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

ART. 4. We believe in the election according to the fore knowledge 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.

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

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 w ll 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.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

I. 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 brethren to seats.

7. Call for correspondents from other associations.

8. Call for petitionery letters.
9. Appointment of committees.

10. Report of committees.

11. Report of executive committee.

2. Report of treasurer. Report of other committees.

13. Appointment of messengers to state convention.

14. Miscellaneous business. Adjournment.

MINUTES.

October 15, 1902.

HE thirty-first annual session of the New River Missionary
Baptist Association met with the Mt. Sinai church, Bradtord
County, Florida. Elder L, W. Kickliter read John vi and offered prayer, and preached from John vi: 66, 67. Prayer by Elder Jesse
Lewis, Dismissed by Eld. S. S. Proctor.

AFTERNOON.

After singing, Eld. L. W. Kickliter, the Moderator, read the 87th Psalm. Prayer by Eld. B. R. Mosely. Association called to order. Letters called for and read by Jesse Lewis and H. H. Thomas and messengers enrolled as follows:

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China Grove, J. C. McRae and S. A. Carter.

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Dedan, B. W. Crosby, J. D. Baxter and Aaron Gatlin.

Evergreen, Eld. J. J. Clark.

Fellowship.

Hope, J. H. Roebuck,

Kingsley Lake, James Hornsby and Isham Woodard.

Long Branch, J. W. Byrd and G. A. Harris, Lawtey, Leonard Sapp and Jerry Norman.

Mt. Zion, John D, Prescott and J. G. Peterson.

Mt. Sinai, B. Dyal, H. H. Thomas and Sister Thomas.

North Pleasant Grove, Irvin Holder and S. H. Burnett.

New River, W. H. Green J. W. Green and F. A. Andrews. New Home, Willie Taylor,

St. Marys.

Sardis, H. C. Peeples, J. C. Dubose and R. R. Cooper. Sampson City, W. H. Bailey, Niram Wynn and Vernon Hilton. Starke, Eld, L. W. Kickliter and J. M. Johns.

Ward City, E. P. Ward, Ozena Ward and E. L. Crosby.

The Association elected Eld. L. W. Kickliter Moderator by ballot. On motion rule was waived, and J. M. Johns elected Clerk and W. H. Pinholster Treasurer. Visiting brethren invited and welcomed. Correspondence from other associations called for, and Elder E. H. Rennolds, Sr., of St. Marys Association and Historical Secretary, and Eld, B. R. Moseley, of the Santa Fe Association responded and were welcomed. Petitionary letter from the First Baptist church of Lawtey received and read and on motion referred to Committee on Letters and Queries. The Moderator appointed the following committees:

On Preaching-W. M. Thomas, with deans of Mt. Sinai church. On Letters and Queries-C. M. Priest, J. C. McRae and James

Hornsby.

On Aged Ministers-H. C. Peeples, S. A. Carter, E. L. Crosby. On Education-E. H. Rennolds, Sr., E. P. Ward, S. H. Burnett. On Deceased Ministers and Deacons-J. J. Clark, I. W. Pinholster and W. H. Bailey.

On Publications—Jesse Lewis, W. H. Pinholster and J. O. Green. On Temperance—H. C. Peeples, Jesse Lewis and F. A. Andrews.

On Missions-J. I. Debose, J. J. Clark and J. C. McRae.

On Sunday Schools-Jesse Lewis, W. H. Green, H. H. Thomas. On Finance-C. M. Priest, H. H. Thomas and Vernon Hilliard. Committee reported that Elder E. H. Rennolds preach at 7 p. m. and Elder B. R. Moseley preach at tra. m. to-morrow.

Adjourned. Prayer by Eld. Jesse Lewis. Dismissed by Moderator. At 7 p. m., after singing, Eld. E. H. Rennolds read I Peter v and offered prayer, and preached from I Peter v: 6, 7, and after prayer by Eld. B. R. Moseley, dismissed. Alsold, M. H. Albi ve byart amine

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messengers enrolled as follow, yadsauht The Moderator read the 25th Psalm. Prayer by Elder E. H. Rennolds. Association called to order. The calls renewed. Letters appointed were B. Dyal, W. M. Thomas, J. D. Prescett and G. A. Harris. Reports of committees called for. Elder E. H. Rennolds Lieday, P. W. Crosby, J. D. Baxter and Aaron Catlin.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Since higher education has been brought into the reach of the masses, it has become imperatively necessary to give our children a more liberal training to fit them for a successful struggle in the battle of life. And the neglect to do so will inevitably hamper them through life and tend to make them merely "hewers of wood and drawers of water" for others, whose parents have acted more wisely in giving them the advantages of senolastic training. The same condition has also rendered it necessary to educate our preachers, so that the occupant of the pulpit may be able to lift up his people, rather than have them look down on him as an inferior in literary attainments. Our John B. Stetson University, munificently endowed by large-hearted brethren of this and other states, has put within the reach of many of our boys and girls the means of securing such a literary equipment as they need and as we ought to give them.

The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary is the only theological institution in the world that offers to the young minister the privilege of adding to his theological knowledge whatever of preparation he may see fit to use, or his financial condition will enable him to take advantage of; and any one of them who desires an aducation can secure the means to obtain it through the

receives arganisation of our churches, associations and State conventions. Let us then urge upon and roung men who are called to preach to avail themselves of the opportunities offered to prepare them to "rightly divine the word or truth" and thus widen their fields of usefulness. Respectfully submitted. E. H. RENNOLDS, SR.,

E. P. WARD, S. H. BURNETT.

After discussion by Elders E. H.Rennolds, B. R. Moseley and L. W. Kickliter, was adopted. J. I. Dubose read the

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

We, your committee, submit the following report: We see that a portion of our missionary field has been occupied by our Missionary with very good results; but the territory is large and has not all been occupied. We recommend that the churches exert a greater effort to do more the coming year. Respectfully submitted.

J. I. DUBOSE, J. J. CLARK.

J. C. MCRAE.

Discussed by Elders J. W. Hilton and E. H. Rennolds. Report adopted. At 11 a. m. Elder B. R. Moseley read Heb. x and offered prayer and preached from Heb. x: 19. Prayer by Eld. F. M. Hartman. Dismissed by Moderator.

AFTERNOON.

After a song the Moderator read 29th Psalm. Prayer by Elder J. W. Hilton, Association called to order. Correspondence called for and Elders J. W. Hilton and F. M. Hartman and Mr. Bennett and wife, of the Santa Fe Association, responded and were welcomed. Jesse Lewis read

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

We especially recommend reading and study of the Bible in preference to all other literature. We also recommend the Foreign and Home Mission work, also the Florida Baptist Witness and the Southern Baptist Publication. Respectfully submitted. JESSE LEWIS.

W. H. PINHOLSTER.

Discussed by Elders Jesse Lewis, B. R. Moseley, J. W. Hilton and L. W. Kickliter and adopted. The Clerk then read report on

DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

We, your committee, report that the Lord has seen fit, in His infinite wisdom, to remove from among us one of our most faithful and useful Ministers, Abraham Crosby, member of the Ward City Baptist church, and also our well beloved brother, Robert Keith, of the Starke church, and also our beloved brother, Deacon James Strickland, of China Grove church. All of which is respectfully submitted. J. J. CLARK, Chairman.

Eulogized by J. M. Johns, J. J. Clark, B. Dyal and L. W. Kick liter. Adopted. Motion of J. M. Johns, that a blank page be left on our Minutes in memory of the two ministers, adopted. Read by H. C. Peeples,

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee will report that much has been said and written on this subject, but intemperance still prevails. We would recommend that all churches keep a clean house for the Lord, as no blessings are promised to those who stand in the way of the sinner. Respectfully submitted. H. C. PEEPLES,

JESSE LEWIS.

Discussed by B. R. Moseley, J. W. Hilton, J. M. Johns and B. Dyal and adopted. H. C. Peeples read the

REPORT ON AGED MINISTERS.

That we have two of them in our ranks, viz, Elders J. J. Clark and B. H. Damon. We find by inquiry that Bro. Clark is receiving some aid from the State Executive Board. We would recommend that our executive committee render them such assistance as is in their power.

H. C. PEEPLES,

E. L. CROSBY.

Discussed by J. M. Johns and adopted. On motion anjourned. Dismissed by Moderator. At 7 p. m. Eld. J. W. Hilton read 145th Psalm, offered prayer and preached from 145th Psalm, 9. Eld. B. R. Moseley closed with prayer.

FRIDAY.

At 9:30 a. m., after a song, the Moderator read a psalm. Prayer by Jesse Lewis. Meeting called to order. The Clerk read Report on

LETTERS AND QUERIES.

Your committee find among the letters petitions asking for dismissal from this Association by following churches: Sardis, North Pleasant Grove, Ward City and Antioch. We recommend that petitions be granted. We have investigated the petition of the First Baptist church of Lawtey, and find the church orthodox and properly organized, and recommended that it be received in full membership of this Association. Respectfully submitted.

C. M. PRIEST. J. C. MCRAE.

On motion adopted, and the Moderator gave the hand of fellow-JAS. HORNSBY. ship to the messengers. Report on Finance was read and adopted. Report of Treasurer was read and adopted. Elder Kickliter read the and were welcomed.

MISSIONARY REPORT.

Dear Brethren—At the request of the Executive Committee, immediately after the union in January I visited the territory between Middleburg and Jacksonville, with the view of doing work if the prospect would justify it. I found a field for good work and I have worked in that field during the year. Below you will find the result of my work: Miles traveled, 730; preached 45 sermons; families visited, 26; baptized, 8; received on the field, \$3.40.

L. W. KICKLITER, Missionary.

Discussed by J. M. Johns and Elder Kickliter and adopted. Clerk read the

no flores of EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

We had a meeting at the Bradford Union, and after surveying the field of mission work, we concluded, as all of our weak churches had pastors, our attention was called to the territory between Middleburg and Jacksonville. We sent Elder L. W. Kickliter in there on a tour of inspection, with a view of establishing missionary work, and after his report we decided to continue him in there for the remainder of the year. After earnest solicitation of the committee he consented to take it at a sacrifice and tendered his resignation as one of the executive committee, which was accepted. We refer to his report as to the work that has been accomplished. Brethren, this is an important field and should not be neglected. We desire to express our thanks to the churches for their liberal contributions sent to the unions enabling us to pay our missionary promptly, and we can congratulate them by saying that after he is paid some funds are still left in the treasury. Respectful y submitted. J. M. JOHNS, Clerk Ex. Com.

Elder Jesse Lewis read the

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.

It is no longer a disputed question that the Sunday school cause is one of great interest to the prosperity of the churches. Its influence is being felt in the diffusion of better knewledge of the Scriptures, which is the great scheme of human hope and salvation. Your committee regrets to see reports coming in from so many churches without Sunday schools. We recommend that the church members form themselves into Bible classes. Respectfully submitted, W. Histon, J. M. Johns and B. JESSE LEWIS,

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H. H. THOMAS.

Discussed by Jesse Lewis, J. M. Johns, J. W. Hilton, B. Dyal and M. Kite and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATION.

That our next Association meet with the New River church, and that A. J. Pinholster preach the introductory sermon. Respectfully submitted. W. M. THOMAS, Chairman.

On motion, C. M. Priest, W. C. Harris, J. T. Reaves and R. W. Surrency were elected as an executive committee with the Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer. Messengers to State Convention, I. W. Pinholster, Jesse Thomas, J. H. Roebuck. On motion, the treasurer pay the \$18 for printing Minutes and \$12 for getting them up and postage, On motion, if anything is omitted or left out of the minutes, that the Moderator and clerk may add it in. Resolution by I. W. Pinholster:

Resolved, That the hearty thanks are due from this body, and are hereby tendered, to Mt. Sinai church and the citizens of the neighborhood for their kind welcome and hospitality.

After a song Elder Jesse Lewis offered prayer. Elder Hartman preached from Heb, xii: 1-11. During the closing song the assembly extended the hand of their appreciation to Elder F. M. Hartman for his earnest sermon.

On motion, adjourned to meet with the New River church on Wednesday before the second Sunday in October, 1903. Prayer by Elder J. W. Hilton. Dismissed by L. W. KICKLITER,

J. M. JOHNS,

Moderator.



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