

MINUTES

OF THE

NINETEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

NEW RIVER

Missionary Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE

New River Baptist Church,

IN BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA,

November 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th, A. D., 1890.

OFFICERS:

Eld. L. W. KICKLITER, Moderator. J. M. JOHNS, Clerk.
J. M. MALPHURS, Treasurer.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Eld. L. W. KICKLITER, J. M. MALPHURS, Eld. Wm. F. MALPHURS,
J. H. ROBUCK, J. M. JOHNS.

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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. Appointments of Committees.
10. Reports of Committees.
11. Call for Executive Committee.
12. Call for Treasurer's Report.
13. Call for Reports of other Committees.
14. Appointment of Messengers to State Convention.
15. Miscellaneous Business.
16. Adjournment.

MINISTERS' DIRECTORY.

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| Elder William F. Malphurs | Starke, Fla. |
| Elder L. W. Kickliter | Starke, Fla. |
| Elder Abraham Crosby | Ziff, Fla. |
| Elder Robert Keith | Starke, Fla. |
| Elder J. J. Clark | Worthington, Fla. |
| Elder L. H. Marlow | Waldo, Fla. |
| Elder Lenard Dees | Lake Butler, Fla. |
| Elder S. Godwin | Baldwin, Fla. |

LICENTIATES.

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| John J. Peeples | Worthington, Fla. |
| John B. Cason | Hampton, Fla. |
| N. J. Barry | Worthington, Fla. |
| D. L. Phillips | Hampton, Fla. |

MINUTES.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, A. D. 1890.

The New River Missionary Baptist Association convened with the New River church at 11 o'clock A. M.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. J. Clark, from John 18: 38. After which one hour was taken for refreshments.

AFTERNOON SESSION—1 P. M.

The congregation assembled in the church. Chapter 4 of Ephesians read by the Moderator, a hymn sung and prayer offered, led by Elder Robert Keith. The Association was then called to order.

Letters from the following churches were read by Brothers J. M. Johns and J. M. Malphurs and names of messengers enrolled: Starke Church—Elder L. W. Kickliter, Joseph Thomas and J. M. Johns.

Bradford Church—J. R. Halbrook

Sardis Church—Elder J. J. Clark.

North Pleasant Grove Church—J. M. Malphurs, G. E. Burnett, Iven Holder and James H. Hill.

Lake Enon Church—George E. Kelly and A. D. Andrews.

Hope Church—J. H. Moore and B. T. Fortner.

Decadan Church—Elder William F. Malphurs, R. H. Green and Sisters Laura Ward and Sally Malphurs.

New River Church—Elder A. Crosby, W. H. Edwards, I. W. Pinholster, J. M. Smiley, J. H. Poppell and A. M. Andrews.

Kingsley Lake Church—D. L. Prevatt.

Antioch Church—J. H. Robuck, W. W. Carter, N. J. Barry, A. B. Cox and A. W. Malphurs.

Evergreen Church—W. A. Sparkman, J. S. Green.

Santa Fe Pond Church—J. B. Cason.

A quorum being present, proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted in the choice of Elder L. W. Kickliter for Moderator, J. M. Johns for Clerk, and J. M. Malphurs for Treasurer.

Visiting brethren were then invited to seats.

Correspondence called for and received Elders S. S. Proctor and B. R. Mosley, from the Beulah Association; Elder J. H. Crosby, S. T. Burnett and James F. Futch, from the Santa Fe Association, and Elder J. C. Porter, State Evangelist and Financial Agent of the State Board of Missions.

APPOINTMENT COMMITTEE ON PREACHING.

Viz: Joseph Thomas and J. B. Cason, with Deacons of New River church.

Elder J. C. Porter made an earnest appeal in behalf of the State Board of Missions.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PREACHING.

Your committee report that Elder J. C. Porter preach at early candle light to-night, and Elder S. S. Procter at 11 A. M. to-morrow.

JOSEPH THOMAS, Chairman.

On motion, adjourned until 9 A. M. to-morrow, with prayer led by Elder S. S. Proctor.

Elder J. C. Porter preached a very impressive sermon at night. At the close of the services he presented the claims of missions and collected for foreign missions \$2.82 cash, and in pledges —; for State missions \$2.52 cash, and in pledges —; also received from J. H. Robuck pledge of \$5.00, for help for students preparing for the ministry—George Crosby, of Micanopy, and — Edwards, of Chrystal River.

After evening services the Moderator announced the appointment of the various committees:

Committee on Missions—Elder Wm. F. Malphurs, G. E. Burnett and B. T. Fortner.

On Sunday-school—Joseph Thomas, D. L. Prevatt and J. H. Robuck.

On Nominations—J. B. Cason, W. W. Carter and W. A. Sparkman.

On Letters and Queries—Elder J. J. Clark, J. S. Green and J. R. Halbrook.

On Deceased Ministers and Deacons—Elder Robert Keith, J. H. Poppell and James H. Hill.

On Finance—J. H. Moore, A. B. Cox and Iven Holder.

On Temperance—J. M. Malphurs, A. D. Andrews and G. E. Kelly.

On Education—Elder A. Crosby, I. W. Pinholster and R. H. Green.

On Publication—Elder Wm. F. Mulphurs, J. B. Cason and A. M. Andrews.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

NOVEMBER 7, at 9 A. M., 1890.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. The xv. chapter of John was read, a hymn sung and prayer offered, led by the Moderator.

Called for correspondence was renewed, and Elder N. A. Bailey was received as assistant corresponding Secretary of the State Board of missions.

AFTERNOON SESSION—1:30 P. M.

Called to order, after singing and prayer, led by the Moderator. Call renewed for correspondence. Eld. Z. A. Crumpton and wife received from Marion Association.

Call for letters renewed, and a letter from Mount Zion church was received and Eld. S. Godwin was enrolled as messenger.

Call for petitionary letters renewed, and a letter received from Long Branch church, and was, by motion, admitted to full membership in this Association; and the Moderator extended the right hand of fellowship to their messengers—Bros. L. E. Hicks and George Wilkerson.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your committee beg leave to make the following report: That while we hope there has been some advance in Sunday-school interest in some sections, we feel that there has not been that interest manifested which this very important branch of our work demands, for we do believe that this is one of the most important means which the church can use to advance the cause of Christ in our midst, and yet we are compelled to say we fear our pastors are largely to blame, as we believe that this is one of the first duties of a pastor in taking charge of a church, to organize a Sunday-school and look after its interest; for where there is material for a church there certainly is material for a Sunday-school. Believing, as we do, in the great importance of this branch of church work, we beg of the messengers, and especially the ministers composing the Association, that they take this very important matter in hand and see that there is a school formed in each church. We recommend that the President call a meeting of the Sunday-school Convention to try to awaken more interest in this branch of our work.

Respectfully submitted,
JOSEPH THOMAS,
Chairman.

Report adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LETTERS AND QUERIES.

We, your committee, find that there are no queries sent up, but find general good news of harmony prevailing in the churches; and that God has blessed the most of our churches by adding many souls to them, such as shall be saved during the past year, for which we should take fresh courage in the great commission of promulgating the Gospel.

Respectfully submitted,
J. J. CLARK,
Chairman.

Report adopted.

Elder S. S. Proctor addressed the Association on the life insurance of the ministers of the Gospel.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

Your committee submit the following report: The letters sent up by the churches show that no minister or deacon has been called home during the present year. They are left to enter upon the duties of the present year under the approving smiles of a merciful heavenly Father. For which we think the Association should be and we are thankful.

Respectfully submitted,
ROBERT KEITH, Chairman.

Report adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

Your committee submit the following report: That Eld. Robert Keith preach the next introductory sermon, and Eld. Wm. F. Malphurs alternate. Eld. L. W. Kickliter preach the next missionary sermon, and Eld. Abraham Crosby alternate. We further recommend that the next session of this body be held with North Pleasant Grove church, commencing Thursday before the third Sunday in November, 1891.

Respectfully submitted,
J. B. CASON, Chairman.

Report adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee beg leave to make the following report: We are persuaded as Christians that we are called upon to take higher grounds on this great question, knowing as we do the great evil of intemperance, the homes that are broken up by the deamon rum, the young men that yearly fill a drunkard's hell; therefore, be it

Resolved, 1st, As a denomination we are in favor of entire prohibition, and ourselves to work to that end.

Resolved, 2d, That we are opposed to the licensing of the sale of liquors by our State and National Government.

Resolved, 3d, That we are opposed to the manufacture and sale of ardent spirits.

Last but not least we would urge our brethren to press on in the cause of temperance, knowing that temperance is the cause of Christ.

Respectfully submitted,
J. M. MALPHURS,
Chairman.

Report adopted.

On motion, Association adjourned until 1:30 P. M. Eld. S. S. Proctor preached an interesting sermon from Gallatian 6:10; closing with prayer led by N. A. Barley.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PREACHING.

That Eld. J. H. Crosby preach to-night at early candle light and Eld. Robert Keith close, and that Eld. Z. A. Crumpton preach at 11 A. M. to-morrow.

JOSEPH THOMAS,
Chairman.

On motion, adjourned until 9 A. M. to-morrow. Prayer offered by Bro. J. B. Cason.

Night services from 2 Cor. v:ix, by Eld. J. H. Crosby, followed by Eld. Robert Keith, were interesting and instructive. Closed with prayer offered, led by Eld. N. A. Bailey.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

NOVEMBER 8, AT 9 A. M., 1890.

Association met pursuant to adjournment. The xxxiv Psalm was read and a hymn sung. Prayer offered, led by the Moderator.

Minutes read and approved.

Calls for correspondence, letters and visitors renewed. No response.

Resolution offered by Bro. J. H. Robuck:

Resolved, That the Executive Committee consist of five members. The officers of the Association to be members ex officio, and that two be elected by the Association, which was adopted, and Bros. J. H. Robuck and Eld. Wm. F. Malphurs were elected on said committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Your committee are impressed with the necessity of the education of our youths, and we are glad to note a greater interest taken by our people in every very important Christian work. But we feel that even yet there is not the interest manifested which the necessity of this important work demands. And for higher education we recommend the John B. Stetson University, our State College at DeLand, with a faculty of competent teachers. We also have the Glen Mary college at Ocala, and Lake City Seminary at Lake City to recommend as most excellent schools for our girls and young ladies under the auspices of our people, and we trust that these are only the forerunners of others.

Respectfully submitted,

ABRAHAM CROSEY,
Chairman.

Report adopted.

Elder N. A. Bailey took up a collection for the John B. Stetsons University, and received from Elder L. W. Kickliter note for \$25.00; J. W. Johns, 40 acres land, valued at \$200.00; cash, \$3.00.

On motion, Association adjourned until 1:30 P. M.

Elder Z. A. Crumpton preached an interesting sermon from 1 John IV: vii. Services closed with prayer.

AFTERNOON SESSION—2 P. M.

Called to order after singing and prayer led by Moderator.
REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION.

Your committee submit the following for your consideration: Recognizing the powerful influence of literature upon the membership of our churches, we feel great the necessity of having the proper kind of reading matter placed in the hands of every family within the bounds of this Association, that the brotherhood may be thoroughly acquainted with what we as Baptists are doing throughout the State. We deem it to be the duty of and most earnestly recommend that every family in our bounds take the *Florida Baptist Witness*, and to those who can do more, we recommend the *Foreign Mission Journal*, published by our Foreign Mission Board at Richmond, Va., and our *Home Field*, published at Atlanta, Ga., and the *Baptist Basket*, published at Louisville, Ky. To our Sabbath-School we recommend as an auxiliary in searching for scriptural knowledge "Kind Words." Also the publications of the American Baptist Publication Society of Philadelphia, Penn., which has done so much in building up the cause of our Zion.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. F. MALPHURS, Chairman.

Report adopted.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

Your Treasurer reports as follows:

Collections from union meetings at Hope church, \$8.00;
at Antioch church, \$6.06 \$14 06
From churches—Sardis, \$3.35; Lake Enon, \$1.08; Bradford, \$1.85; New River, \$1.10 7 38

Total amount paid to Elder N. S. Wainright, missionary \$21 44
Respectfully submitted,

W. H. PINHOLSTER, Treasurer.

Report adopted.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your committee, soon after the last Association, met and put in operation the plans adopted by that body and employed Elder N. S. Wainright as missionary for the present year. We appealed to the churches, but they did not respond as liberal as we expected, yet some fully complied with the request of the last Association.

There was collected at union meetings \$18 53
 Paid to missionary by churches, \$8.75; churches to com-
 mittee, \$7.38 16 13
 Collected by missionary on field, \$6.27; churches sent to
 Association, \$22.91 29 18
 Collection made on Sunday at Association (added) 9 09

Total amount paid over to missionary \$72 93

We are glad to note the improvements in the effects of mis-
 sions, which ought to stimulate us to a greater exertion the next
 year.

Respectfully submitted,
 L. W. KICKLITER, Chairman.

Report adopted.

REPORT OF ELDER N. S. WAINRIGHT, MISSIONARY FOR THE NEW
 RIVER ASSOCIATION.

My work in the field, not including my pastoral duties on
 the 2nd Sundays and Saturdays before in each month: Trav-
 eled, 595 miles; preached, 43 sermons, delivered 2 Sunday-
 School lectures, baptized 20; ordained one minister and organized
 one Sunday-School. Collected on the field, \$6.27; and from
 the following churches: Kingsley Lake, \$2.16; Mt. Zion,
 \$3.40; Santa Fe Pond, \$2.62; Lake Enon, 25 cents; Evergreen,
 32 cents; Treasurer, \$21.45; union meeting at Kingsley Lake,
 \$4.47; making total received to date, \$40 94.

Dear brethren, encourage missionary work in our bounds, for
 I can assure you it is much needed.

Respectfully submitted,
 N. S. WAINRIGHT, Missionary.

Report adopted

[For report of Finance Committee see page 11.]

The following resolutions were offered and adopted:

Resolved, 1st, That the Clerk be authorized to draw on the
 Treasurer for funds to pay for printing the minutes, and the bal-
 ance of the associational fund be turned over to the Clerk for
 his services.

Resolved, 2d, That the Executive Committee of this Associa-
 tion supply our missionary field as soon as possible.

Resolved, 3d, That we recommend to each church of this As-
 sociation that they appropriate fifteen (15) cents per mem-
 ber for the missionary so employed, and that the funds so raised
 be paid over to the Executive Committee at the next meeting of
 this body, or sooner, if collected.

Bro. J. M. Malphurs offered the following resolution, to-wit:
Resolved, That the thanks of this body are eminently due and

are hereby tendered to the members of New River church
 and community for the kindness extended to us in so bountifully
 providing for us during the session of this body.

Unanimously adopted.
 On motion, Bros. J. M. Malphurs, J. R. Holbrook and Eld.
 J. J. Clark were excused.

Messengers appointed to attend the State Baptist convention at
 Pensacola in December next were Bros. I. W. Pimholster, Eld.
 Robert Keith, Eld. Wm. F. Malphurs, Eld. L. W. Kick-
 liter, J. M. Malphurs, J. M. Johns, Iven Holder, J. R. Hal-
 brook and Eld. Abram Crosby; and messengers to attend the
 Southern Baptist convention to meet in Birmingham, Ala.,
 on the second Sunday in May, 1891, Elds. Robert Keith and
 L. W. Kickliter.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

BRETHREN: We would emphasize and urge the fact that
 the spirit of Christ is the spirit of missions armed with the con-
 quering power. Christ Jesus was a missionary armed with love
 and power, saying to men and women in their graves and in
 their sins, sin no more; believe, obey, and live forever. Christ's
 disciples were missionaries armed with the power of Christ and
 found devils subject to them through his name, and the true
 church of Christ has always been and ever will be missionary,
 aggressive and mighty in her good works and use of means or-
 dained for the evangelization of the world. Therefore the sound
 of victory comes from every quarter wherever we have set
 up the Lord's banner and in every place and time when we, in
 the name of Jesus, lifted the flag of defiance in the face of
 Christ's enemies. We have waived the banner of victory over
 fallen foes in our own homes in Cuba and foreign fields. The Lord
 reigneth. Neither the authority of Rome nor the power of hell
 are able to stay the power of missions and onward progress of
 the blessed Gospel. Ordained in the hands of a mediator as the
 power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth and
 committed to us for the conversion of the world to our God and
 Saviour, and as we see our fellow beings one after one and score
 after score and nation after nation yielding to its benign influ-
 ences and marshalling under the blood stained banner of our
 Immanuel King, we rejoice with angels, we rejoice together
 and rejoice in the Lord. Then, brethren, the history of our past
 victories in every missionary conquest and the blessed hope and
 promise left us in the Gospel should inspire us with greater as-
 pirations, unanimity and a one desire that Christ shall reign in
 every land and in every home and the rose of Sharon flourish in
 every heart. And now, brethren, hoping that the love of Christ
 will constrain us all to exert our best Christian manhood in
 yielding to the spirit of missions and in obeying the teachings of

Christ, our glorious missionary, and emulating him as our exemplar in labors of love,
 Respectfully submitted,
 WM. F. MALPHURS, Chairman.
 Report adopted.

Committee on Subjects for Union Meetings submitted their report, which was adopted. The Association adjourned until 11 o'clock A. M., Sunday. Prayer offered, led by Moderator.

SUNDAY.

NOVEMBER 9, AT 11 A. M., 1890.
 The missionary sermon was preached by Eld. N. A. Bailey from John 6:37, after which a collection was taken up for associational missionary amounting to \$9.09. The Association then adjourned to meet with the North Pleasant Grove church on Thursday before the third Sunday in November, 1891.

PROGRAM FOR MINISTERS AND UNIONS.

First Quarter—The Union will meet with the North Pleasant Grove church on the 29th and 30th of November, A. D. 1890.

Subject—

Second Quarter—The Union will meet with Deedan church on the 28th and 29th of March, 1891.

Subject—Which is the most dangerous person to associate with, the openly profane and wicked, or the moral person who is a skeptic and who does not believe the Bible? Opened by Eld. L. W. Kickliter, Eld. S. Godwin alternate.

Third Quarter—The Union will meet with the Long Branch church on the 30th and 31st of May, A. D. 1891.

Subject—The duty of old and experienced church members to young converts. Opened by Eld. Wm. F. Malphurs, Eld. Abraham Crosby alternate.

Fourth Quarter—The Union will meet with the Starke church on the 29th and 30th of August, 1891.

Subject—Ought church members to be retained in fellowship who give no external evidence of regeneration? Opened by Eld. J. J. Clark, Eld. R. Keith alternate.

The above program was, by motion, endorsed by the Union meeting at North Pleasant Grove church November 30th, 1890.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.
 Your committee report that we find contributed from the following churches and brethren the amounts herein stated:

CHURCHES.	Antioch	Bradford	Deedan	Deer Creek	Hope	King'sley Lake	Mr. Zion	Phillips school Hon-e Sunday-school, Fostered by New River Church.	Littleville Sunday-school	North Pleasant Grove	Starke	Union Branch	Union Meeting on the Field	Collected at Association	Collected at Association in pledges	Totals
Paid Missionary by Church	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$16.13
For Students at University																\$5.00
John A. Stetson University																\$23.00
Foreign Missions																\$2.82
State Missions																\$2.52
Associational Missionary																\$26.83
Associational Purposes																\$10.02
Printing Minutes																\$19.50
Sunday-school Expenses																\$145.00
Totals	\$4.44	\$4.44	\$4.44	\$4.44	\$4.44	\$4.44	\$4.44	\$4.44	\$4.44	\$4.44	\$4.44	\$4.44	\$4.44	\$4.44	\$4.44	\$485.99

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. MOORE, Chairman.

Sunday-school Statistics.

	No. Baptised.	No. Attendance.	No. Scholars.	No. Teachers.	No. Officers.
23	37	155	20	6	3
24	24	125	21	6	3
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100	26	125	21	6	3

TABLE OF CHURCH STATISTICS.

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 this Association shall be entitled to two messengers, and one additional for every twenty-five members in excess of twenty five.

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 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.

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 letter from the churches must be based on the Scriptures, and may relate to faith, prac-

prepare himself for divine favor without the assisting grace of God enabling him to act according to the good pleasure of God's 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 by his spirit through His Son, and with His word regenerates the soul.

ART. 5. We believe that the great Gospel blessings which Christ secures to such as believe in Him, is Justification by Faith, which gives peace with God, the Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, His Son.

ART. 6. We believe the Gospel of Christ is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth, 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 the Lord Jesus Christ; and that they are kept by the power of God, through faith unto salvation, ready to be revealed at 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 spiritually designed 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 administration, and that a proper subject is one who has been begotten by 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 none but baptized believers have any Scriptural right to partake thereof.

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 ordinance of Christ, governed by His laws and exercising the gifts, rights and privileges vested in them by His word.

ART. 11. We believe and acknowledge Jesus Christ to be the great head of the Church, and the only Law Giver; that the government under Him is with the body, and in 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.

tice 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 think most expedient to be done to promote the spread of the Gospel in the world, and to give the best advise possible in case 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 the next annual meeting, taking into account the convenience of the churches and the interest 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.

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 or errors 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 center of Christian union and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds and opinions shall be tried.

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, obedience and love. That in the unity of the Godhead there are three persons—the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost—equal in every divine perfection, but executing distinct and harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.

ART. 3. We believe in the total depravity of the human heart, and that the natural state of man is such that he cannot

ART. 12. We believe that idiots and infants 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 devout observance of all the means of grace, both public and private, and by preparation for the 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 their graves for final retribution; that a solemn separation will then take place; that the wicked will go away into everlasting punishment and the righteous into life eternal.