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Clay County, Fla.

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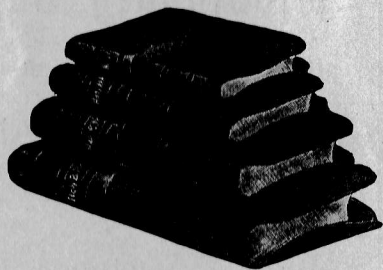
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A. CROSBY,	W. H. PINHOLSTER,	C. M. PRIEST,
W. C. HARRIS,	L. W. KICKLITER,	J. M. KITE,
	J. M. JOHNS.	

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

L. W. Kickliter	Starke.	Samuel Godwin	Long Branch.
Robert Keith	Starke.	A. Crosby	Brooker.
D. L. Phillips	Theresa.	J. J. Clarke	Lawtey.
C. F. Parker	LaCrosse.	B. H. Daimon	Lawtey.
J. W. Deveneau	LaCrosse.	S. S. Proctor	Lake Butler.
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A. J. Pinholster	Brooker.		

LICENTIATES.

J. C. Poppell	New River.	N. J. Barry	Worthington
J. W. Poppell	New River.	P. Q. Cason	LaCrosse.

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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 delegates.
5. Election of officers, moderator, clerk and treasurer.
6. Invite visiting brethren to seats.
7. Call for correspondence from other associations.
8. Call petitionary letters.
9. Appointment of committees.
10. Report of committees.
11. Report of executive committee.
12. Report of treasurer. Report of other committees.
13. Appointment of messengers to state convention.
14. Miscellaneous business. Adjournment.

MINUTES.

October 16, 1901.

THE New River Baptist Association convened with the Long Branch Church, Clay county, Florida. Elder A. J. Pinholster read Rom. viii, and after Elder A. Crosby had offered prayer, preached the introductory sermon from Rom. viii: 28. Dismissed by Elder L. W. Kickliter with prayer.

AFTERNOON.

After a song the Moderator, Elder A. Crosby, read I Psalm. Prayer by Elder B. H. Damon. Association called to order. Letters called for and read by Elders L. W. Kickliter and F. J. Fowler, and messengers enrolled as follows:

Antioch.
 Beulah, C. M. Priest and Lafayette Thomas.
 Bethel, letter.
 Bradford.
 China Grove, J. C. McRae.
 Corinth, J. W. Carter.
 Dedan, P. A. Crosby.
 Evergreen, Elder J. J. Clark, Jesse Reddish and Elder B. H. Damon.
 Fellowship.
 Hope.
 Kingsley Lake, L. D. Prevatt and Silas Silcox.
 Long Branch, W. C. Harris and H. J. Taylor.

CONSTITUTION

Of the Sunday School Convention and Missionary Union of The New River Baptist Association.

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.

SECTION 2. Each church and Sunday school shall be entitled to three Messengers.

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 each 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.

ART. 8. It shall be the duty of the District Superintendent 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 the majority shall vote in favor of the same it shall lie over until next meeting for final action; if then a majority vote in favor of it, then the Constitution shall be so amended.



Mt. Zion, J. G. Peterson and Elder S. Godwin.
 Mt. Sinai, D. J. Byrd.
 North Pleasant Grove, letter.
 New River, I. W. Pinholster and J. H. Poppell.
 New Home, W. Taylor and John McPherson.
 St. Mary's, John Matthews.
 Sardis.

Sampson.

Starke, Elder L. W. Kickliter and J. M. Johns.

Ward City, Elder A. Crosby and E. P. Ward.

The Association elected Elder L. W. Kickliter Moderator by ballot. On motion, rule waived and J. M. Johns elected Clerk by acclamation. Visiting brethren invited and welcomed. Correspondence called for, and Elder E. H. Reynolds, from St. Mary's Association and Historical Society, and Elder F. J. Fowler, of the Santa Fe Association, responded and noted. Elder P. T. L. Queen, of St. Mary's Association, noted and welcomed.

Committee appointed on Preaching—D. J. Bird and E. P. Ward, with the Deacons of Long Branch Church. Bro. Jesse Reddish, on account of sickness, excused. Committee reported that Elder A. J. Pinholster preach at school house at 7 p. m., and Elder F. J. Fowler at church to-morrow at 11 a. m.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

On letters and Queries—A. Crosby, J. H. Poppell and D. J. Byrd.

On Aged Ministers—A. J. Pinholster, J. H. Poppell and John Matthews.

On Education—J. J. Clark, E. H. Reynolds and H. J. Taylor.

On Sunday Schools—F. J. Fowler, P. A. Crosby and W. C. Harris.

On Deceased Ministers and Deacons—A. Crosby, C. M. Priest and J. H. Poppell.

On Publication—I. W. Pinholster, F. J. Fowler and L. D. Prevatt.

On Temperance—L. F. Thomas, J. C. McRae and J. W. Carter.

On Missions—C. M. Priest, L. D. Prevatt and Silas Silcox.

On Finance—C. M. Priest, J. G. Peterson and E. P. Ward.

Adjourned. Prayer by Elder P. T. L. Queen. Dismissed to 9 a. m. to-morrow, by Elder L. W. Kickliter, Moderator.

THURSDAY.

The Moderator read John xiv and led in prayer. Association called to order. The calls renewed and no response.

Committee appointed on Nomination—Elder A. Crosby, D. J. Byrd and L. Thomas.

Committee report on Education presented and discussed by Elders E. H. Reynolds, F. J. Fowler, P. T. L. Queen, B. H. Damon and A. Crosby. Marked A. and adopted.

Elder E. H. Reynolds addressed the meeting on behalf of historic sketches and for information of the ministers and their work in this Association. At 11 a. m. Elder F. J. Fowler read I John, ii, offered prayer and preached from I Cor., iii: 9. The Moderator asked for a collection for the expenses of E. H. Reynolds, Historical Secretary, and received for him \$3.05. Dismissed with prayer by Moderator.

AFTERNOON.

After singing Elder F. J. Fowler offered prayer. Association called to order and Messengers further enrolled. Committee reported on Publication; discussed by Elders F. J. Fowler, B. H. Damon and E. H. Reynolds; marked B and adopted. Report on Aged Ministers discussed by J. M. Johns and Elders P. T. L. Queen and F. J. Fowler, the latter contributing to Elder R. Keith \$2.07; adopted and marked C. Report on Temperance discussed by Elder B. H. Damon; marked D and adopted. Report on Sunday Schools discussed by Elders P. T. L. Queen and B. H. Damon; marked E and adopted. Report on Missions discussed by Elders J. J. Clark, F. J. Fowler, E. H. Reynolds and P. T. L. Queen; marked F. and adopted. Finance committee reported \$26 15 as sent by the churches to the Association. I. W. Pinholster elected treasurer. Committee reported that Elder B. H. Damon preach at the Clay Hill school house at 7 p. m., and that Eld. L. W. Kickliter preach at the Long Branch school house 7 p. m. and that Elder P. T. L. Queen preach the Missionary sermon to-morrow at 11 a. m. Adjourned. Prayer by Elder B. H. Damon. Dismissed by Moderator.

FRIDAY.

After singing the Moderator read CXXII Psalm. Prayer by Eld. S. Godwin. Association called to order. Reports of committees called for.

J. M. Johns, as acting Treasurer, made report; adopted. Report on Deceased Ministers and Deacons; eulogized by L. W. Kickliter, P. T. L. Queen, S. Godwin, J. J. Clark, J. M. Johns and A. Crosby, and adopted, with one blank page to be left in our Minutes to their memory; marked H and adopted. Report of Nomination, that the next Association meet with the Mt. Sinai Church and L. W. Kickliter preach introductory sermon and Elder Samuel Godwin, alternate. Report on Letters and Queries, marked I and adopted. Report of the Executive Committee, after discussion marked J and adopted. The Executive Committee re-elected, with W. C. Harris instead of R. F. Lewis, deceased. Report of Elder L. W. Kickliter on his Missionary Work received and discussed, and on motion to be put in our Minutes; adopted and marked K. Verbal reports on Missionary Work by Elders A. Crosby and J. J. Clark adopted. On motion, the Treasurer to pay \$18.00 for printing Minutes and \$12.00 for getting them up and postage. On motion, if anything is left out of Minutes, the Clerk and Moderator to insert it.

Resolutions offered that the hearty thanks of this body are due and are hereby tendered to this church and the citizens of this neighborhood for their kind welcome and hospitality. Adjourned to meet with the Mt. Sinai Church on Wednesday before the third Sunday in October, 1902. Elder P. T. L. Queen read XLVI Psalm. Prayer led by Elder A. Crosby. Elder Queen sang a solo and preached from XLVI Psalm, 4 v. the missionary sermon, and offered prayer. Dismissed by

J. M. JOHNS,
Clerk.

ELD. L. W. KICKLITER,
Moderator.
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R. F. LEWIS
ORDAINED DEACON OF THE
WARD CITY CHURCH.

Our Loss Is Their Gain.



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FINANCIAL REPORT
OF THE NEW RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	EXPENDITURES			MISSIONS							Churches Organized.	Value of Churches.
	Pastors' Salaries.	On Building and Current.	Sunday School.	Associational sent Unions.	Associational sent Association.	Aged Ministers.	Foreign.	Minutes.	Total.			
Antioch				2 00	1 00			1 00	4 00	1876	1250	
Beulah	35 00			5 81	70			1 00	7 51	1850	300	
Boatdrain Sun. School				65				40	40			
Bradford				85					65			
China Grove					1 20			80	2 00	1895	75	
Corinth				1 50	25			90	2 65			
Dedan	26 75			1 30	80			80	2 90	1882	400	
Evergreen				40	50				90	1887		
Fellowship				2 66	30			20	2 86	1894		
Hope	75 00	20 00		53	30			1 20	2 03	1876	500	
Kingsley Lake				1 20				1 50	1 70	1854	300	
Long Branch	10 0				1 86			1 00	2 86	1873	75	
Mt. Zion					50			1 00	1 50			
Mt. Sinai				25	1 40			50	2 15		200	
North Pleasant Grove	44 50			2 50	1 25			50	4 25	1855	540	
New River				4 77	1 11			8 38	1893		550	
New Home					1 30			70	2 00	1892		
Sardis	50 00			1 00	2 50			1 50	5 00	1875	325	
St. Marys					80			2	1 00	1897		
Sampson City	12 00			1 50				60	2 11	1894		
Starke	240 00		66 00	2 50			15 31	2 10	19 91	1877	600	
Ward City				1 50	1 00			1 00	3 50	1900	300	
Ward City Sun. School					50				50			
Starke Sunday School							4 68		4 68			
Starke Children's Sun. Beam Society								1 66	1 66			
Union Collections.				7 93					7 93			
J. C. Barry, Clerk pro tem. of Dedan Union					6 81	2 30			9 11			
Associon Collections												
J. C. Barry, Clerk pro tem. Dedan Union				11 25					11 25			
Totals				50 10	23 79	2 30	21 65	18 40	116 24			

TREASURER'S REPORT,
FROM OCTOBER 19, 1900, TO OCTOBER 17, 1901.

Amounts Received.		Amounts Paid Out.	
R. F. Lewis, Treasurer, deceased	14 10	Eld. J. J. Clark, missionary work	15 00
New River Union	15 45	Eld. A. Crosby	10 00
J. C. Barry, Clerk pro tem	11 25	Eld. L. W. Kickliter, "	10 00
Corinth Union	8 79	Eld. Thos. Cason, "	5 00
Sent to Association	26 15	Printing Programs	3 00
Reported sent to Foreign Missions	21 65	Reported sent Foreign Missions	21 65
Association collection	3 77	Printing Minutes	18 00
" " for aged Ministers	2 30	Clerk getting up Minutes	12 00
" " for E. H. Reynolds,		Aged Minister, Elder Chaudoin	2 30
Historical Secretary	3 05	Elder E. H. Reynolds, Historical Sec'y	3 05
Clerk received since	9 2	Elder Chaudoin, Association Letters	75
	11 76	I. W. Pinholster, Treasurer	6 51
		In Clerk's hands	8 50
Bal. in Treasury	6 51		
In Clerk's hands	8 50		

J. M. JOHNS, Acting Treasurer.

STATISTICAL REPORT Of The New River Baptist Association-

CHURCHES AND PASTORS.	CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES.	Last Report Membership	Increase.			Decrease.			Membership.		Sunday Schools.	
			Baptism	Letter.	Res-ortation.	Letter.	Exclusion.	Dropting.	By Death.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Antioch	W. F. Malphurs	96							40	59	99	40
Beulah	L. W. Kiehlter	45	1						10	36	46	5
Bethel	A. J. Pinholster	34							10	36	46	4
Bradford	J. R. Holbrook	24							11	14	25	4
Boatdrain Sunday School	J. C. McKae	18	9	5					8	35	43	30
China Grove	W. A. Crosby	18							27	30	57	4
Corinth	A. J. Pinholster	37	1	2					31	49	80	6
Dedan	J. J. Reaves	34							18	23	41	5
Evergreen	J. J. Clark	40							16	22	38	6
Fellowship	T. B. Browning	32	1						3	18	21	4
Hope	J. H. Moore	32							16	22	38	6
Kingsley Lake	James Hornsby	33							2	5	7	2
Long Branch	G. A. Harris	33							17	22	39	6
Long Branch	Samuel Godwin	33							2	5	7	2
Long Branch	Samuel Godwin	41							5	16	21	4
Mt Zion	J. D. Prescott	41							2	5	7	2
Mt Zion	R. W. Surrency	43							2	5	7	2
North Pleasant Grove	W. D. Holder	43							17	23	40	6
New River	W. F. Malphurs	103	4						9	11	20	5
New Home	J. C. Poppel	31							4	14	18	6
New Home	R. D. Prescott	27							1	14	15	5
Pilgrim's Rest	H. C. Peoples	39	6						17	23	40	6
Sardin	S. S. Proctor	13							4	11	15	5
St. Marys	J. J. Clark	13							9	6	15	5
Sampson City	J. B. Bursed	18							4	14	18	6
Sampson City	R. A. Thomas	122	10	4	2				44	74	118	8
Starke	F. J. Fowler	19							1	14	15	5
Starke	J. M. Johns	10							1	14	15	5
Ward City	E. L. Crosby	1699	57	31	5	25	25	6	208	519	1019	49
Totals												

REPORT A.

Education lies at the root of all success in the world. Though education may be secured by other means than attending upon the schools, it is a laborious and unsatisfactory means of accomplishing the desired end. A single individual can never with all the aids which money and energy can command reach such a perfect preparation for the battle of life without scholastic training as he can with it. While a self made man may do well, a man who calls to his aid the training and experience of culture finds all the benefits of the former with the priceless advantage of the latter added thereto. It is a blessing to our denomination that some of our brethren whom God has given the power to make money, recognize the responsibility of their stewardship and are willing to us their wealth to endow and equip our schools not only so as to qualify them for thoroughly training the rising generation, but also to put them within the reach of many to whom it has heretofore been practically inaccessible. If others have prepared the means by which our sons and daughters, and especially our young ministers, may have the benefits of an education, it places on us as parents the responsibility to see that our children receive all the benefits of the best educational advantages that can be secured for them.

J. J. CLARK,
E. H. RENNOLDS, Sr.

REPORT B.

We, your Committee on Publications, will report that the Bible is the greatest of all publications, and should be studied more carefully and its perusal should be instilled into the hearts of the young to such an extent as to cause them to be more interested in its study than that of trashy literature. We further recommend that the Baptist Witness be upheld as the Baptist organ of the State. We also urge that the heads of all families keep all literature teaching dangerous doctrines out of their homes and as far from their dear ones as possible. As we all know, it is easier to keep out of trouble than it is to get out. We further recommend the Home Field and Foreign Mission Journal to the consideration of our brethren.

I. W. PINHOLSTER,
L. D. PREVATT,
F. J. FOWLER.

REPORT C.

We, your Committee on Age! Ministers, report that we have one of those helpless heroes, Eld. Robert Keith, who has received a little help through the State Board and a few of our churches and brethren. Your Committee, upon a little inquiry, feel that there are others who need aid, but they request not to be mentioned in this report. Respectfully submitted.

A. J. PINHOLSTER.

REPORT D.

We, your Committee on Temperance, submit the following report: We would recommend that the churches of this Association use every means in their power to subdue and banish the dreadful and demoralizing habit of using intoxicating drinks, both among their members and elsewhere, praying God to help us. Respectfully submitted.

LAFAYETTE THOMAS,
J. C. MCRAE,
J. W. CARTER.

REPORT E.

Your Committee on Sunday Schools submit the following report: That no interest connected with the work of our churches exceeds in importance and in the blessings of its far reaching results than that of the Sunday School. It is a work that occupies the back ground of all other work in bringing the world to Christ. It is the reserve force of our churches and the ministering angel of our continued prosperity. We regret that the letters from the churches show the presence of only a few schools. We have reached a point where the onward flow of events demand that this work should receive greater attention. We recommend that our present Sunday School Convention provide at its next session for annual meetings specially devoted to the work of intensifying this interest.

F. J. FOWLER,
W. C. HARRIS,
E. A. CROSBY.

REPORT F.

We, your Committee on Missions, respectfully submit the following report: The subject of Missions, both at Home and Foreign, is of the greatest that interests the Church of to day. The commission of our Lord to a great extent has been neglected. Men have been too ready to confine themselves in a great many instances to other lines of Christian work, letting the idea that lies underneath the great plan of salvation almost die. Brethren, are we missionaries, are we true to our profession? If so, let us press the work. Let each one ask himself the question, Have I done all that I can to create an active interest in my own church? Let us try and see if it is not possible to adopt some plan by which we may be able to get everyone in our churches to give something regularly to the support of the cause of Missions. The field is large. We hear the cry coming to us from the home field asking for money to extend the work in the far West. We hear the call coming from China, Japan, Africa, South America and a number of other places asking for the bread of life. Shall we give it to them? The Lord loveth a cheerful giver. In order, brethren, to carry out the spirit of giving that the Lord inaugurated let us heed the Lord's call.

C. M. PRIEST,
L. D. PREVATT,
SILAS SILCOX.

REPORT H.

We, your Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons, report as follows: That the good Lord has seen fit in His infinite wisdom to remove from among us one of our ordained Ministers, our beloved brother Thomas Cason, a member of New River Church, and two of our Deacons, Bro. R. F. Lewis, member of Ward City Church, and Bro. Noah Geiger, of the Starke Church. We feel that our loss is their gain.

A. CROSBY,
C. M. PRIEST,
J. H. POPPELL.

REPORT I

We, your committee on Letters and Queries, submit this report: We find no queries and have had the letters under consideration and find them correct.

A. CROSBY,
D. J. BYRD,
J. H. POPPELL.

REPORT J

Report of the Executive Committee. We, your committee, met in Starke, January 7th, 1901, and after canvassing our missionary field we found so many weak churches without pastors, we decided that it would be best to look after them, and try to build them up, and we concluded to divide the work and employ pastors, whose time was not all filled, that seemed the most appropriate for each locality. We employed Elder L. W. Kickliter to labor with Santa Fe Pond church with instructions that if he saw no chance of building it up to try and get it to dissolve, and also to look after the interests of China Grove church, and to see the result we refer you to report marked K. And Elder Thomas Cason to labor with Pilgrim's Rest and New Home churches but unfortunately shortly after he entered upon the work he was taken sick and died; therefore but little was accomplished. Elder A. Crosby was to labor with the Mt. Sinai church and as a result the church has been greatly revived, so much so they ask to have the next meeting of the Association. We employed Elder J. J. Clark to labor with the St. Mary's and Evergreen churches, and after Brother Cason's death Brother Clark was requested to look after the work given to him. We are glad to report that three of these churches have pastors for next year. As for Pilgrim's Rest church, we fear but little has been accomplished. This, our report, is respectfully submitted.

REPORT K

ELD A. CROSBY, Chairman.

Report of Elder L. W. Kickliter of his Missionary Work:
DEAR BRETHREN:—At the request of the Executive Committee I began work with the Santa Fe Pond church in January last, and the last of the month was taken sick and missed two appointments. As soon as I got able I resumed my work with the church, but found the members so scattered and far from the church that it was with great difficulty that the church could keep up the services, and in August the brethren voted to meet at their regular meeting the third Sunday in September and take under consideration the question of the dissolution of the church, and every member was notified of the fact, and when they met on the third Sunday in September,

after discussing the question thoroughly, the members voted unanimously to dissolve the church and ordered certificates of its dissolution given to each one of its members and the Deacon was instructed to take what funds the church had on hand and purchase one acre of land adjoining the present church lot and have it deeded to the Executive Committee of the New River Association to be held by them in trust for cemetery and church purposes, and all the books and papers belonging to the church were ordered turned over to the Executive Committee to be kept by them for future reference. I also investigated the condition of China Grove church and found they had changed their place of worship from the Stephens Pond to the Boatdrain school House, which I think was a wise thing; and Elder P. M. Riggs was serving them as pastor. I rendered him and the church such assistance as they seemed to need during the year. The church has had considerable prosperity since the move. I received five dollars from the Santa Fe Pond church toward my services. All of which is respectfully submitted.

L. W. KICKLITER.

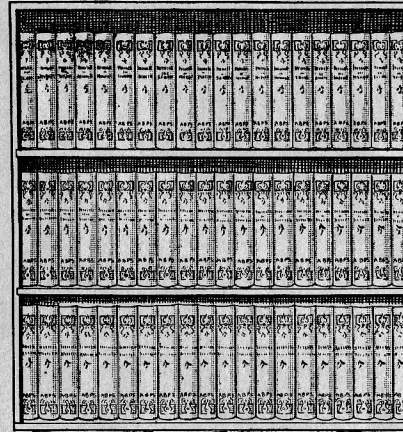


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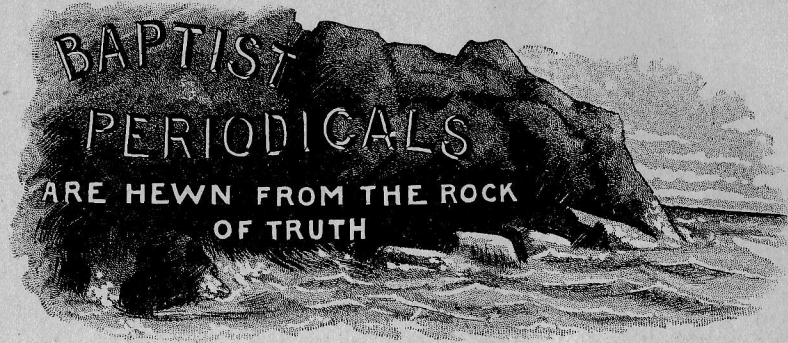
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