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CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS 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 three (3) messengers and one additional messenger for every twenty-five members in excess of fifty members. Any church wishing to sever its connection with this body may be allowed to do so upon an application duly made to the Association, while in session, and a letter granted thereon. All members of Standing Committees shall be honorary members of this Association.

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 last 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 faiths 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, a Clerk and a Treasurer, who shall be chosen by separate ballots, continue in office until others are chosen, and discharge the duties usually incumbent upon such officers.

SEC. 2. There shall be an Executive Committee, which shall be composed of seven (7) members; the Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer of the Association being members and officers ex-officio, the other four (4) members to be elected by the Association.

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. This Association will 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 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 itself by letter 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 these present.

MINUTES.

Wednesday, Nov., 7, 1894.

The New River Missionary Baptist Association convened with the Hope Baptist church in Bradford county, Fla., and was called to order by the Moderator, Bro. Joseph Thomas.

11 A. M.—The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder L. W. Kiekliter; text, Gal. 2:6.—But those who seemed to be somewhat, (whatsoever they were, it maketh no matter to me; God accepteth no man's person;) for they who seemed to be somewhat in conference added nothing to me. Elder T. J. Porter closed.

The Association adjourned for refreshments.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order at 1:30 P. M., and after singing, Bro. Joseph Thomas, the Moderator, read John xv; and prayer was offered, led by Elder A. J. York.

The Moderator announced the Association ready for business. Letters were called for, and were read by Elders N. T. King and T. J. Porter, and the churches and delegates enrolled as follows:

ANTOCH—Thomas Harris and J. H. Roebuck.

BEULAH—M. C. Sanders, R. L. Thomas and Joseph Conway.

BETHEL—Not represented.

DEDAN—A. J. Pinholster, A. J. Baxter, J. T. Reeves and Craven Roots.

EVERGREEN—Not represented.

FELLOWSHIP—W. W. Roberts.

HOPE—Elder D. L. Phillips, J. H. Moore and R. Sullivan.

KINGSLY LAKE—L. D. Prevatt.

LONG BRANCH—Not represented.

Mt. Zion—Not represented.

NORTH PLEASANT GROVE—J. M. Malphars.

NEW RIVER—Elder A. Crosby, S. Cason and D. M. Delk.

PILGRIM'S REST—Not represented.

SAMPSON—J. S. Williams.

SARDIS—Elder J. J. Clarke.

SANTA FE POND—T. W. Newberry and C. W. Newberry.

STARKE—Joseph Thomas, J. M. Johns, Noah Geiger, Elder L. W. Kiekliter and

P. W. Carr.

The Association then proceeded to the election of officers with the result as follows: Elder L. W. Kickliter, Moderator; J. M. Johns, Clerk, and R. F. Lewis, Treasurer.

Correspondence was called for, and Bro. B. W. Smith and Elder N. T. King of the Santa Fe Association, and Elder T. J. Porter of the Marion Association responded and were welcomed.

The Moderator appointed as committee on preaching Bros. J. H. Roebuck, J. M. Malphurs and Elder N. T. King together with the deacons of Hope church.

The committee on preaching reported that Elder T. J. Porter would preach to-night at 7 o'clock.

The Sampson City Baptist church petitioned for admission into this Association, and on motion, was received, and the Moderator extended the right hand of fellowship to the messengers.

The Moderator appointed the following finance committee: J. H. Moore, S. B. Cason and J. S. Williams.

After singing, and prayer led by Elder A. Crosby, on motion, the Association adjourned to 9:30 A. M. to-morrow. Benediction by the Moderator.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

At 7:30 o'clock Elder T. J. Porter preached from Rom. 8:9, if any man have not the spirit of Christ he is none of his.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8th 1894.

9:30 A. M. Opened with devotional exercises conducted by Bro. A. J. Baxter.

10:00 A. M. The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Call for visiting brethren was renewed, and Elder A. J. York from Lugola Association, Ga., and Elder J. A. Moseley from the St. Johns Association responded and were welcomed.

Called for petitionary letters. No response.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

On Deceased Ministers and Deacons—Bros. Joseph Thomas, Thomas Harris and R. L. Thomas.

On Letters and Queries—Bros. A. J. Pinholster, C. Roberts and M. C. Sanders.

Added to the committee on Publications—Bros. A. J. Baxter and S. B. Cason.

Added to committee on Temperance—Bro. G. T. Reeves.

Committee on Sunday Schools reported, and after some discussion, on motion, it was referred to the Executive Committee to examine into and report the cause of the declension of the Sunday Schools within our bounds.

H. A. W. Elder J. A. Moseley preached from Psalms 119:57-60—Thou art my portion, O Lord: I have said that I would keep thy words, I intrusted thy favor with my whole heart: be merciful unto me according to thy word. I thought on my ways, and turned my feet unto thy testimonies. I made haste, and delayed not to keep thy commandments.

On motion, adjourned to 1:30 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

1:30 P. M. The Association was called to order by the Moderator and opened with singing, prayer led by Elder P. W. Corr.

Committee on Letters and Queries (marked "B.") reported, and, on motion, report adopted.

Committee on Temperance (marked "C.") reported, and after discussion, was laid on the table till to-morrow afternoon.

Committee on Education (marked "D.") reported, and after discussion, report was adopted.

The following resolution offered by Elder P. W. Corr was unanimously adopted:—

RESOLVED, That this Association expresses its fullest confidence in Bro. A. J. Baxter, and we recommend him to the State Mission Board and to John B. Stetson University as a ministerial student; and that this Association pledges to aid all it can toward defraying his expenses at the John B. Stetson University.

On motion, adjourned to 9:30 A. M. to-morrow morning. Closing prayer led by Elder T. J. Porter, benediction by Moderator.

THURSDAY EVENING.

7 P. M. Elder A. J. York preached from Hebrews 5:9.—And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey Him. Services concluded by Elder L. W. Kickliter.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9th, 1894.

9 A. M. Devotional exercises conducted by Elder T. J. Porter. 9:30 A. M. Association called to order by the Moderator.

Call was renewed for petitionary letters, and Fellowship Baptist church responded, and was on motion, received into the Association, and her messengers welcomed and enrolled.

Moderator appointed following committee on Nominations: Bros. D. M. Delk, R. Sullivan and R. F. Lewis.

Report of Executive Committee (marked "F") was adopted.

The report of committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons (marked "G.") was read and adopted.

Report of the Executive Committee on the report of the com-

mittee on Sunday Schools was read, ably discussed by Elder J. C. Porter and others, and adopted.

The Association went into the election of an Executive Committee for the ensuing year, and the following were elected: Bros. J. H. Roebuck, J. M. Johns, W. H. Pinholster, J. M. Malphurs and R. F. Lewis.

The report on Education was taken up, discussed and adopted, Half an hour was given Elder J. C. Porter to present the claims and merits of the Florida Baptist Witness. At the close of his address a collection amounting to \$2.50 was taken up to send the Witness to the aged ministers of the Association.

11 A. M. Elder P. W. Corr preached from II Kings, 4:26—Is it well with the child? followed by Elder A. Crosby, At the close of the sermon a collection was taken for Associational Missions which amounted to \$5.62. Adjourned to 2 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 P. M. After singing, and prayer offered, led by Elder J. A. Moseley, the Moderator announced the Association ready for business; when, on motion, the Baptist Hymnal was selected as our hymn book, and it was recommended to our churches.

The following reports were read and adopted: on Nominations, (marked "H"); of Elder N. T. King as Missionary, (marked "I"); of Elder D. L. Philips as Missionary, (marked "J"); of Treasurer, (marked "K.")

On motion of Bro. Joseph Thomas, the Constitution was amended, making the Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer of the Association ex-officio members and officers of the Executive Committee.

The report on Missions (marked "L.") was read, discussed and then amended and adopted.

The Moderator announced the following Standing Committees, who are expected to be present at the next meeting of the Association, on the first day with their reports ready to be submitted:

- On Mission—J. M. Malphurs, Chairman, Thomas Harris and T. W. Newberry.
 - On Sunday Schools—Joseph Thomas, Chairman, J. S. Williams, Noah Geiger.
 - On Education—P. W. Corr, Chairman, A. J. Baxter and J. M. Johns.
 - On Publications—Elder A. Crosby, Chairman, Elders J. J. Clarke, N. T. King.
 - On Temperance—Elder D. L. Philips, Chairman, R. L. Thomas, Joseph Conway.
- Delegates to the State Convention were elected as follows: Elders L. W. Kickliter, P. W. Corr, A. J. York, A. Crosby, J. J. Clarke, and Bros. J. M. Johns, J. H. Moore, R. F. Lewis, W. H. Pinholster and D. M. Deak.

The following resolutions were introduced and adopted:—
RESOLVED, That the Executive Committee, Moderator and Clerk indicate in the Minutes any business that may have been omitted during the meeting.
RESOLVED, That the Treasurer turn over to the Clerk the funds received for printing the Minutes and for Associational purposes.

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of this body are due and are hereby tendered to the members of the Hope Baptist church and to the citizens of this community for their kind welcome and generous hospitality shown us during the session of this body.

RESOLVED, That the churches of this Association are hereby requested to take up quarterly collections for the different objects of the State Mission Board.

RESOLVED, That each church in this Association is hereby earnestly requested to take up a collection during the month of December, in behalf of the Aged and Infirm Baptist Ministers of Florida.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet with the Starke Baptist church on Wednesday before the second Sunday in November 1895. A song was sung and the parting hand was given. The closing prayer was offered, led by Elder P. W. Corr; benediction by Elder A. J. York.

S. M. JOHNS, CLERK.

Report "A."

DEAR BRETHREN:—We, your committee on Sunday Schools, feel sorry to report that instead of progress, there has been rather a declension in the interest taken in Sunday Schools within the bounds of our Association. With this conviction upon our hearts we think the cause must be in a failure on the part of members of many of our churches to appreciate as they ought the value of Sunday School instruction to the young people. All will admit this scripture truth. "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." Early religious impressions are the most vivid, as well as the most lasting that the young mind receives. Why then do we neglect so important and so grand an element in the manufacture of character as Bible study? Will any christian refuse to aid in the important work when statistics prove that Sunday Schools are indeed of vital consequence in building up the Redeemers Kingdom? Make haste and delay not brethren to do your whole duty in advancing the noble cause. Fearful will be your responsibility if your indifference or neglect shall cause the loss of a single soul! Are our ministers, skirts all clear of this Sin of neglect? They ought to talk and preach upon this glorious theme and encourage the band of Sunday School workers by joining with them in the Bible class recitation. Brother ministers, is this your practice? Let us pray that henceforth no member of any of our churches shall be guilty of sinning against God by the want of proper interest in Sunday Schools and attention to the duties required for their success. Respectfully submitted,

J. H. ROEBUCK, Chairman.

On motion, referred to the Executive Committee to inquire into the cause of the declension of the Sunday Schools in this Association and Report.

RESOLUTION:—We, your committee to whom the Sunday School report was referred, upon examination and inquiry have decided that it is pretty plainly stated in the report. The greatest cause is indifference and carelessness by professed christians. We hope our Preachers will take more interest in the Sunday School cause. Among our members we fear is the want of more of the Love of God in their hearts. Respectfully submitted,

W. H. PINHOLSTER, Chairman Executive Committee.

Report "B."

We, your committee on Letters and Queries, have had the same under consideration and find no queries sent us, therefore none to report.

A. J. PINHOLSTER, Chairman.

Report "C."

We, your committee on Temperance, beg leave to make the following report: We believe the saloon and liquor traffic to be a curse in our midst. Especially the liquor and wines made of oranges and strawberries which are now commonly drunk among our children. We think it wrong for members of churches to be seen going into the saloons as they are tending to it respectability. And we as christians should exert every effort on such erring brothers to get them to quit it, and do away with it, and to support no one who favors or would advance the traffic.

Respectfully Submitted,

NOAH GEIGER, Chairman.

Report 'D' on Education.

We, your committee beg leave to report as follows: The time has come when we can no longer neglect the question of education. We would emphasize the importance and necessity of Bible education around the fireside. The Savior said "Search (that is study) the Scriptures."

2nd. We urge the importance of an educated ministry, and to this end we endorse and commend the work of the John B. Stetson University.

3rd. Education is power, and Christian education is power for Christ. We urge the importance of employing only Christian teachers in our schools, and urge that each school be opened every day with some devotional exercise.

R. Lewis,

J. M. Malphurs,

P. W. Carr,

} Committee.

Report "E."

We, your Committee on Publications, respectfully submit the following: First, we would recommend and encourage the reading of the Baptist Witness above all other periodicals. Second, we would recommend the Florida Baptist Witness as a stimulus to the Christian life and work. Third, for use in our Sunday Schools, we recommend the periodicals published by the Southern Baptist Convention and the American Baptist Publication Society: especially the denominational books and tracts published by the American Baptist Publication Society, which may be had by sending to the Baptist Supply House, Ocala, Florida.

A. J. PINHOLSTER, Chairman.

Report "F."

We, your Executive Committee, beg leave to make the following report: We placed two missionaries in the field on 30th of April; 1894, Elder D. L. Philips for the remainder of his time and Elder N. T. King for a part of his time. For the amount of work done we refer you to their report, with which we feel gratified. We feel thankful that some of our churches have promptly responded this year by sending their contribution to the unions; but sorry to say that some of the churches still neglect to send funds to the unions and some, not even to the Association for missionary purposes. We ask the pastors to insist on the churches to take up quarterly collections and remit to the unions for missionary purposes and also for the ministerial education.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. ROEBUCK, Chairman

Report "G."

We, your committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons, beg

leave to report that all of our Minister and Deacons have been spared to us, which calls for thankfulness on our part to our Heavenly Parent the author of all our mercies; and may those lives that He has spared be more fully consecrated to his service in our prayers.

Signed { JOSEPH THOMAS,
L. R. THOMAS,
THOMAS HARRIS.

Report "H."

We, your committee on Nominations, beg leave to make the following report: While we recognize the application of Antioch church for the next Association to meet with them; but taking the circumstances in connection that the Santa Fee Association meets with the LaCrosse church in the same neighborhood on Tuesday after the fourth Sunday in October; Therefore we recommend that this Association meet with the Starke church on Wednesday before the second Sunday in November 1895. Elder A. Crosby preach the introductory sermon, Elder A. J. York, alternating. All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. M. DEER, Chairman.

REPORT "I."

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—Please find below a statement of my labors as missionary of the New River Association from May 1st to Sept. 3rd 1894. Preached 24 sermons, visited 10 families, organized one church, baptized 2, traveled about 300 miles. My views as to the nature and promise of the work is that the field is large, the work great. It will take time, energy and money to accomplish the desired end. The work at Sampson is encouraging, we organized a church there with eight members and they want you to continue to help them if you can consistently do so. N. T. KING, Missionary.

Report "J."

DEAR BRETHREN:—It now becomes my duty to render an account of my Stewardship in the work of our missionary field. I was employed by your Executive Committee as missionary for your Association on April 29th and served to Nov 1st 1894. I have while in the discharge of the duty assigned me traveled 1,018 miles, preached 39 sermons, gave 4 Sunday School lectures, assisted in organizing 3 Sunday Schools, visited 9 families, received and baptized 12 converts, with the assistance of our beloved Bro. Wm. F. Malphurs, organized one church with 23 members. Brethren I feel that I have done all I could do in the time, and feel thankful for the great blessings bestowed upon the feeble labors of your humble servant. The field is large and greatly needing your every effort in missionary work. Brethren, let us individually and collectively as members of the church ask ourselves are we doing all we can for the cause of Christ? Then remember these words—"Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. I collected on

the field \$5.64. From your Executive Committee July \$18.75, Sept. \$18.75, and Nov. \$37.50, total \$84.64. May the Lord bless your efforts and guide you in the word to His own honor and glory is the prayer of your humble servant. D. L. PHILIPS, Missionary.

Report "K."

Brethren I make the following report as Treasurer

AMOUNT RECEIVED.	AMOUNT PAID OUT.
To Am't on hand last Ass.....	A. J. York Missionary.....
Sent to N. Pleasant Grove Union	N. T. King.....
Collected.....	D. L. Philips.....
Sent to Dedan.....	N. T. King.....
Collected.....	D. L. Philips.....
Sent to Santa Fe Pond.....	C. F. Parker.....
Collected.....	Nov. 4 D. L. Philips.....
Sent to Starke.....	Pd. check printing Minutes.....
At Association.....	Pd. check getting up Minutes.....
Sent to Association.....	By amt. to Balance.....
Association for Minutes.....	
Total.....	
To Balance on Hand.....	

BIBLE FUNDS.

Sent to Dedan Union.....	7 65
Santa Fe Pond.....	5 00
Literature sold by Missionary..	75
Boaks on hand.....	13 40
Cash.....	8 25
	4 40
	12 65
	9 00
	4 40
	\$13 40

Report "L."

DEAR BRETHREN:—We, your committee on Missions, beg leave to make the following report: We believe missions to be the cause of Christ; therefore it should engage the hearts and hands of God's people. Our Saviour came into the world to seek and save that which was lost. We think all who claim the name of Christ should prove their faith by their works; we recommend that the pastors remind the members of their churches of their duties on behalf of missionary work. Our field is large, the harvest is ripe, but the laborers are few and funds are scarce. May God bless the Bible efforts that are made, and sustain the hands that are working to advance His cause.

Respectfully submitted,
D. L. PHILIPS, Chairman.

Ministers' Directory.—Antioch, C. F. Parker, LaCrosse; Hope, D. L. Philips, Theresa; Mt. Zion, Samuel Godwin, Baldwin; New River, Abraham Crosby, Zif; Eyergreen, J. J. Clarke, Starke; Starke, Robert Keith, L. W. Kiehlter, Wm. Malphus, Starke.
Licentiates.—N. J. Barry, Worthington Springs; A. J. Pinholster, Zif; James Baxter, Zif.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

CHURCHES.	EXPENDITURES.	MISSIONS.
Antioch	140.00	3.00
Bethel	40.00	4.00
Evergreen	10.00	10.00
Fellowship	75.00	15.00
Hope	15.00	90.00
Kingsley Lake	33.00	2.65
Long Branch	4.00	3.30
Mt. Zion	18.00	1.91
North Pleasant Grove	54.00	2.01
Starke	28.32	2.00
Worthington Springs	20.00	10.82
Wm. Malphus	20.00	2.00
Yonkers	20.00	2.00
Total	50.00	10.82
State.	50.00	10.82
Aged Ministers.	5.00	2.00
Associational, sent to Unions.	83.84	2.00
Associational, sent to Association.	26.72	2.00
Bible Literature.	12.35	2.00
Minutes.	14.90	2.00
Sunday School.	13.22	2.00
Total.	221.97	218.03

The Ladies' Talbot Society of the Starke church contributed \$10.00 to State Missions.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES AND PASTORS.	CLERKS AND P. OFFICE	No. Last Report.	INCREASE.				DECREASE.			Number Males.	Number Females.	Total Membership.	Church Organized.	Value Church Property	S. S. Re- port.	
			By Baptism.	By Letter.	By Restoration.	By Experience.	By Letter.	Excluded.	Died.						No. Pupils.	No. Officers, Teh.
Antioch, N. B. Plummer.....	N. W. Malphurs, LaCrosse	98	4	1	3	10	5	3	1	37	50	87	1872	1,200	4	50
Beulah, L. W. Kickliter.....	L. R. Thomas, Lake View	41	2				1	1		9	32	41	1850	250		
Bethel, A. Crosby.....		32														
Dedan, A. Crosby.....	L. J. Knight, Ziff.....	59	2	6			7		1	15	44	59		500	4	40
Evergreen, J. J. Clarke.....	J. E. J. Wainright, Starke	61	4	1			1	2				63				
Hope, N. T. King.....	J. H. Moore, Theresa.....	60	6	1	2		1		1	21	29	67				
Fellowship, D. L. Philips.....	W. W. Roberts.....		7	14						8	12	21	1894			
Kingsly Lake, not reported.....	S. Silcox, Ionia.....	27					2					25				
Long Branch, not reported.....	D. W. Bennett, Highland..	42														
Mt. Zion, not reported.....	J. B. Hysler, Baldwin.....	35														
N. Pleasant Grove, Z. A. Crampton	J. M. Malphurs, LaCrosse..	57	2		3			5		24	29	57	*	540		
New River, L. W. Kickliter.....	D. M. Deak, New River.....	109		2			8	4	3	32	59	96		450	5	40
Pilgrim's Rest, not reported.....		41														
Sardis, not reported.....		50														
Sampson, N. T. King.....	Seborn Brown, Starke.....									4	4	8	1894			
Santa Fe Pond, J. J. Clarke.....	A. W. Geiger, Starke.....	41	2	11			1			21	33	54		200		
Starke, P. W. Carr.....	J. M. Johns, Starke.....	114	2	7	2	1	5	1	1	47	71	118	1877	700	7	59
		867	31	42	10	11	31	16	7	218	364	736				

The North Pleasant Grove Church has a record as far back as 1859.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Call the Association to order.
3. Singing and prayer.
4. Reading letters and enrollment of delegates.
5. Election of officers; Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer.
6. Invite visiting brethren to seats.
7. Call for correspondence from other Associations.
8. Call for petionary letters.
9. Appointment of committees.
10. Reports of committees.
11. Report of Executive Committee.
12. Report of Treasurer. Reports of other committees.
13. Appointment of messengers to State Convention.
14. Miscellaneous business. Adjournment.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE NEW RIVER MISSION-ARY AND SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION.

ARTICLE 1. This organization shall be known as the Missionary and Sunday School Union of the New River Baptist Association.

ART. 2. This body shall be composed of Pastors, Superintendents of Sunday Schools and messengers appointed by the churches and Sunday Schools of this Association.

SEC. 2. Each church and Sunday School shall be entitled to three messengers each.

ART. 3. The officers of this Union shall be a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be elected by ballot annually, at the first meeting in the Associational year.

ART. 4. At the first meeting in each Associational year there shall be appointed or elected three standing committees, consisting of three or more members each; first, a committee on Nominations; second, a committee on Ways and Means; third, a committee on District Superintendents.

ART. 5. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Nominations to select subjects for discussion, and to nominate who shall open each subject.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Ways and Means to carefully survey and canvass our mission field and churches, encourage and take collections for mission work, confer and co-operate with the Executive Committee of the New River Association in our mission cause, and also to look after and encourage Sunday School work within our bounds, and to report the interest of the same to each meeting of this body.

ART. 7. The Association shall divide into four Sunday School districts, and each district shall have a district superintendent elected once a year.

8. It shall be the duty of the District Superintendents to organize, superintend and see after the Sunday School cause.

ART. 9. All funds collected at each meeting shall be transmitted (through the clerk) to the committee on Ways and Means.

ART. 10. This Constitution may be amended only in the following manner: any proposed amendment must be made in writing at one meeting and if a majority shall vote in favor of same, it shall lie over until the next meeting for final action; if then a majority vote in favor of it, then the constitution shall be so amended.