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ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Introductory sermon.
2. Call the Association to order.
3. Singing and Prayer.
4. Reading Letters and Enrolling Messengers.
5. Electing Officers — Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.
6. Inviting Visiting Brethren to Seats.
7. Call for Correspondence from other Associations.
8. Call for Petitionary Letters.
9. Appointing Committees.
10. Report of Committees.
11. Report of Executive Committee.
12. Report of Treasurer.
13. Appointment of Messengers to State and Southern Baptist Convention.
14. Miscellaneous Business.
15. Adjournment.

OFFICERS

Eld. L. W. Kickliter, Starke.....Moderator
J. C. Poppell, Starke.....Clerk and Treasurer

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Elder. L. W. Kickliter, J. C. Poppell, I. W. Pinholster, M. W. Lee, J. L. Harrell and L. F. Thomas.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Elders L. W. Kickliter, W. G. Law, N. T. King, P. M. Riggs, B. C. Scarborough, F. B. Johns, Lewis Donerly, Starke, Fla.; C. E. Saunders, Middleburg, Fla.; D. L. Phillips, Lawtey, Fla.; G. R. Larimore, Brookier, Fla.; B. Dyal, Sampson City, Fla.; L. R. Thomas, Prox, Fla.; E. C. J. Dickens, Lake City, Fla.

Articles of Faith

Article 1. We believe that the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired, and is a perfect treasury of heavenly instruction. That it has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth without any mixture or errors for its matter. That it reveals the principles by which God will judge the world in righteousness; and therefore it is, and shall forever remain, the true center of Christian union and the supreme standard by which all conduct, creeds and opinions shall be tried.

Art. 2. We believe that there is one, and only one, living and true God, whose name is Jehovah, the Maker and Supreme Ruler of the Universe, inexpressibly glorious in holiness, worthy of all possible honor, confidence, obedience and love. That in the unity of the Godhead there are three persons—the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost—equal in every divine perfection, but executing distinct and harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.

Art. 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 foreknowledge of God through sanctification of 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, in 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 administrations only those who have been duly called and came 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 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 Christ.

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 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 will 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.

Constitution of the New River Missionary Baptist Association

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 constituted 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 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 their 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 attention of the body unless withdrawn by the mover.

Art. 8. Every question asked in the letters from the churches must be based on 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 at least three years, it shall be considered as having withdrawn and shall be dropped by a vote from the minutes, unless two or three members of the Association request its continuance and will engage to inquire 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 spread of the Gospel in the world, and to give the best advice possible in cases of difficulty, and to inquire into the cause or failure on the part of any church to report itself by letter and messenger 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 from time to time as experience may suggest, by a two-thirds vote of those present.

Proceedings

The Forty-seventh annual session of **WEDNESDAY** New River Missionary Baptist Association met with the China Grove Baptist Church on November 13, 14, 15, 1918.

Bro. Lewis Donerly being absent, Bro. N. T. King was elected to preach the introductory sermon. Text, Luke 2-11-14, from which he preached an interesting, instructive sermon.

Adjourned until 1:30 P. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Moderator read the 90th Psalm and offered prayer, after which the Association was announced open for the transaction of any and all business coming properly before it.

Letters were read from the various churches and messengers enrolled as follows:

Beulah—I. W. Tillis, L. R. Britt.

China Grove—J. C. McRae, J. A. Morgan, J. L. Green, J. K. Harris.

Corinth—H. H. Lewis.

Dedan—P. A. Crosby, Henry Gatlin.

Galilee—R. D. Griffith.

Graham—D. J. Byrd, J. C. Barry.

Hope—C. Sullivan, M. W. Lee, D. W. Moore.

Kingsley Lake—James Silcox, Arch Harris, D. L. Silcox.

New River—I. W. Pinholster, J. H. Poppell.

Lawtey—

Oak Grove—

Pine Level—A. O. Strickland.

Sampson City—

Starke—N. T. King, L. W. Kickliter, J. C. Poppell, W. G. Law, P. M. Riggs, Jesse Thomas.

Water Oak—H. S. Hilliard, J. M. Reddish.

Officers were elected under waiver of the rules by

acclamation as follows:

Moderator—Elder L. W. Kickliter.

Clerk and Treasurer—J. C. Poppell.

Committees were appointed by the Moderator as follows:

Religious Exercise—I. W. Pinholster, E. L. Wilson, L. V. Moore, Jesse Thomas, Aaron Minton.

Education—J. F. Kickliter, J. C. Poppell, L. C. Powell.

Deceased Ministers and Deacons—B. C. Scarborough, C. Sullivan, I. W. Tillis.

Sunday Schools—J. C. Barry, J. C. Poppell, J. L. Green.

Religious Literature—J. E. Futch, N. T. King, A. O. Strickland.

Missions—N. T. King, C. Sullivan, D. L. Silcox.

Letters and Queries—Jesse Thomas, James Silcox, J. A. Morgan.

Temperance—J. L. Green, B. C. Scarborough, P. M. Riggs.

Nominations—Jesse Thomas, J. C. Barry, J. C. McRae.

Finance—I. W. Pinholster, D. W. Moore, E. L. Wilson.

Committee on religious exercises report that there be no preaching tonight, that J. F. Kickliter conduct devotional services tomorrow at 9:30 and that Elder B. C. Scarborough preach at 11 A. M.

Adjourned until 9:30 A. M. Thursday.

I. W. PINHOLSTER, Chairman.

THURSDAY 103d Psalm and conducted the devotional services. Report of Executive Committee read, adopted and marked "A."

The following were elected messengers to the Florida Baptist State Convention: Elders N. T. King, L. W. Kickliter, W. G. Law, I. W. Pinholster and D. J. Byrd.

Committee on Religious Exercises report: That Elder P. M. Riggs preach 7:00 o'clock tonight, and that J. F. Kickliter conduct the devotional services tomor-

row at 9:30, and that Elder N. T. King preach; alternate, Elder L. W. Kickliter.

I. W. PINHOLSTER, Chairman.

Report on Deceased Ministers and Deacons read, discussed by Elder L. W. Kickliter, J. C. Poppell, and adopted.

Report on Temperance read, discussed by I. W. Pinholster, A. O. Strickland, L. W. Kickliter, J. C. Poppell, and adopted.

Upon motion Bro. D. W. Moore was elected member of State Board of Missions.

Upon motion Brethren I. W. Pinholster, M. W. Lee, L. F. Thomas and J. L. Harrell were elected members of the Executive Committee.

Adjourned until 9:30 A. M. Friday.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Bro. J. L. **FRIDAY** Green read the 8th Psalm and conducted the devotional service. Report of Treasurer read and adopted.

Report of the Committee on Education read, discussed by Elders W. G. Law, L. W. Kickliter, M. W. Lee, G. M. Bennett, J. C. Poppell, and adopted.

Report on Religious Literature read and adopted.

Report on Sunday Schools read and adopted.

Report of Committee on Missions read, discussed by Elders N. T. King, L. W. Kickliter, J. C. Poppell, and adopted.

Bro. N. T. King read Malachi 3, and preached an instructive sermon from the 10th verse.

Adjourned until 1:30.

Met pursuant to adjournment. After reading and prayer by the Moderator, Association announced in regular order for transaction of business.

Upon motion D. W. Moore be paid \$8.00 for expenses to State Board meetings.

Ordered that clerk compile minutes, have same distributed and draw check for payment of same.

Adjourned to meet Wednesday before the third Sunday in October at Water Oak church.

J. C. POPPELL,

Clerk and Treasurer.

L. W. KICKLITER,

Moderator.

Reports of Committees

Your Committee met soon after the **EXECUTIVE** journalment of your last Association, and **COMMITTEE** after taking under consideration the work that needs to be done in our Association, decided to try and get Brother Hendon who has been employed by the State Board of Missions to do efficiency work in the State, to work in our Association. But unfortunately for us Bro. Hendon gave up the work in the State and went to Alabama, and the State Board failed to get any one to take his place, causing our efforts to fail. As there was not sufficient funds in the Treasurer's hands to enable your committee to put any one in the field, your committee regrets to say that we have done nothing during the past year.

Your committee would recommend that the pastors of the churches in our Association, as soon as possible, take the matter before their churches and secure pledges for Missionary work, and send the amount collected to J. C. Poppel or L. W. Kickliter, in order that the committee might know what can be done during the next year. All of which is respectfully submitted.

L. W. KICKLITER,
J. C. POPPELL,
I. W. PINHOLSTER,
Committee.

We, your Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons, beg leave to report as follows: We find that during the last year we have lost Elders J. W. Hartpence and A. J. Pinholster from our ministerial force. They were both zealous, Godly men and are a distinct loss to us.

We find that Deacons J. L. Warren, R. Sullivan and F. L. Colson have been called from us also. When we come to think of the many that have fallen during the last year we must feel ourselves fortunate in having to number only five among our dead.

Respectfully submitted,

B. C. SCARBOROUGH,
C. SULLIVAN,
I. W. TILLIS,

Committee.

We, your Committee on Temperance, **TEMPERANCE** beg leave to report as follows: We find that we are gradually gaining ground in the matter of temperance. Our national government has given us some very much needed legislation on the question, also our own State legislature has passed some valuable laws for the curtailment of this evil. But all the legislation that Nation and State lawmakers can place upon the Statute Books will not be as effective as the real desire in the hearts of our people to see the evil put down. Let us well remember that the liquor evil is not the only temperance evil that we must fight. They are many. And while we are grateful for the progress we have made, let us still look to the social, moral and educational intemperance that exists in our land and still endeavor to put all of these away from among us.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. GREEN,
B. C. SCARBOROUGH,
P. M. RIGGS,
Committee.

We, your Committee on Education, beg **EDUCATION** leave to submit the following report: True education is training both heart and head. We cannot stress too much the education of the head, for it makes the life so much broader and useful. Our free schools and secular colleges are held very dear to us, for it is in them that our boys and girls

are better prepared for earning a livelihood. The business world is moving so rapidly that the uneducated man or woman is to a great disadvantage.

But, however important we consider this education of the head we are sure the training of the heart is of first importance. The well rounded life is the one whose head and heart are trained. The place to procure this combination is our denominational colleges. Columbia College is ours, and we should assist it in every way possible. The war has compelled it to close temporarily but our people of the State are endeavoring to pay off the indebtedness so it can open again and begin its valuable work of training the young life's work as followers of God. We should each feel a deep interest in this our institution and give of our money and prayers.

J. F. KICKLITER,
L. C. POWELL,
J. C. POPPELL,

Committee.

Your Committee on Religious Literature respectfully submit the following LITERATURE report. It is generally admitted that one who hopes to grow to his full stature in knowledge must not only be able to read, but actually he must read diligently and systematically. It is not enough to read newspapers and magazines, but well selected book also are necessary. And so it is in relation to the church and its work. If the individual Christian desires to grow and to develop, he ought to realize the absolute necessity of reading regularly some of the many excellent religious periodicals which deal with the current problems of the church in advancing the work of the kingdom.

Each Baptist family in Florida should take our own paper, The Witness, and as many others as they see fit. In addition to our state paper we especially recommend our journal covering the mission fields. But most important of all is the Bible itself, and fortunately at least one copy of this indispensable book is found in nearly every home in the Southland. Just to

have it in the home is well often a blessing—but how much is lost by neglecting to read it daily!

In this day of the printing press the children of the home are almost sure to read something, and reading ought to be developed into a confirmed habit in childhood or early youth. Unless Christian parents recognize their duty and appreciate their opportunity just here by supplying good, wholesome periodicals and books, including the best religious literature, they cannot escape a large share of the responsibility for the corrupt literary taste of their children. We respectfully urge the serious consideration by all parents of supplying the young people with helpful literature—especially religious literature—in order that a love for the best may be developed early and naturally. To the greatest possible extent fill up the mind with good, that there may be little room for the bad.

N. T. KING,
J. E. FUTCH,

Committee.

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, SUNDAY beg leave to report as follows: The SUNDAY SCHOOLS day school we realize is the greatest opportunity to teach the Scriptures to all our people, outside of the membership of our churches, for in it we have the children of all ages. Since knowing the Scriptures are essentially necessary in order to obey them, we believe that very early in the child's life he should get a clear conception of them, for Solomon said, "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." Let us then give him the facts and when he is older and able to think for himself he will assimilate them and the truth will point out to him his duty, clearly, concisely, and when once converted we will have a boy or girl, man or woman, thoroughly furnished, needing not to be ashamed, but should get a clear conception of them, for Solomon said, thus in any walk of life become a useful Christian citizen.

How alarming when we come to know the ignorance of our people concerning the Scriptures. Then if we

are to be the light of the world how shall we shed light if we do not understand the admonition of the word. There should be a Sunday School in every church and a regularly prepared Scriptural lesson. All Christians owe it to their children to see that they study some part of the Scriptures daily and that they are in the Sabbath school every Sabbath, if not providentially hindered. We urge that parents not only send but attend the Sabbath School. Set the example; for He said, "I have set you an example." Every parent is responsible to his child for his home direction and how well could the parents serve by seeing that the home Scripture study be done in connection with the Sunday School lesson; thus would we all then comply with the admonition, "Train up your children in the fear and admonition of the Lord."

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. POPPELL,
J. L. GREEN,

Committee.

We, your Committee on Missions, report
MISSIONS as follows: We are taught by our Saviour to lift up our eyes and look over the field all ready, white to harvest, and again he says, "The world is the field." So we see the field is large and the laborers are few and He has commanded us to pray for more laborers. That means a greater effort upon the churches, both by labor and means, and we as an Association should study the needs of our field.

1. Our own Association needs more laborers and to have more laborers it takes more money to carry on the work in the bounds of our own churches.
2. Then comes our State Missions which is great and needs more money to carry on the work.
3. Then there is our Home Missions, which is the United States, which we are so justly proud of, with her millions perishing for the Bread of Life.
4. The foreign Missions with her tens of millions who know nothing of our God. Shall we fold our hands and let them die in their sins and let them come to the judgment of God without the Gospel of our Saviour?

These things, my brethren, demands our prayers and our means that God has given us. So, my brethren, the work is great and the field is large; let us bestir ourselves to the task which the Lord has given us, that we may hear that welcome applaud, "Well done, good and faithful servants."

N. T. KING,
C. SULLIVAN,
Committee.

Your Committee on Nominations submit the following: That the next meeting of the New River Missionary Baptist Association meet with the Water Oak Baptist church, on Wednesday before the 3rd Sunday in October, 1919. Rev. N. T. King to present the introductory sermon.

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE THOMAS,
J. C. McRAE,
J. C. BERRY,

Committee.

We, your Committee on Letters and Queries, beg to make the following report:

AND There were no petitions, letters or queries
QUERIES sent up by churches to this meeting of the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE THOMAS,

Chairman Committee.

RESOLUTION

Resolved, that we hereby tender our thanks to the China Grove church and community for their kind hospitality extended to us during the meeting of this Association.

REPORT ON FINANCE

We your Committee on Finance, beg to report as follows:

Amt. sent up from different churches-----\$ 28.37

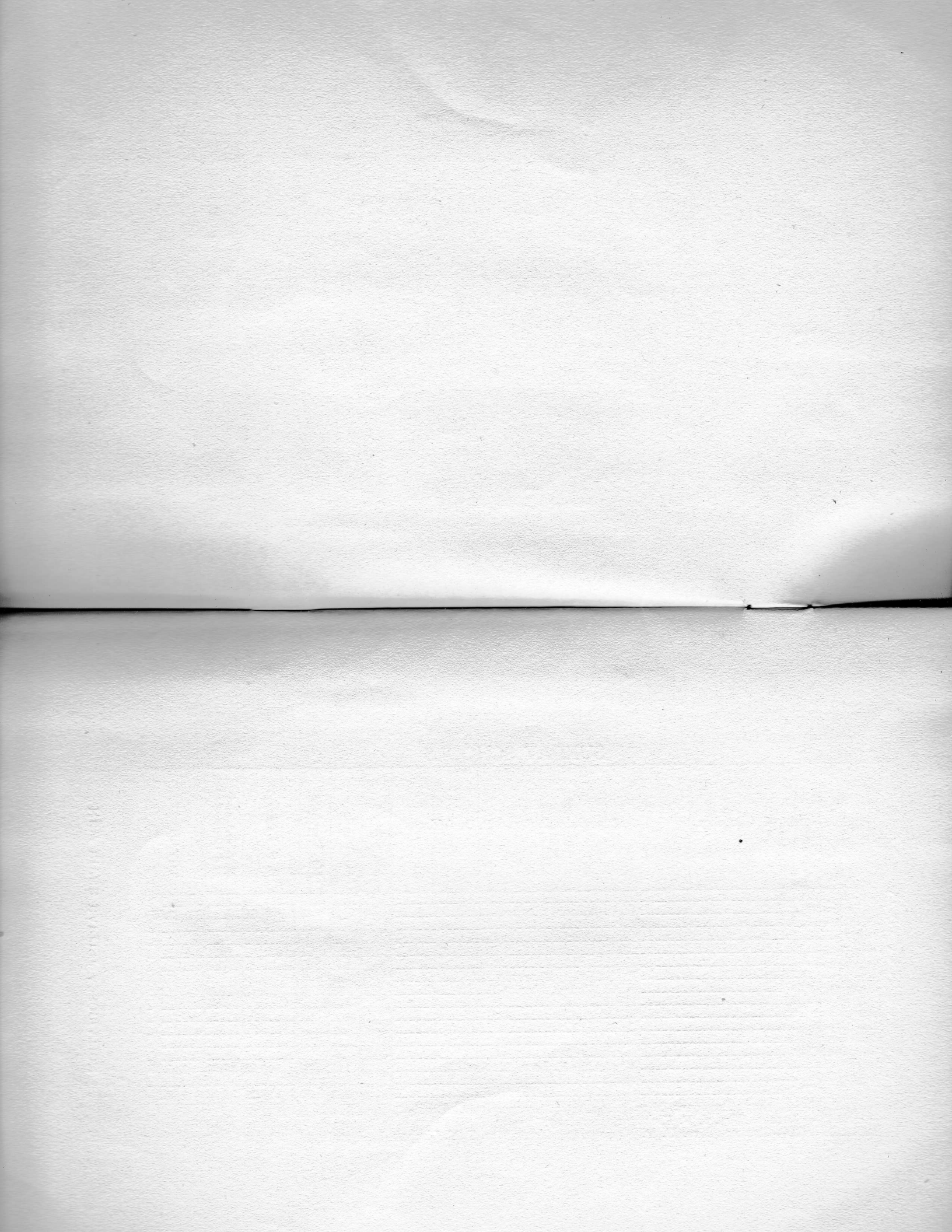
B. Y. P. U.—Starke: President, Miss Doris Law; Secretary, Miss Bessie Dubose.
 W. M. U.—Starke: Mrs. J. F. Kiehlter, Secretary.
 LADIES' AID—Starke: Mrs. U. P. Bessent, President; Mrs. T. N. Limbaugh, Secretary.

Name of Churches	Superintendent and P. O. Address	No. Schools	No. Pupils	No. Teachers	S. S. Expenses	Missions and and Benevolence	TOTAL
Beulah	E. L. Wilson, Starke	1	40	5	3.51		\$ 3.51
China Grove							
Corinth							
Dedan							
Galilee							
Graham							
Hope	C. Sullivan, Therssa	1	66	4	5.59		5.59
Kingsley Lake	R. O. Strong, Starke	1	52	8	2.72		2.72
Lawley							
New River							
Oak Grove							
Pine Level							
Sampson City							
Starke	Mrs. Allie R. Law, Starke	2	125	13	106.33		38.93
Water Oak		5	283	30	118.21		38.93
Total							\$ 157.13

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

FINANCIAL

Name of Churches	Pastor's Salary	Building	Visiting Ministers	Associational Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Columbia College	So. Bap. Theo. Sem.	Ministerial Ed.	Aged Ministers	Orphanage	Poor	Minutes and Clerk	Incidentals	Training School	Chipley Memorial	Total all Purposes	Value Church Property
Beulah	50.00	5.00		5.25							10.00	6.85	16.50	3.00	5.00			91.40	300.
China Grove	100.00		20.84	8.20	16.82							14.61	13.04		7.60			181.11	400.
Corinth	60.00	.85			6.00								5.00					71.85	400.
Dedan	15.00													5.00				15.00	300.
Galilee	51.50	45.00																101.50	300.
Graham	35.35			4.50														39.85	
Hope	85.20	5.00		6.41			2.00	10.00				8.00		1.50	9.77			130.81	500.
Kingsley Lake	100.00	25.00	17.56	2.25	2.50	3.20	7.43					4.22	12.00	1.00	3.12			178.38	400.
Lawley						2.70												78.27	500.
New River	60.00			3.00	2.09			5.00		4.45		5.03							
Oak Grove																		45.00	
Pine Level	40.00			3.00								1.00		1.00					
Sampson City																			
Starke	923.01	49.20	152.25		92.40	146.24	164.94	242.20	.84	.84	.84	155.64	48.02	5.00	187.67	.60	1.00	2150.68	7600.
Water Oak	60.00																	60.00	
Total	1580.06	130.05	190.65	32.61	119.81	152.44	174.57	257.20	.84	5.29	11.68	195.35	94.56	16.50	313.16	.60	1.00	3104.03	





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