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#### ORDER OF BUSINESS

#### Thursday Morning, 10:00 O'Clock

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

11:00 A. M.—Introductory Sermon.

12:15 P. M.—Dinner.

#### Thursday Afternoon

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

3:30 P. M.—Adjourn for the afternoon.

#### Friday Morning

9:30 A. M.—Reading Minutes of previous day, invite visitors and call for messengers; report of Committee on Education; report of Committee on Missions, State, Home and Foreign; Orphans Home.

10:30 A. M. Report on Temperance.

11:00 A. M.—Doctrinal Sermon.

#### Friday Afternoon

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

3:30 P. M.—Adjournment.

#### Saturday Morning

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

10:30 A. M.—Miscellaneous business.

11:00 A. M.—Missionary Sermon.

12:15 P. M.—Dinner.

#### Saturday Afternoon

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

4:30 P. M.—Adjournment.

#### ARTICLES OF FAITH

"Purpose, to set in order a declaration of those things

most surely believed among us"-Luke 1: 1.

Article I. We believe in one only true and living God, and that there are three persons in the God-head, Father, Son and Holy Ghost.—I Kings 8: 60; Isaiah 44: 6; Matthew 28: 19; John 10: 30, 14: 16.

Article 2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.—Deut. 4: 20; 12: 32: Matt. 5: 9; Luke 12: 28; John 14: 15; II Tim. 2: 16;

Peter 4: 11; Thess. 2: 13; Rev. 22: 19. Article 3. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.—Genesis 3: 5; Psalm 51: 5; I Kings 8: 46; Rom.

3: 9; Gal. 3: 22.

Article 4. We believe in the total depravity of the human heart and that the natural state of man is such that he cannot recover himself from his fallen and ruined condition .- Psalm 51: 1; Jer. 13: 23; Rom. 8: 7-8; John 10: 16; John 3: 3; Micah 6: 7; Galatians 3: 10-11.

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

Article 6.-We believe that the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared unto all men and that nothing prevents the salvation of the vilest sinner but his own voluntary rejection of that grace.—Titus

2: 11; John 3: 16-18.

Article 7. We believe that sinners are justified only by faith in Jesus Christ.—Romans 5: 1; Isaiah 52: 11; Acts 13: 38-39; Romans 10: 4, 3: 25-26; I Corinthians 1: 30; Galatians 3: 21-24, 2: 16.

Article 8. We believe that the gospel of Christ is the means of divine appointment to bring sinners to repentance and faith in Jesus Christ, and therefore, should be preached to all men everywhere.-Matthew 28: 19-20; Acts 4: 12; Romans 1: 16; Acts 16: 31.

Article 9. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never finally fall away.-John 10: 27-29, 17: 9-12, 11: 25-26; Romans 8: 31-39.

Article 10. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus imposed upon His church.-Matthew 28: 19-20; Luke 22: 19. That nothing is baptism but immersion.-Matt 3:16. That believers are the only proper subjects and that the only proper administrators of baptism are ministers who have been regularly ordained by a church of same faith and order; by the imposition of hands of a presbytery.—Matthew 3: 15; I Corinthians 11: 2; I Timothy 4: 14; Titus 1: 5. And that none but baptized believers are entitled to partake of the Lord's Supper. -Acts 2: 41-42; Matthew 26: 20-30; Mark 14: 17-26; Luke 22: 14-18.

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

Peter 3: 7. Article 12. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting, and that the joy of the righteous will be eternal.-Matt 25: 26; II Thess. 1: 9; Mark 10; 30.

#### CONSTITUTION

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

Article 2. The specific object of this Association

shall be:

a. To unite the influence and pious intelligence of the Baptists within it and thereby facilitate their union and co-operation.

b. To form and encourage plans for the revival of experimental and practical religion and the spread of the Gospel within the bounds of this Association and elsewhere.

c. To aid weak churches in our bounds.

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

e. To promote pious and useful education among

all Baptists.

f. To care for the needy orphans among us.

g. To aid in any work whose object is the saving

and uplifting of humanity.

Article 3. This Association shall be composed of messengers from its several churches on the following basis: Three messengers from each church and one additional messenger for each twenty-five members or major part thereof in excess of fifty members, and one messenger each from the auxiliary bodies of the church.

Article 4. The messengers shall present to the Association letters certifying their appointment and giving also the statistics of the church and auxiliaries

for the current year.

Article 5. Whenever the messengers appointed by the church shall fail to attend or the number is not equal to the representation allowed by the constitution, the Association, at its direction, may accord seats to other members present from said church.

Article 6. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually by ballot and a majority vote, but the Association may, by a unanimous vote, instruct someone to cast the ballot for the body as a whole.

Article 7. The duties of the Moderator shall be to preside, keep order and appoint all committees not

otherwise provided for.

The Clerk shall keep the records of the Association. supervising the printing and distribution of the Minutes, and keep a regular file of the published proceedings of the Association, and deliver same to his successor in office.

The Treasurer shall keep a correct account of all money received and disbursed by him, paying out the same only on the order of the Association or of the Executive Committee, and report in full the transactions of his office at each annual session of the Association.

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

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

Article 9. The annual meeting of this Association shall begin on Thursday before the third Sunday in October, and requesting all churches which hold regular services on the third Sunday and Saturday before to give their pastors their October meeting in each year, in order that the pastor may attend the Association and remain there through Sunday, and by appointment there shall be preached an introductory sermon on the first day.

Article 10. Newly organized churches may be admitted into the Association on petitionary letters presented during the session of the Association; presented by messengers accompanied by a certificate of the presbytery as to their orthodox and proper organiza-

Article 11. This Association shall be advisory only tion. in matters of controversy between members of any of the churches, but reserves to itself the right to withdraw fellowship from any church which it deems disorderly or heterodox, and concedes to its constituent churches the right to sever their connection from this body whenever they shall apply for fetters of dismissal from the Association.

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

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

of the churches composing this body.

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

#### RULES OF DECORUM

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

2. Each meeting shall be opened and closed with

singing and prayer.

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

4. All committees shall be appointed by the Moder-

ator, subject to the vote of the body.

5. The Clerk shall keep a correct 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

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

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

the Clerk.

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

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

consideration at any time during the session.

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

### **MINUTES**

Jasper Baptist Church, Oct. 13, 1921 The 50th Annual Session of the Suwannee Baptis'

Association convened with the Jasper Church.

After singing that good old song, "How Firm a Foundation," Moderator D. J. Mills read a portion of God's Word and Rev. A. S. Jones led in prayer, after which the following churches responded by letter and messengers.

Suwannee: G. W. Shiver, E. H. Holcomb.

Antioch: R. J. Allen, E. R. Wise. Clayland: J. D. Williams, V. B. Baker.

Pliladelphia: D. J. Mills, Fletcher Boatright and sisters Jula Boatright, Eliza- Boatright, Nellie Lanier, Ruby Mills.

Jennings: R. M. Bush, Sister J. L. McDaniel.

New Hope: A. H. Culbreth, R. J. Bush, J. B. McGhin. Tiger Lake: H. J. Horne, G. L. Dorman, Lee Robinson, Henry Robinson, Hardy Harrell, Fred Williams and Sisters H. J. Horne, M. V. Mills, R. A. Brown, Lorena Harrell, Callie Dorman.

Friendship: A. A. Smith and Sister Blanche Smith. O'Brien: Miss J. W. Mears, T. C. Willams, C. O.

Haile. Jasper: J. H. Reid, Braxton Small, R. L. Frink Dr-J. H. Corbet, W. B. Barksdale and Sisters J. H. Corbet,

W. B. Lewis, B. Chessire and W. H. Green.

Mount Olive: A. W. Hogans, H. V. Johns, J. B. Johns W. H. Ellis.

Elections of officers was taken up and the following were elected by acclamation: E. R. Wise, Moderator; G. L. Dorman, Clerk; D. J. Mills, Treasurer.

Introductory sermon was then preached by Rev. W. C. Taylor, which was very interesting and instructive, using as a subject, "Paul's Conversion and His Missionary Work."

Adjourned for dinner.

1:30 P. M. After singing and prayer, call for letters,

the following responded:

Rocky Sink, L. D. Newlan, A. H. Mitchel, E. R. Brown and Sisters Ruthie Tison, Lorine Mitchel and Eva Tison.

Pleasant Hill: W. W. Leggett, Bryant Leggett.

Beulah: B. F. Durham, W. D. Stinson.

Union: C. H. Henning and Sister Liela Kerby.

Mount Gilead: C. A. Griffin.

Branford: Sisters Fannie Duncan, Mary Dorset.

Petitionary letter from Central Church was then read and church was received into full fellowship of the Association.

Visiting Brethern were invited to seats with us and

the following responded:

Rev. D. F. Barry from Bowen Association, Ga., Rev. S. G. Ward, from Middle Florida Association, Rev. W. R. Lambert and Mrs. H. C. Peelman from our state board headquarters in Jacksonville.

The following committees were appointed:

Education-R. L. Frink, Chairman; E. H. Holcomb, T. C. Williams.

Home Missions-Rev. D. F. Barry, Chairman; Dr. J. H. Corbett, L. D. Newlan.

State Missions-R. J. Bush, Chairman; Braxton Small, G. W. Shiver.

Foreign Missions-Braxton Small, Chairman; A. A. Smith, H. J. Horne, Callie Dorman.

Temperance-Sidney. E. Allen, Chairman; C. O

Haile. W. W. Leggett.

S. S. and B. Y. P. U .- Sisters R. A. Brown, Chairman; J. H. Corbett, W. B. Lewis.

Orphanage-E R. Brown, Chairman; D. J. Mills, Mrs. J. W. Mears.

Obituaries-A. W. Hogan, Chairman; W. H. Ellis, Sister Lorena Harrell.

Nominations-R. F. Howell, Chairman; J. H. Burnett, Hardy Harrell, Sister J. L. McDaniel.

Sacred Literature-Rev. A. S. Jones, Chairman; J. D. Williams, Mrs. Sidney E. Allen.

Present Day Evils-R. J. Allen, Chairman; Fletcher Boatright, Sister Ruby Mills.

Woman's Work-Sister W. H. Green, Chairman; W. B. Barksdale and Sister M. V. Mills.

Committee on Finance-H. J. Horne, Chairman; H.

V. Johns, A. H. Mitchel.

Report of executive committee was passed for the present and Mrs. H. C. Peelman was invited to speak on the 75 Million Campaign, of which she gave us a grand and glorious account, telling of the good work that had been done and showing why we should not fall down on our pledge.

Motion and seconded that Rev. W. R. Lambert be

given time tomorrow at 10:00 o'clock to make his ad-

Motion and seconded that S. S. and B. Y. P. U. make their report tomorrow night at 8:00 o'clock in order for the Baptist Young Peoples Union of this church to render a program immediately following report.

Association adjourned on account of giving up church for the purpose of holding funeral of Judge Dave John-

8:00 o'clock P. M.—Rev. W. R. Lambert preached a very interesting sermon after which the ordinance of Baptism was administered to Sister Hilda Lewis.

Adjourned until 9:30 A. M. tomorrow.

9:30 A. M. Friday Morning-After singing a hymn the Moderator read for our morning lesson the 10th chapter of Romans, after which Rev. W. R. Lambert led in prayer.

Call for letters, the following churches responded:

O'Brien, Sister Ella Herndon.

Corinth, A. J. Dorman, Abner Allen, L. Tolar. Mount Pisgah, R. F. Howell, O. W. Harrell.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Report on State Missions was read by R. J. Rush. as follows:

Since meeting together in our Association we find our state board is awake on the question, which so much is a stumbling block to our cause, the antimission spirit.

We find our enlistment men such as Lambert and Taylor who recently resigned from the work have done and is still doing much good toward helping us to over come this shortcoming.

We further realize there is not enough work done with country churches, this, we hate to say is true however, for there are several Ministers throughout our bounds who do not want our enlistment men among their flock, and to enable us to remedy this, we would recommend our Association to do all they can to assist the state hoard in keeping a man on the field, more in the future, for we fully realize our present force cannot sufficiently cover the territory assigned

We can readily see that to teach us to know our them. duty we are more willing to respond to the great call. Continue to give us teachers as well as preachers, and we feel like the work will continue to grow.

Respectfully submitted, R. J. BUSH, Chairman BRAXTON SMALL G. W. SHIVER

Discussion postponed until later.

Report on Home Missions was read by Rev. D. F. Barry as follows:

To the Suwannee Baptist Association:

We have just closed in many respects, the most remarkable year of our history, world affairs are unsettled, the armistice concluding the world war was signed two and a half years ago, the treaty of Versalles and the league of nations were signed by most of the nations involved in the war. But unrest economic, political and world-wide pervades the nations, our own country is still technically at war with Germany.

We have not signed the treaty of peace, nor the league of nations.

A change in the national administration at Washington has taken place and the whole country, consequently has been in a state of political agitation. Financial conditions have consequently been unsettled and uncertain, but in the midst of it all, our people thanks to God, in a remarkable measure, stood for our

denominational work.

Never before has so many of them been enlisted in mind and heart and purse. We have had the largest force of workers in all our history and the blessings of God upon them have eclipsed all former records. The heavens have bent above us and blessings have come down in wondrous measure. The proof of this shines from every page of the report in our departmental work, hundreds and thousands have been led to our Saviour and enlisted under his banner.

Desert places have been made to blossom as gardens of the Lord and gracious harvests have come to the

hitherto unfruitful fields.

The whole round of our activities has been so blessed of God that we raise our Ebenezer, hitherto hath the

Our laborers have gone forth weeping, and have returned rejoicing, bringing in their sheaves, grateful to our God for the mercies of the past. We turn with humble gratitude and courage to the greater task of the

The following is a statistical report: Missionaries 1384; Weeks of labor, 35781; Churches and stations, 7983; Sermons and addresses, 150614; Prayer meetings, 19641; Religious visits, 443165; Additions by Bartism, 25532; Total additions 50307; Churches organized, 252; Houses of worship built or improved, 496; Sunday Schools organized, 823; Bibles and Testaments distributed, 9983; Pages of tracts distributed, 4664979; Amount spent on church houses, \$478,280.00; Amount spent on work by state board, \$549,684.02; Amount spent on work by home board \$239,930.41. Respectfully submitted,

Respectfully submitted by your committee,

REV. D. F. BARRY, Chairman L. D. NEWLAN

DR. J. H. CORBETT.

Motion and seconded that Rev. W. R. Lambert be invited to begin his address on Missions and the 75 Million Campaign.

After hearing Rev. Lambert's address on the above subjects it would seem almost impossible for anyone not to pay even more than their pledge in the campaign.

Rev. D. F. Barry preached a very interesting doctrinal sermon from Matthew 3rd chapter, 1st to 3rd

verses.

Adjourned for dinner.

1:30 O'Clock, Friday Afternoon-After singing and prayer, call for letters, the following churches responded:

Belleville, G. H. Perry and Sisters J. C. Bracewell,

Maud Bracewell, G. S. Polhill, G. H. Perry.

Antioch, J. H. Burnett, Sidney E. Allen and Sisters Sidney E. Allen, Rose Mary, J. S. Alderman, Bascom McCook.

Report on Temperance read by Sidney E. Allen as

follows:

The great question is Prohibition or Temperance is no longer legislation so much as prohibition. During the past year there has been some important events or tendencies, however which are worthy of mention.

The first is the attitude of the courts towards search without warrants. For sometime the officers had been in the practice of searching premises, vehicles, or persons on suspicion and had been very successful making finds where it would have been impossible if a warrant had been necessary. Under the present the apprehension of law breakers has been made more difficult.

In New York the dealers undertook to put on a great parade and promised a procession of 100,000 enthusiasts led by about 90 bands of music, as a matter of fact only 13,000 people marched and the sentiment of the public made the demonstration a complete failure.

Another item of court decision was so perverted as to make it appear persons might obtain a license to manufacture 200 gallons of wine upon application to the courts, and it was furthermore stated that among the hundreds of applicants for license there were 10 ministers of the gospel. The real fact is, however, that the license were not for making wine, but for making vinegar and for putting up unfermented grape juice, and the license was required only as a permit for those who were manufacturing on a commercial basis.

Another point is that prohibition is a great preventor of crime. In a certain county of this state, there have been only two arrests for violation of the liquor law, but there have been eleven cases of murder.

While in Suwannee county for instance there have been sixty-six arrests for violation of the liquor law, and only one homicide, this does not include those killed for resisting arrest, this clearly indicates that a rigid restriction of the liquor business reduces crimes.

As God has aided us in defeating this great enemy that has cost us so much woe, misery and unhappiness, let us as a christian people, pledge ourselves to be ever ready to the support of our administration, that will keep it forever banished from our midst.

Respectfully submitted,
SIDNEY E. ALLEN, Chairman
C. O. HAILE
W. W. LEGGETT.

Report spoken on by Rev. D. F. Barry, Rev. H. A. Jordan, Dr. W. B. Parshley and others. Report adopted. Report on Education was read by R. L. Frink, as follows:

Your committee on Education begs leave to report: Education is one of the most potent factors of Christianity. Our usefulness as Christians is largely increased, and our opportunities enlarged and greatened, if an education be possessed.

The men who have accomplished most, and the great characters of Christian history, were educated men.

Moses, Joseph, Paul and such men, whose memory is dear to Christianity, were men whose usefulness and power for good and the advancement of the Master's, work was largely augmented, and their success increased, by reason of the fact, that long ago with their spiritual preparation, they had also received educational preparation. The events and the history of the past, but demonstrate to us that the conquest of the future is to be accomplished by educated men and women, men educated not only in literary and like accomplishments, but educated and prepared by God's help, in Christian homes, in Christian churches and in Christian schools. It is a duty we owe to our children, and to generations unborn, to see, as faraspossible, that the boys and girls of our time receive the very besteducation we can afford.

And we are happy to see that our people are awaking to this need, and that our public schools, denominational schools and institutions of higher learning are opening this year to unprecedented numbers. Our local public schools have almost more pupils than can be accomodated, our country schools are the same way, the University of Florida, Our Woman's College and our Colored College show a larger number of enrollments than at any time heretofore. The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville opened last month with the largest number of matriculations in the history of the institution. Our own Stetson University this fall had a very auspicious opening, and bids fair to have a most successful year. And well it might, for Stetson University is our own Baptist institution, and as stated by some writer lately in the Witness, "It is t'e great Florida Baptist center of education, shot thru and thru with Florida Baptist thought, and has, and rightfully maintains its proper place in Florida Baptist consciousness."

Baptist consciousness. To us as Baptists, it is important that our children should receive and acquire an education under Baptist christian influence and direction. And while is is important that the teachers of our school be Christians, it is no less important that we should give our children training and education in our own denominational activities, such as Sunday School, B. Y. P. U. and the like, so that while they are young, and in their tender years, they may imbue those principles, which in later years will give them comfort, and will better equip them for the battle of life. A

child reared in a christian home, under christian influence, and receiving christian training, will hardly in

later years, depart there from.

We as individuals, and as parents, form and have some part, and no minor part, in the Christian education of our children, and our neighbor's children. Our daily walk in life, and our influence, either for good or evil, is making an impression upon the mind of some child, which will either hold that child steadfastly to the faith, or lessen that child's regard therefor.

Realizing then the duty upon us to instill into the child, at an early age, those principles of Christian living which we think right, and by our conduct and life to set an example for themtoemulate, and that the education of lasting impression is firstly and largely created in the home life and environment, let us resolve therefore, that we will, in our individual lives, by God's help, create or retain a Christian influence in our home lives and communities, give our children a Christian training in our churches and equip them as far as we can under Christian influence, with a good education.

RUSSELL L. FRINK E. H. HALCOMB T. C. WILLIAMS.

Report adopted. Report on Foreign Missions was read by Braxton Small as follows:

Your committee on Foreign Missions beg to report: In the first place we desire to state as a fact, that this is distinctively a period of progression and expansion in all mission effort as fostered by Southern Baptists. The expansion idea has gotten hold of the world and nations have warred and struggled for wider supermacy, politically, industrially and commercially, and we believe that the whole world is looking to America not only for national rebuilding, but for its spiritual advancement, and Southern Baptists are taking their place among the leaders of all Christian denominations. In such a movement it is inspiring to know and to feel that our Bible is a world-wide book; that our gospel is a world wide proclamation; that our salvation is a world-wide salvation; and that our field or service is a world-wide field. Never in the history of the church was there less excuse for the antimission spirit, never was there a greater challenge to the faith, for love and sacrifice of Southern Baptists for the decipleship and service for the master.

First. The year has been an eventful one, and in many things, a truly significant period in the history of Southern Baptist foreign missions. Long cherished have been fulfilled, achievements have crowned long and faithful efforts in some of the older missions, and doors of opportunity have opened to new and inviting fields. Southern Baptists have begun a new career in missionary service.

Second. It is well for us to reflect upon the magnitude to which we have expanded our foreign mission operations during recent months. For years Southern Baptists have prosecuted mission work in China, North Central, Interior and South China, in Japan, Africa, Mexico, Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay, Chile and Italy. We have now added Palestine, Syria, Siberia and of European territory assigned by the London conference, Spain, Jugoslavia, Hungary and Roumania and that part of Russia known as the Ukraine with the territory East thereof.

Third. The task is worthy of Southern Baptists and is characterized by thrilling prospects. We have undertaken on our foreign fields new and old, to give the gospel of Jesus to approximately 200,000,000 black people; 475,000,000 yellow people and 4,000,000 brown people and to a white population of 225,000,000.

Fourth. Do we believe in the progressive and expansive program, or are we simply pretenders? If we are spending our money, our time and ourselves to make the policy effective, we may well say we are world-wide, regenerated, deepwater justified, hell shunning and heaven hoping Baptists. If not, God knows we have a name, that we live, and are dead.

Respectfully submitted, BRAXTON SMALL, Chairman A. A. SMITH CALLIE DORMAN.

Report spoken on by Braxton Small and Rev. H. A. Jordan. Report on State, Home and Foreign Missions were all adopted.

Report on Present Day Evils was read as follows: Report of Present Day Evils

We feel that this subject should interest the mind of every true Christian. Each of us should take a definite stand against the evils of the present day, which are so many. Paul says in Romans 7:19: "The evils which I would not that I do." Brethern we are guilty of sin of omission as well as commission. Some

of the evils of the present day are the failure on the part of our people to take our denominational papers which would keep us posted in regards to the work and the need to carry it forward. Another evil is the failure on the part of a great many of our preachers to preach missions and to teach missions, that we may all have a part in caring for our men on the field.

We claim to be Missionary Baptists and let us prove our faith by our work. Another evil that comes nearer home is the non-attendance of church members and the failure to maintain Sunday School and prayer meetings. We find this the case in a great many churches in our association. We are commanded to forsake not of assembling ourselves together. There are many other evils going on today however, and that is because immorality is increasing, and immorality will increase as long as the people disregard laws, whether they be laws of the church or of the government.

There is reason to believe that social gambling at the tables or respectable people some of whom a e members of our church. This practice must surely prepare the way in some cases at least for caree. 3 of idleness and crimes. Again the relation of the sex is is such as to give the greatest concern to all people who love humanity and the future welfare of the race. The ever increasing freedom which society is giving to women is exceedingly dangerous unless men grow better or women learn better how to take care of themselves. Many current amusements seem inevitably to foster impurity. The moving picture show has many erotic and suggestive pictures which inflame passion and leaves an indellible blot upon the minds of the young. New York State has just put in operation a censership law which will drive into other states the most objectionable pictures with the popularity which their rejection in New York will give them. The modern dance in some of its form is just as objectionable as any amusement can be, judged from any standpoint of decency and morals, and yet it is tolerated if not cultivated by multitudes of christian people. Their attitude toward it is one of the greatest puzzles in the current morality of the day. The use of the automobile for joy riding at night is generally regarded by reformers as one of the most dangerous and difficult features of the life of the young people of today. One need but to drive out a few miles from our cities and towns in the early part of the evenings

to get an idea of what the automobile means to the purity of the rising generation, nor can the committee escape the conviction that dress has on intimate relations to prevent imorality. The women who make their living by immoral conduct evidently think so what ever respectable woman may say. The curious features of current thought about dress is that men ness far more vigorously than the woman. Is there ever to be enough moral energy and vigor in our christian society to compell reform in these respects. The press must be more and more enlisted on the side of public morals publicity pitless will help immensely. Suppose a statement like this should appear in of our daily papers "It will henceforth be the policy of this paper in the interest of the public morals to publish in our columns all facts which comes to our notice and which are detrimental to the public welfare. A few days later let this paper; "last night at a dark and lonely point on such and such a road an automobile was found standing with lights out at 9:30 o'clock, it had two young people in it and bore license numbers so and so," such a publication would do more for the purity of our country than all the preachers could do from their pulpits the following Sunday. All else hang on good morals. No state or nation or community can prosper and flourish while it suffers from decadent morals. Our first duty to our Christian association is the establishment of good morals, based upon our Respectfully submitted, Holy Religion.

R. J. ALLEN, Chairman MISS RUBY MILLS FLETCHER BOATRIGHT

Above report was spoken on by Rev. D. F. Barry Report on Sacred Literature was read by Rev. A. and was adopted.

The most sacred of all books is the Bible. It is S. Jones as follows: the only revealor of God to man, it has given us the key that unlocks the mysteries of creation, the glass through which we look from nature up to natures God the creator of all things. We stand and gaze upon nature with the Holy Bible in our hands, and its idea of God in our understanding, then nature is capable of reliable history is that given by Moses. In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth, and then said let there be light, and there was light. Then for

more than four thousand years the Bible gives us a history of God's chosen people. It also gives us light on the history of heathendom. The Bible trains the mind for its loftiest flights and its broadest explorations, the Bible is adapted to every phase of human l.fe, of culture, condition and temperament, not only is the Bible precious to the poor and unlearned, but it is the councelor of the great middle class and the scholar and intelectual men of all races bow to its authority. The Bible has taken hold of the world as no other book ever did, it is read from every Christian pulpit, and should be read in every Christian home, from the most humble to the palace. Read your Bible, make it your daily business to obey it in all that you understand. If we be ignorant the Bible will instruct us, if out of the way it will bring you home, if out of order, it will reform us, when cold spiritually it will inflame us, if dull quicken us. Take the Bible from the home and it will degenerate into a mere conventionalism, love would sink to brute fondness, and what we call home will become a place of selfishness and barbaric lust. Without the Bible our government would finally fall. If all Baptist families had a selection of books to study in connection with the Bible, soon in the future we would see a great change for the better. From what we now have we also recommend our papers, the Baptist Witness and Home and For-

Respectfully submitted, REV. A. S. JONES, Chairman J. D. WILLIAMS

MRS. S. E. ALLEN. Above report spoken on by Rev. A. S. Jones and Braxton Small.

Report adopted.

Treasurer's Report was read by D. J. Mills as follows:

D. J. Mills in account with the Suwannee Baptist Association.

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Total receipts.....\$148.97 Disbursements

October 19th, 1920, to S. B. Rogers, orphanage. \$ 33.21 Dec. 20th, 1920, to G. L. Dorman, clerks salary 20.00 Feb. 24th, 1921, printing minutes and postage.

Respectfully submitted,

Total disbursements..... D. J. MILLS, Treasurer

Moved and carried that a committee of three be appointed to furnish a form of church covenant to be printed in our minutes. The following was appointed: Rev. H. A. Jordan, L. D. Newlan, R. F. Howell.

Just at this time a band of thirteen little Sunbeams from the Jasper church marched down the aisle and mounted the rostrum and rendered a very interesting program, showing there has been a mighty hand and master mind at work training those little ones for the work that the Lord may have for them to do in years to come.

Adjourned until 7:30 o'clock P. M.

7:30 P. M.—Services were opened by Rev. D. F. Barry leading in prayer.

Report on S. S. and B. Y. P. U. was read by Sister

R. A. Brown as follows:

The purpose of the Sunday School "from the cradle to the grave" would be a fitting title of the work done for the Lord in the Sunday School. It begins with the cradle roll and does not cease till the saints on earth have learned the last bit ofthe Bible knowledge in the Bible class adults. Teaching the word is the sublime purpose and without this purpose there is no need for the Sunday School.

The office of the Baptist State Sunday School secretary is associated with the other State Board officers in the Peninsular Building, Jacksonville, Rev. W. W. William is secretary. For the year 1920, only 74 diplomas were granted from that office to the Sunday School teachers of Florida. For eight months gone of this conventional year there are an even 200 diplomas to the credit of the Florida Baptist Sunday School teachers, 126 more than all of the last conventional

year.

If we could actually count all the Baptist Sunday Schools in Florida, the number would be near 500, with 3,000 teachers and more than 40,000 pupils. Our Sunday Schools of this state have the privilege of doing their share in the 75 Million Campaign, and show their loyalty to our denomination by observing the four special days during the year as follows: Last Sunday in September, Home and Foreign Mission Day, last Sunday in March, Educational Day; last Sunday in June, and on Christmas day, when the offering is usually sent to the orphanage and aged ministers.

Some grevious facts in Sunday School work we find in the Suwannee Association as follows: Number of churches in Association 26; Number of members in all churches, 2,140; Sunday Schools in Association, 12; Number of members not in Sunday School, 1,459; Number converted and baptized from Sunday School, 61; Number of churches without Sunday School, 14. Is this the fault of our Sunday School or do our people feel that they do not need to know and study the Bible?

The B. Y. P. U. is not an organization separate from the church, but the church at work training and developing young church members for more efficient service in the master's work. The object of the B. Y. P. U. is the increased spirituality of the young people. enlisting them in church activities. Bible study and all forms of missionary endeavor. The heart of the B. Y. P. U. activity is the weekly meetings in the local church at which time the young people render a program of a devotional, doctrinal Bible study or missionary nature.

The next important activity is that of study course work: In this we strive to follow the admonition and

spirit of 2nd Timohty 2: 15.

There is only nine Unions in this Association with about 202 members, six of these Unions have been organized this year.

We should purpose in our hearts to push the work of the B. Y. P. U. with vigor, organize new Unions

and increase the power and efficiency of those already organized. Churches stand back of your B. Y. P. U.

Respectfully submitted. (Miss) R. A. BROWN, Chairman MRS. W. B. LEWIS

MRS. J. H. CORBETT.

Followed by the Baptist Young People's Union of Jasper church rendering a program in connection with the above report, and to say that their exercises exceeded all expectations is expressing it mildly. They have shown by their interest they are taking, that they are preparing themselves for any work that the Lord may have for them to do in future years. Excellent talks were made by Sister R. A. Brown, Braxton Small, Hardy Harrell and Rev. H. A. Jordan, Rev. D. F. Barry and others.

Several Brothers and Sisters remarked that this was the most interesting subject discussed up to this time

during the meeting. Adjourned until 9:30 o'clock tomorrow.

9:30 A. M. Saturday morning.—After singing a song, the Moderator read a portion of God's word for a morning lesson and Rev. D. F. Barry led in prayer.

Minutes read and approved.

Call for letters: Orange church responded with letter and J. M. N. Clark and wife as messengers.

Rev. H. A. Jordan read report on Orphans Home as

follows:

Of all the work supported by Florida Baptists, there is none to which we can point to with greater pride

than the Orphan's Home at Arcadia.

Our work there is directed by a board of trustees and is ably and efficiently managed. The work done there would be satisfactory to the most exacting. First we would call attention to the fact that our Orphan boys and girls must be not only fed and clothed, but to fulfil our duty and make useful citizens, they must be educated. This we are proud to say is being done with great credit to our denominational work.

Brethern, let us not forget the obligation we are under to these helpless orphans that have been cast at our feet, they are our wards, as such, God will hold us accountable. May we be faithful to the trust. Respectfully submitted,

E. R. BROWN, Chairman D. J. MILLS

MRS. J. W. MEARS.

Report was spoken on by Rev. H. A. Jordan, Rev. D. F. Barry and Rev. W. B. Parshley.

Report adopted.

Report on Woman's Work was read by Sister W. H.

Green as follows:

By information given by our Associational Superintendent we are enabled to make the following report on Woman's Work.

There were only three written reports handed in. Church Campaign Local Aid Boxes Members Jennings 14.50 105.70 12.00 10 Bellville 37.10 21.45 17.50 6 Jasper 178.65 246.18 31 Totals 230.25 373.33 29.50 47 Tiger Lake \$ 5.00 Jasper personal service 52.59 European relief 16.89 Total amount raised \$706.96. Number of tithers 9.

We are glad to note that each year our contributions are increasing. This surely is the result of more general information and more true spirituality, the one is the natural consequence of the other. The great desire of the Christian Woman is to help others, not only because of the satisfaction and the blessing it affords her, but uppermost of all to know that she is obeying the command of her Master.

There is an innate desire in most women to serve, what an opportunity there is in the Master's Vineyard; but first of all our women must know how to serve most efficiently, and it is this that our Mis-

sionary Societies are trying to teach.

Without information our efforts are weakened. For this reason we are pleading with the women in our rural churches to organize Missionary Societies, study God's Word and then our country's need that we may help in a more intelligent way to further His Kingdom.

Increased Spiritually, follows increased knowledge of God's Word and this above all is to be sought. Our church, our community, our State and our Nation can never approach the ideal without Christian homes founded on knowledge and Spirituality.

Respectfully submitted.

MRS. W. H. GREEN, Chairman W. B. BARKSDALE M. V. MILLS.

Report was spoken on by Sister W. H. Green, Braxton Small and Rev. E. R. Wise.

Report adopted.

Report on Obituaries was read by A. W. Hogan as follows:

The committee on Obituaries submit the following

report:

The Lord, in His infinite wisdom has seen fit to take from our midst the following named Brothers and

Beulah-Brother A. Towler, Brother Bruce Teter, Sisters:

Sister G. Briston.

Jasper-Sister Julia Tuten, Sister Demarius Tuten.

Mt. Pisgah-Sister Pinkey Baden.

Mt. Olive—Sister Sophia Johns, Sister Elizabeth Umstead.

Clayland-Sister G. W. Goff, Sister J. M. Faulkner. Philadelphia-Brother F. H. Hingson.

Union-Beulah Hunt, A. J. Agee. Corinth-Sister Martha Driggers.

Brethern, we are grieved at their going, we shall miss them, we shall see their faces no more; but we bow in humble submission to Him who doeth all things well, realizing that our loss is their infinite gain.

To their families we would commend them to Him who can give comfort to the widow and orphans.

Respectfully submitted, A. W. HOGAN, Chairman W. H. ELLIS MISS LORENA HARRELL

Report on Nominations were read by the Clerk as

Your committee on Nominations beg to make the follows: following report, executive committee from the church-

es as follows: Pleasant Hill-D. P. Nobles, Pine Mount, Rt. 2.

O'Brien-J. R. Daniels, O'Brien. Tiger Lake-H. J. Horne, Live Oak, Rt. C. Philadelphia-D. J. Mills, O'Brien, Route 1. Antioch-F. B. Brinson, Live Oak, Rt. C. Friendship-C. W. Haines, Live Oak, Rt. D. Pine Grove-L. P. Geiger, Jasper, Route 1. Mt. Olive-J. H. Johns, Live Oak, Rt. B. Mt. Pisgah-R. F. Howell, Pine Mount, Rt. 1.

Suwannee-G. W. Shiver, Live Oak, Rt. C. Rocky Sink-L. D. Newlan, Live Oak, Rt. D.

Mt. Gilead-J. K. Collier, Falmouth.

Clayland-J. D. Williams, Live Oak, Rt. E.

Jasper-Braxton Small, Jasper.

Beulah---G. D. Lyons, Dowling Park, Rt. 1.

New Hope-R. J. Bush, Jasper.

Central-J. W. Crews, Live Oak, Rt. B.

Branford-W. G. Duncan, Branford.

Union-T. H. Holmes, O'Brien.

Member of State Board-R. L. Frink.

Messengers to Southern Baptist Convention-D. J. Mills, H. A. Jordan.

Messengers to State Convention-Braxton Small, A. H. Mitchell, W. W. Leggett, R. J. Allen, R. L. Frink.

The next session of the Association will meet with the Tiger Lake Church on Thursday before the Third Sunday in October, 1922, at 10:00 o'clock A. M.

Introductory sermon to be supplied.

Missienary sermon to be supplied by the State Board. Doctrinal sermon to be supplied.

Respectfully submitted.

R. F. HOWELL, Chairman MRS. J. L. McDANIEL J. H. BURNETT HARDY HARRELL.

Report adopted.

Report of Finance Committee was read by H. V. Johns as follows:

We your committee on Finance beg to report that we have received from the several churches the amount of \$83.26. which we have turned over to the Treasurer, J. D. M'lls.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. HORNE, Chairman H. V. JOHNS A. H. MITCHELL.

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

The following resolution was read and adopted:

Be it resolved, that the Moderator appoint a committee of eight members of the Suwannee Association, to work among the churches of this Association as may to the committee seem best for the upbuilding of God's work in our mist. That this committee be appointed from all sections of the Association as far as possible so that the work may be more easily attended to.

We also recommend that the matter of a Missionary

within this Association be referred to the Executive committee of this Association.

Committee as follows:

Braxton Small, Chairman; R. J. Bush, J. L. McDaniel, F. B. Brinson, John Mills, R. F. Howell, L. D. Newlan,

W. W. Leggett. We your committee submit the following as a church covenant and ask that each church report on same at the next Association as to the advisability of adopting it as a uniform Covenant for all churches in our Association.

CHURCH COVENANT

We, having been as we trust, brought by Divine Grace to embrace Jesus Christ, and to give ourselves up wholly to Him; we solemnly and joyfully covenant with each other, to walk together in Him with brotherly love, to His Glory, as our common Lord and to the end, that we may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God, and that the glory of Christ may be manifested in the salvation of men.

It is our solemn purpose, as God shall give us strength, to exercise a mutual care as members one for another. To promote the growth of the whole body in Christian knowledge and true holiness, and to let our light shine before the world. Particularly to uphold the public worship of God, and the ordinances of His house by a regular attendance thereon.

To search diligently the sacred scriptures, and endeavor to train our children, and those under our influence with a view to the service of Christ and the en-

gagement of the future.

To contribute cheerfully of our means for the support of the poor; the maintenance of a faithful ministry of the Gospel among us, and for the spread of the Gospel in all the earth and to admonish one another in the spirit of meekness, considering ourselves, lest we also be tempted.

To cheerfully and conscientiously enforce the wholesome discipline of the church, endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace, and to endeavor by precept and example to teach transgressors the way of God, whose we are, and whom we save, remembering that is in baptism, we have been buried with Christ, and raised again.

So there is on us a special obligation henceforth to walk in newness of life, looking for and hastening to the sacred appearance of our blessed Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, to whom the glory be forever, Amen.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. H. A. JORDAN, Chairman

L. D. NEWLAN R. F. HOWELL.

Moved and carried that the Moderator appoint a committee to form plans for a Local Missionary, for full time in our Association, especially in destitute places.

Committee appointed as follows:

Braxton Small, Rev. D. F. Barry, R. J. Bush.

The Moderator then announced the following com-

mittee chairmans:

Education-W. T. Newsome; Home Missions, Braxton Small: State Missions, R. F. Howell: Foreign Missions, H. A. Jordan; Temperance, Hardy Howell; S. S. and B. Y. P. U., W. T. Webb; Orphanage, L. D. Newlan; Obituaries, Sidney E. Allen; Nominations, A. W. Hogan; Sacred Literature, Rev. E. H. Holcomb; Present Day Evils, Rev. A. S. Jones; Woman's Work, Miss R. A. Brown.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted: Be it resolved, by the messengers and visitors composing this Association that we extend to the good people of Jasper and the surrounding country our thanks for the great and hospitable manner in which we have been so royally entertained during our stay in their midst.

May the Lord's richest blessings never cease, but always be increased to such kind and noble Christians people who have left nothing undone to make our stay among them so happy.

May the messengers of this Association return to their hories and ever remember them in our prayers. Resolved further, that a copy of this resolution be

furnished to the Jasper paper.

Adjourned to meet with the Tiger Lake c'r Thursday, before the Third Sunday in October, 1922. G. L. DORMAN. Clerk.

#### MINISTERS WHO HOLD MEMBERSHIP WITH US

J. S. Parker	Alton.	Florida
J. J. Holmes	Lake City,	
W. H. Holmes	O'Brien,	Florida
M. W. Revels	Jasper,	Florida
A. Bond	O'Brien,	Florida
R. D. Turner	Pine Mount,	Florida

	Live Oak, Florida
J. S. Hurst	O'Brien, Florida
H. A. Jordan	Ding Mount, Florida
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W. T. Newsome	Melbourne, Florida
B. A. Geiger	

### OUR HONORED DEAD

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### W. M. U. REPORT

The annual session of the W. M. U. of the Suwannee Association was held with the Jasper Baptist church, Friday afternoon, two o'clock, October 14, 1921, the Superintendent, Mrs. Braxton Small presiding.

The opening devotional service was conducted by

Mrs. George Polhill, of Bellville. In the absence of the secretary, Mrs. J. L. McDaniel

was appointed temporary secretary. The superintendent called for reports from societies; only three responded. These were given by Mrs. B. Cheshire of Jasper, Mrs. Maude Bracewell of Bellville and Mrs. J. L. McDaniel of Jennings.

The following visitors were recognized: Antioch, Mrs. Sid Allen, Mrs. J. L. Allison; Bellville, Mrs. Geo. Polhill, Mrs. Geo. Perry, Mrs. Maud Bracewell; Branford, Miss Fannie Duncan, Miss Mary Dorsey; Friendship, Miss Blanche Smith; Jennings, Mrs. J. L. McDaniel; O'Brien, Mrs. Nellie Herndon, Mrs. J. W. Mears; Philadelphia, Miss Eliza Boatright, Nellie Lanier, Ruby Mills; Rocky S nk, Miss Ruth Tyson, Miss Eva Tyson, Miss Lorine Mitchell; Tiger Lake, Mrs. M. V. Mills, Mrs. I. F. Williams; Tiger Lake B. Y. P. U., Miss R. A. Brown, Miss Callie Dorman, Miss Lorena Harrell; Union, Miss Lela Kirby; Jasper, Mrs. W. H. Greene, Mrs. W. B. Barksdale, Mrs. E. M. Page, Mrs. B. Cheshire, Mrs. W. T. Altman, Mrs. A. F. Hancock, Mrs. W. B. Lewis, Mrs. Lizzie Graham, Mrs. P. H. Sandlin, Miss Mamie Griffis, Mrs. L. B. Register, Mrs. L. M. Hamilton, Mrs. H. M. Tuten, Miss Gussie Altman, Mrs. D. F. Webb, Brs. Braxton Small, Mrs. Sydney Hewitt, Mrs. J. H. Corbett; Jacksonville, Mrs. H. C. Peelman.

An inspiring address was given by Mrs. H. C. Pellman and at the conclusion of this every one in attendance repeated the W. M. U. Slogan, "I can do all things

through Christ which strengtheneth me."
The following program was given:

The Margaret Fund, Mrs. W. H. Green; The Training School, Mrs. J. L. McDaniel; Vocal Duet, Mrs. W. B. Barksdale and Mrs. L. B. Register.

At the conclusion of the program the election of

officers for the ensuing year was as follows.

President, Mrs. J. L. McDaniel; Vive President, Mrs. J. H. Corbett; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. George Polhill; Associational Superintendents, Mrs. W. B. Lewis and Mrs. Sid Allen; Superintendent of Young People's Work, Mrs. Braxton Small.

The session was closed with a very earnest prayer

by Mrs. Peelman.

MRS. BRAXTON SMALL, Superintendent MRS. J. L. McDANIEL, Sec. Pro Tem.

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