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OF THE

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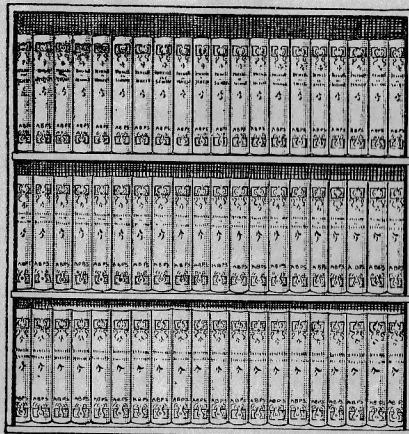
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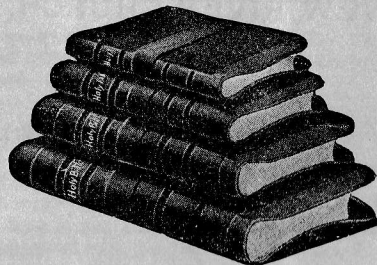
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	J. M. JOHNS.	

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L. R. Thomas.....	Leno, Clay Co.	B. H. Daimon.....	Lawtey.
A. J. Pinholster.....	Brooker.	Silas E. Dukes.....	Blair.
R. Prevatt.....	Lawtey.		

LICENTIATES—J. C. Poppell, New River; J. W. Poppell, New River.

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 1903.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

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 to 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 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 letters 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, 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 members; the Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer of the Association being members and officers ex officio, the other four 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 the 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 call 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 enquire into the cause of failure on the part of any church to report itself by letter and messenger 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 those present.

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 7, 1903.

THE thirty-second annual session of the New River Missionary Baptist Association met with the New River church. Elder A. J. Pinholster read Matth. ii, and after song and prayer by Elder B. H. Damon, preached from I Peter iv: 18. Elder L. W. Kickliter closed with prayer. Dismissed.

AFTERNOON.

After singing Elder L. W. Kickliter, the Moderator, read 16th Psalm; prayer by Elder B. H. Damon. The Association was called to order. Visitors welcomed and invited to seats. By request the Moderator made a short welcome address on behalf of the church and community. Letters called for and read by R. B. Lee and J. B. Edwards, and messengers were enrolled as follows:

Beulah—Sister C. M. Priest; second day, C. M. Priest.
Bradford.
China Grove—J. C. McRae.
Corinth—A. Crosby and L. L. Sapp.
Dedan—P. A. Crosby, A. Gatlin, J. D. Baxter and Jas. Gatlin.
Evergreen—Jesse Reddish and Elder B. H. Damon.
Fellowship—T. B. Browning and S. L. Griffis.
Hope—By letter.
Kingsley Lake—L. D. Prevatt.
Long Branch—By letter.
Lawtey—Hiram Bennett.
Mt. Zion—By letter.
Mt. Sinai—B. Dyal and D. J. Byrd.
New River—I. W. Pinholster, J. H. Poppell, G. W. Johns, R. H. Green and J. J. Colson.
New Home.
Pleasant Hill—Bryant Dupree and Geo. Todd.
St. Marys.
Sampson City.
Starke—J. M. Johns, Eld. L. W. Kickliter, D. D. Woodard and R. B. Lee.
The Association elected Elder L. W. Kickliter Moderator, J. M. Johns Clerk and W. H. Pinholster Treasurer.
The Moderator appointed the following committee: On Religious Exercises and Nominations—J. C. McRae and Aaron Gatlin, with Deacons of New River church. Petitionary letter from Pleasant Hill church received and referred to

Committee on Letters and Queries. Committee reported that Bro. Dyal conduct religious service at 9:30 a. m. and Elder A. J. York preach at 11 a. m. Dismissed by Moderator.

THURSDAY.

Elder S. E. Dukes read John iii. Bro. B. Dyal led in devotional services; after commenting offered prayer; after singing Elder L. W. Kickliter offered prayer. Association called to order. Messengers further enrolled. Correspondence from other associations called for, and Elder J. B. Holly from the Santa Fe Association and representing the "Southern Baptist," and Elder A. J. York responded and noted. Appointment of committees announced by Moderator as follows:

On Letters and Queries—C. M. Priest, B. H. Damon and J. H. Poppell.
On Aged Ministers—Eld. A. J. Pinholster, H. Bennett and Jesse Reddish.
On Education—J. J. Colson, John Baxter and Eld. S. E. Dukes.
On Deceased Ministers and Deacons—J. M. Johns, Sebron Brown and R. H. Green.

On Publications—F. A. Holtzhausen, J. H. Poppell and R. B. Lee.
On Temperance—B. H. Damon, D. D. Woodard and B. Dyal.
On Sunday Schools—J. J. Colson, J. C. McRae and G. W. Johns.
On Finance—C. M. Priest, D. J. Byrd and J. D. Baxter.
Committee on Letters and Queries reported that they investigated the organization of Pleasant Hill church and recommended that the church be received to membership in this Association. On motion the report was adopted and the Moderator extended the hand of fellowship and welcome to the messengers. On motion recess taken. After singing and prayer by Elder J. B. Holly, Elder A. J. York preached from II Tim. : 2, 3, and closed.

AFTERNOON.

After singing and prayer by Eld. F. A. Holtzhausen, the Moderator called the Association to order. J. M. Johns read

REPORT ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

We, your committee, beg leave to say the good Lord has seen fit to spare our Ministers and Deacons for the future work, which we trust will be far better at the close of another year. Respectfully submitted.

J. M. JOHNS,
R. H. Green.

Report adopted. The Clerk read

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

1. Resolved, That we will not keep intoxicating liquors in our homes.
2. Resolved, That we will not drink intoxicating drinks.
3. Resolved, That we are in favor of prohibition.

B. H. DAMON, Chairman.
Discussed by Elders B. H. Damon, F. A. Holtzhausen, J. B. Holly, A. J. York, Pat. Legette, L. W. Kickliter and Bros. A. P. Crosby, J. M. Johns and J. W. Kellum and adopted.

Committee on Nominations reported that D. D. Woodard conduct prayer service at 9 a. m. and Elder B. H. Damon preach missionary sermon at 11 a. m. the following day. On motion adjourned. Prayer by Moderator. Dismissed by Elder B. H. Damon.

FRIDAY.

After singing Elder L. W. Kickliter read 73d Psalm. D. D. Woodard offered prayer. Songs and prayer by Eld. A. J. York. Eld. B. H. Damon closed. Association called to order. Visitors invited and welcomed. Elder W. L. Mahon, representing the Orphanage at Arcadia, and Eld. S. S. Proctor responded and noted. Elder Damon read

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

We believe in a Missionary in our own Association and home missions and foreign missions, and recommend that the churches exert a greater effort to do more in the future. All of which is respectfully submitted.

B. H. DAMON,
I. W. PINHOLSTER,
J. GATLIN.

Discussed by Elders B. H. Damon, J. B. Holly and S. S. Proctor and adopted.

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

Your Committee beg leave to report, first, that we most earnestly recommend to all the members of this Association to read and carefully study the Book of Books, as God's revealed will to mankind. Second, we recommend that all church members make every effort to have in their homes one or more denominational papers or periodicals, so that they may come into a close sympathy and harmony with all the interests and enterprises of our great Baptist denomination. Third, your Committee desire to state that they have the utmost confidence in the good judgment of the members of the Association as to which paper or periodical is most suited to their individual taste or personal need. Respectfully submitted.

F. A. HOLTZHAUSEN.

Discussed by F. A. Holtzhausen, J. B. Holly and L. W. Kickliter; adopted. W. L. Mahon addressed the meeting on behalf of the Orphanage at Arcadia, Fla., and took up the following collection: I. W. Pinholster, 50 cents, W. H. Pinholster, \$1, V. E. Sapp, 50 cents, R. H. Green, 50 cents, B. Dyal, 50 cents, F. Andrews, 50 cents, J. D. Baxter, 50 cents, S. B. Cason, \$1, Elder A. J. Pinholster, 50 cents, J. J. Colson, 25 cents, J. R. Williams, 50 cents, Aaron Gatlin, 50 cents, Beulah church, pledge \$4, cash \$1, L. D. Johns, 50 cents, J. W. Kellum, 50 cents, D. J. Byrd, 50 cents, R. B. Lee, 50 cents, J. M. Johns, \$1, L. W. Kickliter, \$1; total cash, \$11.75; with pledge, \$15.75.

After singing Elder B. H. Damon read John xvii, offered prayer and preached from John xvii: 20. Sermon closed by Elder J. B. Holly. While singing collection taken up, amounting to \$4.88. Dismissed by Moderator.

AFTERNOON.

After singing and prayer by Elder F. A. Holtzhausen the Association called to order. On motion the following members, viz, C. M. Priest, D. J. Byrd, W. C. Harris and P. A. Crosby, were elected as the Executive committee with the Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer. The Clerk read

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Immediately after the last Association your Committee met and employed Brother L. W. Kickliter to keep up the missionary work on Black Creek for the first three months, as he could not take it any longer. During that time we succeeded in securing the services of a good brother for the rest of the year. But when the time came he could not take it on account of illness, and we thought we had others to take the work, we learned that the executive committee of the St. Johns Association had withdrawn the \$50 they had appropriated to assist us. Therefore our subsequent arrangements were confused and broken up. We very much regret not having done more work. We have helped some of the weak churches a little. Respectfully submitted.

J. M. JOHNS, Clerk.

Discussed by Elder L. W. Kickliter and adopted. Read by J. J. Colson,

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

We, your Committee, having had the matter under consideration, have concluded that there is nothing short of the Gospel that is of more importance than an education. And we believe the time will soon be past for the uneducated to lead and guide his flock. Therefore we would emphasize the importance of Bible education. We urge the necessity of an educated ministry, and to this end we endorse and commend the work of the John B. Stetson University. Education is admitted to be a power, therefore an educated Christian is a power for Christ. Respectfully submitted

J. J. COLSON,
JOHN BAXTER,
S. E. DUKES.

Discussed by Elders F. A. Holtzhausen and B. H. Damon and adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We, your Committee, regret very much to see so few Sunday schools reported, for surely, there must be more in the Association than have been reported. It seems to us that the failure of this cause is due to carelessness on the part of church members to appreciate as they ought the great value of Sunday school work to the young people, as well as to the church. Therefore we urge upon

each church to impress upon their members the importance of Sunday school work. Respectfully submitted.

J. J. COLSON,
J. C. McRAE,
G. W. JOHNS.

Discussed by Elders B. H. Damon, S. S. Proctor and F. A. Holtzhausen.
The Clerk read

REPORT ON AGED MINISTERS.

We, your Committee, find that we have two of them in our ranks, viz, Elder B. H. Damon and J. J. Clark. We find by inquiry that Bro. Clark is receiving some aid by pension. We recommend that our Executive Committee render them such assistance as may be in their power. All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. J. PINHOLSTER, Chairman.

Discussed by Elders A. J. Pinholster, J. B. Holly, S. S. Proctor and J. M. Johns and C. M. Priest. Elder J. B. Holly closed his meek but grand discussion by placing a dollar on the table, saying that he wanted that much in a horse for Bro. Damon. J. M. Johns placed another dollar on the table to go with Bro. Holly's. On motion the Executive Committee was authorized to turn over to L. D. Geiger \$10 for state missions.

MISSIONARY REPORT.

I entered upon the new year's work the first of January. Miles traveled, 200; sermons preached, 12; family visits, 8; baptised, 3. Gave up the work the last of March. Received for my services from the Executive Committee \$23; collected in the field \$2.

L. W. KICKLITER, Missionary.

Received and adopted. Messengers to State Convention, Eld. B. H. Damon, I. W. Pinholster and C. M. Priest. Finance Committee's report received and adopted. On motion, if anything is left out or omitted in the minutes, the Clerk and Moderator be authorized to enter it. The following resolutions were offered and adopted:

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of this body are due and are hereby tendered to this Church and the citizens of this community for their kind welcome and hospitality; and

Resolved, That the Treasurer pay the Clerk \$18 for printing the Minutes and \$12 for getting them up and mailing.

On motion adjourned to meet with the Lawtey church on Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1904, and Elder F. A. Holtzhausen to preach the introductory sermon. Prayer by Eld. J. B. Holly. Dismissed by Eld. W. L. Mahon.

J. M. JOHNS,
Clerk.

L. W. KICKLITER,
Moderator.



**FINANCIAL REPORT
OF THE NEW RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.**

Churches.	Expenditures for Pastors' Salaries.	MISSIONS.				TOTALS.	Churches Organized.	Value of Churches.
		Associational sent Unions.	Associational sent Association.	For Minutes.	Aged Ministers and Ministerial Relief.			
Beulah	25 00	7 65	.....	1 25	2 00	10 90	1850	200
Bethel	25	50	.....	75	1895	.....
Bradford	1 30	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	100
China Grove	55	70	.....	.....	3 00	1895	.....
China Grove S. School	4 35	.....	50	50	5 35	1897	.....
Corinth	1 50	.....	.....	.....	75	.....	.....
Corinth S. School	30 00	1 25	1 55	.....	1 00	4 05	1883	400
Dedan	1 00	.....	.....	.....	2 25	1887	.....
Evergreen	2 42	.....	60	.....	60	1894	.....
Fellowship	40 00	1 00	20	1 05	1 00	4 47	1876	300
Hope	1 00	30	30	.....	50	1854	300
Kingsley Lake	1 30	.....	1 20	.....	2 50	1902	.....
Lawtey	1 00	.....	1 21	.....	30	.....	.....
Lawtey S. School	77	.....	.....	.....	2 21	1878	75
Long Branch	3 90	75	70	.....	1 37	.....	.....
Long Branch S. Sch'l	3 14	1 50	.....	.....	5 35	.....	100
Mt. Zion	60 00	12 73	3 55	1 00	5 44	.....	300
Mt. Sinai	50	3 00	19 78	1833	500
New River
New River, state
New Home	1 15	.....	.....	1 15	1892	.....
Pleasant Hill	1903	.....
Sampson City	1894	.....
St. Marys	1897	.....
Starke	172 00	4 70	9 11	3 03	2 50	19 31	1877	800
Starke, current acct.	1 65	.....	.....	.....	1 65	.....	.....
H. Bennett	50	50	.....	.....
Collections, Missions and Association	17 53	4 88	.....	.....	22 41	.....	.....
Totals	64 84	26 04	11 31	11 50	115 34	.....	.....

Association collection for Orphanage, \$11.

Beulah, visiting Minister, \$4.57.

Starke Ladies' Aid Society, on church and janitor, \$56.00.

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FROM OCTOBER 17, 1902, TO OCTOBER 9, 1903.

Amounts Received.		Amounts Paid Out.	
On hand last report	26 05	Mar. 30. To L. W. Kickliter, Missionary	23 00
Mt. Zion Union	15 02	Oct. 10. To L. D. Geiger, for Missions	10 50
New River Union	12 22	Oct. 9. To Clerk, printing Minutes	18 00
Hope Union	15 55	Oct. 9. To Cl'k, writ'g Min's and postage	12 00
Starke Union	17 40	By bal. in treasury	56 08
Association	32 54	By bal. in Clerk's hands	4 31
Association for State Mission	50		
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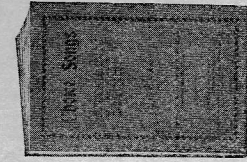
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			By Baptism.	By Letter.	By Restoration.	By Letter.	By Expulsion.	By Death.				
Beulah..... L. R. Thomas, Leno	Lafayette Thomas..... Waller	48										
Bethel..... D. L. Phillips	Sebron Brown..... Sampson City	12	7			1		54				
Bradford..... A. J. Pinholster	J. R. Holbrook.....	24			12			24				
China Grove..... W. C. McRae	J. C. McRae.....	17	2					21				
Corinth..... A. J. Pinholster	P. A. Crosby..... Starke	25	2	4	4	2	1	22		20		
Dedan..... J. J. Clark	W. A. Crosby..... Brooker	42	3					25				
Evergreen..... Pat Legette	Jesse Reddish..... Lawtey	31	3	5		8	1	47				
Fellowship..... J. F. McBride	N. L. Varnes..... Johnstown	41	1			2	2	40				
Hope..... L. W. Kicklifer	J. H. Moore..... Theressa	34			2			36				
Kingsley Lake..... Samuel Godwin	James Hornsby.....	22	1					40	4	49		
Long Branch..... D. L. Phillips	G. A. Harris..... Maxville	24		1		1		24				
Lawtey..... Samuel Godwin	L. L. Sapp..... Lawtey	20		2				24	6	100		
Mt. Zion..... A. J. Pinholster	John D. Prescott..... Baldwin	33		2				31	3	30		
Mt. Sinai..... S. S. Proctor	R. W. Surrency..... Lake Butler	44		3		4		28	4	36	300	
New River..... S. E. Proctor	J. J. Colson.....	33	2	3				47	4	20		
New Home..... S. E. Proctor	R. D. Prescott.....	21				2		24				
Pleasant Hill..... S. E. Proctor	Bryan Dupree..... Blair	93						94				
St. Marys..... J. H. Hartman	J. B. Burnsed.....	15						21				
Sampson City..... F. A. Hiltzhausen	H. A. Thomas..... Sampson City	33						15				
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