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

**Officers.**

REV. L. W. KICKLITER ..... Moderator.  
 F. L. COLSON ..... 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,  
 F. L. Colson.

**Ordained Ministers.**

L. W. Kickliter, Starke. A. J. Pinholster, Brooker.  
 L. R. Thomas, Leno, Clay county. Samuel Godwin, Maxville.  
 R. M. Prevatt, Lawtey. J. J. Clarke, Lawtey.  
 B. Dyal, Grayham. B. H. Damon, Lawtey.  
 A. C. Odom, Starke. Silas E. Dukas, Blair.

**Licentiates.**

J. C. Poppell, New River. Jas. Strickland, Ionia.  
 J. W. Poppell, New River. G. R. Lauamore.

**Constitution and By-Laws of the Sunday School Convention  
 and Missionary Union of the New River 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 elected by ballot annually, at the first meeting in the 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 course, 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 a 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 17, 1906.

The thirty fifth annual session of the New River Missionary Baptist Association met with the New River Baptist church of Bradford county Fla. After singing Eld. S. Godwin read 2 Cor. offered prayer and preached from 2 Cor. 2-3. Prayer by Eld. A. C. Odom. Dismissed by the moderator.

### AFTERNOON.

After singing the moderator offered prayer and called the Association to order and visitors invited and welcomed to seats. Letters called for and read by F. L. Colson and Eld. A. C. Odom, and messengers enrolled as follows:

Bulah.—C. M. Priest, Wm. Thomas.  
Bethel.—Jasper Brown, N. D. Wynn.  
Bradford.  
China Grove.—J. C. McRae, S. A. Carter.  
Corinth.—J. W. Carter.  
Dedan.—D. W. Pinholster, J. B. Carter, R. W. Surrency.  
Evergreen.—Eld. B. H. Damon, J. J. Clark.  
Hope.—R. B. Lee.  
Kingsly Lake.—L. D. Prevatt.  
Lawty.—Hiram Bennett.  
Long Branch.—Letter.  
Mt. Zion.—Eld. S. Godwin.  
Mt. Sinai.—J. H. Kelly, B. Dyal.  
New River.—I. W. Pinholster, W. H. Green, J. H. Poppell, S. B. Cason, Landon Green.  
Pleasant Hill.  
Sampson City.  
Starke.—J. M. Johns, Eld. L. W. Kickliter.

The Association elected Eld. L. W. Kickliter moderator, J. M. Johns clerk, W. H. Pinholster treasurer. Bro. J. M. Johns tendered his resignation and F. L. Colson elected clerk, and J. M. Johns assistant clerk. Visitors and correspondence from other Associations called for, and Eld. G. W. S. Ware, from the New Santa Fe Association and Eld. A. C. Odom from Bulah Association as visitors and Sister J. L. Spalding corresponding secretary of the W. B. M. U. of Florida and visitor from the Wekiva Association, welcomed and noted.

Eld. G. W. S. Ware, pastor of New River church, made welcome address. Responded by the moderator and Eld. S. Godwin.

The moderator appointed the following committees: Religious exercises.—C. M. Priest, D. W. Pinholster with the deacons of the church.

Temperance.—B. H. Damon, I. W. Pinholster, J. C. McRae, B. Dyal.

Missions.—J. M. Johns, S. B. Cason, J. H. Poppell.  
Education.—A. C. Odom, G. W. S. Ware, R. Lee.  
Finance.—C. M. Priest, W. H. Pinholster, J. H. Kelly.

Publications.—F. L. Colson, S. Godwin, A. J. Pinholster.

Nominations.—Wm. Thomas, J. D. Baxter, Landon Green.

Letters and Queries.—S. Godwin, W. H. Green, J. D. Carter.

Sunday Schools.—S. B. Cason, Jasper Brown, L. D. Prevatt.

Deceased Ministers and Deacons.—A. J. Pinholster, N. D. Wynn, B. Dyal.

Aged Ministers.—I. W. Pinholster, W. H. Green, J. D. Baxter.

The committee on religious exercises reported that the moderator would conduct prayer meeting at 10:30 a. m., and Eld. A. C. Odom would preach at 11 a. m. tomorrow. Dismissed by Eld. G. W. S. Ware.

THURSDAY.

9 a. m.—After reading of the 36th Psalm by Moderator and prayer by Eld. G. W. S. Ware, Association was called to order. Letters read and further enrollment of messengers.

The Association elected to the State Convention Brothers L. W. Kickliter, C. M. Priest, A. J. Pinholster, B. H. Damon, J. M. Johns, and to the Southern Convention, Brother I. W. Pinholster and to the New Santa Fe Association as correspondents, Brothers S. B. Carson, J. J. Clark, B. H. Damon to the Bulah Association, B. Dyal, W. H. Green, F. L. Colson and to Santa Fe Association A. C. Odom, A. J. Pinholster.

10:30 a. m.—The moderator led prayer service, read Eph. 4. Prayer by B. H. Damon, B. Dyal, G. W. S. Ware, closed with prayer.

Eld. A. C. Odom read Mat. 28, and after prayer by A. J. Pinholster, preached from 1 Tim. 1-6. Prayer by Eld. J. J. Clark.

Adjourned till 1:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON.

After singing and prayer offered by J. J. Clark, Association called to order. Report on Education read by Eld. A. C. Odom and to be discussed at 10 a. m. tomorrow. Report on Missions read and to be discussed at 10:30 a. m. tomorrow.

The moderator addressed the Association in regard to Brother James Strickland being educated for the ministry and is now attending the Stetson University for that purpose, and with out solicitation pledges were made by the churches and members amounting to one hundred dollars to help defray his expenses.

**Reports of Committee on Publications.**

Your Committee beg leave to report as follows:  
First, that we study the Bible very carefully as it contains

the great fundamental principals pertaining to our eternal welfare.

Second, we recommend that every church member read one or more denominational periodicals, so that they may enlighten themselves on the great Missionary Baptist cause.

Third, we would recommend the Southern Witness, our State and home paper to every Baptist of Florida, that we may inform ourselves of the Baptist cause.

Fourth, we also recommend that the Southern Baptist Sunday School literature which is published at Nashville, Tenn., be used in our Sunday Schools.

Discussed by F. L. Colson, A. C. Odom, B. H. Damon, the Moderator, S. Godwin, G. W. S. Ware, R. B. Lee, and adopted.

**Report of Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons.**

We your Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons beg to report that we find no deaths among the ministers or deacons. We desire to thank our Heavenly Father, that it is as well with us as it is.

A. J. Pinholster, Chairman.

**Report of Committee on Temperance.**

We ought to be very thankful that the saloons are voted out of so many counties of the State.

Second, let us not get into the jug business for we don't need alcohol as a beverage or medicine.

Third, we recommend that the constitution be amended so as to give the people of the State the right to vote on the question of prohibition.

B. H. Damon, Chairman.

Discussel by A. C. Odom, B. H. Damon, the Moderator G. W. S. Ware, and adopted.

**Report of Committee on Aged Ministers.**

We, your Committee on Aged Ministers report that we have one aged minister, our beloved brother, B. H. Damon, who has given his life to the work and we recommend, the Association adopt some method for the support of our aged ministers.

I. W. Pinholster, Chairman.

**Report on Christian Education.**

The necessity of education in general no longer needs to be urged. Our twentieth century environments is incessantly crying learn, or suffer the penalty of our undeveloped mind. The

question confronting us is what kind of education ought we to give our children?

We should distinguish sharply between real education and mere information. The former can be obtained only by long aspiration toward, and continuance in the presence of over-mastering ideals. By one who is endowed with it the later may be secured in any given line by the continued hard application of the faculty of memory, for a reasonable length of time. Many parents and children mistake the latter for the former. Education is largely the result of personal contact; the drawing out and development of human faculties and powers by the corresponding faculties and powers already developed in an educated person. Only in proportion to this correspondence does development progress in the pupil.

Up to a certain stage, then, all education is similar. It is only when this development reaches into the highest realm, the spiritual, and causes all the other faculties and powers to come over toward and flower out in its complete development that education becomes Christian. This complete and perfect education can only be procured by living in the presence of and trusting a perfect person. That person is our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ the God-Man.

We believe that any one can get the closest conception and come in closest contact with that person in a Christian Baptist school. For us other things being equal, for the general student, that school is our own, John B. Stetson University, and for the young preacher that seminary of seminaries, the Southern Baptist.

A. C. Odum, Chairman.

Discussed by B. H. Damon, A. C. Odum, the Moderator, G. W. S. Ware and adopted.

#### Report of Committee on Missions.

We, your Committee on Missions, report that we believe missions is one of the greatest means our Heavenly Father has designed to carry forward His work among the children of men. We learn that John was a missionary sent by God to prepare the way for Christ; the great missionary from Heaven who came and established His church, here upon earth, and when He ascended He left the work in the hands of His followers, with a positive command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature;" and we believe that command is binding on every child of God to do what they can for the cause of missions.

J. M. Johns, Chairman.

Discussed by G. W. S. Ware, and for lack of time the discussion was closed and the report adopted.

#### II A. M.

After singing, Eld. B. H. Damon, read Mat. 10 and prayer by Eld. L. W. Kickliter, and preaching from Luke, 11-13. Prayer by Eld. G. W. S. Ware. Song and collection of \$6.30.

#### AFTERNOON.

After singing and prayer the moderator called the Association to order.

Verbal report by Eld. L. W. Kickliter. Reported that he and Brother C. M. Priest met with the State Board in accordance with resolutions of last union.

On motion old Executive Committee was re-elected to serve for the ensuing year.

#### Report of Committee on Missionary Work.

Brethren, as your missionary of the N. E. portion of this Association for 1906, I traveled 575 miles, preached 100 sermons, baptized 10, received by letter 15, restored 5, burial services 5, Sunday School visits and visits to the sick 3. Received from your Committee \$38.25, on the field \$1.75 total \$40.00. I think the missionary cause has been benefited and much revised in that section of our territory.

S. Godwin, Chairman.

#### Report of Executive Committee.

Your Committee was advised to meet soon as possible, after the meeting of the last Association, and after careful consideration we decided that we had no destitution in the bounds of our Association. But there were some weak churches without pastors and we decided to help them. We paid Rev. S. Godwin \$10.00 per quarter to supply Mt. Zion and Long Branch churches. We also paid Lawty church \$20.00 to help pay on their church house, and at the Union meeting in September we gave Bro. James Strickland \$20.00 to help defray his expenses at Stetson University, and we are glad to report that he is now in the school doing well.

We are glad to report that our churches are increasing their

contributions for missionary purposes, and some of our weak churches have been strengthened, and we appeal to brethren and sisters to come up to the relief of the Committee in their great and noble work.

L. W. Kickliter, Chairman.

Adopted as read.

#### Sunday School Report.

We, your Committee, report that we find only five Sunday Schools reported in the letters to this Association. Brethren, what is the matter? There must be something lacking on our part. What is to be done to bring a revival in this great cause?  
S. B. Cason, Chairman.

Discussed by the Moderator, S. Godwin, I. W. Pinholster B. H. Damon, G. W. S. Ware, R. B. Lee, and adopted.

By motion Brother A. C. Odom was requested to send his speech on education to the S. B. W. for publication and Brother G. W. S. Ware to write up the proceedings of the Association for publication.

Finance Committee report read and adopted.

The Treasurer made report which was adopted.

On motion the Treasurer was instructed to pay the Clerk \$30.00 for getting up, printing and mailing the minutes.

#### Resolution of thanks by J. M. Johns.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are due and are hereby tendered to the brethren of New River church, and to the community for their kind hospitality to us during the session of this body.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet with the Mt. Sinai church on Wednesday before the third Sunday in October 1907, and that Eld. A. J. Pinholster, preach the introductory sermon.

L. W. KICKLITER, Moderator.

F. L. COLSON, Clerk; J. M. JOHNS, Assistant.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

October 19, 1906.

Amounts Received	Amounts Paid Out.
On hand last report ..\$ 45.11	To S. Godwin .....
Bulah Union .....	To Lawty church .....
Hope Union .....	To Programs .....
New River Union .....	To L. D. Geiger for
Free will to Tomlinson	missions .....
burnt barn .....	To Tomlinson on loss
Mt. Zion Union .....	by fire .....
Corinth Union .....	To Jas. Strickland
Missionaries' Collection	school purposes .....
Free will offering Jas	To C. M. Priest to Jax
Strickland .....	To L. W. Kickliter to
Associational rent As-	Jax .....
sociation .....	Sent L. D. Geiger for
Association Collection	Orphanage .....
.....	Aged ministers L. D.
.....	Geiger .....
.....	Free will offering Jas.
.....	Strickland .....
.....	Paid clerk on mutes
.....	Amt. to balance .....
To bal. on hand .....	\$234.92
.....\$ 81.94	.....
	\$234.02

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches and Pastors.		Clerk and Post-Offices.	
Bethel, L. R. Thomas, Leno	1	Lafayette Thomas, Waller	51
Bradford	12	J. C. McKae, Starke	24
China Grove	1	J. R. Norman, Raiford	29
Cornth, A. J. Pinholster, Brookler	1	P. A. Crosby, Raiford	45
Deedan, A. J. Pinholster, Brookler	1	J. W. Wood, Raiford	45
Evergreen, J. E. Black, Green Cove Springs	13	J. H. Moore, Theresa	13
Hope, L. W. Kickliter, Starke	3	James Hornsby, Starke	49
Kingsley's Lake, L. W. Kickliter, Starke	4	G. A. Harris, Maxville	30
Long Branch	8	L. L. Sapp, Lawley	81
Lawley, L. W. Kickliter, Starke	2	L. G. Peterson, Baldwin	21
Mt. Zion	4	J. H. Kelly, Brookler	32
Mt. Sinai, A. J. Pinholster, Brookler	1	F. L. Colson, Lake Butler	48
New River, G. W. S. Ware, Worthington	5		91
Pleasant Hill	1		3
Sampson City	27		27
Starke, A. C. Odom, Starke	132		132
J. W. Morgan, Starke	14		14
	15		15
	20		20
	33		33
	39		39
	789		789
Members Last Report		Members Last Report	
By Baptism		By Baptism	
By Letter		By Letter	
By Restoration		By Restoration	
By Letter		By Letter	
By Expulsion		By Expulsion	
By Death		By Death	
Present Membership		Present Membership	
Officers and Teachers		Officers and Teachers	
Number Scholars		Number Scholars	
Baptized		Baptized	
Expenses		Expenses	
Sunday School	3		3
	25		25
	24		24
	27		27
	48		48
	35		35
	46		46
	58		58
	4		4
	40		40
	3		3
	15.00		15.00
	13.00		13.00
	3		3
	35		35
	3		3
	40		40
	3		3
	15.00		15.00
	17		17
	51		51
	2		2
	150		150
	9		9
	85		85
	7		7
	37.36		37.36
	1		1
	10.00		10.00
	21		21
	21		21
	34		34
	53		53
	90		90
	4		4
	25		25
	1		1
	10.00		10.00
	27		27
	36		36
	132		132
	14		14
	15		15
	20		20
	33		33
	39		39
	789		789
	\$88.36		\$88.36



