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F. M. PINKSTON,						•	CLERK.
W. H. PINHOLSTER,							TREASURER.

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#### ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Introductory Sermon.

Called the Association to order.

Singing and prayer. Invite visiting brothers to seats with us.

Call for letters and reading of the same.

Election of officers.

6. Petitionary letters called for.

7. Appointment of committees. 1. Committee on Preaching.

2. Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons.
3. Committee on Nominations.
4. Committee on Missions.
5. Committee on Finance.

Committee on Sunday Schools. Committee on Publications.

Committee on Temperance. 8. Call for Executive Committee of last year.

Call for Treasurer's report of last year. 10. Call for other committees.

11. Call for reading of circular-letter.

12. Call for an adjournment.

#### ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POST. OFFICES.

S. S. BrownStark, Fla.	J. A. LewisStark, Fla. Wm. F. Malphurs,Stark, Fla.
J. O. Kelly Stark, Fla.	U. RobertLate Butler, Fla. L. DeesProvidence, Fla.

#### MINUTES.

#### FIRST DAY.

NOVEMBER 10th, 1882.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder K. Chambers, from 66th Psalm, 5th verse, and first clause: "Come and see the works of God."

After thirty minutes intermission for refreshments, the Association was called to order by the former Moderator. A hymn was sung and prayer offered by Elder Wm. F. Malphurs.

1st. Letters were called for, and received nine from the following churches, when brethren L. W. Kickliter and P. H. Cason were called on th read the same, and the Clerk enrolled their names as follows:

Antioch Church—N. J. Barry and B. Wiggins.
Bradford Church—John E. Hill and Stephen Hague.
Bethel Church—Jo. D. Ward.
First Baptist Church—Joseph Thomas.
Kingsley Lake Church—L. W. Kickliter and A. Strickland.
Mount Sinai Church—Wm. F. Malphurs and W. G. Green.
New River Church—D. M. Delk and Ira W. Pinholster.

Santafee Pond Church-J. B. and P. H. Casons, J. W. Sutan, and N. Geiger.

Sardis Church-F. M. Pinkston and J. I. DuBose.

2nd. On motion, to go into election of officers by acclamation. The

Association then proceeded to the election of said officers.
On motion, Elder Wm. F. Malphurs re-elected Moderator.
On motion, F. M. Pinkston was re-elected Clerk.

On motion, W. H. Pinholster was re-elected Treasurer.

3rd. On motion, adopted the order of business.

4th. Called for petitionary letters. None received.
5th. On motion, that Rev. Basil M. Pack be received as Sunday School Missionary of the American Baptist Publication Society. Ad-

dress, Jacksonville, Fla.

6th. Call for visitors from other Associations, and received Elder K. Chambers, of Beulah Association; Revs. B. M. Pack and Jesse Thomas, of Santa Fe Association; Elder G. W. Glison and brother Samuel Timmons, of St. John's Association; Elder L. C. Musick, from Missouri, of Bare Creek Association; Elder B. H. Deighmond, from New York, of Catteraugus Association.

7th. The Moderator proceeded to the appointment of committees,

as follows:

1st. Committee on Preaching-N. J. Barry, D. M. Delk, A. Strickland; with the deacons of the church.

2nd. Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons--Joseph Thomas, Noah Geiger, John E. Hill.

3rd. Committee on Nominations-P. H. Cason, W. G. Green, D. D.

4th. Committee on Missions--L. W. Kickliter, Stephen Hague, G. W.

5th. Committee on Finance-Ira W. Pinholster, J. J. DuBose, D. D. Ward.

6th. Committee on Sunday Schools-Joseph Thomas, B. Wiggins,

7th. Committee on Publications-Noah Geiger, J. B. Cason, D. M

8th. Committee on Temperance-B. Wiggins, P. H. Cason, W. G. Green.

Called for report of Executive Committee. Not ready. Called for report of Treasurer. Not ready. Called for reports of other committees.

#### Report of Committee on Preaching.

We, your Committee on Preaching, beg leave to report as follows: That brother Glison will preach at brother N. Geiger's to-night at early candle light, to be followed by brother Deighmond. N. J. BARRY, Chairm an

On motion, adopted.

On motion, the meeting then adjourned until 9 o'clock Monday

A hymn was sur g and prayer offered by Elder Wm. F. Malphurs.

#### SABBATH EXERCISES.

Met according to previous arrangement in the church cemetery, at the grave of Elder Silas Weeks, to erect a tomb-stone over his silent dust.

There was appropriate singing, then prayer by Elder K. Chambers, after which brother Chambers delivered the eulogy, using Matthew 25th chapter and 14th verse for a foundation.

The occasion was sublimely grand and solemn, with Elder Chambers standing at the grave of a fallen comrade that did for many years stand side by side with him under the victorious banner of King Jesus, bettling for right, fighting the good, fight, of faith, and thrilling the battling for right, fighting the good fight of faith, and thrilling the heart of the many spectators as he referred to the piety, zeal and fidelity of brother Weeks as one of the blessed subjects embraced in the text, that shall shine forth as the sun forever in the Kingdom of the Father. He then closed by reading appropriate poetry for the occa-

The Missionary Sermon was delivered in the house by Elder L. C. Musick, from the 20th chapter and 14th verse of Matthew, after which a hymn was sung and a collection for Missions taken up, amounting

There was also preaching at the stand by Elder B. H. Deighmond.

#### SECOND DAY.

NOVEMBER 12th, 1882.

Met pursuant to adjournment. The Association was called to order by the Moderator, a hymn was sung, and prayer offered by brother J. B. Cason. The business was resumed.

1. Call for letters of this Association.

2. Call for petitionary letters.

3. Invited visiting brethren to seats with us.

4. Call for report of the Executive Committee for the closing Associational year.

#### Report of Executive Committee.

We, the Executive Committee for the past Associational year, have not employed any Missionary, as we have not been able to collect Missionary funds, with the exception of \$2.40. Your Committee have agreed to recommend that the pastor of each church in this Association instruct the deacons of each church to get up subscriptions, or money if possible, as much as they can between now and the first of April next, and send the same to the chairman of the Executive Committe, and if the Missionary thinks he can take the missionary field on such terms we will send one; if not, we can't. We also request that the present Committee be relieved and a new one appointed. All of which is respectfully submitted,

B. WIGGINS, IRA W. PINHOLSTER, J. B. CASON.

On motion, adopted.

#### Report of the Treasurer.

In the treasury from last year Collection taken up on Sunday	\$ 8 00 18 03
Total	
	W. H. Pinholster, Ireasurer.
On motion adopted	

#### Report of Committee on Preaching.

We, your Committee, have had the same under consideration, and recommend that brother Musick preach at 11 o'clock, and brother K. Chambers follow, and close. All of which is respectfully submitted,

On motion, adopted.

N. J. BARRY, Chairman.

#### Report of Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons.

We, your Committee, have had the same under consideration, and with hearts lifted with gratitude and praise to the merciful God for

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His kind providence in sparing the lives of our standard-bearers and deacons to see the close of another Associational year, all of which we submit as our report, exclaiming, oh! that all may praise the Lord for His goodness and wonderful works to the children of men.

JOSEPE THOMAS, Chairman.

On motion, adopted.

On motion, a few moments were spent in devotional exercises to the Lord for His blessings toward us, a hymn was sung, and prayer offered by brother K. Chambers.

#### Report of Committee on Nominations.

We, your Committee, have had the same under consideration, and do recommend that Elder L. W. Kickliter preach the next Introductory sermon, W. F. Malphurs, alternate; and that Elder W. F. Malphurs preach the Missionary sermon, and L. W. Kickliter, alternate. We also recommend that the next Association be held with Bradford church, Bradford county, Fla., on Saturday before the second Sunday in November, 1883.

Respectfully submitted.

P. H. Cason, Chairman.

On motion, adopted.

#### Report of Committee on Missions.

We, your Committee, submit the following: Upon examination we find that there has been nothing done the past year in trying to supply the destitution within the bounds of our Association, and in view of the fact that the Association is short of ministerial aid, and also of the fact that the destitution within our bounds are very great. And in view of the above facts your Committee are at a loss for a plan that in their judgment would be successful to recommend to your honorable body. But feeling that this does not excuse us from making an effort, we would therefore recommend that there be an Executive Committee appointed, whose duty it shall be to co-operate with the ministers and churches, and endeavor to adopt some plan that would sustain a Missionary in the field at least a part of the year if not al!, and that what money has been sent up by the churches and has been collected from other sources for Missions, be expended for that only. And by all means, let earnest prayers be made for Missions, without which we can do nothing. Brethren, let us enter upon this work depending upon the promises of God, if we do, we believe that we will be successful.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

L. W. KICKLITER, Chairman.

On motion, adopted. Adjourned.

The Association was called to order at 2 o'clock. A hymn was sung and prayer offered by brother Joseph Thomas.

#### Report of Finance Committee.

We, your Committee, beg leave to report as follows:		
Amount in Treasury	\$ 8	00
Collected on Sunday	. 10	UO
Sent up from the churches.	. 25	11

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	No. of Minutes.	For Home Mis'ns.	For Association.	Am't for Minutes.	Total.
Antioch. Bethel. Bradford. Kingsley Lake. Mt. Sinal New River Santa Fe Pond. Stark. Sardis	15	1 00 2 55 50 1 40 1 00	50 15	50 1 50 1 50 1 50 2 50	1 00 2 50 4 05 2 50 4 05 3 77 1 00
No. of churches, 9.	140	\$ 6 45	\$ 4 62	\$14 05	\$25 12

Respectfully submitted.

IRA W. PINHOLSTER, Chairman.

On motion, adopted.

#### Report of Committee on Sunday Schools.

We, your Committee, are sorry to say that we find nothing on which to base a report by the letters read before this body. We find that there is not one school reported. This is truly a sad picture that is presented to us, and we do feel that we should blush to have to report that the New River Association in this highly favored land at this enlightened day, with all the means to carry forward this most glorious work, did not report one school in connection with this Association.

Therefore, to remedy this truly sad state that now exists in our

midst, be it

Resolved 1st. We regard the Sunday School as one of the greatest
means that God has placed in our hands for the building up of His
church, and the conversion of our children and friends, and the good
of the community.

2nd. That we earnestly solicit every church belonging to this Asso-

On motion, we, as delegates, brothers and sisters, do pledge ourselves

to do what we can this year for missions.

On motion, an Investigating Committee was elected to investigate the cause why the churches are not represented, which was as follows: Brethren P H. Cason, F. M. Pinkston and D. D. Ward.

On motion, adjourned to meet with Bradford church, on Saturday

before the second Sunday in November, 1883.

After singing and taking the parting hands, and prayer by L. C. Musick, closed in order.

WM. F. MALPHURS. Moderator

F. M. PINKSTON, Clerk.

ciation to organize a school at once and begin the noble work of training our children and neighbors for Jesus.

3. Every church having organized a school is recommended to send up each year to this body the statistics of the school, as well as of the church, and that they also be recommended to send delegates and statistics to the Baptist Sunday School Conventions when they may meet, and that we do all in our power to advance this glorious cause, and bring about a better state of things during the coming year. All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH THOMAS, Chairman.

On motion, adopted. Called for Report on Publications.

#### Report on Publications.

We, your Committee, have had the same under consideration, and recommend to the Association and the brotherhood generally The CHRISTIAN INDEX, published at Atlanta, Ga., and the American Baptist, published at Chattanooga, Tenn., as being two of the best religious journals we know of. We also recommend the publications of the American Baptist Publication Society, at Philadelphia, Pa., as being the best collection of printed matter we know of for Sunday Schools, and also the American Baptist Flag, published at St. Louis, Mo.

Respectfully, N. Geiger, Chairman,

On motion, adopted.

Called for Report on Temperance.

#### Report of Committee on Temperance.

We, your Committee, have had the same under consideration, and find that money paid in the United States for alcoholic drink amounts to over \$600,000,000, and the amount contributed for religious and benevolent purposes to about \$50,000,000. If the \$600,000,000 of money paid for liquor could be used for religious purposes the cause of Christ would be promoted instead of robbed. We recommend that this Association abstain from all manner of strong drink as a beverage, and that we work in the missionary cause.

Respectfully submitted, P. H. CASON, Chairman.

On motion, adopted.

On motion, the Clerk draw out of the treasury enough money to pay for as many Minutes as the churches want.

On motion, \$25.00 of the mission funds be kept for missionary pur-

poses, and the rest be paid to the Clerk for his services.
On motion, brethren H. C. Parker, N. Geiger and R. Cason, act as Executive Committee for this Associational year.

Called for the reading of the Circular Letter—there was none pre

On motion, brother Wm. F. Malphurs to prepare and read a Circu-

lar Letter at the next session of this body.

On motion, the third article in the Constitution was changed to read in excess of twenty-five instead of fifty.

Resolved. That the thanks of this body are eminently due, and are hereby, tendered to this church and many friends of this vicinity for their liberal hospitality toward us during our stay at this meeting.

On motion, adopted:

#### STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

By Elder Wm. F. Malphurs.—1st. Any brother in good standing in any church in this Association presenting a copy of these Minutes to any of our correspondents, will be recognized by us as a corresponding messenger to such correspondent.

2d. We view the traffic of intoxicating drinks to be an enormous sin, and recommend all our members to abstain from the sale or use of

them as a beverage.

3d. We respectfully request the churches of this Union to send such representatives as will make the best counselors, and who will be willing to stay in session long enough to do the business properly.

#### THE CONSTITUTION OF THE NEW RIVER MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

I. This Association shall be called the New River Missionary Baptist

II. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the constituent churches to represent them, who must produce letters from their respective churches certifying their election, to entitle them to

seats, and such letters must give the statistics of the church.

III. Each church in the Union shall be entitled to two representatives, and one additional representative for every twenty-five members

in excess of twenty-five.

IV. Churches not connected with any other body, and desiring ad mission into this Union, shall petition by letter and representatives, and if found orthodox and in order, they shall be received by a vote of the Association in their favor, and the Moderator giving their representatives the right hand of fellowship.

V. This Association shall have a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer,

who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

VI. The Association shall be governed while in session by regular and proper rules of order, and every motion made and seconded shall command the attention of the Association, unless withdrawn by the

VII. Every query presented must be from Church or Scripture authority, and fairly stated in writing, and shall not be taken under con-

VIII. The Association shall furnish the churches in the Union with the Minutes of its proceedings, provided that the churches send up money to pay for the same, but each constituent church shall have at least one copy of each session.

IX. This Association shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe upon the internal rights of the churches in the

Union.

X. This Association shall have power

1. To provide for the union of the churches by the promotion of

brotherly love. 2. To preserve inviolable, a chain of communion among the

3. To give the churches the best advice possible in cases of diffi-

4. To inquire into the causes why any church in the Union fails at

any time to represent itself in the Association.

5. To withdraw from any church in the Union which shall violate any rule of the Association, or deviate from the orthodox principles of religion.

6. To advocate and cherish a missionary spirit, and encourage the

universal spread of the gospel and practical religion. 7. To invite correspondents and visiting brethren to seats when in session, who shall be entitled to all privileges except voting and serving on committees.

8. To appoint any member or members, by and with his or their con-

sent, to any business it may deem necessary.

9. To dispose of her bounty for any purpose deemed proper. 10. To adjourn to any time and place most profitable to the cause and convenient to the churches composing this Union.

#### RULES OF DECORUM.

- 1. The sessions of this Association shall open and close with prayer. 2. The letters from the constituent churches shall be read and the names of their representatives enrolled.
- The Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer shall be elected by ballot.
   The Moderator shall preserve order, explain and put questions, and when speaking upon a matter under debate shall call some member to the chair, and in case of a tie give the casting vote.
- 5. The Clerk shall keep a complete record of the proceedings of each meeting, and in the absence of the Moderator, shall call the Association to order and preside until a Moderator pro tem. is elected.
- 6. The Treasurer shall be the proper custodian of all Associational funds, which shall be at the control of the body.
- 7. Every motion made and seconded shall be open for discussion. 8. Every person wishing to speak shall rise and address the Moderator, and confine himself strictly to the subject, and not speak more than twice upon the same subject without leave from the Moderator, and shall make no unkind allusion while speaking.

9. No business shall be transacted without a quorum, which shall consist of the number present at the hour to which the meeting ad-

10. When a question is under debate no motion shall be received except to adjourn, lay on the table, to amend, indefinitely postpone, refer to a committee, or otherwise, or call for a previous question. Any member voting in the majority on any subject may move a reconsideration at any time during the session.

11 No member shall leave the meeting without leave of the Mod-

12. These rules of decorum may be amended at any annual season of the Association by a majority vote of the members present.

13. Rules not specially providen for shall be governed by parliamentary usage.

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#### ARTICLES OF FAITH.

ARTICLE 1. We believe that the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired, and is a perfect treasury 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 the world in righteousness; and, therefore, it is and shall forever remain the true centre of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and opinions shall be trie.

ART. 2. We believe that there is one and only one living and true God, whose name is Jehovah, the maker and supreme ruler of the universe, inexpressibly glorious in holiness worthy of all possible honor, confidence and love revealed under the personal and relative distinctions of Father, Son and Holy Ghost, equal in every divine perfection and executing harmonious offices in the great work of redemp-

ART. 3. We believe in the total depravity of the human heart, and that the natural state of man is such that he cannot prepare himself for divine favor without the assisting grace of God enabling him to act according to the good pleasure of His divine will.

ART. 4. We believe in the election according to the foreknowledge of God through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth, and that God alone by His Spirit, through His Son and with His word regenerates the soul of man.

ART. 5. We believe in justification by faith, which gives peace

through our Lord Jesus Christ.

ART. 6. We believe the Gospel of Christ is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believes, and, therefore, should be preached to every creature, that the purpose of God according to election might stand.

ART. 7. We believe that all who obey the gospel and are regenerated by the power of God, are elected to eternal life in Christ, and are made heirs of God and joint heirs with our Lord Jesus Christ, and that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time, and that not one of them will be lost.

ART. 8. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and their spiritual design is to exemplify the death and suffering, burial and resurrection of Him, and that in baptism there are three essentials, viz: first, a proper subject; second, a proper mode; third, a proper administrator; and that a proper subject is one who has been begotten with the Word and born of the Spirit; and that the only proper mode is by immersion of such subjects in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and proper administrators only those who have been duly called and come under the imposition of the hands of the presbytery.

ART. 9. We believe that the Lord's Supper was instituted by our Lord Jesus Christ to be commemorated by His followers, and that none but baptized believers have any Scripture right to partake thereof.

ART. 10. We believe that a visible Church of Christ is a congrega-

ART. 10. We believe that a visible Church of Christ is a congregation of baptized believers associated by a covenant in the faith and fellowship of the gospel, observing the ordinances of Christ, governed by His laws and exercising the gifts, rights and privileges invested in them by His Word.

ART. 11. We believe and acknowledge Jesus Christ to be the Great Head of the Church, and the only given that the government under Him is with the body, and is the privilege of each individual member,

that spiritual discipline with an eye single to the glory of God must greatly conduce to the final prosperity and union of the Church.

ART. 12. We believe that infants and idiots are saved, and saved alone by the meditation of Christ.

ART. 13. We believe that the first day of the week is the Lord's day or Christian Sabbath, and is to be kept sacred to religious duties by abstaining from all secular labor and sinful recreation, by the devout observance of all the means of grace, both public and private, and by preparation for that rest that remaineth for the people of God.

ART. 14. We believe that the end of this world is approaching; that at the last day Christ will descend from heaven and raise the dead from the graves for final retribution; that a solemn separation will then take place; that the wicked will go away into an everlasting punishment, and the righteous into life eternal.

# CHURCH STATISTICS.

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DELEGATES.	N. J. Barry, B. Wiggins. D. P. Hill. S. Hagen. D. W. Weller, A. Strickland. L. W. Edshiter, A. Strickland. D. W. T. Malpurs, W. G. Green. D. M. Delk, Ira W. Ph. Gener. F. M. Prikston, J. I. Dubose. J. Thomas. J. Thomas. Not represented.
GLERKS,	H. C. Parker. D. Lynn J. R. Thomas, J. W. Strictland B. Thomas, I. W. Pinholster S. N. Geiger J. I. Dubofe J. Thomas D. Norton J. H. More. L. Parrish D. L. Parrish E. Caron W. Andrews S. T. Weeks.
PASTORS.	B. H. Moceley A. Crosby W. F. Malphurs None B. H. Moceley None None None None None None None
POST-OFFICES.	LaCross Lake Buter Providence. Stark Stark Stark Stark Stark Stark Stark Duton Clark Lake Buter Lake Buter Lake Buter Lake Buter Rayn Newnasylie Stark Waldo
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