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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 the treasurer. Reports of other committees.
13. Appointment of messengers to state convention.
14. Miscellaneous business. Adjournment.

OFFICERS.

REV. L. W. KICKLITER Moderator.
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Jesse Thomas, L. W. Kickliter, W. H. Pinholster, I. W. Pinholster,
 C. M. Priest, W. C. Harris, J. M. Johns.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

L. W. Kickliter, Starke. A. J. Pinholster, Brooker.
 J. J. Farmer, Starke. Samuel Godwin, Maxville.
 D. L. Phillips, Theressa. J. J. Clarke, Lawtey.
 L. R. Thomas, Leno, Clay County. B. H. Damon, Lawtey.
 R. M. Prevatt, Lawtey. Silas E. Dukos, Blair.

LICENTIATES.

J. C. Poppell, New River. Jas. Strickland, Louisa.
 J. W. Poppell, New River.

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CONSTITUTION OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL 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 each.
- ART. 3. The officers of this Union shall be a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be appointed or 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.

MINUTES.

October 14, 1904.

The thirty-third annual session of the New River Missionary Baptist Association met with the Lawtey Baptist church, Bradford county, Florida. After singing Elder J. J. Farmer was elected to preach, and after offering prayer preached from Luke xviii: 42. Prayer by Elder L. W. Kickliter. Benediction by Elder H. D. Carter.

AFTERNOON.

After singing the Moderator read the 15th Psalm. Prayer by Elder B. H. Damon. The Association was called to order. Visitors welcomed and invited to seats. Letters called for and read by Elders P. T. L. Queen and J. J. Farmer and Messengers enrolled as follows:

Heulah—Jesse Thomas, Mrs. Mary A. Thomas and Miss Mary E. Thomas.
 Bethel—Henry Brown.
 Bradford.
 China Grove—A. J. Coleman and J. C. McRae.
 Corduroy.
 Indian—P. A. Crosby and John Baxter.
 Rivergreen—J. J. Clark and J. W. Wood.
 Hope—G. P. Neal.
 Kingsley Lake—James Strickland, James Hornsby and Silas Silcox.
 Lawtey—Hiram Bennett, L. L. Sapp and Jack Lastinger.
 Long Branch—H. D. Carter and G. A. Harris.
 Mt. Zion—Samuel Godwin.
 New River—L. W. Pinholster, W. H. Green and J. G. Edwards.
 Pleasant Hill—Gordon Johnson and George Johnson.
 Sampson City—Henry Brown.
 Shanks—Elders L. W. Kickliter and J. J. Farmer, J. M. Johns and L. C. Powell.

The Association elected Elder L. W. Kickliter Moderator, J. M. Johns Clerk, and W. H. Pinholster Treasurer. Elder P. T. L. Queen welcomed as correspondent of the Jacksonville Association. The Moderator appointed the following committee:

On Religious Exercises—J. C. McRae, I. W. Pinholster and L. L. Sapp, with Deacons of this Church.

Letters and Queries—Elder Samuel Godwin, Geo. Johnson and J. W. Wood.
 Agent Ministers—Eld. J. J. Farmer, Jesse Thomas and Hiram Bennett.

Deacons and Ministers and Deacons—Elder B. H. Damon, W. M. Thomas and H. D. Carter.
 Temperance—W. H. Green, L. C. Powell and Jesse Thomas.
 Publications—J. M. Johns, W. H. Green and W. C. Harris.
 Finance—C. M. Priest, L. L. Sapp and J. W. Wood.
 Education—Elder J. J. Clark, Gordon Johnson and A. J. Coleman.
 Missions—L. W. Pinholster, W. H. Green and James Strickland.
 Sunday Schools—Jesse Thomas, J. C. McRae and H. D. Carter.
 Women's Mission Work—L. W. Pinholster, C. M. Priest and J. M. Johns.
 On motion, Elder P. T. L. Queen elected to preach to-night.
 Elder J. J. Farmer read report on

AGED MINISTERS.

We have two aged and worthy Ministers that will come under this head. We refer to Elders J. J. Clark and B. H. Damon. Bro. Clark is receiving some aid from the Executive Board. We recommend that the Board render them such aid as is in their power.

Discussed by H. Bennett and P. T. L. Queen and adopted.
 On motion Bros. C. M. Priest, L. W. Kickliter, I. W. Pinholster and Samuel Godwin were elected to the State Baptist Convention and Elder J. J. Farmer was

electd to the Southern Baptist Convention. The Executive Committee was elected as follows: Jesse Thomas, I. W. Pinholster, C. M. Priest and W. C. Harris, with Moderator, Treasurer and Clerk. Adjourned to 9:30 a. m. to-morrow. Prayer by Elder J. J. Farmer; dismissal by Moderator. At 7 p. m., after prayer and preaching by Elder P. T. L. Queen, services closed with prayer by Elder F. C. Edwards.

SATURDAY.

The Moderator read 37th Psalm. Prayer by Elder Queen. Association called to order and Messengers further enrolled. Elder F. C. Edwards, as correspondent from the Wekiva Association and representing the Southern Baptist Witness, was elected by the Committee to preach at 11 a. m. The Clerk read report on

EDUCATION.

We, your committee, have had the matter under consideration and believe that there is nothing short of the Gospel itself to be of more importance than an education. We would that all could appreciate the importance of having our children taught by religious teachers. Therefore we recommend the John B. Stetson University, our grand institution of learning at DeLand, Florida, where none but those of the purest morals are employed as teachers. Knowledge is power, but a great deal depends upon what kind—whether it is a blessing or a curse to its possessor and to society. Then it behooves us to be careful as to the kind of literature we read. We recommend that the patrons of each public school use every possible effort to have moral, sober and temperate supervisors for their schools. Respectfully submitted.

Discussion by J. M. Johns, Elders B. H. Damon and F. C. Edwards, and by permission called on Elder Damon to offer prayer for the education of our ministry. On motion, recess taken. After singing Elder F. P. Edwards read the 103d Psalm, offered prayer and preached from Ex. xvi: 9. Prayer by Elder P. T. L. Queen. Dismissed by the Moderator.

J. J. CLARK, Chairman.

AFTERNOON.

After singing the Moderator read 40th Psalm, offered prayer and called the Association to order. The Committee reported on

DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

Brethren, we, your committee, have examined the reports from the churches and find that Deacons K. B. Drew, of Beulah church, and Thomas E. Bagg, of Starke, have died. We find no other and beg to report same.

Bro. Queen read report on

PERIODICALS.

We, your Committee on Periodicals, submit the following: We rejoice in progress that is being made in preparing and publishing Baptist literature. Our literature, enriched with the sublime doctrines of the Christian religion is flooding the mails and as white angels of mercy are going daily to all lands and kindred tongues and peoples. We are glad to hear that the literary character of our Baptist literature is taking the front rank in the kingdom of letters and must exert a wonderful influence in the formation of religious convictions of the coming generations. We heartily commend the Southern Baptist Witness, published in Orlando, Fla. This is a new-born child of our State Convention. It is the property of the Baptists of Florida and has a special claim to their support. We note that some of the Sunday schools of this Association receive their literature from the American Baptist Publication Society. While recognizing that the Baptists are one great family and what helps one helps all, still the provision of the Southern Baptist Convention publication interest is so arranged that every cent of profit from the sale of its publications is turned into the channels of missions and should be liberally supported. Respectfully submitted.

Discussed by Elders P. T. L. Queen, F. C. Edwards, L. W. Kickliter and B. H. Damon and adopted.

J. M. JOHNS, Chairman.

LETTERS AND QUERIES.

We, your Committee on Letters and Queries, beg leave to report that nothing has been referred to or brought before us. Respectfully submitted.

The Clerk read report on

TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee submit the following report: We look upon the sale of and use of whiskey as the greatest evil in the land from the fact that it is the mother of more crime, and produces more suffering, and blights and destroys more intellect and causes more agony of soul and body than any other evil in the world. We feel thankful to the Lord that the people are becoming more interested upon this question than they have ever been before. We rejoice to see the Christian people as well as the good moral element voting out the privilege of selling it and putting the bottle to our brothers' lips. And we appeal to the Christian people of this Association, when that time comes, to let their influence be felt in the exercise of the right which God has given them at the ballot box, to banish the evil from our land. We urge upon the pastors of our churches the importance of reading this report before their churches and talking with their people upon this question. Respectfully submitted.

W. H. GREEN, Chairman.
Discussed by Elders L. W. Kickliter, F. C. Edwards, B. H. Damon and Bros. I. W. Pinholster and W. H. Green and adopted. The Committee on Religious Exercises reported that Elder A. J. Pinholster preach to-night and Elder P. T. L. Queen preach to-morrow at 11 a. m., and that the next meeting of this Association be held with the Evergreen Church and that Elder B. H. Damon preach the introductory sermon.

Report on Finance read and adopted. The Clerk read the Report on

MISSIONS.

We believe in a Missionary in our own Association and in Home and Foreign Missions. And we recommend that the churches exert a greater effort to do more in the future. Respectfully submitted

I. W. PINHOLSTER, Chairman.

Discussed by Elders B. H. Damon and L. W. Kickliter; adopted. Report on

WOMAN'S WORK.

Your Committee submit the following report: We note with pleasure the devoted and consecrated Christian work of our Baptist women of Florida. They have strong and vigorous organizations in all the associations of the state. Such is the interest that is being felt in this work that the Board of State Missions has commissioned and sent out Sister J. L. Spalding, who is now in the field, and by her earnest talk and Christian spirit is awakening an enthusiasm in this cause hitherto unfelt. We regret to say that this cause has not received the attention of this Association that its importance demands, and we recommend that some consecrated woman be appointed at this session to the position of President of the Woman's Work in this Association, whose duty shall be to encourage the formation of women's missionary societies in all our churches. Respectfully submitted.

I. W. PINHOLSTER, Chairman.

Discussed by Elders P. T. L. Queen, B. H. Damon and L. W. Kickliter and adopted. On motion Mrs. J. J. Colson was elected President of the Women's Mission Work of this Association, and the Clerk was instructed to notify her of her election. Adjourned. Prayer by Elder F. C. Edwards. Dismissed by the Moderator.

7:30 p. m. Eld. A. J. Pinholster preached from Sam. xii: 3.

SUNDAY.

Met in school building. After singing and reading 42d Psalm, prayer by Eld. R. M. Prevatt. The Moderator called the Association to order.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT.

At our first meeting of the Association we found that there were two churches without pastors, the St. Marys and New Home. We employed Elder J. J. Clark to labor with the St. Marys and Bro. Samuel Godwin to look after New Home. He found the church very weak, and while conferring with them found they thought it would be best to dissolve and take letters to other churches, and he no

advised, by giving every member notice, which they reported afterward and dissolved by unanimous consent. Bro. Clark's health failed and Bro. Damon kept up the work until August and reported that it was useless to keep up that work any longer. Your Committee concluded that, the year being so near out, it would be best not to commence any other work. We paid Bro. Damon \$11. Respectfully submitted.

J. M. JOHNS, Clerk.

On motion, the Association supplement the amount sent the meeting for State Missions with \$25 and appropriate \$10 to the building fund for the Lawley church. On motion, the Clerk was authorized to draw on the Treasurer for \$30 for getting up the Minutes and printing them. Adjourned to meet again at the Methodist church, where the Association was called to order and this resolution of thanks offered:

RESOLVED, That the sincere thanks of this Association are hereby tendered to the Methodist brethren of Lawley for the use of their house of worship for the meeting of this body. And our thanks are also hereby tendered to the Baptist church and citizens of Lawley for their kind hospitality toward the Baptist during our stay with them, and that a copy of this resolution be furnished to the Methodist church of Lawley and be printed in the Minutes. Adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We, your Committee, are sorry to find so few Sunday schools reported to the Association. A church should regard its Sunday school as one of the agencies by which to meet its obligation to train the rising generation in the fear of God. And when this is the case the church is really at work in the Sunday school to bring up the children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Therefore we request the Pastor of each church to urge upon the people the great importance of Sunday school work.

JESSE THOMAS, Chairman.

On motion, adjourned to meet with Samuel Godwin and adopted. third Sunday in October, 1905. After singing, Elder P. T. L. Queen read a part of Rom. v. Preached from Cor. x: 11. Prayer by Elder L. W. Kickliter. After singing "Stand Up for Jesus," Elder Geo. F. Scott made a few pleasant remarks, thanking the Association for their kindness to the town and community during their session. Prayer and benediction by Elder Geo. F. Scott.

J. M. JOHNS,
Clerk.

L. W. KICKLITER,
Moderator.

TREASURER'S REPORT.
OCTOBER 31, 1904.

Amounts Received.	Amounts Paid Out.
On hand last report.....	60 35
Mt. Sinai Union.....	13 41
China Grove Union.....	14 57
Hope Union.....	20 37
Mt. Zion Union.....	5 54
Association.....	35 5
Dedan Union for Orphanage.....	43 4
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To bal. on hand.....	74 00
	196 06

W. H. PINHOLSTER, Treasurer.

FINANCIAL REPORT
Of the New River Baptist Association.

EXPENDITURES.	CHURCHES.
Pastors' Salaries.....	35 00
Building and Cur. ent.....	12 81
Pop. Minutes.....	1 00
Associational sent Unions.....	8 08
Associational sent Association.....	30
For State.....	50
Home Reported.....	50 00
For Foreign.....	1 00
Aged Ministers.....	3 36
For Orphanage.....	50
Orphanage Reported.....	11 00
The Poor Reported.....	9 30
Total.....	36 33
Churches Organized.....	1850
Value of Churches.....	\$200
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			By Baptism.	By Letter.	By Restoration.	By Letter.	By Expulsion.	By Death.		Officers and Teachers.	Number Scholars.	Baptised.	
Beulah.....L. R. Thomas	Lafayette Thomas.....Waller	47
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Bradford.....	24
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New River.....W. F. Malphurs	J. J. Colson.....Graham	47
Pleasant Hill.....Silas E. Dukes	Bryant Dupree.....Lake Butler	94
Sampson City.....R. A. Thomas	R. A. Thomas.....Blair	32
Starke.....J. J. Farmer	J. M. Johns.....Starke	108
Totals.....	695	43	31	13	27	7	10	726	5	5	7	\$20

IS IT WISE?

WE HAVE been informed that there are Baptist Sunday schools which have yielded to the solicitations, personal and otherwise, of an undenominational publishing house, and which are taking, in whole or in part, the literature of that house in preference to the literature of their own Publication Society. In view of this information we desire to put the question, *is it wise?* to pastors, Sunday school officers and teachers who may have been thus influenced.

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