and people settling down with us. Shall we not give them the Gospel? Let us see to it that our churches adopt a systematic plan of giving, whether it be little or much, give it regularly and it will mean great things for the advancement of our Lord's Kingdom. We urge upon our pastors the importance of this work and ask that they insist upon their people giving regularly and systematically.

Respectfully Submitted,

Louis Entzminger,

D. J. Mills,

R. J. Bush, Committee.

Motion to adopt spoken to by Bro. J. R. Wells and Louis Entzminger.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We, the Committee on Temperance, beg to make the following report:

While intoxicants are being sold in different forms all over our fair land, while we find the wings of Temperance are being spread over us, we find different States that have passed statutory laws and others fixing high taxation prohibiting the sale of intoxicants, and we find that Temperance is the coming National issue. While our own county has been the happy recipient of God's blessing by being freed from the curse, yet brethren, the scriptures are only verified in the injunction that whom He loveth he also scourgeth. We, as Baptists, might follow the example set by other States on State-wide prohibition. It is incumbent upon the Christians of Florida to accomplish the blessing of God, the Ruler of the Universe, in performing our duty in being willing instruments in His hands in stamping out this, the chief of evils.

Respectfully submitted,

H. S. Williams,

Paul Johns.

L. E. Neely.

Motion to adopt spoken to by B. A. Geiger, R. J. Wells, H. E. Carter and Brother J. W. Polhill. Adopted.

The Association now adjourned for dinner until 1:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION, FRIDAY.

Called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Dr. H. W. Tribble, of Columbia College. The report on General Education and Columbia College was read, and Dr. H. W. Tribble given the right-of-way to speak to said report, who made an able address on Education, after which an offering of \$25.55 was given to the college. Report follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GENERAL EDUCATION AND COLUMBIA COLLEGE.

Your Committee appointed at this session to report upon General Education and Columbia College beg leave to report that but few questions are now more important to the Baptists of Florida than that of general education. When we recall that our numerical strength as a denomination is now approximately 40,000 members who are daily confronted with problems that only

trained minds can well solve, and that much is expected of us and that we owe much to the people among whom we live, we are at once led to the conclusion that in order to acquit ourselves as we should we must insist upon general education and dissemination of knowledge among our people. The greatest achievements can only come from the educated mind, and as general education spreads among the people they will not, and ought not, tolerate ignorance on the part of those who should lead in thought and action. The educated head is now absolutely essential. The State realizes the importance of this, but owing to our peculiar institutions we cannot find in our State institutions of learning that kind of education which is peculiarly essential to our denominational life. The State and Church must be kept separate. Therefore, we of necessity, in order to provide for a full rounded education, one that gives us not only cultured minds but cultured and Christian hearts as well, must look to the Christian school, and above all to our own denominational schools. This leads us to present for your consideration our beloved Columbia College as worthy of our hearty and material support. This college, a gift to the Baptists, princely in its magnitude, now firmly established and grand in its glorious possibilities and destiny is the "Child of the Florida Baptist Convention." Coming to us as a splendid gift from the people of Lake City, where it is located, comprising an acreage of some 355 acres, equipped with property worth \$225,000, now officered by that giant intellect and Christian preacher, Dr. H. W. Tribble, provided with a faculty the equal of any college in Florida, and having a student body now of 125, with students entering almost daily, and our Baptist people in other parts of the State rallying to its support, can we, will we do less than our very best for this college? This college was accepted as a donation, and under the most solemn obligation to maintain it. Our trustees are doing all in their power to carry out the instructions of Florida Baptists. We must help them by contribution of our means, by patronizing when sending boys and girls to college, and by our prayers. The State Convention at DeFuniak pledged this college \$5,000 per year for a fixed period to help carry ministerial students until sufficient endowment can be raised which, with tuition, will render the college self-sustaining. The Baptists within the Suwannee Association must carry their part

of this burden if we hope to rejoice in the success it shall attain.

We recommend that each church in the Association take a prompt collection to aid in raising the amount pledged by the Convention, and that this college thereafter become a regular object of our systematic giving.

Respectfully submitted,

H. E. Carter,
Chairman.

J. F. Laudeur,
Ira J. Carter,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORPHANAGE.

We believe the subject on which we report to be one that should be much upon our hearts, and that the very mention of our Florida Baptist Orphanage ought to enlist the attention and interest of all of our people who desire to do God's will. We believe that the care we bestow upon the fatherless is one of New Testament tests of the purity of our religion. God in His great wisdom has ordained that the strong should ever help the weak. As the needs have increased the love of God and of humanity has constrained Christian people to provide homes where dependant orphan children may be cared for and trained for lives of usefulness. The Baptists of Florida have reason to be proud of their orphanage located at Arcadia. We have a good home and two of God's noblest children, Brother and Sister Bean, in charge. God has certainly set the seal of His approval on the work there. The institution is not yet six years old and ninety children have been received and cared for. Their minds are being trained, they are being taught to work, and their hearts are not overlooked. Many of them have become Christians. Who can conceive of a greater and more enduring work? This is our Home. It is entirely dependent on our gifts for support. We have the glorious privilege of being father and mother to these children in the way of support to the glory of God. We insist that as individuals, Sunday schools and churches ever keep the noble work before us and give it our faithful and constant support. They need at all times the things that are needed in our homes, food, clothing, bed clothes, etc., and money for running expenses. It is our work because it's God's work. It is a work that ought to

touch a tender and responsive chord in every heart, and ought to occupy a place second to none in our convention work and prayers.

Respectfully submitted,

E. R. Wise.

J. L. Barnes.

H. G. Drawdy.

Spoken to by E. R. Wise and J. R. Wells. Adopted.

And the Committee on Services report that Brother B. A. Geiger preach at 7 o'clock.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Dear Brethren:—By investigating the work of the Home Mission Board we note that there is much being done through our Home Mission Board. There have been several missionaries employed by our Home Mission Board and sent to the various parts of the Home Mission territory.

Dear Brethren, we as Baptists, are responsible for the support of the Gospel in destitute places.

In looking over the report of the Secretary of our Home Board we note that much interest has been taken for the spread of the Gospel. We find from this report that our Home Mission Board has about twenty Home Mission workers working in Oklahoma, and is working in Cuba and several other places. The statistics show that the number of baptisms reported by our Home Mission Board last year was 25,109, a gain of 2,707. The number of additions to mission churches was 47,808, a gain of 7,391. The number of churches organized by missionaries was 146, a gain of 12. In the Evangelistic department there were 4,932 professions of faith, an increase of 1,949. The number of churches built or improved was 368, an increase of 30. On the financial side the \$283,436 raised was an increase of \$35,298 over the year preceding.

But while we know that there has been a great interest taken by our Home Mission Board and workers, we also note with much regret that there was only \$187.11 sent up to the Home Mission Board from our Suwannee Association last year, and brethren, we urge that each of us take a greater interest in pushing forward the great work of Home Missions in the future than we have in the past.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. Holmes, E. Lashely, T. A. Mikell.

Motion to adopt spoken to by W. H. Holmes, I. J. Carter, R. J. Wells and B. A. Geiger. Adopted.

And the Association adjourned to meet 9:30 Saturday morning.

MORNING SESSION, SATURDAY.

Association met pursuant to adjournment. Called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Brother I. J. Carter.

And the Committee on Associational Missions reported, and while this report was under consideration there was a pledge made to this department amounting to \$227.50, divided among churches as follows:

Jennings	\$50 00
Blue Springs	10 00
Belville	10 00
Jasper	25 00
Philadelphia	20 00
O'Brien	25 00
E. R. Wise for Antioch	25 00
Clayland by J. J. Platt	10 00
Live Oak	50 00
J. J. Holmes	2 50

REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

Dear Brethren:—It is mortifying to your committee to report that another year of great blessings, prosperity and opportunities is past and nothing done in our bounds. While other fields have accomplished so much all of our plans, hopes and resolves of a year ago have come to naught.

Brethren, the great need of mission work in our Association must be obvious to every one who will righteously consider the situation. We believe that our Executive Committee is awake to our needs, and that had they have had the co-operation of all the churches that they would have rendered the making of this report a pleasant duty. We earnestly pray that the spirit of dissension and division cease to exist amongst us and that we liberally contribute to and co-operate with our committee for the great cause of missions.

We recommend that our Executive Committee become affiliated with our State Board and that our Associational Mission work be done by said board, i. e. That the State Board appoint a missionary to work in our bounds and through our committee supervise the

the work. That the money now on hand and all future contributions for this purpose be paid to the corresponding secretary of State Board of Missions. We further recommend that our Fifth Sunday meetings in the future be auxiliary to the Association, and that all contributions sent to said meetings be paid to the Treasurer of this Association and held by him subject to the order of our Executive Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

T. L. Peacock.

J. W. Adams.

J. S. Goodbread.

Motion to adopt spoken to by T. L. Peacock, J. W. Polhill and J. R. Wells. Adopted.

And the Committee on Sunday Schools report.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sunday Schools in making its report feels that it should say by way of explanation for the lack of details as to the condition of the work within the bounds of the Suwannee Association, that on account of limited notice it has been unable to obtain data of the actual work being done in our Association, and, therefore, this report must be confined to urging the importance of this work upon the churches and the adult members within the Association.

First—There must be active and general co-operation on the part of the parents if we shall attain the highest success. Much must come from the parent by precept and example. There is too prevalent the idea that the Sunday School is an institution intended exclusively for the child. No greater error could be made. The Sunday School is primarily the place for teaching the Bible and leading the pupil into the light that never fadeth, and until our adult members have become graduates, as it were, of the word of God and adepts in handling "the Sword of the Spirit," no shadow of excuse, much less reason, can be given for non-attendance upon their part, nor, till parent can truthfully say that his negligence in this respect does not harmfully effect the child, should he ever undertake to excuse himself from the performance of this duty. Complete knowledge of the Bible is not supposed, even, in fact, ever attainable. Yet we venture the assertion that a large majority of the adult church members absent them-

selves from the Sunday School, leaving this vital work to the children and a few faithful teachers. Never can the child be made to see the necessity for or duty of attending the school until father and mother are found in the classes on the Sabbath. The nature of the child is to believe that the action of father and mother in any given case is right, and in no way can we better lead them into the error of minimizing the value of Sunday Schools than by our failure to attend. We are frank to say that we can conceive of no answer the parent can give when the little child inquires why he should attend if father and mother do not. This question cannot be answered satisfactorily either to the child or deep in our consciences to our God.

Second—We would impress the fact that the Sunday school is the great feeder of the church, to which it should be strongly anchored. As the Academy in literary effort furnishes material for the college, and the latter for our Universities, so the properly conducted Sunday school should be, and is, the greatest factor in increasing not only the membership, but the real spiritual growth of our churches, and the church which fails to cultivate wisely this important auxiliary field of Christian endeavor and power is signally neglecting to perform a sacred duty it owes to the community, to itself and to God. Our motto should be "All the Church in the Sunday school, and all the Sunday school in the Church." Statistics show that about eighty (80) per cent of the church membership comes through the Sunday schools. With this overwhelming proof of the value of such work before us, the church that does not spend its utmost effort in strengthening this base of supply must not be disappointed if disintegration and death enter its doors and it be left shorn of its spiritual locks in the presence of the enemy of righteousness.

We rejoice that much needed work is being done by our Field Secretary, Brother Louis Entzminger, and we urge upon our Board the necessity of keeping Bro. Entzminger in the field. To this end we recommend to our churches and Sunday schools the importance of rallying to the assistance of the Board and supporting the work by generous contributions. Bro. Entzminger has already held one Sunday school institute within the bounds of this Association. It was held at Clayland church and we expect to see much good come from this work. Other churches should make application to the

Board for the services of this consecrated brother.

We take from the last minutes the following Sunday school statistics: Number churches, 30; total membership, 2,222; No. Sunday schools, 9; No. teachers, 36; No. pupils, 535.

From the twenty churches from which letters have been sent up to the present session: No. churches reported, 20; total membership, 1,700; Sunday schools, 8; pupils, 550.

We recommend that all churches not now maintaining Sunday schools organize this work without delay, and believing that much good will come by exchange of ideas and closer relations among the Sunday schools in this Association, we suggest the wisdom of providing for periodical Sunday school rallies or institutes to be held at convenient times and places within our Associational territory. This plan is being successfully followed in some portions of our State, and we strongly recommend its adoption here.

Respectfully submitted,

Ira J. Carter,
Chairman.
I. J. Carter,
E. R. Wise,
Committee.

Motion to adopt spoken to by I. J. Carter, G. H. Dorman, E. R. Wise, T. L. Peacock and G. N. Traywic. Adopted.

Committee on Services reported that Bro. J. R. Wells preach at 11 o'clock. The Association now adjourned for preaching to meet again at 1:30.

AFTERNOON SESSION, SATURDAY.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Bro. Dorman.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

D. J. Mills in account with Suwannee Association:

RECEIPTS.

Bal. on hand Oct. 15, 1908.....	\$ 35 59
From Finance Committee.....	110 51
Philadelphia church.....	5 00
Total receipts.....	\$151 10

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Clerk.....	\$ 15 00
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Paid State Missions.....	14 83
Paid Home Missions.....	8 70
Paid Foreign Missions.....	5 25
Paid Orphanage Home.....	10 06
Paid Aged Ministers.....	3 00
Paid printing Minutes and postage...	40 16
Total disbursements.....	\$ 97 00
Bal. on hand Oct. 15, 1908.....	\$ 54 10
Respectfully submitted,	
D. J. Mills,	
Treasurer.	

Adopted.

And the following Messengers to the State Convention were appointed by the Moderator: J. R. Wells, Jno. A. Wray, T. L. Peacock, B. A. Geiger, I. J. Carter, E. R. Wise, O. J. Revels, R. W. Price, J. L. Barnes, J. J. Platt and J. M. Hall.

And the following Messengers were appointed to meet with the W. M. U. at the convention: Mrs. Dr. C. S. Brown, Mrs. C. N. Hildreth, Mrs. J. L. McDaniel, Mrs. Maud Bracewell, Mrs. Adie Paulk, Miss Mamie Grifis, Mrs. W. H. Fleming to convention at Gainesville.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

The advance in education is no less marvelous than is the progress along other lines of civilized progressiveness. The day has come when the teacher must keep in advance of his pupils or his efforts will be vain. The children of today are far in advance of the children of two generations ago. This gives us more intelligent congregations and therefore a demand for a more intellectual ministry. The minister is a leader in thought and along all lines of progression. To fill his place acceptably he must be able to teach his people. There are no people who feel more keenly their need than those beloved brethren whose opportunities were not what their children's are today.

To cope with and meet the many sophistries and heretical religious teachings of the day we must have God-called consecrated men intellectually cultured and trained. We do not mean to stress culture above conversion and consecration, but God calls on us to improve our intellectual talent as well as any other we may possess. We must help the young men whom God

has called into the work. We need them. God needs them.

Respectfully,

B. A. Geiger.

W. R. Bellflower.

We recommend to the young brethren, especially, Columbia College, fostered and owned by the Baptist State Convention. This is especially ours. Then we have also John B. Stetson University for all who prefer it. This is a most splendidly equipped school. For the theological training the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky.

B. A. Geiger and Church.

W. R. Bellflower.

Motion to adopt spoken to by B. A. Geiger and I. J. Carter. Adopted.

And the following resolution was adopted in the absence of a report on Woman's Work:

Be it Resolved, That this body express its hearty approval and high appreciation of the work that the Woman's Missionary Societies are doing, and that we advise all pastors and laymen to encourage them in their noble work.

REPORT ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

Dear Brethren:—Having made inquiries as to ministers and deacons, we learn that God has called home our beloved brother and faithful veteran, Rev. E. B. Mills, aged 73 years. More than thirty years of his life was spent in the ministry of the Gospel. We recommend that a page in our minutes be dedicated to his memory.

G. H. Dorman.

T. C. Williams.

T. L. Peacock.

In Loving Remembrance

...of...

Rev. E. B. Mills

Who has gone to his Reward since
our Last Report

Peace Be Still.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Foreign Missions includes the work of giving the Gospel of Jesus Christ to far off nations and the islands of the sea. The leading countries where missions are conducted by the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention are as follows: Italy, China, Japan, Africa, Mexico and the various States of South America. The people of these countries and of most of the islands of the sea are either bound in the lifeless forms of Catholicism and cursed with the deadly influence of priestcraft, or blighted with the idolatrous superstitions of heathen religion. They are sinners just like we and the only hope of their salvation is through faith in the atoning death of the Lord Jesus Christ. But as the Scriptures say (Rom. 10:15), "How can they believe on Him of whom they have not heard, and how can they hear without a preacher, and how can they preach except that they be sent?" If these things be true, then, unmistakably, the obligation is upon us as churches and individual believers to do all in our power to give them the Gospel of Jesus. To this end let us pray earnestly for more missionaries to carry them the light and contribute liberally and regularly of our means to the support of these missionaries. Our Foreign Mission Board looks after the details of this work for us. Our part is left so simple and easy—just to contribute the money. Surely the least that we should do is to stand faithfully by our Board and secretaries and hold up their hands with our co-operation.

In conclusion, be it resolved, that it is the sense of this body that every church and individual member in our bounds should contribute according to their ability to the great cause of Foreign Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. Wells,
J. O. Bush,
C. B. Haynes.

Motion to adopt spoken to by R. J. Wells and I. J. Carter, after which same was adopted.

The Finance Committee reported that during this session there had been brought up from the several churches \$105.71, which had been duly turned over to the Treasurer, which report was adopted.

And the Committee on Services reported that Bro. T. L. Peacock preach at 7 o'clock.

On motion the Clerk was paid \$15 for his work and

instructed to have 500 copies of the minutes printed and draw on the Treasurer for the amount to pay for same.

And the following resolution was offered and adopted:

Resolved, That the Moderator appoint a committee on Laymen's Missionary Movement for this Association consisting of three live laymen, who shall have charge of the work of this movement.

Within our bounds. [Committee appointed.] John F. Harrell, W. S. Murrow and J. F. Laudin.

A rising vote of thanks was extended to the good people of O'Brien for their kindness during this session.

The Committee on Nominations reported that the next session of this Association convene with Antiock church. In connection the following resolution was read and adopted:

Resolved, That the date of this meeting be left to be fixed by the State Board and our Executive Committee, and that our constitution be so amended as to correspond with said date.

On motion a rising vote of thanks was extended to our Moderator for his fair and impartial administration during this session.

And the Moderator appointed the Chairmen of the several standing committees as follows:

Foreign Missions—John A. Wray.

Home Missions—J. R. Wells.

State Missions—T. L. Peacock.

Associational Missions—I. J. Carter.

General Education and Columbia College—E. R. Wise.

Ministerial Education—H. E. Carter.

Periodicals—J. W. Polhill.

Woman's Work—Mrs. C. N. Hildreth.

There being no further business appearing the congregation sang "God be With You Till We Meet Again," and all took the parting hand in peace and harmony. The Association then adjourned.

Rev. B. A. Geiger,
Moderator.

Attest: S. D. Huggins,
Clerk.

ROSTER OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Blue Springs-----Rev. B. D. Harrell, Pinemount, Fla.
Live Oak-----Rev. John A. Wray, Live Oak, Fla.

Live Oak-----Rev. A. J. York, Live Oak, Fla.
Oak Grove-----Rev. J. S. Hurst, Live Oak, Fla.
Jasper-----Rev. B. A. Geiger, Jasper, Fla.
Mt. Pisgah-----Rev. J. F. Tatem, Pine Mount, Fla.
Tiger Lake-----Rev. W. H. Horne, Live Oak, Fla.
Friendship-----Rev. A. Bond, Live Oak, Fla.
Friendship-----Rev. R. D. Turner, Pine Mount, Fla.
Mt. Olive-----Rev. Andrew Law, Wellborn, Fla.
O'Brien-----Rev. J. W. Fleming, Sr., O'Brien, Fla.
Union-----Rev. W. H. Holmes, O'Brien, Fla.
Union-----Rev. J. J. Holmes, Columbia, R. F. D. No. 1.
Evergreen-----Rev. S. D. Huggins, Columbia, R. F. D. No. 1.
Philadelphia-----Rev. T. L. Peacock, Kirkland, Fla.
Philadelphia-----Rev. O. J. Revels, Pine Mount, Fla.
Mt. Gilead-----Rev. R. E. Parnell, Wellborn, Fla.
Rocky Sink-----Rev. J. S. Parker, Live Oak, Fla.

LIST OF LICENSED MINISTERS WHO ARE NOT ORDAINED.

Jasper-----Rev. J. W. Adams, Jasper, Fla.
Antiock-----Rev. A. K. Evans, Live Oak, Fla.
Mt. Pisgah-----Rev. M. H. Burney, O'Brien, Fla.
Bellville-----Rev. J. C. Bracewell, Lake Park, Ga.
Clayland-----Rev. J. J. Platt, Dowling Park, Fla.



STATISTICAL TABLE.

NAME OF CHURCH	Pastor	Pastor's Post Office Address	Clerk	Clerk's Post Office Address	Increase this Year				Decrease this Year						What Sundays Have Preaching	
					By Baptism	By Letter or Statement	By Restoration	Total Increase	By Letter	By Expulsion or Erasure	By Death	Total Decrease	Membership this Year	Net Decrease		Net Increase
Antioch	Jno. A. Wray	Live Oak	R. J. Allen	Live Oak					4	6	1	11	85	11		4
Blue Springs	T. L. Peacock	Pine Mount	J. M. Adams	Wilmarth	1	5		6					29		6	3
Bellville	W. B. Hugh	Lake Park	J. W. Polhill	Lake Park			2	2	2		2	2	26			1
Beulah	L. J. Townsend	Mayo	J. M. Thompson	Dowling Park	9	4	1	14	2		1	3	54			2
Bright Pond	O. J. Revels	Pine Mount	L. P. Geiger	Jasper	18	1	9	28	1	2	2	5	80		11	2
Beulah in Hamilton	B. A. Geiger	Jasper	R. R. Belflower	Jasper	7	1		8	3		3	3	20		5	2
Clayland	T. L. Peacock	Clayland	A. M. Mosley	Clayland	30	2		32	4	2		6	13		26	4
Evergreen	W. H. Holmes	O'Brien	J. S. Goodbread	Columbia R. 1	7	3	1	11	1	2	2	5	83		6	2
Friendship	J. S. Parker	Live Oak	W. R. Turner	Pine Mount	5			5	2			2	53		3	1
Fairview	A. J. York	Live Oak														
Hopewell in Georgia	A. Bond		D. Herndon	Tarver, Ga.	14		1	15	2	6	1	7	52		8	4
Jennings	J. R. Wells	Jennings	W. A. Beatty	Jennings	14	10		24	2	2	2	4	86		20	2 and 4
Jasper	B. A. Geiger	Jasper	W. C. Caldwell	Jasper	2	4	1	7	7	2	1	10	97		3	
Live Oak	Jno. A. Wray	Live Oak	H. E. Carter	Live Oak									350			Ever
Mt. Gilead	G. A. L. Cook	Lake City	W. P. Page	Falmouth			1	1					74		1	3
Mt. Olive	R. E. Parnell	Welborn	J. B. Johns	Wilborn	11								103		1	2
Mt. Pisgah	W. H. Holmes	O'Brien	J. J. Carter	Pine Mount					5	1	1	7	96		7	4
Mary Bell	J. S. Hurst	Live Oak	J. V. Johnson	Live Oak			1		7	3		10	47		9	2
Magnolia	S. D. Huggins	Columbia, R. 1	W. J. Aderholt	Brantford						14	2	16	26		16	1
Macedonia	J. S. Parker	Live Oak	T. P. Hurst	Newbern									5		8	
New Hope	R. E. Parnell	Welborn	R. J. Bush	Jennings	4	3		7	8	6	1	15	120		8	3
New Prospect	J. L. Rutherford	Lee	S. H. Roebuck	Jennings	1				1				24			1
Orange	J. R. Clements	Day	W. H. Robinson	Live Oak	7	1	2	10	1			1	75			2
Oak Grove	J. S. Hurst	Live Oak	Wm. Stanford	Pine Mount	10	8		18	1	6		7	89		9	2
O'Brien	G. N. Traywic	Mayo	W. C. Williams	O'Brien		1		1					75		11	4
Philadelphia	J. T. Farnell	Day	A. C. Boatright	Willmarth	7	4		11	2		2	4	132		7	2
Rocky Sink	J. T. Farnell	Day	J. A. Mitchell	Live Oak, R. 6	3		2	5		5		5	67		1	1
Suwannee	J. S. Hurst	Live Oak	P. H. Lewis	Live Oak		1		1					15		1	3
Tiger Lake	T. L. Peacock	Clayland	G. H. Dorman	Live Oak	1	1		2	1				68		1	1
Union	J. S. Hurst	Live Oak	D. W. McInis	O'Brien	1	1	1	3	4		1	4	77		2	1

STATISTICAL TABLE.

NAME OF CHURCH	Pastor's Salary	For Building	Incidental and Improving	For Visiting Ministers	Associal Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Miss ons	Current Expenses and Endowment Columbia College	Endowment S. B. T. Seminary	Ministerial Education	Educational General	Aged Ministers	Orphanage	For the Poor	Minutes and Clerk	Total	Value of Pastor's Home	Value of Church Property	Total Value of Property
Antioch	\$200.00	\$2.50	\$3.45	\$2.50	\$1.50	\$1.50	\$3.15	\$3.15	\$21.23	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$9.20	\$30.00	\$1.00	\$213.55	\$1250.00	\$300.00	\$1000.00
Blue Springs	\$150.00	\$4.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3000.00	\$25000.00	\$28000.00
Bellville	\$100.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3000.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Beulah	\$100.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3000.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Bright Pond	\$100.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3000.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Beulah in Hamilton	\$100.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3000.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Clayland	\$100.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3000.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
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Fairview	\$100.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3000.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
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Live Oak	\$100.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3000.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Mt. Gilead	\$100.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3000.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Mt. Olive	\$100.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3000.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Mt. Pisgah	\$100.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3000.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Mary Bell	\$100.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3000.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Magnolia	\$100.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3000.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
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New Hope	\$100.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3000.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
New Prospect	\$100.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3000.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
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O'Brien	\$100.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3000.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
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Suwannee	\$100.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3000.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Tiger Lake	\$100.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3000.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
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