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13. Appointment of messengers to state convention.
14. Miscellaneous business. Adjournment.

## OFFICERS.

REV. L. W. KICKLITER.....Moderator.  
 J. M. JOHNS.....Clerk.  
 W. H. PINHOLSTER.....Treasurer.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Samuel Godwin, L. W. Kickliter, W. H. Pinholster, I. W. Pinholster,  
 C. M. Priest, J. M. Johns, J. H. Roebuck.

## ORDAINED MINISTERS.

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

## LICENTIATES.

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

## 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 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 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 or 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 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 enquire 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 convenient, 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.

## MINUTES.

October 13, 1905.

The thirty-fourth annual session of the New River Baptist Association met with the Evergreen Baptist Church, Bradford County, Florida. After singing, Elder B. H. Damon read John xv, offered prayer and preached from John xv: 17. Dismissed with prayer by Elder L. W. Kickliter.

### AFTERNOON.

After singing the Moderator, Elder L. W. Kickliter, read 41st Psalm, and after prayer by Elder J. J. Farmer, called the Association to order. Visitors welcomed and invited to seats. Letters called for and read by Elder J. J. Farmer and F. L. Colson and the Messengers enrolled as follows:

Beulah—W. M. Thomas and Jesse Thomas.  
Bethel—John Crosby.

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

Corinth—J. E. Norman, L. L. Sapp and Andrew Crosby.

Dedan—J. B. Carter and Elder A. J. Pinholster.

Evergreen—Jesse Reddish and J. W. Woods.

Hope—J. H. Roebuck.

Kingsley Lake—Elder R. M. Prevatt, Elias Crews and Raymon Prevatt.

Lawley—L. L. Sapp and H. Bennett.

Long Branch—H. D. Carter.

Mt. Zion—Elder Samuel Godwin.

Mt. Sinai—Elder B. Dyal.

New River—I. W. Pinholstes, V. E. Sapp and F. L. Colson.

Pleasant Hill.

Sampson City.

Starke—Elders L. W. Kickliter and J. J. Farmer and J. M. Johns.

The Association elected Elder L. W. Kickliter Moderator, J. M. Johns Clerk and W. H. Pinholster Treasurer. Visitors and correspondence from other associations called for, and J. W. Kellum, from Beulah, and J. D. McCormack, from St. Johns, welcomed. The Moderator appointed the following committees:

On Religious Exercises—W. M. Thomas and J. E. Norman with the Deacons of this church.

Temperance—I. W. Pinholster, L. L. Sapp and J. E. Norman.

Missions—Elder B. H. Damon, Jesse Thomas and H. D. Carter.

Education—Elder J. J. Farmer, L. L. Sapp and S. Godwin.

Finance—A. J. Pinholster, F. L. Colson and Raymond Prevatt.

Publications—J. H. Roebuck, F. L. Colson and L. L. Sapp.

Nominations—Jesse Thomas, I. W. Pinholster and Jesse Reddish.

Letters and Queries—R. M. Prevatt, Elias Crews and H. D. Carter.

Sunday Schools—W. M. Thomas, J. E. Norman and J. C. McRae.

Deceased Ministers and Deacons—J. M. Johns, John Crosby and J. W. Woods.

Aged Ministers—A. J. Pinholster, Raymond Prevatt and Elias Crews.

On motion the Executive Committee were elected as follows: J. H. Roebuck, I. W. Pinholster, Samuel Godwin, C. M. Priest, with the Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.

The Committee on Religious Exercises reported that Elder S. Godwin preach to-night, that Elder R. M. Prevatt conduct religious services at 9 a. m. to-morrow and Elder A. J. Pinholster at 11 a. m. Report read on

### EDUCATION.

We, your Committee, after consideration believe that there is nothing short of the Gospel itself 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 institu-

tion of learning, at DeLand, Florida, where none but teachers of the purest morals are employed. Knowledge is power, but a great deal depends upon what kind—whether it is a blessing or a curse to its possessor and 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. That we most heartily endorse the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky. We especially emphasize the importance of our young ministers studying for a time, if possible, at this school of the prophets. Respectfully submitted.

J. J. FARMER, Chairman.

Discussed by Elders J. J. Farmer, B. H. Damon and S. Godwin and adopted. Services at 7 p. m. at Bro. Wood's. After singing and prayer Elder S. Godwin preached from Eph. ii:22 and closed with benediction.

#### SATURDAY.

After singing Elder R. M. Prevatt read John xiv; songs and prayers by Bro. J. W. Wood, J. C. McRae and L. W. Pinholster.

The Association called to order. Messengers further enrolled. Elder L. D. Geiger, of the Wekiva Association, representing the State Board of Missions, was welcomed. Missionary Report read by Clerk, as follows:

In reporting my year's work I traveled 1200 miles, preached 94 sermons, held 31 prayer meetings, made 65 special visits, distributed a large number of tracts and leaflets, sold 57 Lasting Hymn Books, 5 Bibles and 77 other books. Received for my services from the Executive Committee \$80.00; from other sources \$7.00; total, \$87.00. In seed sowing I visited St. Marys and Bradford churches, and as St. Marys is not within our bounds, would recommend them to go to the Macclenny church. Respectfully submitted.

B. H. DAMON, Missionary.

The Clerk then read the report on

#### MISSIONS.

We feel the Association is responsible for preaching the Gospel to the poor in our field and help in the State. As to Home and Foreign Missions, our mission work is improving and more hopeful. Let us do all we are able to do to make it a success. Respectfully submitted.

Discussed by B. H. Damon and J. W. Kellum and adopted. Report read on

#### PUBLICATIONS.

Your Committee begs leave to report, first, that we 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 close sympathy and harmony with all the interest and enterprises of our great Baptist denomination. Third, your committee desire to state that they have the utmost confidence in the judgment of the members of the Association as to which paper and periodical is the most suited to their individual tastes or personal needs. However, we recommend the Southern Baptist Witness, our State paper, owned, controlled and published by the Baptists of Florida, published at DeLand, Florida. Also the Sunday school literature published by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention at Nashville, Tenn. Respectfully submitted.

J. H. ROEBUCK.

Discussed by J. H. Roebuck and L. D. Geiger and adopted. Gave way for preaching. After singing Elder L. D. Geiger read Mark xii, offered prayer and preached from 15th verse. Closed with explanation of the work of the State Board of Missions. Collection for State Mission \$6.93. Dismissed by Moderator.

#### AFTERNON.

After singing and prayer by Elder J. J. Clark, the Moderator called the Association to order. The resignation of Sister S. A. Colson as Vice-President of Woman's Baptist Missionary Society of this Association was read and on motion accepted and Sister Edith Moore, of Theresa, Fla., was elected to fill the position vacated by Sister Colson. Report read on.

#### AGED MINISTERS.

We, your Committee, beg to report that we have two aged and worthy Ministers that come under this head. We refer to Elders J. J. Clark and B. H. Damon. We learn from Bro. Geiger that they are receiving some aid from the State Board. We recommend that the Association help them all they can. Respectfully submitted.

A. J. PINHOLSTER.

Report read by Clerk on

#### TEMPERANCE.

We, 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 blight 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 brother's 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 thank God that we lived to reach that privilege of the ballot box and we showed by our votes that we came out on the Lord's side. May the Lord keep us in that same spirit.

I. W. PINHOLSTER, Chairman.

Discussed by J. M. Johns, B. H. Damon, L. D. Geiger, J. W. Green, A. J. Pinholster, W. H. Pinholster, L. W. Kickliter and Samuel Godwin and adopted. The Clerk read the report on

#### DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

Your Committee find that there have been no deaths in the past year and feel that the Lord has seen fit to spare them for further use in His honor and glory.

J. M. JOHNS.

Report read on

#### LETTERS AND QUERIES.

Your Committee have examined the letters and find no queries sent up to the Association. Respectfully submitted.

R. M. PREVATT, Ch' n.

Elders Geiger and Kickliter made brief appeals for the Southern Baptist Witness, it being the religious Baptist paper of the State and managed by the Baptists of Florida. Adjourned to 8:30 o'clock to-morrow. Prayer by Eld. Damon. At 7:30 p. m. at Bro. McCormack's, after singing and prayer by Elder S. Godwin, Elder A. J. Pinholster read and preached from Mark ii:26. Closed with doxology.

#### SUNDAY.

After singing Elder B. Dyal read John xiv and offered prayer, followed by songs and prayers by Elder S. Godwin and J. S. Carter. Association called to order and the following members elected to the State Convention: B. H. Damon, J. J. Farmer, L. W. Kickliter, I. W. Pinholster and Samuel Godwin. Collection taken up and report read 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 Pastors of each church to urge upon the people the great importance of Sunday School work. Adopted. Discussed by B. H. Damon, J. D. McCormack, J. C. McRae and J. M. Johns.

W. M. THOMAS, Chairman.

The Treasurer's report was read and discussed by L. W. Kickliter, W. H. Pinholster and adopted. The Clerk read the report of





# 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.

Is it wise to put into the hands of Baptist children and youth a literature which in some parts is largely sensational, in other parts directly opposed to Baptist teaching, and in no part clearly and positively declarative of our distinctive denominational views? What sort of Baptists will the next generation be if the youth of this generation are brought up on a merely negative or an essentially Pedobaptist literature, and are never taught in the Sunday school the truths for which our fathers were ready to suffer and which form the only ground for our denominational existence? And how are young people to be brought to Christ, and developed into stalwart Christians, if the aim in the literature employed is mainly to gratify a craving for the sensational and not to instruct and fortify against errors in doctrine and life?

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