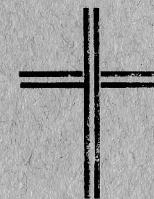


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A. J. YORK.....Moderator
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S. D. HUGGINS.....Treasurer

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Order of Business.

1. Introductory sermon.
2. Association called to order by the Moderator.
3. Reading letters and enrolling Messengers.
4. Call for petitionary letters.
5. Election of Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.
6. Inviting visiting ministers and brothers 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.

and by appointment there shall be an introductory sermon preached by the Moderator.

Constitution.

Section 1. This Association shall be known as the Suwannee Missionary 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 every twenty-five, 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 session of the Association, subject to the approval of the Association, whose duty it 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, for ministerial labor to be supplied to the destitute, and report the result of their labor for the approval of the Association.

Sec. 6. This Association invites 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 meetings of this Association shall begin on Thursday before the third Sunday in October

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12. Address by the Secretary.
13. Address by the Treasurer.
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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-third vote of the Messengers present, provided the amendment be reduced to writing.

Articles of Faith.

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

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

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

Art. 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.

Art. 5. We believe in the total 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.

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

Art. 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.

Art. 8. We believe that 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.

Art. 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 that the only proper administrators are those who have been regu-

larly ordained by a Church of Christ by the imposition of hands of a presbytery.

Art. 10. We believe 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.

Art. 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 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.

Art. 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.

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

Rules of Decorum.

1. At the first meeting of each annual session of the Association, the Moderator of the previous session shall call the Messengers to order, and, after singing and prayer, he shall declare the Association ready for business, the first item being the election of Moderator and Clerk, after the Messengers have enrolled their names. In case of the absence of the Moderator, the Messengers present shall elect a Moderator pro tem, who shall proceed as aforesaid.

2. Each meeting of the Association shall be opened and closed with singing and prayer.

3. The Moderator shall preserve order and decide all questions in debate, subject to an appeal to the body, and when speaking on any subject shall call some member to the chair, and in case of a tie may give the casting vote.

4. All committees shall be appointed by the Moderator, subject to a vote of the body.

5. The Clerk shall keep a complete record of the proceedings of each meeting, and in the absence of the Moderator, shall call the Association to order and preside until a Moderator pro tem is elected.

6. No business shall be transacted without a quorum, which shall consist of a majority of the registered members.

7. All members wishing to speak shall rise and respectfully address the Moderator, confine themselves strictly to the subject, and no unkind allusions shall be made while speaking.

8. No motion shall be debated until seconded, nor voted upon until stated by the Moderator or read by the Clerk.

9. When a question is under debate no motion shall

be received except to adjourn, lay on the table, amend, indefinitely postpone, refer to a committee, or otherwise call previous question.

10. Any member voting in the majority may move a reconsideration at any time during the session.

11. The Rules of Decorum may be amended at any annual session of the Association by a majority vote of all the members present.

MINUTES

The Suwannee Missionary Baptist Association met in its Fortieth Annual Session with Rocky Sink Baptist Church, October 26, 1911. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. F. H. Watkins from Acts 1:8: "But ye shall receive power, after the Holy Ghost is come upon you."

The Association was called to order by A. J. York, Moderator pro tem.

Letters were called for and the following Churches responded:

Antioch—G. F. Haddock, E. R. Wise and Mrs. E. R. Wise.

Evergreen—S. D. Huggins.

Friendship—R. D. Turner and C. W. Haines.

Hopewell—D. Herndon.

Jasper—S. S. Mathis and J. W. Adams.

Live Oak—F. H. Watkins and A. J. York.

Mt. Olive—J. H. Johns.

New Hope—J. H. Kendrick and R. M. Bush.

O'Brien—Sister L. B. Davis, C. T. Anderson, F. G. Hall and T. C. Williams.

Philadelphia—R. H. Frier and P. M. Lanier.

Rocky Sink—L. D. Newlan, S. J. Brown, Rev. J. S. Hurst and W. L. Mitchell.

Tiger Lake—J. M. Helton and W. H. Horne.

Visitor from the Middle Florida Association—J. R. Clements.

A. J. York was elected Moderator, H. B. Brown, Clerk, and S. D. Huggins, Treasurer.

F. H. Watkins moved the Association meet at 9 a.m. and adjourn at 3:30 p.m., with one hour for noon.

It was moved that S. D. Huggins be paid \$5.00 for balance due on 1910 minutes.

None but Delegates in attendance were allowed to be registered.

The Moderator made the following appointments:

Committee on Services—J. D. Newlan, J. S. Hurst, S. J. Brown, W. L. Mitchell and P. M. Lanier.

Foreign Missions—S. S. Mathis, R. D. Turner and W. L. Mitchell.

Home Missions—F. H. Watkins, J. M. Helton and S. D. Huggins.

Orphanage—A. J. Ward, C. W. Haines and Mrs. L. B. Davis.

Columbia College—C. T. Anderson, S. J. Brown and F. G. Hall.

Temperance—J. W. Adams, R. M. Bush and D. Herndon.

State Missions—J. C. Rodgers, T. C. Williams and J. S. Hurst.

Finance—L. D. Newlan, S. J. Brown and J. H. Kendricks.

Nomination—G. F. Haddock, P. M. Lanier and J. M. Helton.

The Association adjourned to meet Friday at 9 a.m.

FRIDAY MORNING.

After reading the 90th Psalm and prayer by C. T. Anderson the Association was called to order by the Moderator, and the assembly proceeded with the regular order of business.

Call was made for letters and the following responded:

Mt. Pisgah—Jasper Williams and N. Harrell.

Pine Grove—W. E. Privett and D. S. Burnham.

New Prospect—Jack Ward.

Mt. Gilead—J. C. Hilton.

Mount Olive—J. H. Johns.

Corinth—W. A. Green.

Mary Belle—O. M. Haynes and O. S. Hurst.

Committee on Service announced that Bro. S. S. Mathis

would preach at 11 a.m. and Bro. J. C. Rodgers at 7 p.m.

A letter was presented by Bro. Huggins from Bro. Reynolds, Secretary of the State Convention, requesting the Suwannee Association to study a revised constitution that he forwarded, and ask the Association to make such changes in the old constitution as seemed good to them. A committee was appointed by the Moderator to report the matter.

Report on Temperance called for, read and adopted. Discussed by Bros. J. W. Adams, J. C. Rodgers, S. S. Mathis, J. R. Clemmons, J. D. Newlan and A. J. York.

A motion was made by Bro. C. T. Anderson and unanimously carried, that the Suwannee Association withdraw fellowship from any Church in its bounds which holds as a member one who has voted to bring intoxicants back in our territory, or to vote to retain it in State or Nation.

The Moderator appointed as Committee on Revision of Constitution Bros. S. S. Mathis, chairman; J. C. Rodgers and E. R. Wise.

After Scripture reading by Bro. Huggins, the Association sang that grand old hymn "Corination." Bro. Mathis preached from the text: "Where dwelleth Thou?" Theme, "Christian Fellowship."

Adjournment for dinner.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

After a sumptuous dinner served at the Church the Association assembled in the house, and after singing a hymn and prayer by Bro. Griffin, the Moderator called the house to order.

Report on Columbia College and Ministerial Education called for, read and adopted. Discussed by Bros. C. T. Anderson, J. A. Griffin and S. S. Mathis.

Report on Foreign Missions called for, presented and adopted. Discussed by Bro. S. S. Mathis.

As the time for adjournment had come, there was a

motion to give the discussion of Foreign Missions first place when the Association convened Saturday.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your Committee on Temperance, beg to submit the following: There is no question before the Christian people of more importance than that of temperance. Yet we find quite a number of our denomination who ignore the question, which fact we sorely deplore. God's Word calls to all men to be ye sober and watchful unto prayer. We recommend that pastors and laymen work more earnestly in the future than in the past to abolish this evil from among us. We truly hope the time is fast approaching when members of the Church will not and can not affiliate themselves with the liquor men and at the same time claim to be followers of Christ. Respectfully submitted,

J. W. ADAMS, Chairman,
R. M. BUSH,
D. HERNDON.

REPORT ON COLUMBIA COLLEGE AND MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

In this wonderful age of advancement along all lines it seems that a long night has just passed and morning begins to break—yes, the morning. When we think of the great possibilities that lie out before us we can only look on our age as one that has discovered the night has passed, and in the morning light the world is rushing madly for the many things that have been brought to view by the dawning of a new day. Shall we, as Christian parents, sit idly by and allow our children to fall behind in the race because of a better training?

There never has been a day when it was as easy to obtain an education as it is today. But, as in all else, there is the good and the evil to be found, and it behooves us as parents to seek the good. We want a

school that teaches good morals, but that is not all. This school should be a distinctly religious school, that our boys and girls may be prepared not only for the battle of life, but to have the chance to take hold of the things that pertain to life eternal. We have such a school in Columbia College. It is our duty to uphold such a worthy institution and try to keep it unspotted from the world. It needs our boys and girls and a liberal share of the tenth we owe the Lord of our earnings. If you need a better education to fit you for the battle of life write the president of our school and tell him your needs. Visit the institution. Go through the buildings. Talk to the president. Ask the professors questions. Don't be small. Expect great things of God. Our college needs new buildings to accommodate the students, and money is needed for this. There are a goodly number of ministerial students who need our help. We, your committee, heartily commend Columbia College to the brotherhood for your support and earnest prayers. Respectfully submitted,

C. T. ANDERSON, Chairman,
S. J. BROWN,
F. GLENN HALL.

FOREIGN MISSION REPORT.

The ideal of modern Foreign Missions is the complete realization of our Lord's commandments, "Go and disciple the nations." Our country has gone through several eras in the course of her religious development, and if your committee properly reads the signs of the times, this may be called "the era of Missionary awakening," both in that there is going on an awakening of our own Church forces which are indeed the constituency of our Foreign Mission workers, and the sleeping conscience of the adherents to false religions are being aroused by the story of the Cross as told and lived by our Missionaries in foreign fields—are being aroused

as never before in the history of Missionary enterprise. The history of our workers ten years ago was a story not only of heroes and heroines, but of martyrs who paid the price of their convictions along the lines of their duty to the lost nations of the earth with their own life's blood. It was a ceaseless struggle to get a foothold in almost every country which we undertook to enter. But today how different. It is one continuous call, not only from the Missionaries themselves, but from many of the nations as well: "Come over and help us." But back to the awakening in the homeland with regard to Missionary effort, which we referred to in the beginning. There are more of our strong and noble young men and young women offering themselves for service on the foreign fields than in any period of the past, and among them are some of our own State's noblest and best. And by no means least among these is our own brother, A. Scott Patterson, a Hamilton county boy, who is rendering valuable service on one of the most hazardous fields—Africa. Florida's roll of Missionary heroes is growing at a rapid rate, and your committee urges that you shall yet "pray the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth more laborers into His harvest," for "the harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few." Another indication of a new awakening among us is found in our increase in gifts to this work. The Foreign Mission contributions of the Southern Baptist Convention have grown wonderfully for the last few years, but your committee feels that the gifts from this Association to this world-wide and Heaven-planned movement have not been in keeping with, first, the increase in the number of our own workers on the field, which means that others are taking care of our own workers. Second, our gifts are not in keeping with our ability in this line, as a study of our minutes of 1910 will show. Of the thirty-two Churches of our Association accredited to us by Year Book

1910-11, of the Southern Baptist Convention, only twelve are accredited with anything for Foreign Missions, leaving twenty Churches doing nothing. These twelve contributing Churches gave the sum of \$219.09 to this cause last year, but of this amount our Church gave all but \$81.59, or in other words, thirty-one Churches in our Association, with a membership of approximately 1,800, gave the sum of \$81.59, or 4½ cents per capita. But this showing may be hardly fair, as there were at least 1,500 members who did absolutely nothing.

Brethren, these things ought not so to be. Our State did not receive her apportionment last year, and the large debt reported by our Foreign Board at Jacksonville was on account of the fact that we had not done our part. Our brethren of the Foreign Board are undertaking great things this year, and your committee most heartily commends the plan of the Board in allowing Churches to subscribe for stock of \$100 per share until 6,000 shares are taken. We urge that pastors, wherever advisable or possible, arouse their Churches along this line and if possible subscribe for one or more shares of stock in this world-wide enterprise.

Respectfully submitted,

S. S. MATHIS, Chairman.

SATURDAY MORNING.

The Association was called to order after a song of praise and prayer was offered.

Minutes of Friday read and adopted as read.

A call for letters was made and the following responded: Magnolia, F. P. Hines.

After an instructive talk on Foreign Missions by C. T. Anderson, the report was adopted as read.

On motion of Bro. S. S. Mathis, the State, Home and Associational Missions be given from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., and that reports on Sunday School and Or-

phanage be made before 10:30 a.m. Motion carried.

Report on Sunday School read by Chairman F. G. Hall. Discussed by S. S. Mathis and J. C. Rodgers, and was adopted as read.

It was moved by Bro. S. S. Mathis that a Sunday School Convention be organized and a committee appointed to make necessary arrangements. The following committee was appointed: S. S. Mathis, E. R. Wise and F. G. Hall.

Report on Orphanage read by C. T. Anderson. A short talk was made by C. T. Anderson. Prayer was made in behalf of the Orphanage, led by F. H. Watkins.

Reports on State, Home and Associational Missions. Bro. S. B. Rogers, spoke one hour and thirty minutes on Mission work, and a collection of \$22.50 was taken for State Missions.

Adjourned for dinner until 1:30 p.m.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

The Association assembled at 1:30 o'clock. Reports of State, Home and Associational Missions adopted as read.

Committee on Nominations made its report. After some discussion the report was adopted as offered by the committee.

Finance Committee made its report, which was read and adopted.

The Treasurer made his report, which was adopted as read.

The following Delegates were elected to the State Convention: P. M. Lanier, F. G. Hall, G. F. Haddock, R. D. Turner, J. S. Hurst, D. J. Mills, J. H. Johns, S. D. Huggins, W. H. Holmes, and L. D. Newlan.

Magnolia Church asked for letter of dismissal, which was granted.

On motion the Clerk was paid \$15.00 for his services

and instructed to have as many minutes printed as possible with balance of money.

A vote of thanks was offered by the Association to the members of Rocky Sink Church and the public in general for their kind hospitality and royal entertainment.

The Association adjourned to meet with Live Oak Baptist Church on Thursday before the third Sunday in October, 1912.

REV. A. J. YORK, Moderator.

H. B. BROWN, Clerk.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

Your Committee on Nominations desire to recommend that the next session of the Association meet with Live Oak Church on Thursday before the third Sunday in October, 1912, and that Rev. S. S. Mathis preach the introductory sermon, Rev. A. J. York, alternate. Messenger to State Convention, Rev. C. T. Anderson. To Southern Baptist Convention, Rev. F. H. Watkins.

Executive Committee—E. R. Wise, S. S. Mathis, M. V. Mills, F. Glenn Hall, and F. H. Watkins.

Ira J. Carter, State Board of Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

G. F. HADDOCK,

P. M. LANIER,

J. C. HILTON.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Oct. 6, 1910, From Finance Committee.....\$109.68

DISBURSEMENTS.

Oct. 7, paid Clerk.....	\$15.00
Nov. 1, paid Associational Mission.....	18.60
Nov. 1, paid State Mission.....	20.16
Nov. 1, paid Home Mission.....	7.00
Nov. 1, paid Foreign Mission.....	16.92
Nov. 1, paid Orphanage.....	5.48

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Nov. 1, paid Aged Ministers..... 2.65
 Nov. 1, paid S. D. Huggins, for minutes... 23.87
 Total disbursements \$109.68

Respectfully submitted,

D. J. MILLS, Treasurer.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT.

We, your Finance Committee, beg to make the following report :

For Minutes and Clerk..... \$50.97
 For State Missions..... 60.60
 For Orphanage..... 7.66
 For Foreign Mission..... 5.00
 For Ministerial Education..... 5.00
 For Columbia College..... 10.00
 For Aged Ministers..... 2.11
 Total for all purposes..... \$141.34

L. D. NEWLAN, Chairman,

S. J. BROWN.

REPORT OF MISSIONARY.

Dear Brethren:—I herein present you my report for work done as Missionary of this Association :

I was employed by the Executive Committee for half time, beginning March 1. Since that time I have done eighteen weeks work. I have traveled 1,744 miles and preached 135 sermons. Have made twenty-five prayer meeting addresses, fourteen protracted meetings, organized two Sunday Schools. Have received for membership five by baptism, eleven by letter and two by restoration. Have visited and preached at nineteen Churches and five other stations in my rounds. I have met most of the pastors and find them a noble set of men. The Churches and places where I have visited have expressed a desire for me to return. The pastors have treated me fraternally and cordially. I have secured three subscribers for our state paper, found one family without a Bible.

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Bro. S. B. Rogers, our corresponding secretary, has been faithful and true to send check for my salary at the end of each month.

I enjoy the missionary work because I think it an important work. I feel I could do better work another year than I have the past. May the Lord bless our work.

Fraternally.

J. C. RODGERS,

Live Oak, Fla.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

Since God saw fit to create a creature in his own image and call him man, we, the human family, have found that we need an abiding place, and since God would not allow us to dwell in a place prepared by His hands, we must seek a place prepared by our own hands, asking His blessings.

Since the first sons born to woman in this world we find that there has been a work assigned us. Cain slew Abel, and since that time there has been homes left destitute from the avenger death, and it is our duty to care for the fatherless.

We, the Baptists of our state, were the first to undertake this worthy task of taking care of the fatherless. We have established through our convention at Arcadia, Fla., the Florida Baptist Orphanage, that not only accommodates Baptist boys and girls, but all, regardless of creed.

It has had its struggles, but has advanced wonderfully. It is now trying to prepare new buildings to better accommodate the children, and it is our duty to give our means to help build these buildings as well as to help feed and clothe the children.

We regret that we have to give up our old superintendent, Bro. Bean, the father of the home for years, but we feel that God has been instrumental in giving us another leader in Bro. Trice, the present manager.

We, your committee, recommend that the Moderator suspend business for a few minutes in honor of Father Bean, and have a prayer offered for Sister Bean, his worthy wife, and for the Orphanage.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. WARD,
C. B. HAYNES,
MRS. L. B. DAVIS.

COMMITTEE REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your Committee on Sunday Schools beg leave to report that our Sunday Schools have been greatly neglected by some of our Churches. Your committee finds from the reports sent up that a very small percent. of the Churches reported say anything about Sunday Schools, which fact we greatly deplore.

Your committee begs that all Churches in this Association that have not heretofore had any Sunday Schools, go back from this Association with renewed energy and organize a Sunday School at once. We should feed the Bread of Life to our children more freely, we should encourage them for the better.

We feel if the Sunday Schools were attended better we would feel greater results from some. Brethren, lend us a helping hand. Do your best for the Master's cause. Do all you can to bring our boys and girls to Christ! Do it now! Don't put it off to next month or next year.

We urge the Churches of this Association to put their shoulder to the wheel and let's make 1912 the banner year for Sunday Schools.

Respectfully submitted,

F. GLENN HALL,
E. R. WISE,
J. H. JOHNS.

HOME MISSION REPORT.

Your Committee on Home Missions beg to submit the following:

Home Missions means mission work done within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention under the auspices of the Home Board in Atlanta. It co-operates with each State Board of Missions and makes possible vast good which would not be done without the Home Mission enterprise. The Home Mission Board conducts many departments of activity for saving the people and preparing them for lives of service, and fields, too, which would be practically untouched without this Board. It has forty-five workers among the foreigners, principally in our coast cities, Jacksonville and Tampa among them. There twenty-eight maintain schools with one hundred and twenty-seven teachers and 4,500 students maintained by our gifts to Home Missions. These schools are turning out every year scores of earnest and trained Christian young men and women. The good done is incalculable. This good is made possible through Home Missions. The Home Board has on the field eighteen trained evangelists who last year baptized about 3,000 converts. The Board maintains thirty-five negro missionaries doing effective work among Southern negroes. We have thirty-four missionaries who supply fifty-six churches and Mission Stations in Cuba. We have five missionaries and four helpers doing a successful work in the canal zone. We have twenty missionaries among the Indians in Oklahoma, and the Home Board assisted last year in building 289 church houses. Surely such a work ought to appeal to every loyal heart.

Besides all this the Home Board participates co-operating in a number of states in maintaining about 110 missionary pastors.

Your committee recommends:

1. That prayer be made in the Churches for Home

Missions, that God may open your eyes to see and our purses to use the rich opportunities to establish our country on the everlasting Rock of Ages.

2. That regular collections throughout the year be insisted on, instead of waiting, as so many do, to the end of the year to give to this cause.

3. That this body provide for apportioning among the Churches the amount our Association is asked to raise.

4. That our pastors be requested to make an earnest effort at least once during the year to preach a special sermon on Home Missions, and the magnitude and importance of the problem involved.

5. That a club of subscribers be raised in each Church for the Home Field, the unusually attractive and illuminating monthly magazine of the Home Board.

6. That churches and pastors be encouraged to make a large use of the Home Board's informing tracts and sample copies of the Home Field, both of which are free for the asking.

The address of the Home Mission Board is, Austell Building, Atlanta, Georgia.

Respectfully submitted,

F. H. WATKINS, Chairman,

S. D. HUGGINS,

J. M. HELTON.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Associational Missions beg leave to submit the following report:

Associational Missions means the Mission work right at our door. Our Association is our Jerusalem. Our Lord commands us to witness for Him here. We can not over-estimate the importance of keeping constantly before our people and our Churches the Lord's work in its every relation. In our Associational Mission work there are three things that needs to be constantly

stressed. The first is a spiritual church membership. Baptists stand for a regenerated church membership and a life that accords with it. When we surrender that, we are no longer Baptists. Our churches, all of them, need an awakening right here. It will be a great day when all the churches in the Suwannee Association are walking after the spirit and are spirit-filled churches.

Then evangelism, the saving of the lost around us, can never be too much emphasized or too strongly pressed. Associational Missions means to accomplish that. Every effort we make has that for its ultimate end.

Another great need is for our people to be awakened on the question of all our denominational enterprises. We are a part of the greatest body of people that ever lived and we are doing the greatest work on earth, but many of our churches and people are asleep to it all. They need to be taught, to be informed and fired with a holy interest and zeal. Another great need is for our people to be indoctrinated.

Then there are communities where we need churches. To this end we have had for the past two years an associational missionary. Bro. Rodgers, our present missionary has been doing what he could for several months, but has been much hampered on account of having to be at his church every other Sunday. We believe that with Bro. Rodgers on the field all of his time much more could be done and we earnestly recommend that the Association ask the State Board to employ him for all of his time and pledge ourselves for better things for the future.

Respectfully submitted,

E. R. WISE,

T. C. WILLIAMS,

GLEN HALL.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The work of Missions is the great work of the church. The spirit of Missions is the spirit of Christ to go into all the world and preach the gospel, is Christ's command to his church. Our Master emphasizing the begging at Jerusalem reminds us of the importance of laying a good foundation at home for a base of supplies that we may as a church be the better able to give the gospel to a lost world. What we need is more efficient preachers and more money. Our prayers should be for the Lord to send more laborers into the vineyard and for us as a church to open our hearts and pocket-books and give as the Lord has commanded us. There never was a time in the history of our state when the country was more prosperous and money more plentiful.

From a business point of view there is not a state in the Southern Baptist Convention with such varied and sundry resources as Florida. Her white cotton farms, her timber acres to her terpentine and lumber resources, her fruits and vegetable farms, together with her many other industries, makes Florida an inviting field for business men and labor of every class. Therefore her growth in population is rapid and varied, making her one of the most inviting states as a mission field. But an earnest investigation forces us to a frank confession that our growth spiritually is not as rapid as one would desire and sometimes we entertain very grave fears that our religious growth is not keeping pace with our finances. It is startling to find that we are confronted with the fact that some of the counties in our state have not as many as one resident pastor in it, and four or five having only one. These facts remind us that there is a vast area of our state in these counties referred to as well as a number of the rural districts in counties favored which is utterly destitute of the blessed

gospel. Many of the churches in the rural districts need stimulating on mission endeavor. Your committee would recommend that more attention be given this part of our work.

We also recommend that every church be asked to make a strenuous effort to raise the apportionment allotted them by the Appropriation Committee and forward same to Bro. S. B. Rodgers, our beloved Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,
J. C. RODGERS, Chairman.

STATISTICAL TABLE—NUMERICAL

NAME OF CHURCH	PASTORS AND P. O. ADDRESSES	CLERKS AND P. O. ADDRESSES	Increase this Year				Decrease this Year				Net Decrease	Net Increase	What Sundays Have Preaching
			By Baptism	By Letter or Statement	By Restoration	Total Increase	By Letter	By Expulsion or Excommunication	By Death	Total Decrease			
Antioch.....	F H Watkins, Live Oak...	R J Allen, Live Oak.....			3	3	5	5	1	12	9		Second
Blue Springs.....	T L Peacock, Pine Mount...	J M Adams, Wilmarth.....											Third
Clayland.....	I R Clements, Day, Fla....	A M Mosley, Newburn.....	1			1	3	3		3	122	2	Fourth
Evergreen.....	F A Bone, Lake City, Fla..	G W Kirby, Columbia.....	5	4	1	10	2	2	2	14	98	4	Second
Friendship.....	R D Turner, Pine Mount...	C W Haynes, Pine Mount...	6	2	1	9	2	2	4	8	87	5	First
Jennings.....	J H Griffin, Lake City....	G M Stephens, Jennings...	2	2		10	16	2	18	34	8		First and Third
Jasper.....	S S Mathis, Jasper, Fla....	W E Caldwell, Jasper....	10	21	1	32	1	3	11	117	21		Every Sunday
Live Oak.....	F H Watkins, Live Oak....	H E Carter, Live Oak.....	10	18		28	23	3	26	227	2		Every Sunday
Mt. Giliard.....	J S Hurst, Live Oak.....	W P Page, Falmouth.....	3	2		5	5	3	1	6	82	1	Third
Mt. Olive.....	R E Parnell, Wellborn....	J B Johns, Wellborn.....	8			8	2	3	5	111	3		Second
Mary Bell.....		O M Haynes, Live Oak.....								78	24		Second
New Hope.....	J A Pearson, Lake Prk, Ga.	R J Bush, Jennings.....	12	2		14	2	2	2	147	12		Third
Orange.....	J T Farrell, Day, Fla....	W H Robinson, Newburn...	1			1	1			37	1		Second
O'Brien.....	C T Anderson, O'Brien...	W L McEnnis, O'Brien...	2	5		7	1			80	6		
Philadelphia.....	T L Peacock, Pine Mount...	A C Boatright, Wilmarth...	5	1	2	8	1	2	3	145	5		Second
Pine Grove.....	A D Wilder, Lake City....	Raiford Royals, Jennings...								21			
Rocky Sink.....	J S Hurst, Live Oak.....	J A Mitchel, Live Oak....		4	1	5	3	1	2	67	1		First
Hope Well.....	A Bonds, Live Oak.....	D Herndon, Alexandria, Va.	1	3		4	3	1	8	42	4		
Tiger Lake.....	J C Rogers, Live Oak....	G H Dorman, Live Oak....				2	3		2	66	2		First
Corinth.....	J S Hurst, Live Oak.....	J B Green, Jennings.....	3	6		9	3	1	4	106	5		Second
New Prospect.....	J L Rutherford, Lee, Fla..	S H Roebuck, Jennings...	1	1	1	3	1		1	25	2		
Mt. Pisgah.....	J J Holmes.....	H G Dandy, Pine Mount...								82	3		Fourth

STATISTICAL TABLE—FINANCIAL THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS HAVE BEEN PAID THIS YEAR AND INCLUDE:

NAME OF CHURCH	Pastors Salary	For Building	Incidental and Improving	For Visiting Ministers	Associational Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Current Expenses and Endowment Columbia College	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.....	175 00			3 00		15 00										193 00		1000 00	1000 00
Blue Springs.....	50 00						1 40	8 50								59 90		500 00	500 00
Clayland.....	50 00															50 00		500 00	500 00
Evergreen.....				20 00				3 03								23 03		500 00	500 00
Friendship.....						31 21		26 34								57 55		250 00	250 00
Jennings.....	367 57		35 95					26 34								461 07	1200 00	1000 00	2200 00
Jasper.....	585 00		52 45		3 00	76 10	28 05	33 06	10 00	5 00		2 11			3 00	797 77		8000 00	8000 00
Live Oak.....	1500 00		334 22	122 50		110 00	62 50	62 50			260 00		10 00			2461 72	8000 00	15000 00	18000 00
Mt. Giliard.....	50 00															50 00		700 00	700 00
Mt. Olive.....																		350 00	350 00
Mary Bell.....	70 60															70 60			
New Hope.....	100 00			20 00		36 35										176 35			
Orange.....	66 00															66 00		100 00	100 00
O'Brien.....			225 00	19 77		11 80	2 76	2 55			3 00		14 33		3 30	276 21		800 00	800 00
Philadelphia.....	75 00		1 60	6 55		20 00										113 45		750 00	750 00
Pine Grove.....	40 00					4 40										44 40		500 00	500 00
Rocky Sink.....	54 85			2 60												57 45		900 00	900 00
Hopewell.....	35 00		75 00	2 00												112 00		250 00	250 00
Tiger Lake.....	75 00					17 50	4 50									97 00		200 90	200 00
Corinth.....	50 00			2 00												52 00		300 00	300 00
New Prospect.....																			
Mt. Pisgah.....																	300 00	300 00	300 00

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS

NAME OF CHURCH		SUNDAY SCHOOLS							WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY																																																																	
Names of Supt.	No. of Schools	No. of Pupils	No. of Teachers	Scholars Baptized	Sunday School Ex.	Missions and Be- nevolence	Total For All Purposes	Names of Presidents and their Postoffice Addresses	Contributed For Missions and Benevolence	Value of Missionary Boxes	Total for All Purposes	OUR HONORED DEAD																																																														
Antioch Blue Springs Clayland Evangelical Friendship Jennings Jasper Live Oak Mt. Gilhard Mt. Olive Mary Bell New Hope Orange O'Brien Philadelphia Pine Grove Rocky Sink Hopewell Tiger Lake Corinth New Prospect Mt. Pisgah	E R Wise	1	35	4			6 35	Mrs. J. H. Wallace, Live Oak	37 00	147 11	7 33	154 44	97 10	37 00	James Newlan Patrick Nunn Mrs. J. T. Robbins J. A. Griffin Mrs. Studie Burnett Mrs. Kate Clayton Mrs. Mary F. Peack Mrs. M. A. Friar James L. White Grove H. Cheshire Thomas V. Knight Newton Elmore B. M. Padgett																																																											
																	F G Hall	1	105	4	5	14 46	7 06	21 52	Mrs. W H Flemming, O'Brien	5 00	8 05	13 05	3 15																																													
																																A C Boatright	1	65	5	3 10	5 10	8 20	S J Boatright, Wilmarth	3 15																																		
																																											D Herndon	1	30	3	5 00																											