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MINUTES

—OF THE—

Sixteenth Anniversary

—OF THE—

NEW RIVER MISSIONARY
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH THE

Antioch Church,
November 12, 13 and 14, 1887.

OFFICERS:

REV. W. F. MALPHURS, MODERATOR,
REV. W. G. PATTERSON, CLERK,
W. H. PINHOLSTER, TREASURER.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

J. THOMAS, N. W. MALPHURS, I. W. PINHOLSTER, R. CASON,
T. C. CARROL, W. H. PINHOLSTER, N. GEIGER.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Call the Association to order.
3. Singing and prayer.
4. Reading letters and enrollment of messengers.
5. Election of officers, moderator, clerk and treasurer.
6. Inviting visiting brethren to seats.
7. Call for correspondence from other Associations.
8. Call for petitionary letters.
9. Appointment of committees.
10. Reports of committees.
11. Call for executive committee of last year.
12. Call for treasurer's report.
13. Call for other committees.
14. Appointment of messengers to State Convention.
15. Miscellaneous business.
16. Adjournment.

COMMITTEES.

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| I. | On preaching. | VI. | On Sunday Schools. |
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MINISTERS' DIRECTORY.

Rev. B. R. Mosely,	LaCrosse, Fla.
Rev. A. Crosby,	Ziff, Fla.
Rev. W. F. Malphurs,	Ziff, Fla.
Rev. J. J. Clark,	Worthington, Fla.
Rev. L. W. Kickliter,	Starke, Fla.
Rev. Robert Keith,	"
Rev. W. G. Patterson,	"

LICENTIATES.

J. R. Sloan,	LaCrosse, Fla.
N. J. Berry,	"
J. B. Cason,	Hampton, Fla.

CHURCH CLERKS.

J. H. Moore,	Starke, Florida.
W. W. Murree,	"
Tate Powell, M. D.,	"
J. W. F. Prevatt,	"
I. W. Pinholster,	"
W. W. Carter,	LaCrosse, Fla.
Daniel Lynn,	"
J. M. Malphurs,	Ziff, Fla.
J. J. Dubose,	Worthington, Fla.
P. H. Cason,	Hampton, Fla.
A. Crosby,	Ziff, Fla.
J. H. Manning,	Baldwin, Fla.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS.

Prof. M. A. Clark,	Starke, Fla.
Mr. J. H. Roebuck,	LaCrosse, Fla.

No others reported. Please report next year Sunday School Statistics in full.

MINUTES

OF THE SIXTEENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NEW RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

The New River Baptist Association met at 11 a. m., Nov. 12th, 1887, with the Antioch Church. After singing, the Scriptures were read and prayer offered by Rev. A. Crosby. Bro. Crosby then preached the Introductory Sermon from 2 Tim. 1:11-16-17. After which one hour and thirty minutes was taken for refreshments.

AFTERNOON SESSION—1:30 O'CLOCK.

The Moderator called the Association to order and read the 37th Psalm. The congregation sang a hymn, and prayer was offered by Rev. R. W. Jones. The Clerk being absent, Rev. W. G. Patterson of Starke was chosen to act pro. tem.

The letters from the churches were then called for by the Moderator, and read by Revs. B. R. Mosely and S. S. Proctor. Messengers from the following churches being present were enrolled:

Santa Fe Pond—Deacon J. B. Cason.
Dedan—Rev. W. F. Malphurs, Rev. A. Crosby.
Antioch—N. W. Malphurs, D. J. Dinkins, J. W. Harris, J. A. Celon.
New River—T. C. Carrol, I. W. Pinholster, C. J. Bryant, W. H. Pinholster.
Kingsley Lake—J. W. F. Prevatt, L. D. Prevatt.
Pleasant Grove—J. H. Cason, R. Cason.
Starke—Revs. W. G. Patterson, L. W. Kickliter, Deacons J. Thomas, N. Geiget.
Bradford—H. O. Barry, C. A. Butler.
Mount Zion—John Ellison, Samuel Godwin.
Sardis—Rev. J. J. Clark, J. J. Peeples.
Mt. Sinai—John Dyal, W. W. Murrhee.
Hope—J. H. Moore.
The officers were elected as follows:
Moderator—Rev. W. F. Malphurs. Clerk—W. G. Patterson.
Treasurer—W. H. Pinholster.
The Moderator called for correspondents and the following names were enrolled:
St. John's Association—Richard Ward.

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Santa Fe River Association—Revs. J. F. Eden, B. R. Mosely, W. N. Chaudoin, S. S. Proctor, W. L. Perry, J. H. Crosby, H. C. Parker, P. D. Vinzant, J. R. Sloan, J. L. Myers.

Petitionary Letters called for—None reported.
Rev. J. F. Eden, having to return to Gainesville before night, was heard in behalf of the DeLand University.

The Moderator then appointed the following committees:

On Preaching—Noah Geiger, Samuel Godwin, C. A. Butler, with the Pastor and Deacons of the Antioch Church
On Deceased Ministers and Deacons—J. Thomas, T. C. Carrol, H. O. Barry.

On Nominations—R. Cason, J. W. F. Prevatt, John A. Celon.

On Missions—Rev. A. Crosby, Rev. J. J. Clark, J. H. Cason.

On Finance—J. H. Moore, J. A. Celon, J. H. Cason.

On Sabbath Schools—Rev. L. W. Kickliter, T. C. Carrol, John Dyal.

On Publications—C. J. Bryant, N. W. Malphurs, J. H. Peeples.

On Temperance—Rev. L. W. Kickliter, J. B. Cason, J. D. Dinkins.

On Letters and Queries—Rev. A. Crosby, Rev. J. J. Clark, W. W. Murrhee.

During the appointment of said committees Rev. W. N. Chaudoin made an able appeal in behalf of the Florida Witness, showing the great importance of the State paper being taken by every Baptist family.

The committee on preaching and religious exercises reported as follows: Rev. N. T. King to preach in the Antioch church at 7 to-night. Rev. S. S. Proctor at LaCrosse during the same hour.

Arrangement for the Sabbath: Rev. L. W. Kickliter to preach in the Antioch church at 11 a. m., Rev. S. S. Proctor in the academy at the same hour. Mrs. Telford, for ten years a missionary in China, to address the women and children on "Woman's Work in China," at 3 p. m.
Further announcements on the Sabbath.

The report was adopted.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet Monday at 9 a. m. The congregation was dismissed by singing the doxology and prayer by Rev. W. N. Chaudoin. W. F. MALPHURS, Moderator.

A BRIEF REPORT OF THE SATURDAY NIGHT AND SUNDAY SERVICES.

Saturday night at 7 o'clock Rev. S. S. Proctor preached an interesting discourse at LaCrosse from Heb. 12, 1-2. At the same hour Rev. N. L. King was heard with marked attention

in the Antioch church. Lord's Day, morning at 11 o'clock, Rev. W. N. Chaudoin filled the appointment of Rev. L. W. Kickliter, and preached the missionary sermon from Psalm 142-4. The clause: "No man cared for my soul." Outline: I. We have souls. Many persons do not realize it. II. Our souls need to be cared for, for two reasons. 1st. Because they are very valuable. 2d. Because of their great danger. If the earth was one solid lump of gold, it is not sufficient to redeem a single soul. III. Souls are not cared for as their danger and value demand.

The indictment proved: 1st. If we cared for our souls as we ought, we would think more about them. 2d. If we did we would talk more about them. The heart's anxieties bring the tongue under tribute to it. 3d. We do not care for souls as their danger and value demand or we would work and toil more and make greater sacrifices for them. What are we willing to do for souls? How much more do we give annually to God than to Caesar? Application: The only beings in the universe who do not care for souls are careless souls. God the Father cares. Jesus cares. Let Gethsemane and Calvary testify. God the Spirit cares. Angels and redeemed spirits care. Satan and lost spirits care. The redeemed on earth care, though not as much as they should. Silent prayer. After which the usual missionary collection was taken. In the church \$16.06, in the academy \$4.61, at Sister Telford's p. m. meeting 2.75; total \$23.42. An additional collection was taken to help liquidate a debt of \$50.00, on the new, commodious and handsome building lately erected by the Antioch church, \$11.75.

Rev. S. S. Proctor preached a very instructive discourse in the academy. Text: Mark 1-16. Theme: "The Gospel." Sister Telford's address in the afternoon, especially for the benefit of the women and children, and with a view to an increased interest in missions and the organization of auxiliary societies, was interesting, touching and instructive. May God crown her efforts with abundant success.

Evening service, 7 o'clock.—Rev. W. G. Patterson preached from 2 Kings, 10-15. "Is thine heart right."
Rev. W. N. Chaudoin at LaCrosse. Subject: "The Barren Fig Tree."

MONDAY, 9 A. M.

Prayer. Service for 30 minutes, led by Moderator.

The Association was then called to order and the minutes of Saturday and Sunday read and approved.

Petitionary letters called for—none reported.

Bro. Chaudoin suggested and it was

Resolved, That the Order of Business be amended by appointing a committee on education, and that committee to report at this meeting.

The resolution was adopted, and Prof. C. J. Bryant, Rev. W. N. Chaudoin, Deacon J. Thomas and Rev. L. W. Kickliter were appointed on that committee.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Committee on Nominations reported as follows:

That Rev. J. J. Clark preach the next Introductory Sermon; Rev. W. F. Malphurs alternate, and Rev. W. G. Patterson the Missionary Sermon; Rev. A. Crosby alternate. We further recommend that the next Association meet with the Mount Zion church Wednesday before the 2d Lord's day in November, 1888, at 11 a. m.

Adopted. Respectfully submitted,

R. CASON, Chairman.

Committee on Preaching announced that Rev. G. W. Hall would preach to the children at 11 a. m.

Committee on Publications. Your committee on publications submit the following report:

We are greatly pained to find so large a number of our brethren in this Association who do not supply their families with the religious reading matter necessary for a thorough acquaintance with what the Baptists are doing throughout the State; hence our churches are without the information to a large extent needed, for a prosperous, useful and growing membership. We feel it is the duty, and most earnestly recommend that every family within our bounds take the Florida Witness, and to sisters and brethren who can do more, we recommend the Foreign Mission Journal, published by our foreign Mission Board at Richmond, Va., and also that fine and sterling old journal, The Christian Index, published at Atlanta, Ga.

To our Sabbath Schools we recommend the publications of the American Baptist Publication Society of Philadelphia, Pa. Also "Kind Words" and other publications of the Southern Baptist Convention. Respectfully submitted,

C. J. BRYANT, Chm.,

N. W. MALPHURS,

J. H. PEEPLES.

Able and earnest remarks were made by Revs. W. N. Chaudoin, G. W. Hall and S. S. Proctor. They especially recommend the Witness to every Baptist in Florida.

The report was unanimously adopted.

ON MISSIONS.

We, your committee on missions, on examination, find that a missionary has been in the field a portion of the year. We recommend for the ensuing year the plan adopted last year, and also that each church be earnestly urged to contribute toward the mission fund at least 25 cents per member, and more if possible.
Respectfully submitted,
A. CROSBY, Chairman.

On motion, adjourned two hours to make room for Bro. Hall's address to the children and for refreshments.

W. F. MALPHURS, Moderator.

W. G. PATTERSON, Clerk.

NOTE—In the course of the a. m. session, Sister Telford gave an interesting talk to the women and children in the academy.

Bro. Hall began his service by reading a part of the 25th chapter of Matthew. Singing No. 853 Baptist Hymn Book and prayer. Sang another song, "Won't you be a Christian while you are young." Text, Matt. 25-40: "In as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Theme: "Doing work for Jesus." A very touching and tender address. There was scarcely a dry eye in the house when Uncle Hall at the close of his address gave the invitation, first to the children then to the parents, to come forward and give him their hands as a pledge that they would love Jesus more and serve him better. Prayer by Bro. Chaudoin and the meeting was dismissed, with the benediction, for refreshments.

AFTERNOON SESSION—2 O'CLOCK.

The Moderator called the Association to order. Sang a hymn, and prayer was offered by the Clerk.

The Report on Missions was then taken up and discussed by Revs. Chaudoin, Proctor, Eden, Mosely, A. Crosby, the Moderator and Kickliter, all advocating advanced steps in the work of missions. The report was adopted.

ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your committee on Sunday Schools submit the following report: We find from the letters to the Association, that few schools reported. We see, however, from last year's report that there are several Baptist schools within our limits. Therefore we recommend that a Sunday School convention be organized in this Association, and further, that the executive

committee be empowered to fix the time and place and make all necessary arrangements for the holding of the first meeting of said convention. We also recommend that churches having the supervision of Sunday Schools elect the officers, and finally, we would urge upon Sunday Schools the importance of using sound Baptist literature in preference to the cheap trash afloat in the land.
Respectfully submitted,

L. W. KICKLITER, Chairman.
Remarks by Brethren Kickliter, Carrol and Eden.
Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Your committee beg leave to report as follows:
Amount sent up from the churches:

	MISSIONS.	MINUTES.
Antioch	\$	\$ 1 85
Bradford	2 00	1 50
Hope	64	1 20
Sardis		1 10
Santa Fe Pond	1 00	2 00
New River	6 20	4 00
Dedan	75	1 00
Kingsley Lake		60
North Pleasant Grove	2 75	1 50
Mount Zion		1 00
Mount Sinai	65	1 00
Starke	15 80	2 10
Missions	\$29 79	\$18 85
Sunday Collection	23 42	
Total Amount		\$72 06

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. MOORE, Chairman.

The report was adopted.

The Committee on Preaching announced that Rev. L. W. Kickliter would preach in the church to-night at 7 o'clock.

B. R. MOSELY, Chairman.

ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee on Education beg leave to submit the following report:

We are glad to note that there is quite an interest among our Florida Baptists in the moral training of their children, and feel that there is a need of greater effort on our part in this direction, and would commend to all Baptists having children whom they desire to so train, that they patronize their Home Institution of Learning, viz., DeLand University at

ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

Your committee are glad to report that the lives of all our ministers and deacons have been spared, which fact calls for love and gratitude on our part to the Great Giver of all our mercies.
Respectfully submitted,
JOSEPH THOMAS, Chairman.
Adopted.

ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee report that they feel greatly encouraged and truly thankful for what the Lord has enabled the friends of temperance to do within the last year in the temperance cause, and truly this ought to encourage us to go forward in the future with new zeal and energy, for surely the Lord our God has been with us in this great work. Brethren, let us pray and work and talk and be co-workers together in this good cause until the evil of intemperance is banished from our land.
Respectfully submitted,
L. W. KICKLITER, Chairman.

Remarks by Brethren Hall, Kickliter and Thomas.
The report was adopted.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your committee report that we find in the Treasurer's hand, for Missions and Associational purposes, \$93.69. We recommend that the Treasurer pay over to Rev. W. F. Malphurs \$40.00 for this year's mission work, and that the Clerk have the \$6.50 balance on hand from last year, the remainder to be paid over to the State Board. Respectfully submitted,
T. C. CARROL, Chairman.
Adopted.

OUR MISSIONARY'S REPORT.

To the New River Missionary Baptist Association, Greeting:

DEAR BRETHERN:—As your humble servant I hereby render an account of my stewardship as your missionary. Have made on the field 761 miles of travel, preached 68 sermons, baptized 11 and collected \$7.81.

Permit me, dearly beloved in Christ Jesus, to urge upon your consideration the importance of mission work, knowing that the spirit of missions is the spirit of Christ, and therefore beyond all question the cause is His, and should engage the attention of every mind and heart, and occupy in some way the helping hand, of every redeemed penitent. Our blessed Redeemer, who came from heaven to earth, according to the will of God the Father on a mission to save souls and set up an everlasting kingdom, has committed this important work to us, in his

DeLand, Florida, the same being the property of the Florida Baptist Convention, chartered as such by the Legislature. Its location is one of the best in the State. At present there are two buildings and a dormitory, or boarding department, with large and beautiful buildings, on an elevated plat of four acres of ground. "Stetson Hall," the dormitory, was built mainly by Mr. Stetson, a hat merchant in Philadelphia, a wealthy Baptist and a property holder in DeLand. This property is worth from \$20,000 to \$30,000 and \$10,000 in money is the gift of Bro. H. A. DeLand and others to us—the Baptists of Florida—upon the single condition that we add \$10,000 to it. The University is now in successful operation with a full and able faculty, and offers advantages to male and female students equal to any that may be found elsewhere.
Respectfully submitted,
C. J. BRYANT, Chairman.

The report was discussed by Revs. Chaudoin, Eden, Kickliter and the Moderator.

A subscription was opened with the following result:

Rev. L. W. Kickliter contributes 10 acres of land.

Deacon Noah Geiger contributes 10 acres of land.

Rev. A. Crosby will give land or money.

The following gave notes:

Rev. W. G. Patterson	.....	\$10 00
" J. J. Clark	.....	5 00
" W. H. Pinholster	.....	5 00
" L. C. Carrol	.....	5 00
" Samuel Godwin	.....	5 00
" Madison Sparkman (cash)	.....	5 00
Prof. C. J. Bryant (cash)	.....	2 00
Total	.....	\$37 00

The report was adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance over from last year	.....	\$6 50
Collections at Ministers and Deacons' Unions	.....	15 13
Sent up from the churches for Missions	.....	29 79
" " " Minutes	.....	18 85
Collected at the Association	.....	23 42
Total amount	.....	\$93 69

Yours respectfully,
W. H. PINHOLSTER.

ON LETTERS AND QUERIES.

Your committee report no Queries sent up.
Adopted.
A. CROSBY, Chairman.

command, go and preach the Gospel to every creature. Let me then suggest in the first instance, that the sad destitution of our own Associational territory, demands more earnest, united and persistent efforts on our part to supply our people with the bread of life, and to press the sweet Rose of Sharon to every heart. If we will each one do what we can toward bringing all the "tithes" into the "store house" (money, time, talents,) then indeed will the "word of the Lord be sounded out" from the New River churches "into the regions round about" and even beyond the seas. Very respectfully,

Your humble missionary,

W. F. MALPHURS,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Clerk be authorized to draw on the Treasurer for the amount sent up by the churches for the printing of the minutes. The motion carried.

VOTE OF THANKS.

Resolved, That this body return their sincere thanks to this community for their bountiful hospitality during the meeting of the Association, and it is our earnest prayer that God may bless you all with every needed blessing in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Adopted.

Resolved, That the Moderator and Clerk compose a committee to revise the Constitution and Articles of Faith of the New River Association. Adopted.

The messengers of the Association to the State Convention were then appointed: Revs. A. Crosby, W. F. Malphurs, J. J. Clark, L. W. Kickliter, Brethren J. H. Roebuck, N. W. Malphurs, Deacon J. Thomas, T. C. Carrol, H. O. Barry, W. G. Patterson.

APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

J. Thomas, T. C. Carrol, N. W. Malphurs, W. H. Pinholster, I. W. Pinholster, N. Geiger, R. Cason.

DISTRICTS OF M. AND D. UNION.

- 1st. Antioch, Bradford, Mt. Sinai, and North Pleasant Grove.
- 2d. Dedan, New River and Sardis.
- 3d. Hope, Santa Fe Pond and Starke.
- 4th. Harmony, Deep Creek and Kingsley Lake.

The committee on subjects for the M. & D. U. reported six subjects for discussion, and recommended that the Moderator and Clerk arrange the programme for the ensuing year.

PROGRAMME FOR M. & D. U.

First Quarter—The Union will meet with the New River Church, District No. 2, Jan. 28th, 1888. Subject considered: "God's sovereignty in connection with man's accountability." Opened by Rev. W. F. Malphurs.

Second Quarter—The Union will meet with the Antioch Church of the 1st District on the 28th day of April, 1888. Subject: "Contrast the greatness of God in the creation of all things by the word of His power, with the redemption of man by the blood of Christ." Opened by Rev. W. G. Patterson.

Third Quarter—The Union will meet with the Sardis Church, of the 2d District, on the 28th day of July, 1888. Subjects: 1st. "What are the Scriptural duties of a Deacon." Opened by Rev. A. Crosby. 2d. "Consider the change of the Sabbath from the 7th to the 1st day of the week, and the Divine authority for the same." Opened by Rev. W. G. Patterson.

Fourth Quarter—The Union will meet with the Starke Church, of the 3d District, on the 29th day of September, 1888. Subject:—"Do the Scriptures warrant a belief that a man may attain to sinless perfection in the flesh." Opened by Rev. L. W. Kickliter.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the executive committee make all necessary arrangements for the calling of a Sunday School convention provided for by this body, and report to the Clerk at an early date the time and place of meeting. Adopted.

The minutes were then read, amended and adopted.

On motion, adjourned to meet with the Mt. Zion Church, Wednesday before the 2d Lord's Day in November A. D. 1888, at 11 o'clock a. m.

Remarks by the Moderator and the closing prayer by Rev. J. J. Clark.

W. F. MALPHURS, Moderator.

W. G. PATTERSON, Clerk.

P. S.—The executive committee met in Starke December 3d and appointed January 27th, 1888, at 11 a. m. as the time, and the New River Church as the place of meeting, for the purpose of organizing a Sunday School Convention, and they earnestly request that each church of the Association send their pastor and one or more delegates, together with the officers and teachers of their Sunday School, and any others in the church or Sunday School who may desire to come, to advise and assist in this work. If possible, let every church in the Association be represented, and where a school is in existence, let the pastor, superintendent or one of the delegates bring the statistics, &c.

J. THOMAS, Chairman.

CONSTITUTION

—OF THE—

NEW RIVER MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be known as the New River Missionary Baptist Association, and shall be composed of accredited messengers who are members of constituent churches; and of such others as may be invited to a seat by the consent of the body.

ART. 2. Each church in the Association shall be entitled to two messengers and one additional for every 25 members in excess of 25.

ART. 3. Churches are expected to send with their messengers letters to the Association, containing an account of their state, particularly of the additions and diminutions of the past year; and any other statistics of interest, together with full statistics of the Sunday Schools under their charge.

The letters should show what said churches are doing for the cause of Christ at home and abroad, and generally whatever relates to their own peace and prosperity, and with them each church should forward money for the printing of the minutes and also their contributions for missions.

ART. 4. Baptist churches desiring admission into this body shall petition by letter and messengers, and on giving satisfactory evidence of their being sound in the faith of the Gospel, and correct in practice, may be received by a vote of the Association, and the Moderator, in behalf of the body, shall give their representatives the right hand of fellowship.

ART. 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen by separate ballots, continue in office until others are chosen, and discharge the duties usually incumbent upon such officers.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	POST OFFICES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	RECEIVED BY BAPTISM	RECEIVED BY LETTER	DISMISSED BY LETTER	EXCLUDED	RESTORED	DIED	SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.							
										TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	NO. OFFICERS	NO. TEACHERS	SCHOLARS	AVERAGE ATTENDANCE	BAPTIZED		
Antioch	LaCrosse	B. R. Mosely	W. W. Carter														
Bradford	LaCrosse	A. Crosby	Daniel Lyons	23	1				195								
Hope	Starke	W. F. Malphurs	J. H. Moore	1	3				27	N. R.							
Sardis	Worthington	J. J. Clark	J. J. Dubose	4	4				47	" "							
Santa Fe Pond	Hampton	J. J. Clark	P. H. Cason	10	10				39	" "							
New River	Starke	A. Crosby	L. W. Pinholster	15	15				60	" "							
Dedan	Ziff	W. F. Malphurs	A. Crosby	2	2				90	" "							
Kingsley Lake	Ionia	L. W. Kickliter	L. W. Jones	7	5				29	" "							
North Pleasant Grove	LaCrosse	R. W. Jones	J. M. Prevatt	3	3				25	" "							
Mt. Zion	Baldwin	L. W. Kickliter	J. H. Manning	9	9				40	" "							
Mt. Sinai	Starke	W. S. Perry	W. W. Murrhee	4	4				47	" "							
Starke	Starke	W. G. Patterson	Tate Powell, M. D.	9	9				24	" "							
Harmony	Starke			9	16				86	4	6	50	40	40			
				81	137	58	24	76	609	13	157						

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ART. 6. We acknowledge the independence of particular churches, and that no authority or jurisdiction is to be exercised over them by this Association, and therefore we would disclaim all power of making laws for them under any pretext whatever, but we deem it our duty to disown any church that we may consider unworthy of our fellowship.

ART. 7. The Association shall be governed while in session by regular and proper rules, and every motion made and seconded shall command the attention of the body unless withdrawn by the mover.

ART. 8. Every question asked in the letters from the churches must be based on the Scriptures and may relate to faith, practice and church discipline, but the same shall not be taken under consideration except by a majority vote of the body.

ART. 9. Churches composing this Association shall be entitled to as many copies of the minutes of its proceedings as the money sent up with the letters calls for, but each constituent church shall have at least one copy.

ART. 10. When a church shall neglect to make a communication to the Association for three consecutive years, it shall be considered as having withdrawn, and shall be dropped by vote from the minutes, unless two or three members of the Association request its continuance, and will engage to enquire into its standing, and report at the next meeting of the Association.

ART. 11. It shall be the duty of the Association from time to time to suggest to the churches what they may think most expedient to be done to promote the spread of the Gospel in the world, and to give the best advice possible in cases of difficulty, and also to inquire into the cause of failure on the part of any church, to report themselves by letters and messengers at the annual meeting.

ART. 12. This Association when convened shall appoint the time and place of next annual meeting, taking into account the convenience of the churches and the interests of the cause. This Constitution may be altered or amended from time to time, as experience may suggest, by a two-thirds vote of the messengers present.