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ORDER OF BUSINESS

THURSDAY MORNING, 10:00 O'CLOCK

10:00 A. M.—Tempo.ary organization; enrolling names of n.essengers; permanent organizations.

11.00 A. M.-Introductory Sermon.

12.15 P. M .- Dinner.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

1 30 P. M.—Appointment of committees, reading petitionary etters, recognition of visitors and correspondents, report of Executive Committee. Stewardship and Church Budgeting. Miscellaneous business.

3:30 P. M .- Adjourn for the afternoon.

FRIDAY MORNING

9.00 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.

12:15 P. M.-Dinner.

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 the standing committees.

3:30 P. M .- Adjournment.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

- (1) That they constitute a consensus of opinion of some Baptist body, large or small, for the general instruction and guidance of our own people and others concerning those articles of the Christian faith which are most surely held among us. They are not intended to add anything to the simple conditions of salvation revealed in the New Testament, viz., repentance towards God and faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord.
- (2) That we do not regard them as complete statements of our faith, having any quality of finality or infallibility. As in the past so in the future Baptists should hold themselves free to revise their statements of faith as may seem to them wise and expedient at any time.
- (3) That any group of Baptists, large or small, have the inherent right to draw up for themselves and publish to the world a confession of their faith whenever they may think it advisable to do so.
- (4) That the sole authority for faith and practice among Baptists is the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments. Confessions are only guides in interpretation, having no authority over the conscience.
- (5) That they are statements of religious convictions, draw from the Scriptures, and are not to be used to hamper freedom of thought or investigation in other realms of life.

The Scriptures.

1. We believe that the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired, and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction; that it has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter; that it reveals the principles by which God will judge us; and therefore is, and will remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds and religious opinions should be tried.

God.

2. There is one and only one living and true God, an intelligent, spiritual and personal Being, the Creator, Preserver and Ruler of the universe, infinite in holiness and all other perfections, to whom we owe the highest love, reverence and obedience. He is revealed to us as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, each with distinct personal attributes, but without division of nature, essence or being.

The Fall of Man.

3. Man was created by the special act of God, as recorded in Genesis. "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them." (Gen. 1:27.) "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." (Gen. 2:7.) He was created in a state of holiness under the law of his maker, but, through the temptation of Satan he transgressed the command of God and fell from his original holiness and righteousness; whereby his posterity inherit a nature corrupt and in bondage to sin, are under condemnation, and as soon as they are capable of moral action, become actual transgressors.

The Way of Salvation.

4. The salvation of sinners is wholly of grace, through the mediatorial office of the Son of God, who by the Holy Spirit was born of the Virgin Mary and took upon him our nature, yet without sin; honored the divine law by his personal obedience, and made atonement for our sins by his death. Being risen from the dead, he is now enthroned in heaven, and, uniting in his person the tenderest sympathies with divine perfections, he is in every way qualified to be a compassionate and all-sufficient Saviour.

Justification.

5. Justification is God's gracious and full acquittal upon principles of righteousness of all sinners who believe in Christ. This blessing is bestowed, not in consideration of any works of righteousness which we have done, but through the redemption that is in and through Jesus Christ. It brings us into a state of most blessed peace and favor with God, and secures every other needed blessing.

The Freeness of Salvation.

6. The blessings of salvation are made free to all by the Gospel. It is the duty of all to accept them by penitent and obedient faith. Nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner except his own voluntary refusal to accept Jesus Christ as teacher, Saviour and Lord.

Regeneration.

7. Regeneration or the new birth is a change of heart wrought by the Holy Spirit, whereby we become partakers of the divine nature and a holy disposition is given, leading to the love and practice of righteousness. It is a work of God's free grace conditioned upon faith in Christ and made manifest by the fruit which we bring forth to the glory of God.

Repentance and Faith.

8. We believe that repentance and faith are sacred duties, and also inseparable graces, wrought in our souls by the regenerating Spirit of God; whereby being deeply convinced of our guilt, danger, and helplessness, and of the way of salvation by Christ, we turn to God with unfeigned contrition. confession, and supplication for mercy; at the same time heartily receiving the Lord Jesus Christ as our Prophet, Priest and King, and relying on him alone as the only and all-sufficient Saviour.

God's Purpose of Grace.

9. Election is the gracious purpose of God, according to which he regenerates, sanctifies and saves sinners. It is perfectly consistent with the free agency of man, and comprehends all the means in connection with the end. It is a most glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, and is infinitely wise, holy and unchangeable. It excludes boasting and promotes humility. It encourages the use of means in the highest degree.

Sanctification.

10. Sanctification is the process by which the regenerate gradually attain to moral and spiritual perfection through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit dwelling in their hearts. It continues throughout the earthly life, and is accomplished by the use of all the ordinary means of grace, and particularly by the Word of God.

Perseverance.

- 11. All real believers endure to the end. Their continuance in well-doing is the mark which distinguishes them from mere professors. A special Providence cares for them, and they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

 A Gospel Church.
- 12. A church of Christ is a congregation of baptized believers, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the gospel; observing the ordinances of Christ, governed by his law, and exercising the gifts, rights and privileges invested in them by his word, and seeking to extend the Gospel to the ends of the earth. Its scriptural officers are bishops or elders and deacons.

Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

13. Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. The act is a symbol of our faith in a crucified, buried and risen Saviour. It is prerequisite to the privileges of a church relation and to the Lord's Supper, in which the members of

the church, by the use of bread and wine, commemorate the dying love of Christ.

The Lord's Day.

14. The first day of the week is the Lord's day. It is a Christian institution for regular observance. It commemorates the resurrection of Christ from the dead, and should be employed in exercises of worship and spiritual devotion, both public and private, and by refraining from worldly amusements, and resting from secular employments, works of necessity and mercy only expected.

The Righteous and the Wicked.

15. There is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and wicked. Those only who are justified through the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and sanctified by the Holy Spirit are truly righteous in his sight. Those who continue in impenitence and unbelief are in his sight wicked and are under condemnation. This distinction between the righteous and the wicked holds in and after death, and will be made manifest at the judgment when final and everlasting awards are made to all men.

The Resurrection.

16. The scriptures clearly teach that Jesus rose from the dead. His grave was emptied of its contents. He appeared to the disciples after his resurrection in many convincing manifestations. He now exists in his glorified body at God's right hand. There will be a resurrection of the righteous and the wicked. The bodies of the righteous will conform to the glorious spiritual body of Jesus.

The Return of the Lord.

17. The New Testament teaches in many places the visible and personal return of Jesus to this earth. "This same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." The time of his coming is not revealed. "Of that day and hour knoweth no one, no, not the angels in heaven, but my Father only." Matt. 24:36.) It is the duty of all believers to live in readiness for his coming and by diligence in good works to make manifest to all men the reality and power of their hope in Christ.

Religious Liberty.

18. God alone is Lord of the conscience, and he has left it free from the doctrines and commandments of men which are contrary to his word or not contained in it. Church and state should be separate. The state owes to the church protection and full freedom in the pursuit of its spiritual ends.

In providing for such freedom no ecclesiastical group or denomination should be favored by the state more than others. Civil government being ordained of God, it is the duty of Christians to render loyal obedience thereto in all things not contrary to the revealed will of God. The church should not resort to the civil power to carry on its work. The Gospel of Christ contemplates spiritual means alone for the pursuit of its ends. The state has no right to impose penalties for religious opinions of any kind. The state has no right to impose taxes for the support of any form of religion. A free church in a free state is the Christian ideal, and this implies the right of free and unhindered access to God on the part of all men, and the right to form and propagate opinions in the sphere of religion without interference by the civil power.

Peace and War.

19. It is the duty of Christians to seek peace with all men on principles of righteousness. In accordance with the spirit and teachings of Christ they should do all in their power to put an end to war.

The true remedy for the war spirit is the pure gospel of our Lord. The supreme need of the world is the acceptance of his teachings in all the affairs of men and nations, and the practical application of his law of love.

We urge Christian people throughout the world to pray for the reign of the Prince of Peace, and to oppose everything likely to provoke war.

Education.

20. Christianity is the religion of enlightenment and intelligence. In Jesus Christ are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. All sound learning is therefore a part of our Christian heritage. The new birth opens a l human faculties and creates a thirst for knowledge. An adequate system of schools is necessary to a complete spiritual program for Christ's people. The cause of education in the Kingdom of Christ is co-ordinate with the causes of missions and general benevolence, and should receive along with these the liberal support of the churches.

Social Service.

21. Every Christian is under obligation to seek to make the will of Christ regnant in his own life and in human society; to oppose in the spirit of Christ every form of greed, selfishness and vice; to provide for the orphaned, the aged, the helpless, and the sick; to seek to bring industry, government and society as a whole under the sway of the principles of righteousness, truth and brotherly love; to promote these

ends Christians should be ready to work with all men of good will in any good cause, always being careful to act in the spirit of love without compromising their loyalty to Christ and his truth. All means and methods used in social service for the amelioration of society and the establishment of righteousness among men must finally depend on the regeneration of the individual by the saving grace of God in Christ Jesus.

Co-operation.

22. Christ's people should, as occasion requires, organize such associations and conventions as may best secure co-operaton for the great objects of the Kingdom of God. Such organizations have no authority over each other or over the churches. They are voluntary and advisory bodies designed to elicit, combine and direct the energies of our people in the most effective manner. Individual members of New Testament churches should co-operate with each other, and the churches themselves should co-operate with each other in carrying forward the missionary, educational and benevolent program for the extension of Christ's Kingdom. Christian unity in the New Testament sense is spiritual harmony and voluntary cooperation for common ends by various groups of Christ's people. It is permissible and desirable as between the various Christian denominations, when the end to be attained is itself justified, and when such cooperation involves no violation of conscience or compromise of loyalty to Christ and his Word as revealed in the New Testament.

Evangelism and Missions.

23. It is the duty of every Christian man and woman, and the duty of every church of Christ, to seek to extend the gospel to the ends of the earth. The new birth of man's spirit by God's Holy Spirit means the birth of love for others. Missionary effort on the part of all rests thus upon a spiritual necessity of the regenerate life. It is also expressly and repeatedly commanded in the teachings of Christ. It is the duty of every child of God to seek constantly to win the lost to Christ by personal effort and by all other methods sanctioned by the Gospel of Christ.

Stewardship.

24. God is the source of all blessings, temporal and spiritual; all that we have and are we owe to him. We have a spiritual deb torship to the whole world, a holy trusteeship in the Gospel, and a binding stewardship in our possessions. We are therefore under obligation to serve him with our time, talents and material possessions; and should recognize all these as entrusted to us to use for the glory of God and helping others.

Christians should cheerfully, regularly, systematically, proportionately, and liberally contribute of their means to advancing the Redeemer's cause on earth.

The Kingdom.

25. The Kingdom of God is the reign of God in the heart and life of the individual in every human relationship, and in every form and institution of organized human society. The chief means for promoting the Kingdom of God on earth are preaching the Gospel of Christ, and teaching the pirnciples of righteousness contained therein. The Kingdom of God will be complete when every thought and will of man shall be brought into captivity to the will of Christ. And it is the duty of all Christ's people to pray and labor continually that his Kingdom may come and his will be done on earth as it is done in heaven.

Since matters of science have no proper place in a religious confession of faith, and since it is desirable that our attitude towards science be clearly understood, your committee deem it proper to submit the following statement on the relation between science and religion, adopted in 1923 by this Convention at Kansas City, and request that it be published in the minutes of the Convention.

Science and Religion.

1. We recognize the greatness and value of the service which modern science is rendering to the cause of truth in uncovering the facts of the natural world. We believe that loyalty to fact is a common ground of genuine science and the Christian religion. We have no interest or desire in covering up any fact in any realm of research. But we do protest against certain unwarranted procedures on the part of some so-called scientists. First, in making discoveries, or alleged discoveries, in physical nature, a convenient weapon of attack upon the facts of religion; second, using the particular sciences, such as psychology, biology, geology and various others, as if they necessarily contained knowledge pertaining to the realm of the Christian religion, setting aside the supernatural; third, teaching as facts what are merely hypotheses. evolution dectrine has long been a working hypothesis of science, and will probably continue to be, because of its apparent simplicity in explaining the universe. But its best exponents freely admit that the causes of the origin of species have not been traced, nor has any proof been forthcoming that man is not the direct creation of God as recorded in Genesis. We protest against the imposition of this theory

upon the minds of our children in denominational, or public schools, as if it were a definite and established truth of science. We insist that this and all other theories be dealt with in a truly scientific way, that is, in careful conformity to established facts.

- 2. We record again our unwavering adherence to the supernatural elements in the Christian religion. The Bible is God's revelation of himself through men moved by the Holy Spirit, and is our sufficient, certain authoritative guide in religion. Jesus Christ was born of the Virgin Mary, through the power of the Holy Spirit. He was the divine and eternal Son of God. He wrought miracles, healing the sick, casting cut demons, raising the dead. He died as the vicarious, atoning Saviour of the world, and was buried. He arose again from the dead. The tomb was emptied of its contents. In his risen body he appeared many times to his disciples. He ascended to the right hand of the Father. He will come again in person, the same Jesus who ascended from the Mount of Olives.
- 3. We believe that adherence to the above truths and facts is a necessary condition of service for teachers in our Baptist schools. These facts of Christianity in no way conflict with any fact in science. We do not sit in judgment upon the scientific views of teachers of science. We grant them the same freedom of research in their realm that we claim for curselves in the religious realm. But we do insist upon a positive content of faith in accordance with the preceding statement as a qualification for acceptable service in Baptist schools. The supreme issue today is between naturalism and super-naturalism. We stand unalterably for the supernatural in Christianity. Teachers in our schools should be careful to free themselves from any suspicion of disloyalty on this point. In the present period of agitation and unrest they are obligated to make their positions clear. We pledge our support to all schools and teachers who are thus loyal to the facts of Christianity as revealed in the scriptures.

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 picus young men who may be called by the Spirit and approved by their respective churches for work of the Gospel ministry.
- e. To promote picus 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. The Executive Committee shall consist of five members of this body, and elected annually by vote of the Association. The Vice-Moder-

ater shall be Chairman of the Executive Committee, and together with the Clerk, shall be members of the Executive Committee, ex-officio. The Executive Committee 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. Special sessions upon call of Chairman.

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 by messengers during the session of the Association; accompanied by a certificate of the presbytery as to their orthodox and proper organization.

Article 11. This Association shall be advisory only 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 hererodox, and concedes to its constituent churches the right to sever their connection from this body whenever they shall apply for letters of dismissal from the Association.

Article 12. The Moderator shall, at each session, appoint chairmen of committees on the following subjects to wit:—Stewardship and Church Budgeting, 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 first

item being the election of a Molerator and a Cerk, 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 Moderator, 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 members.

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 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 the members present.

OUR HONORED DEAD

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W. R. FENNEL

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MINISTERS WHO HOLD MEMBERSHIP WITH US

O'Brien-W. T. Newsome, Wellborn, Fla.

Clayland-J. J. Platt, Dowling Park, Fla.

Antioch-A. K. Evans, Live, Oak, Fla.

Antioch-E. R. Wise, Live Oak, Fla.

Rocky Sink-J. S. Parker, Live Oak, Fla.

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Friendship-A. Bonds, O'Brien, Fla.

Eriendship-R. D. Turner, Pinemount, Fla.

Divonia-L. W. Nelson, Jasper, Fla.

Branford-I. R. Clements, Branford, Fla.

O'BRIEN BAPTIST CHURCH, OCT. 15, 1925

The Fifty-Fourth Annual Session of the Suwannee Baptist Association convened with O'Brien Church.

After singing a hymn, Dr. A. J. Preston led in an opening prayer. The Moderator read a portion of God's Word found in Matt., 6th chapter, and led in prayer.

The following churches responded by letter and messengers: Tiger Lake—Orien Brown, Lee Robinson, H. J. Horne, G. L. Dorman, Miss Callie Dorman.

Antioch-R. J. Allen.

Bright Pond-W. T. Rouse, D. T. Smith.

Jasper-Rev. E. G. Diamond, Sisters E. G. Diamond, B. B. Johnson, W. B. Lewis, Mamie Griffis.

Philadelphia—D. J. Mills, J. O. Ross, Sister D. J. Mills.

Mt. Olive—H. V. Johns, J. H. Johns, W. F. Ogden, Sisters W. F. Ogden, Novie Thompson, Annie Thompson, Annie Mae Johns.

Bellville-By letter no messengers.

Jennings-Rev. W. C. Taylor, J. L. McDaniel, Coat Hicks, R. M. Bush, Sister J. L. McDaniel.

Suwannee-Rev. C. E. McClellan.

O'Brien-J. T. McCaghren, T. J. Fletcher, Dr. J. H. Reynolds, Sisters T. J. Fletcher, J. T. McCaghren.

Divonia-W. A. McCall, Marvin McCall, Teresa Bennett.

Branford—R. E. Hatch, Sisters F. D. Phillips, J. S. Stafford. Pine Mount—By letter no messengers.

Pleasant Hill-W. D. Long, Sisters W. D. Long, Thelma Hunt.

Beulah-W. C. Jenkins, M. J. Allbritton.

The above enrolled messengers organized by electing the following:

The Glerk was instructed to cast the vote of this Association for Rev. W. C. Taylor for Moderator. The Moderator was

instructed to cast the vote of this Association for H. J. Horne for Vice Moderator.

The Moderator was instructed to cast the vote of this Association for G. L. Dorman for Clerk.

Visiting brethren were invited to seat with us and the following responded: Dr. A. J. Preston from Middle Florida Association, Rev. C. E. McClellan from Marion Association, Rev. A. N. Woodard from Middle Florida Association, Rev. W. E. Fendley from Live Oak Church

The hour having arrived for preaching, Rev. E. G. Diamond was called to the stand for an Introductory Sermon.

Committee on preaching was announced by Moderator: H. J. Horne, J. T. McCaghren.

Rev. A. I. Caudle representing the Baptist Witness was invited to seats with us.

D. J. Mills was elected Treasurer by acclimation.

The Moderator appointed the Finance Committee as follows: D. J. Mills, R. E. Hatch, H. V. Johns.

Adjourn for dinner.

1:30 p. m. After singing a hymn Rev. Clemons led the congregation in prayer.

The Moderator then appointed the following committees:

Sacred Literature—Hardie Harrell, Chairman, R. E. Hatch, Lee Robinson.

Temperance-R. J. Allen, Chairman, W. A. McCall, W. F. Ogden.

Orphans' Home-H. J. Horne, Chairman, Miss Annie Mae Johns, Mrs. W. B. Lewis.

The Moderator appointed the following committees on amendments to our Constitution: Rev. E. G. Diamond, H. J. Horne, D. J. Mills; advisory, Dr. A. J. Preston and Dr. W. E. Fendley. Report on Sacred Literature read by R. E. Hatch as follows:

Report on Sacred Literature.

When we speak of Sacred Literature, we mean wholesome literature. Literature that by reading it our souls will be nourished up in God's Kingdom work here on earth.

The most sacred book of all literature is the Bible. We can use the Bible as a looking glass. Psalm 119:105, Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. So it is a light and will guide us safely through the dark days of temptation if we will only hold it in front of us. It is a compass with the needle poniting direct to heaven. The Bible is preached in every Christian pulpit and should be read in every home. May we as Christians study the Bible ourselves and teach it to the young and unsaved more than we ever

have in the past. Without the Bible our Government would finally fall. Every home in this association needs a Bible and the Missionary of this association is doing good work along this line. He has found two (2) homes without Bibles and by the aid of a church has put a Bible in both homes. What is a home without a Bible? Where would a ship land if it was on the great seas without a compass?

For other good reading we recommend to you the literature published and sent out by our Sunday School Board as follows: S. S. Quarterlies and all B. Y. P. U. Quarterlies. Besides this literature there is Kind Words, Baptist Boys' Weekly, Baptist Girls' Weekly and Child's Gem. These should be distributed through the Sunday school to every family in our churches. Also we recommend for the development of our Baptist in mission work Home and Foreign Fields. For the women especially Royal Service. Good books: Books on Missions, Books on Mission Fields, Books on great Baptist leaders, and Books on Baptist doctrine. Good clean fiction in which are taught great Baptist Truths, as The Little Baptist and Grace Trueman, with a great many modern books equally as good.

Furthermore we recommend that every Baptist home in every church in this association subscribe for the Baptist Witness, our own state paper. There is only about ninety-five in this association taking this paper now.

We recommend our own book house in the Baptist building in Jacksonville. From this book house you can order anything you want in the way of good literature, except S. S. and B. Y. P. U. Quarterlies

Respectfully submitted,
Hardie Harrell, Chairman,
R. E. Hatch,
L. L. Robinson.

The above report spoken on by Rev. A. I. Caudle. Report adopted.

Report on Temperance read by Clerk, as follows:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your committee on temperance, beg leave to submit the following:

We believe in being temperate in all things, limiting ourselves to the phrase concerning alcohol. Every Baptist should stand for total abstainance from the use of intoxicating liquors and preach it as the only safe course for the individual and that every follower of the Lord Jesus should abstain from alcoholic drinks as a beverage. We note with joy the increasing sentiment against the liquor traffic. A few years ago the pulpit, a few laymen and the women were fighting a folorn hope. Now these are backed by science, the commercial world, the industrial world, and a mighty and ever-increasing position of the daily press, a solid built organization of sane men and women who are numbered by the millions, determined on the overthrow of the nefarous traffic. We believe that the time is now here for the greatest battle for national prohibition. We earnestly urge that every Baptist in our bounds enlist in the great and noble army and battle for the emancipation of this grand republic the glory of our God and the joy of the millions of weeping mothers, wives, sisters and daughters of our country.

Respectfully submitted, R. J. Allen, Chairman, W. F. Ogden, W. A. McCall.

Report of Orphans' Home read by H. J. Horne, as follows:

REPORT OF THE FLORIDA BAPTIST

CHILDREN'S HOME.

In submitting our report to the Association we acknowledge with thanksgiving the divine obligation resting upon us to participate in the work being done at Arcadia in our Children's Home for the one hundred and twenty-two boys and girls enjoying the benefits of our home at the present time.

This year the management has found it necessary in order to take care of the work and meet the monthly current expenses to go afield for support. Information from the office at the Home tells us that the 17 1-2 percent given the Home from the 1925 Budget plan would not be sufficient to pay all of the expenses of the Home and the small amount received each month from the amount paid in on the Budget would have brought suffering in the work if churches and friends had not come to the support of the work this year in independent contributions.

We are supporting at the Home at present as stated above, one hundred and twenty-two children. Our Home is a home in the true sense of the word and is not a home finding society. The chlidren in our home are given everything needful to their growth and proper development and are nurtured, cared for and trained for a useful, independent life. Special attention is given to the religious training and development

of the children.

According to the Budget suggested by the Board of Trustees in their report to the Convent on last December for the 1925 support, they asked for \$2,200.00 a month for current support and asked in addition for \$15,000.00 for necessary improvements and other needs. We find that they are very badly crowded for room. In order to accommodate the large boys in their dormitory the Superintendent had to build a sleeping porch across the west end of the boys' building and in order to accommodate the school the Superintendent had to divide the library and assembly room, making a school room out of half of the children's parlor. We find that a new boys' building in which fifteen ro sixteen little boys can be cared for is one of the greatest needs of the Home at present.

The Superintendent reports good health among the children. He reports a cordial reception and liberal contributions from the different churches visited this year, carrying children with him for a service in the interest of the Home and he reports that it has been the unanimous opinion of the churches visited that such visits would not in any way interfere with the churches' part in the budget plan.

We have these boys and girls and at the present time a very valuable piece of property in Arcadia on which is located their Home and we must support the institution and give these boys and girls an equal chance with our children to make their way in life. Your committee regrets to report that the enlargement in the institution in order to take care of more children has not been as rapid as it should have been on account of the limited means going into the treasury of the Home, but we rejoice to report that under the plan this year our work at Arcadia is being taken care of each month and some small improvements have been made and a nice amount paid on the old indebtedness on the Home.

We would urge every church, Sunday school and department of our work to have some definite part in the upkeep and enlargement of our work for our orphan boys and girls at Arcadia and that we remember constantly and earnestly this department of our work in prayer.

Respectfully submitted, H. J. Horne, Chairman, Mrs. W. B. Lewis, Miss Annie Mae Johns.

The above report spoken on by Rev. C. E. McClellan, Dr. W. B. Parshley, Dr. A. J. Preston, Rev. A. N. Woodard and H. J. Horne. Report adopted.

The following committee was appointed: Nominations, R. E. Hatch, W. L. Robinson, D. J. Mills.

The C erk was instructed to get minutes printed as cheaply as possible.

Adjourned until 9:30 o'clock tomorrow.

Thursday night preaching by Rev. W. C. Taylor.

9:30 a. m. After singing a hymn, Rev. A. I. Caudle offered a prayer.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Call for new messengers. The following responded:

Rocky Sink—Sisters Vandora Mitchell, Ida Harper, May Brown.

Philadelphia—E. L. Lanier, A. E. Curl, Sisters A. W. Ross, C. P. Mills, E. L. Lanier, A. E. Curl

Antioch—Rev. E. R. Wise, Sisters E. R. Wise, Thelma Wise. Mt. Pisgah—W. R. Daugherty.

Friendship-A. A. Smith.

Tiger Lake—A. K. Dorman, Ottis Brown, Sister R. A. Brown. Visiting brethren invited to seats with us. No response. Sunday school report read by A. I. Caudle as follows:

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.

There is no spirit of self-satisfaction seen in the growth of Florida Baptist Sunday Schools. They want to grow and are growing in numbers and enrollment. This growth is due to the guidance and blessings of the heavenly Father, the fine spirit of co-operation among the pastors and hundreds of a chusiastic workers and to the natural growth of Florida in population and wealth. This growth makes us happy. It gives us courage to work and plan for even greater growth. Along with the growth of the school work has come considerable interest in the matter of Sunday school equipment and more than twenty churches in the state have provided class rooms for their church school. About ten other churches are planning to build rooms in the near future.

Within twelve months there has been nearly fift, new Sunday schools organized which brings our number up to nearly seen hundred schools with an enrollment of sixty-five thousand pupils. Most of our people are coming to realize the need of trained teachers and in many churches our state Sunday school Secretary is called on to conduct training schools or study courses, and inside of twelve months 3678 diplomas and seals have been awarded. More

than ever before the pastors are giving their loyalty and support to the program of teacher training, and many of them are conducting training classes themselves. One of the most important fields of endeavor open to our pastors in all our work is the Sunday school opportunity.

No state in the South presents more virgin territory for Sunday school growth and development than does Florida. We are a missionary people and this state is missionary territory. Half of our Lord's commission was "Teach them to observe all things whatsoever I have said unto you." A church without a Sunday school is not doing nor trying to do the whole task. All of our people should be taught the word of God in the Sunday school. It is earnestly hoped that by the next meeting of the Suwannee Association every church within her borders will have a live and thriving school meeting every Sunday in the year. Our State Secretary will be glad to be of service to any church in any way possible, to help get the work started. A. J. Caudle.

The above report spoken on by Rev. A. I. Caudle, Rev. C. E. McClellan.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Read by Mrs. J. L. McDaniel as follows:

The whole world today demands technical knowledge and training on the part of those who would serve.

Training for Christian service is just as essential as training for any other kind of service, in fact, more so. During the recent 75 million campaign more than 5000 of our choicest boys and girls pledged their lives to the service of the Master. These young people heard the call and gave themselves to God for definite service. Many of them anxious to get to work, but the majority of them are untrained. However, it is a matter for rejoicing that these young people have said, "Here am I, send me." It is also a great source of gratification that our Baptist denomination has provided schools for training and fitting them for a life of usefulness in God's kingdom.

The masses of the people are becoming more and more educated and this calls for highly educated preachers, teachers and mission workers. Our three seminaries located at New Orleans, Louisville, Ky., and Fort Worth, Texas, are the greatest of their kind in the world. They are great in that their faculties are composed of great men, men of scholarship and power, who have been taught of God themselves. Those who founded our seminaries believed that our young people should study to show themselves approved unto God, workmen that

need not be ashamed, but able to rightly divide the word of truth.

Our future depends upon our success in raising up and sending out an army of trained leaders, prepared to give the truth to the world and defend it in the face of a generation shaken by every wind of doctrine. Our seminaries with their training schools for women are prepared to send out young women polished and cultured for the Master's use.

Southern Baptists are beginning to have a conscience on education and this is rapidly expressing itself in the hearty support of our schools. The Education Board arranged with the 118 Baptist schools in the South to have a religious service in each school on Wednesday, April 15th, of this year. After careful preparation these services were held with very gratifying results. Scores of students at that hour professed faith in Christ and hundreds definitely committed themselves for religious work.

Over 20,000 students and faculty members agreed to try earnestly this year by personal work to lead one or more persons to accept Christ. We urge our people to encourage our young volunteers to avail themselves of the Christian education and training afforded by these great schools.

	Statistical Repo	rt.
Schools	Students	Property-End'wment
1900—65	11,130	75,060.91
1914—114	21,210	199,797.63
1919-119	27,000	278,562.54
1925—118	38,000	480,000.00
	Respectfully sul	bmitted,
	Mrs. J. L. Mcl	Daniel, Chairman,
	Mrs. F. D. Phi	illips,
	R E Hatch	

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

Read by Rev. W. C. Taylor as follows:

The Home Mission Board since the time of its organization, has been continuous and healthy in growth.

Since 1920 severe and drastic retrenchments have been made; and into fields ripe for harvest the Board has not been able to thrust sufficient laborers to garner the grain.

At the annual meeting in June, futher retrenchment was found necessary on account of the heavy and burdensome debt. Enlargement, on the contrary, is called for in every direction: First, in an increase of forces. Second, in better equipment.

Notwithstanding the retrenchments made, the Board pre-

sents a year of wonderful results. With 1,077 missionaries, they report 2,381 churches and stations; 30,027 additions by baptisms; 4,896 by letter; 210 churches constituted; 355 church houses built or improved; 608 Sunday schools organized; 12,995 Bibles and Testaments distributed.

More than 13,000,000 persons above ten in the territory of the Southern Baptist Convent on are not members of any church. 7,000,000 approximately are of Baptist preference. 4,234,152 are of foreign birth or parentage, among which are employed 71 workers.

A total of 161,941 Indians and persons of Indian blood live within our convention territory. Fifteen workers are sent out among these.

Twenty-four and five tenths percent of the population of the South are negroes. These if evangelized, educated and trained, would soon evangelize the whole negro world. These people number 9,026,096. Eighteen workers in co-operation with the Home Mission Board of the National Baptist Convention are employed to work among them, and ten independent workers on its own account.

Thirty mountain mission schools are operated by the Home Mission Board. 450 conversions were reported out of 4,920 attending these schools last year.

Cuba, one of the fields occupied by Southern Baptists, has a population of 2,889,004. Our Board has 72 workers there. 387 baptisms were reported last year.

Panama has only three workers employed by our Home Board. 63 were baptized last year.

Among the soldiers in the permanent army camps of the South, eight home mission workers are employed. 449 professions of faith are reported for the year. Workers among sailors and seaman at Jacksonville, Fla., report 29,231 visits from seamen; 11,080 decisions for Christ and 527 new pupils enrolled in the Bible classes which include 56 nationalities.

Through its department of church extension the home board has aided 2,000 churches; during its history, has given \$1,264,000 for church buildings. Still 5,443 Baptist churches in the South have no house of their own; 6,592 last year, had no Sunday school, and an average of 4,296 are pastorless.

Southern Baptists number 3,500,000. Many are wealthy. Last year an average of 26 cents per member was given.

The home board needs not only to keep its work going, and debts paid off, but 235 new workers are urgently needed. To continue its work, retire its obligations and meet the most urgent calls from the fields, the home board needs \$1,685,637.

Surely this is a program big and compelling enough to challenge the support of every Southern Baptist.

> Respectfully submitted, Miss Ruby W. Holland, Chairman, R. E. Hatch, Mrs. J. S. Stafford.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

Read by Rev. E. G. Diamond as follows:

God has blessed our work abroad. Last year was a triumphant year. The fact that our missionaries baptized 12,134 people into the membership of our churches on our foreign mission fields is an achievement which should set our hearts aglow with joy. In order to illustrate other triumphs, we quote here some paragraphs taken from some of the reports from the various fields to the Foreign Mission Board:

"This year (1924) has been the best in the Italian Mission since the outbreak of the World War. The largest number of baptisms ever reported in our Mission consoles us no little. Two hundred and fourteen new members baptized into Christ and a large number of inquiries for 1925 make us more hopeful for the future. Last year we had twice as many baptisms per member as either Virginia or Georgia had, while the difficulties are immensely greater. This represents an increase of 64 percent over 1923. Our present church membership is 2,210, while we have a greater number outside of our fold who sympathize with us, many of whom actually attend our services and contribute materially to the advancement of our work.

"Where the evangelistic spirit reigns new churches spring up. For example, there have been eighteen new churches north of the state of Bahia, Brazil, during the year. Not only have new churches been organized, but the old ones have developed in every line of activity. They have made marvelous strides in Sunday School work. Many of the churches have built or bought houses this year.

"Two years ago a Chilean Home Mission Board was organized to carry the Gospel into the frontier. The Board is composed of five missionaries and five Chileans named by the Convention, and administers the funds raised by the churches supplemented by an equal amount from the Richmond Board. During the past year they have supported three missionaries who are doing great work in the 'regions beyond.'"

"Many feel and say that the anti-Christian movement in China has come too late. There is too large and strong an army of Christian men and women from the mission schools for such a movement to make much progress. It is true that Christianity thrives on persecution. Our Christian people are rising up and showing where they stand. Well written English articles by Chinese who have been educated in mission schools are appearing in the newspapers in highest praise of missionaries and their work.

It makes us sad to be forced to turn from such triumphs as these to call attention to the embarrassment our Foreign Mission Board is now experiencing on account of the failure of the churches to support it properly.

The Board reported to the last Southern Baptist Convention a debt of \$1,250,000. This debt came through no extravagance on the part of the Board. In fact the Board has been cutting its appropriations severely for the last three years, and is now holding back more than one hundred volunteers who are ready to go to the front. It has also denied for two years any additional equipment to the missionaries. This debt grew because our Baptist people are not giving adequately. The large program of the Board cannot be maintained upon the amounts they are now giving.

What is the remedy for the present distressing situation? The simple remedy is for the churches to put on the 1925-26 Program. Let the churches make the Every Member Canvass, and support the great program including all the interests fostered by Southern Baptists, and our Foreign Mission Board will be cared for along with all the others. In cooperating with our brethren we will serve and strengthen our foreign mission enterprise.

Respectfully submitted, E. G. Diamond, J. T. McCaghren, Mrs. S. J. Hewitt.

Report of Rev. C. E. McClellan, Associational Missionary read as follows:

Suwannee Missionary Baptist Association in session at O'Brien Missionary Baptist church, O'Brien, Fla., Dear Brethren:

I present to you my report as Associational Missionary in Suwannee Missionary Baptist Association, beginning February 1, ending September 30, 1925. Weeks of labor,29; churches supplied, 5; other stations, 1; sermons delivered, 174; other religious meetings attended, 101; persons received by confession of faith and baptized, 50; baptized by pastors where I did the preaching, 11; total baptized, 61; received by letter,

16 extered, 17; total members received, 94; number of church members on the field, 241; number of Sunday schools, 4; numher of Sunday school pupils, 101; number of teachers, 18; number of Sunday school pupils converted, 30; number of Sunday schools organized, 3; revival meetings held, 14; children's meetings held 3; sermons preached to colored people, 5; number of miles traveled in performance of my labors, 6507; visits to families, 501; visits to sick persons, 98; total visits, 599; found homes without Bibles, 2; Bibles supplied these homes by Tige: Lake Sunday school and B. Y. P. U.; subscriptions for Lapt'st Witness, 26; Home and Foreign Mission Journal, 8; Loyal Service, 10; Orphan Helper, 15. Salaries received by mission churches, \$207.56; received by Association, \$73.26; total salaries received, \$280.82. Salaries received from State Leard seven months service, \$262.50; special five extra weeks, \$52.05; total salaries received, \$596.37. Collected for missions and tenevolence, \$272.90; for Christian education, \$22.50; total, \$295.40.

C. E. McClellan,

Missionary in Suwannee Missionary Baptist Association.
All above reports were taken up for discussion and spoken
on by Dr. A. J. Preston, Dr. W. E. Fendley.

Budgeting committee was appointed as follows: Rev. E. G. Diamond, Mrs. J. L. McDaniel, G. L. Dorman, Mrs. S. D. Phillips, R. J. Bush.

Adjourn for dinner.

After 2:00 p. m. After singing and prayer, report on Woman's Work read by Mrs. W. H. Green as follows:

The Statistical report on Woman's Wo sociation for this year is as follows:	ork in Suwannee As-
Missionary societies	3
Total membership of societies	
Tithers	12
Sunbeam Bands	1
Total membership	25
Amount paid on pledges	\$ 268.00
Local aid and personal service	1,362.03
	29.00
Total for all purposes	\$1,659.03

We are very thankful to our Heavenly Father for the progress in some departments of the work, for instance the increased contributions. But we lament the lack of interest in our rural churches for organized work among the women.

These good women probably every day do some direct ser-

vice for the Master, but because of no organization, they cannot be as efficient in their service as they might otherwise. And, too, they are entitled to credit which they do not get.

Let us pray that at this very association they may get a vision of what organized work means, go home, start a missionary society, keep it going, and next year send to our Associational Secretary an accurate record of what has been accomplished. It will be surprising how much more and better work for the Master can be done.

Mrs. W. H. Greene, Mrs. Fred Phillips, Miss R. A. Brown, Committee.

The above report spoken on by Mrs. J. L. McDaniel.

Reports on Home, Foreign, State Missions and Education Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. was adopted by vote.

Report of Woman's Work adopted.

Report on Amendments to Articles of Faith, read by Rev. E. G. Diamond as follows:

Your committee appointed to recommend changes in our Articles of Faith beg leave to report the following:

- 1. We recommned that the Association adopt the New Hampshire Confession of Faith as revised and adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in session at Memphis, Tenn., May 15, 1925.
- 2. We further recommend that our Clerk be requested to secure from the Sunday school Board copies of these Articles of Faith and distribute them among the churches, one with each Associational Minute. The expenses to be paid out of the minute fund.

Respectfully submitted,

E. G. Diamond, Chairman,

D. J. Mills,

H. J. Horne, Committee.

Report adopted.

Motion and seconded that Live Oak church be invited to join with us which was accepted.

Call for new Messengers, the following responded:

Mt. Pisgah-N. R. Hines, Sister N. R. Hines.

New Hope-R. J. Bush, J. C. Lewis, J. B. McGhin

Orange-B. L. Landen, J. M. N. Clark, Sister B. L. Landen.

Mt. Gilead-Sister Eliza Clemons.

Jennings-B. L. Hicks, Sister R. M. Bush.

PRESENT DAY EVILS

Report on Present Day Evils read by H. V. Johns as follows: We, your committee on Present Day Evils, begin with our first sin mentioned—Satan causes Eve to sin. We have always had sin since, and always will, but we can try to prevent them. The present day evils are growing worse and worse every day. But let us take a firm stand against them.

The seed of sin or from present day evils is a few visits to the ballroom and the gambling table, a few small drinks and other little things will lead to big things. Little things such as theatres, bathing-pools, late hours, joy rides and others lead to big things as adultery, murder, drunkness and the big things lead to eternal destruction. Our pastors neglect preaching on subjects because of the people's temper.

Another great evil of the present day is carelessness or negligence—we are so careless about our church duty. We often break one of our great Commandments, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." Because of our carelessness Paul says, "Neglect not the gift that is in thee." Lots of us neglect our duty toward missions. We are Missionary Baptists and let us prove it by our mission work. "By our fruits we shall be known."

Let us take a decided stand against the present day evils so as to blot them out of our way.

Respectfully submitted,

H. V. Johns, Chairman,

W. L. Robinson,

R. M. Bush,

J. H. Reynolds, Committee.

Report adopted.

REPORT O FFINANCE COMMITTEE

Read by R. E. Hatch as follows:

We, your committee on Finance, beg to report that we received from the several churches the sum of \$77.42, for minutes and clerk and \$17.00 for Orphan Home, making a total of \$91.42, which we have turned over to our Treasurer, D. J. Mills.

Respectfully submitted,

R. E. Hatch, Chairman,

H. V. Johns,

D. J. Mills, Committee.

Report adopted.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS .

We, your committee on Nominations, beg leave to make the

following report:

Member of State Board, Rev. W. C. Taylor; Messenger to Southern Baptist Convention, Rev. E. G. Diamond; Messengers to State Convention, H. J. Horne, J. L. McDaniel, R. J. Bush, E. R. Wise, G. L. Dorman.

The next session of this Association will be held with the Orange Baptist Church, beginning at 10:00 o'clock a. m. on Thursday before the third Sunday in October 1926. Introductory sermon to be preached by Rev. W. C. Taylor. Missionary sermon by Rev. W. T. Newsome. Executive committee: E. G. Diamond, E. L. Lanier, H. V. Johns, J. M. N. Clark, T. J. Fletcher.

Respectfully submitted,

D. J. Mills, Chairman,

R. E. Hatch,

W. L. Robinson,

R. N. Bush, Committee.

Report adopted.

Move was made and carried that the following churches be dropped from our list of churches, as inactive: Central, Pine Grove and Hopewell.

REPORT OF TREASURER

Read by D J. Mills as follows: Treasurer's report, 19	24-25.
Receipts—	
October 18, 1924, from Finance committee\$	97.40
	97.40
November 4, 1924, paid Clerk salary\$	25.00
December 27, 1924, paid printing minutes	70.00
Total disbursements\$	95.00
Balance on hand\$	2.40
Respectfully submitted,	

Report adopted.

Stewardship and Church Budgeting ready by R. J. Bush as follows:

D. J. Mills, Treasurer.

When we come to consider the cooperative program of Church Stewardship, three vital questions naturally presents themselves. First. What is the cooperative program? Second. Why should it be supported? Third. How shall it be supported? As to why it should be your committee would say first that this program is comprehensive in that it embraces

all the general work to which Southern Baptist plan to give during this associational year. The plan is scriptural in that it seeks to enlist the members in the line of Stewardship, in giving regularly to all objects.

The program is urgent in that all phases of our benevolent work is in great need of larger support. The program is cooperative in that it offers an opportunity for every church and each individual to have a definite share in the support of the work. How shall the program be supported? We should say that it can best be supported by every church in every association, securing through an each and every-member canvass. Just as definite subscriptions are taken for the year to pastor's salary and other local church work.

We recommend that this association in conference or correspondence with the State Mission Board agree upon a reasonable cash objective for our cooperative work during the remainder of 1925 and throughout 1926, and that either the Executive committee or some other strong committee be designated to communicate with all the churches of this association in an effort to enlist them in the adoption of a reasonable and worthy cash objective for our general missionary educational and benevolent work during the periods named above.

We recommend further that in the case of pastorless and unenlisted churches this committee tender its services in assisting in putting on the every-member canvass in support of the cooperative program in those churches to the end that every church in this association may have a definite share in helping carry forward every interest of the Kingdom of God.

In adopting this report, we therefore pledge anew our loyalty and devotion to all of Christ's causes as embraced in the cooperative program and promise God and our brethren that we will do our very best for this plan and these causes during this new associational year.

October 15, 1925.

Signed,

R. J. Bush.

J. L. McDaniel,

J. C. Lewis.

A. A. Smith.

Report adopted.

REPORT OF BUDGETING COMMITTEE

Read by Rev. E. G. Diamond as follows:

Your committee recommends that the association undertake to raise for our cooperative program during the next associa-

tional year the amount of \$1,000.00 We urge that each accept as its quota of this amount the amount opposite names below.

Tiger Lake \$100.00; Jennings, 225.00; Branford, 50.00; Clayland, 40.00; Pleasant Hill, 25.00; Orange, 40.00; Mt. Pisgah, 50.00; Suwannee, 10.00; Mt. Olive, 75.00; Divonia, 25.00; Beulah, 25.00; Rocky Sink. 40.00; Pine Mount, 5.00; O'Brien, 40.00, Jasper, 300.00; Philadelphia, 50.00; Bright Pond, 10.00; Bellville, 50.00; Antioch, 25.00; New Hope, 25.00; Rose Mary, 10.00; Mt. Gilead, 10.00; Friendship, 10.00.

Respectfully submitted,

E. G. Diamond, Mrs. J. L. McDaniel, G. L. Dorman, Mrs. S. D. Phillips, R. J. Bush, Committee.

Report adopted.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES

Report on Obituaries read by J. M. N. Clark as follows:

We, your committee on Obituaries, beg to make the following report. We bow in humble submission to the will of our Heavenly Father, who has seen fit to remove from our midst since last we met in session several of our brethren and sisters. Our Heavenly Father does all things well. We know that they have gone in eternal bliss in the heavens above where all is peace, love and joy. May we take warning and be prepared as we know not how soon we may be called to follow them. We ask that a page be dedicated to their memory in our Minute book.

BROTHERS: Rush Ingram, J. W. Polhill, E. Lashley, (Deacon,) W. R. Fennel, W. J. Hargroves, W. H. Ezell, (Deacon,) W. L. Mitchell, M. J. Cheshire, A. J. Ward, John Brim, E. Drew Groover, E. P. Dickert.

SISTERS: Emma Bonds, Harley Baker, Nancy Brim, Berdie Westmoreland, Lily McDonald, M. J. Kennedy, Mary Byrd, Octavia Bussy, Sallie Tompkins, Lottie Ingram, Z. A. Bonnell, J. C. Jowers.

We ask the messengers of this Association to extend their sympathy and prayer to those who mourn.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. N. Clark, Chairman, W. D. Long,

-W. C. Jenkins, Committee.

Report adopted.

The Moderator appointed the following committee Chairmen: -32Education, Mrs. Fred Phillips; State Missions, R. J. Bush; Home Missions, Rev. E. G. Diamond; Foreign Missions, Rev. W. E. Fendley; Orphans Home, Miss R. A. Brown; Temperance, H. J. Horne; Present Day Evils, J. M. N. Clark; Woman's Work, Mrs. J. L. McDaniel; Sacred Literature, R. M. Bush; Sunday School and B. Y. P. U., Rev. W. T. Newsome; Stewardship and Church Budgeting, Mrs. W. H. Green; Obituaries, H. V. Johns.

Motion made and carried that the Clerk be paid \$25.00 for his service.

The following resolution was offered by D. J. Mills: We, the Messengers of the Suwannee Baptist Association, wish to extend to the brothers and sisters of O'Brien Baptist church our sincere and hearty thanks for their whole-hearted entertainment during this session of the Association.

Respectfully submitted.

D. J. Mills.

Report adopted by rising vote, which was unanimous. Adjourned to meet with Orange church Thursday, before the third Sunday in October, 1926.

Rev. W. C. Taylor, Moderator, G. L. Dorman, Clerk.

W. M. U. REPORT

The annual meeting of the W. M. U. of the Suwannee Association was held with the O'Brien Baptist church October 16, 1925. The President being absent the meeting was called to order and presided over by Mrs. W. B. Lewis. The devotional service was conducted by Mrs. E. G. Diamond of Jasper, Matt. 28 being used as a basis for her remarks.

The enrollment was as follows:

Jasper, Mesdames Lawson, Stephens, M. P. Hunter, W. H. Greene, W. B. Lewis, W. A. Beaty, J. H. Corbett, B. B. Johnson, E. G. Diamond, W. H. Hinton, S. J. Hewitt and Miss Mannie Griffis.

Jennings, Mrs. J. L. McDaniel; O'Brien, Mesdames J. A. Baker, J. W. Wells, C. L. Hale and R. Lewis.

The following officers were elected: Superintendents, Mrs. E. G. Diamond, Jasper; Mrs. J. A. Baker, O'Brien. President, Mrs. S. J. Hewitt, Jasper; Vice-President, Mrs. R. W. McCall, Jennings; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. J. L. McDaniel, Jensings; Young People's Leader, Miss R. A. Brown.

One minute talks from the different societies were given which showed an increasing interest in the work, much larger reports being given than in the previous year's work,

Mrs. McDaniel spoke on the 1925 Program, what it means and how it has proven to be a test of our ability to work together for carrying out Christ's great commission.

Mrs. J. H. Corbett read a paper which was very spiritual and uplifting. The subject of this paper was "How to Pray."

The Union being pressed for time, we were forced to adjourn earlier than usual. Mrs. W. M. Greene made the closing prayer.

Mrs. W. B. Lewis, Chairman, Mrs. J. L. McDaniel, Secretary.

HISTORICAL TABLE .

Date, Church, Moderator, Clerk, Preached Introductory Sermon (reading straight across.)

1876, Antioch, Rev. B. D. Harrell, R. F. Rogers, Rev. J. R. Kimbrew.

1877, Mt. Pleasant, Rev. M. A. Clonts, R. F. Rogers, Rev. J. G. Taylor.

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1880, Mt. Pleasant, Rev. D. F. Ward, J. M. Caldwell, Rev. R. W. Phillips.

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1885, Piquet Lake, Rev. W. B. High, J. W. Grantham, Rev. J. W. Grantham.

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1888, Half Moon Lake, Rev. B. D. Harrell, W. C. Johnson, Rev. F. W. Wells.

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1890, Clayland, Rev. W. J. Carroll, H. C. Sealey, Rev. W. J. Carroll

1891, Hatch Bend, Rev. B. D. Harrell, C. L. Mills, Rev. T J. Kelly.

1892, Mt. Pisgah, Rev. J. F. Tatum, R. A. Reid.

1893, Rocky Sink, Rev. B. D. Harrell, R. A. Reid, Rev. E. B. Mills.

1894, Tiger Lake, Rev. R. W. Phillips, R. A. Reid, Rev. B. D. Harrell.

1895, Friendship, Rev. R. W. Phillips, R. A. Reid, Rev. W. C. Lee.

. 1896, Mt. Olive, Rev. R. W. Phillips, R. A. Reid, Rev. J. J. Holmes.

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1898, O'Brien, Rev. B. D. Harrell, C. L. Mills, Rev. W. C. Lee. 1899, Live Oak, W. S. Hodge, C. L. Mills, Rev. J. F. Tatum.

1900, Antioch, W. S. Hodge, C. L. Mills, Rev. A. J. Reamy.

1901, Mt. Gilead, W. S. Hodge, C. L. Mills, Rev. B. M. Bean.

1902, Union, Rev. J. F. Tatum, W. W. Leggett, Rev. L. D. Geiger.

1903, Evergreen, J. R. Newlan, C. L. Mills, Rev. J. F. Tatum.

1904, Philadelphia, J. R. Newlan, R. R. Brown, Rev. F. C. Edwards.

1905, Clayland, J. R. Newland, R. R. Brown, Rev. J. S. Parker.

1906, Live Oak, Rev. B. D. Harrell, R. R. Brown, Rev. E. H. Reynolds, Sr.

1907, Jennings, Rev. B. A. Gigger, W. H. Mills, Dr. G. A. Nunnally.

1908, Orange, Rev. B. A. Gigger, S. D. Huggins, Rev. A. J. York.

1909, O'Brien, Rev. B. A. Gigger, S. D. Huggins, Rev. W. H. Holmes.

1910, Antioch, Rev. J. R. Wells, S. D. Huggins, Rev. F. H. Watkins.

1911, Rocky Sink, Rev. A. J. York, H. B. Brown, Rev. F. H. Watkins.

1912, Antioch, Rev. A. J. York, R. J. Allen, Rev. W. R. Ivey. 1913, Jasper, Rev. A. J. York, R. J. Allen, Rev. H. A. Jordan.

1914, Jennings, Rev. A. J. York, R. J. Allen, Rev. J. B. Dixon.

1915, Philadelphia, Rev. A. J. York, R. J. Allen, Dr. W. B. Parshley.

1916, Tiger Lake, Rev. A. J. York, R. J. Allen, Rev. H. A. Jordan.

1917, Antioch, Rev. T. L. Peacock, G. L. Dorman, Rev. A. B. Canady.

1918, Mt. Olive, Rev. A. J. York, G. L. Dorman, Rev. Gus Padget.

1919, Clayland, Rev. A. J. York, G. L. Dorman, Rev. S. B. Cole.

1920, Beulah, Rev. A. J. York, G. L. Dorman, Rev. J. A.

Davis.

1921, Jasper, Rev. E. R. Wise, G. L. Dorman, Rev. W. C. Taylor.

1922, Tiger Lake, Rev. E. R. Wise, G. L. Dorman, Rev. P. A. Roberts.

1923, Mt. Gilead, Rev. W. C. Taylor, G. L. Dorman, Rev. W. C. Taylor.

1924, Jasper, Rev. W. C. Taylor, G. L. Dorman, Rev. W. W.

1925, O'Brien, Rev. W. C. Taylor, G. L. Dorman, Rev. E. G. Diamond.

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