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CONSTITUTION OF THE NEW RIVER 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.

Article 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.

Article 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 charges. The letters should show what 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.

Article 4. Baptist churches desiring admission into this body shall petition by letter 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 fellowship.

Article 5. The offices 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.

Section 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 five members to be elected by the Association.

Article 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.

Article 7. This Association will be governed while in session by regular and proper rules and every motion made and seconded shall command attention to the body unless withdrawn by the mover.

Article 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.

Article 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.

Article 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.

Article 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 to inquire into the cause of failure on the part of

any church to report itself by letter and messenger at the annual meeting.

Article 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 OF THE FIFTY-EIGHTH SESSION OF  
THE NEW RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

**Held With**

**THE WARD CITY BAPTIST CHURCH, BROOKER, FLA.**

**First Day, Tuesday October 16th**

10:00 a. m. Devotional exercises led by Rev. R. E. Blanchard, reading from 13th chapter 1st Corinthians.

11:00 a. m. Sermon by the Rev. W. A. Hobson, from 13th and part of the 14th chapter John.

Noon—Refreshments.

1:30 p. m. After a short devotional service led by Rev. Proctor, the moderator announced the Association in order for the transaction of business.

The roll of churches was called and Delegates enrolled.

Election of officers was taken up and resulted as follows:  
Rev. J. L. Norris, moderator; D. W. Moore, clerk and treasurer.

Call for visitors from other Associations. The following responded:

Dr. Hobson from Tampa Bay Association; Dr. Mitchell and wife from Jacksonville Association; Rev. G. W. S. Ware from Santa Fe; Rev. W. H. Barnes and Alma Arrington from Harmony Association.

Report on W. M. U. work for the Associational year was rendered by Mrs. Darby and Mrs. Epperson. This was an interesting report and very much appreciated. Report adopted as read.

**MINUTES OF BAPTIST WOMAN'S MISSIONARY  
UNION, NEW RIVER ASSOCIATION**

The annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union of New River Association was held Saturday, Oct. 5, 1929, with Corinth Baptist Church.

**To Our  
Honored Dead**

This page is dedicated to the memory of the following ones who have answered the final call since October 1, 1928:

- MR. A. M. ANDREWS.
- MRS. W. T. HALBROOK
- MRS. ELIZABETH ANN MOTT
- MRS. D. C. KINLAW
- MR. SIM LEE
- MR. A. J. COWART
- MRS. RACHEL PREVATT
- MR. ELIJAH BIRD
- MRS. J. W. DRIGGERS
- MR. C. H. PRIEST
- MRS. J. C. HARRIS
- MR. W. J. PARKER
- MRS. RHODA SAPP
- MRS. HENRIETTA DIXON
- MR. J. H. RITCH
- MR. J. R. NORMAN
- MRS. ELIZABETH MARTHA RIGGS
- REV. P. M. RIGGS, of Starke church.

After a few remarks by the president, Mrs. W. J. Epperson, the following program was rendered:

Hymn—"Thy Kingdom Is Coming."

Watchword—Holding Forth the Word of Life was given.

Devotional—Mrs. Geo. C. White, Starke.

Greetings—Mrs. Beulah Kelley, Corinth.

Response—Mrs. W. J. Epperson, associational president.

Recognition of visitors.

President's Message—"The Stewardship of Thought."

The president appointed the following committees:

Nominating—Mesdames Geo. C. White, Geo. A. Anderson, Beulah Kelley, J. T. Strickland, M. L. Cason.

Time and Place—Mrs. Jim Thomas and Mrs. E. C. Lewis.

Memorial—Mesdames D. L. Blackburn, H. M. McRae and M. L. Cason.

Resolution—Mrs. J. M. Brownlee and Mrs. T. J. Terry.

Hymn—"I Need Thee Every Hour."

Inspirational Address—Mrs. Everett Robinson of Gainesville.

During the noon hour a spread was served by the ladies of Corinth church.

Hymn—"Jesus Calls Us."

Prayer—Mrs. T. J. Terry.

Young People's Hour, conducted by the Association! Young People's leader, Mrs. T. R. May, as follows:

Song—"Have Thine Own Way," Corinth G. A.'s.

Prayer—Mrs. A. M. Darby.

Playlet—"Making a Standard of Excellence" by Starke G. A.'s.

Digest of Reports—Mrs. J. H. Pitts, Starke.

Report of District Superintendent—Mrs. G. C. White, Starke.

Report of Stewardship Chairman—Mrs. H. B. Arwood, Lawtey.

Report of Mission Study Librarian—Mrs. T. J. Terry, Lawtey.

Report of Personal Service Chairman—Mrs. A. M. Darby, Starke.

Report of Margaret Fund Chairman—Mrs. H. M. McRae, Corinth.

Report of Training School Chairman—Mrs. Norman.

Report of White Cross Chairman—Mrs. H. L. Brownlee, Starke.

Report of Memorial Committee:

In memory of the departed members of the Woman's Missionary Society of the New River Association: Mrs. J. C. Harris, of LaCrosse, vice-president of the Association, Mrs. J. W. Driggers of Antioch and Mrs. D. C. Kinlaw of Lawtey.

Although we miss them and feel too keenly the loss of them in the work, their influence and devoted consecration to the work of the Kingdom will abide forever and be an influence to those who take up the task and go forward with the work they loved.

In honor of them we bow in humble submission to the will of our Father, who doeth all things well.  
(Signed).

MRS. D. L. BLACKBURN

MRS. M. L. CASON

MRS. H. M. McRAE.

Committee.

The Time and Place Committee reported as follows: The Pine Grove W. M. S. invited the annual meeting to be held with them the first Saturday in October, 1930.

It was moved and carried that all reports be adopted as read.

The Nominating Committee submitted the following for election to the various offices for the ensuing year:

President—Mrs. Geo. C. White, Starke.

Vice-president—Mrs. T. J. Terry, Lawtey.

Secretary-treasurer—Mrs. G. W. Alderman, Starke.

Young People's Leader—Mrs. J. R. May, Lacrosse.

Personal Service Chairman, Mrs. A. M. Darby, Starke.

Mission Study Librarian—Mrs. W. J. Epperson, Starke.

Publicity Chairman—Mrs. Tinley, Pine Grove.

Margaret Fund Chairman—Mrs. H. M. McRae, Starke.

Training School Chairman—H. H. Lewis, Starke.

White Cross Chairman—Mrs. J. H. Pitts, Starke.

After some discussion, it was moved and carried that \$10.00 be given from the Association for divisional officers expense.

It was moved and carried that we continue holding our quar-

terly rallies in connection with Fifth Sunday meeting.

It was moved and carried that Mrs. A. M. Darby and Mrs. W. J. Epperson give condensed report of W. M. U. work at the general Association.

Closing message: "A Plea for Deeper Consecration, Mrs. N. B. O'Kelley, Jacksonville.

Resolution Committee reported as follows:

Resolved that to Corinth Church and community is hereby tendered the heartfelt thanks for their kind hospitality extended to us during our meeting with them. We wish to thank Mrs. Robinson of Gainesville for her wonderful talk, also Mrs. N. B. O'Kelley of Jacksonville, for her inspirational address.

MRS. J. M. BROWNLEE, MRS. T. J. TERRY.

Hymn—"I Love Thy Kingdom Lord."

Prayer by Dr. N. B. O'Kelley, of Jacksonville.

No further business, meeting adjourned. Offering, \$4.60.

MRS. J. H. PITTS, Secretary New River Association.

Report on State Missions was rendered by C. A. Crosby. Discussed by Dr. Mitchell and Rev. Mitchell and Rev. Proctor and Adopted as read.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

Our convention set for its goal \$200,000.00 for this year. Up until September 1, 1929, they had only received \$92,357.93. The W. M. U. had given \$45,076.91 of that amount. State Missions gets only 38 per cent or \$25,093.72.

We find that State Missions had spent \$35,000.00 leaving a debt of \$9,906.28. September receipts were only \$6,290.13.

Our secretary calls attention to the following items of interest concerning our work in Florida:

During the past year our board assisted in the support of 74 missionary pastors, who preached the gospel at 104 different churches and mission stations.

Our state board supports one full time missionary in the territory of Lake Okechobee, whose work has been blessed of the Lord in a wonderful way.

These missionary pastors reported 893 baptisms, 742 received into their churches by letter, and 56 by restoration. While they were working on mission fields that had to be assisted by the board, at the same time they reported \$5,447.06 collected for

missions, and \$14,382.54 raised for church buildings. The board spent on this phase of our work, \$18,500.18.

C. A. CROSBY, Committee.

At this time Moderator made the following committee appointments:

Committee on Finance—J. T. Harris, J. S. Norman, J. T. Quigley.

Committee on Orphanage—J. T. Harris, Mrs. M. L. Carson, Mrs. F. R. May.

Committee on Christian Education—Rev. Hemingway, T. N. Norman, Oscar Crosby.

Committee on Temperance—Rev. R. E. Blanchard, J. N. Norman, C. L. Carter.

Committee on Sunday Schools—J. T. Barnes, D. L. Phillips, J. A. Morgan.

Committee on Digest of Letters—Rev. G. P. Raymond, Rev. S. S. Proctor, Rev. J. T. Barnes.

Committee on Nominations—J. D. Baxter, H. L. Harrell, C. C. Cowart.

At this time Dr. Hobson was given time to represent Stetson University, which he did in a very pleasing and able manner.

Treasurer made his report, which was adopted as read.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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| October 30th, 1929, balance in treasury  | \$104.96 |
| <i>Receipts:</i>                         |          |
| December 31st                            | \$ 29.56 |
| April 1st, 1929                          | 63.76    |
| July 5th                                 | 43.83    |
| October 8th, received from Raiford Union | 6.00     |

Total receipts ----- \$248.11

*Disbursements:*

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| Dec. 13th, E. S. Matthews, printing minutes | \$ 45.00 |
| Dec. 15th, to clerk and postage             | 27.00    |
| Feb. 5th, programs                          | 7.25     |
| April 3rd, Co-operative Program             | 50.00    |

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July 8th, programs \_\_\_\_\_ 6.00  
 Total Disbursements \_\_\_\_\_ \$135.25  
 Balance on hand, October 16th \_\_\_\_\_ \$112.86  
 Respectfully submitted,  
 D. W. MOORE, Treasurer.

Adjourned to Thursday morning, 9:30.

**THURSDAY MORNING, 9:30**

Devotional Services led by Rev. Hemingway.

10:00 a. m. Moderator called the Association to order. The first business was reading the minutes of the preceding day which was adopted.

Roll Call of Churches renewed and delegates enrolled. Next report was on Ministerial Relief and Annuity, which was read by D. W. Moore. Adopted as read.

**MINISTERIAL RELIEF AND ANNUITIES**

The cause of Ministerial Relief is being promoted by the Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Dallas, Texas. Dr. Thomas J. Watts is the executive secretary.

The Relief and Annuity Board is the agency of the convention through which the contributions of the churches are distributed to approximately 1450 ministers, and widows and orphans of ministers.

During the past year relief benefits were paid to 1333 persons including 150 orphan children who were indirectly aided, and Annuity benefits were paid to 110 ministers, widows and orphans. The current contributions of the churches were supplemented from the interest earnings on the Board's invested funds, and the total amount paid to beneficiaries was \$162,705.06. This was the largest sum ever paid in any year by several thousands of dollars.

The contributions of the churches were less last year than the previous year by about \$20,000.00. The steady decrease in the contributions of the churches is making it more and more difficult for the Board to add new names to its roll of relief beneficiaries, while at the same time the Annuity Fund cannot safely increase its liabilities without running the risk of reduced benefits. The obligations of Southern Baptists to their disabled and aged ministers cannot be properly met until our people come to think of this work in terms commensurate with its real size. And not

until we as a denomination "lay by in store" a great fund to be invested and compounded against the day of need will we ever meet that need in any worthy manner.

The Reserve Annuity Plan will always yield larger and surer results than the Relief Plan, which merely distributes the fluctuating contributions of the churches and the interest earnings on endowments month by month as they come in. Compound interest reduces the capital cost of ministerial relief by from 54 per cent to 65 per cent. Annuities for preachers, therefore, are not expensive when the reserve method of providing them has been followed.

We rejoice in the great success that has already come to the Relief and Annuity Board, yet the payment of \$1,300,000 (one million, three hundred thousand dollars) in benefits and the growth in its resources from \$106,000.60 (one hundred and six thousand dollars and sixty cents) in 1919 to \$3,028,000 (three million and twenty-eight thousand dollars) in 1929 is only illustrative of what is possible for it to achieve, if only the Reserve Annuity Plan is pressed to its logical conclusion. Let it be remembered that the accumulations of the Board are in the nature of the case to be found on the Annuity side of its work, since the earnings of the Relief Fund have to be used month by month in paying the beneficiaries. Increased endowment is being diligently sought for both the Relief and the Annuity Funds, and that with some measure of success. The resources of the Board must be much larger if our ministers and their families are to be more adequately cared for.

At this time Bro. Norris made a talk on the Witness and offered to take subscriptions for the paper.

Next report was on Foreign Missions, which was made by Rev. Raymond, and adopted.

**REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS, 1929**

The work of the Foreign Mission Board has made steady advance during the past year. There have been many difficulties in the way, but through the favor of the Lord there have appeared many encouragements.

Fine progress has been made towards the reduction of the great debt which has burdened the Board for so many years. The debt as set up on the books January 1, 1928, amounted to \$1,145,000. By the 1st of May, 1929, this debt had been reduced to \$802,506.88. This is most encouraging.

The plan for reducing the debt is to apply to it 10 per cent



of all receipts from the Co-operative Program, all special gifts made for this specific purpose, and all moneys received from the sale of properties owned by the Board in foreign lands, and which are not now in use for mission purposes.

The vigor of our foreign mission work is shown by a few figures. We have in our foreign mission fields 1,392 churches; 744, or about one-half of these, are self-supporting, and 960, or two-thirds of them, own their houses of worship.

There are 147,648 members of these churches, or about one-twenty-fifth as many as are enrolled in the churches here in the bounds of our Southern Baptist Convention. If we leave out of consideration the amount the Foreign Mission Board pays for the salaries and expenses of its foreign missionaries, these native Christians put last year more money into the support of the native work than did the Board. The Foreign Mission Board gave \$540,000 to develop the work amongst the missions, and the native Christians gave for the same work \$575,000.

They baptized last year 12,264 converts, or a little over 1,000 every month or 33 every day.

These foreign churches are organized into Baptist associations as we are organized here in the homeland. Many fields have home and foreign mission boards. They have schools also. The native churches support the majority of our foreign mission schools also. There were 486 schools last year with over 21,000 scholars. The Foreign Mission Board contributed toward the support of less than 100 of these schools. The native Christians took care of the remainder.

These native Christians have also made a substantial beginning in the developing of hospitals. One of the largest hospitals connected with our work abroad is the one supported entirely by the native Baptist Christians in Canton in our South China field. It is very encouraging to realize that our Baptist brethren carry their part of the burden and show themselves worthy of our hearty co-operation.

In all quarters of the world there is arising now most challenging situations. The opportunities for pressing our missionary work were never more compelling.

The situation in China grows clearer. The government which has been able to weather difficult storms recently, seems to be definitely established. Idols are being destroyed in many places and temples are being used for schools. The anti-foreign and anti-Christian sentiments are dying, and everywhere evidences of a new day manifest themselves.

Missionaries have returned to all of our stations, and have

received a warm welcome. There are widespread and unmistakable evidences of a great revival. People are awaiting baptism in a great many places.

All Latin America is in a ferment of revolt against despotic autocracy in both politics and religion. The people have little understanding of Christianity, because the Roman Catholic Church has failed them. The result is that the intelligent classes are turning away from the Roman church to agnosticism, atheism and indifference. The only remedy for this distressing religious situation is the gospel of Jesus Christ. There is evidence of much spiritual hunger, especially among the younger people. In all of the Republics in which we have missions, we are finding most encouraging response to the gospel.

In a great number of new districts in Nigeria vast multitudes are turning to Christ. The people are turning from idols and accepting Christ by the thousands. Whole towns are professing Christianity. Baptist churches are springing up in towns which have never had a visit from a foreign missionary or even an ordained native Baptist minister. The movement is growing so rapidly that we cannot take care of it. This is the greatest mass movement toward Christianity we have ever met.

In its new life Europe is no longer flint-like in resisting outside impressions. It is open to the approach of the gospel. Our evangel is well received in every country in which we operate, baptized 4,525 in Roumania last year—the largest number of baptisms we have ever reported in any year from any field.

Thus we see rising from the four corners of the earth unmistakable evidences of sweeping changes in the thought and attitude of the peoples. Never in all history have such hosts of men been so susceptible to new impressions. They are, and will be even more attentive to the gospel if we will demonstrate promptly that it gives the light for which they search and satisfies the soul-hunger which gnaws in their bosoms.

In spite of all the problems on the foreign fields, delicate, perplexing and difficult though they may be, we feel no discouragement. We know that the gospel will certainly triumph wherever it is preached. The only discouragement worth considering is that which arises from lack of support here in the homeland. Thank God we can take care of this source of discouragement. We certainly have the resources in wealth. The question is whether we have spiritual resources sufficiently strong to make us respond to the needs. Do we love Christ who died for us? Do we really bear in mind the great truth that He died not for us only but for all the world? God has waked up the whole world in our day. He

must have had some purpose in this. Will we wake up to our privilege and duty to make known in all the world His precious saving grace?

"For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that one died for all, therefore all died; and he died for all, that they that live should no longer live unto themselves, but unto him who for their sakes died and rose again."—II Cor. 5:14-15.

Rev. R. E. Blanchard read a report on Temperance and was joined in discussion of same by Rev. Norris and J. T. Harris.

#### REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

We as a body of Christians fully believe in living up to the teachings of the Bible and obey in the laws of our land and we know that the Bible teaches us that no drunkard shall inherit the Kingdom of Heaven. Read Proverbs, 20 chapter, 1st verse. Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging and whoever is deceived thereby is not wise. Also Proverbs, 23rd chapter, 29th to 33rd verse. And we know from our own observation the evil effects of intoxicating liquors. It robs the homes of the necessities of life and fills homes with sorrow and unnecessary trouble and the largest percent of the crimes being practiced today can be traced to the curse of whiskey and other intoxicating liquors. It robs mankind of the intellect and I believe often is brought out in the generation that follows. And we feel that by bringing up our children not to indulge that we can place upon the next generation a body of temperate and useful citizens, and we see the best way that this can be done is by living the lives in our homes, and to bring up our boys and girls to realize the awfulness of intemperance.

Respectfully submitted,

R. E. BLANCHARD

C. L. CARTER

11:30. Missionary sermon by Rev. Blanchard, from 6th chapter Romans.

Noon—Refreshments.

1:30 p. m. Association was called to order. Bro. Phillips led in prayer. Moderator called for new pastors to come forward. Rev. W. H. Barnes and J. F. Gable responded and were introduced by the moderator.

Bro. G. E. McGaulley was present as a visitor.

Next in order of business was a report on Christian Education which was rendered by Rev. Proctor. Discussed by Rev. Raymond and Gable. Adopted as read.

#### REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We, your committee on Christian Education beg lief to submit the following report.

First: We feel that the religious training and education of our children and young people is of vital importance, probably never more so than at present.

That it is worthy of our most earnest, prayerful consideration, our heartiest support and co-operation.

Second: That living as we do, in an age when the Bible with its doctrines and teachings is being attacked and denied by the enemies of truth and righteousness; that we, as Christian men and women, owe it to our children to throw around them every religious influence and the training, that will safeguard them against the life-wrecking, soul-destroying heresies that are being broadcasted through our land and country.

Third: (a) In an undertaking so great as this, we need the leadership of the Holy Spirit, for without this we shall fail.

(b) We need the combined efforts of the home, the church and the school—each filling its special place in the training of our children and young people.

Fourth: We wish to call your attention to Stetson University, located at DeLand, Florida. In Stetson, we have a great Christian school, second to none in all this great Southland of ours. In every way prepared to train our young people for any calling or profession they may choose to enter.

There is at Stetson a great religious influence which is felt throughout the school in the chapel, the classroom, the dormitory and on the campus during the social hours.

We feel that Stetson University has a special claim upon the Baptist of Florida, for this is our denominational school.

Respectfully submitted,

S. S. PROCTOR

Bro. Quigley was present with a report on Home Missions which he read and discussed. Report adopted.

#### REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

The great and deplorable misfortune which befell the Home Board and its work about one year ago is too well known among our people to need discussion in this report. It is sufficient to say

that Southern Baptists will not allow the treachery of one man to cause them to default in their stewardship or to lessen their interest in the Kingdom of Christ, either in their own homeland or in the regions beyond.

*A Generous Gift.*—While the year just passed has recorded the greatest calamity that ever befell the Home Mission Board or any other of our Baptist agencies, it has also recorded the greatest and most generous gift ever made to the Home Mission Board or to any other Southern Baptist mission enterprise. Mrs. George W. Bottoms, of Texarkana, Ark., adding to a gift of \$100,000 made by her and Mr. Bottoms in his lifetime, has just rounded out a gift which at the lowest estimate will amount to one-half million dollars for the erection and maintenance of our school in Havana, Cuba. More and more, Havana will be both a great commercial, intellectual and religious capital of Latin America, and this school will stand as a great and shining light whose rays will reach everyone of the Latin American people and will be the means of winning multiplied thousands to a saving knowledge of the grace of God.

*Baptist Honor Day.*—The response of our people made on Baptist Honor Day on which was contributed about \$450,000 for the relief of the Board enabled the Board to close a remarkable good and successful year and to face the future with enlarging prospects and hopes.

At the recent session of the Southern Baptist Convention, at Memphis, Tenn., the Board was constituted of an almost entirely new personnel. This was done not through a lack of confidence in the brethren who have served on the Board for many years, but at their request. The new Board recently elected as executive secretary-treasurer, Rev. J. B. Lawrence, D. D., of Kansas City, Missouri. Dr. Lawrence has accepted and entered upon the duties of his office. The several departments of the work are under the supervision of the following superintendents: Department of Church Extension, Dr. A. J. Burton; Department of Direct and Independent Missions, Dr. J. W. Beagle; Department of Mountain Schools and Missions, Dr. J. W. O'Hara; Cuban Work, Dr. M. N. McCall.

We do not burden this report with figures or statistics. As just said, the past convention year, in spite of all difficulties, has been a good year, with large achievements and with brightening outlooks for the work of the Lord. We pledge to the Board and its several great enterprises the continued united and hearty support of this association.

COMMITTEE

Bro. T. N. Norman rendered a report on Sunday Schools, and after discussing same, the report was adopted as read.

#### REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

We, your committee on Sunday Schools, ask to make the following report:

After careful study of the twenty churches that reported, only ten have Sunday Schools, with an attendance of five hundred and fifty.

We find that we have the same amount of Sunday Schools as there was last year, but a decrease in membership. The membership last year being six hundred and ninety-two. That will be a decrease of one hundred and forty-two.

Some of the churches are co-operating with other churches, and we are glad to report that, but at the same time we are not taking the interest in the work as we should. And we as a committee hope to have a better report for the next year. We also hope that the messengers that are present will take this to heart and go away with the intentions of encouraging the Bible schools.

Respectfully submitted

T. N. NORMAN, *Chairman*

J. A. MORGAN

J. H. MANNING.

Committee on Digest of Letters made their report, and same was adopted.

Bro. H. M. McRae made a report on Deceased Ministers and Deacons. Same adopted as read.

#### REPORT ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS

We, your committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons, submit the following report: That Bro. P. M. Riggs died this year, and that none of our deacons have passed away during this year, for which we have a right to be thankful, all of which is hereby submitted.

H. M. McRAE.

At this time Rev. Raymond offered a resolution of love and respect for the Rev. L. W. Kickliter, who was sick and unable to attend the Association. On motion same was adopted.

#### RESOLUTION OF RESPECT

Resolved that we send to our dear Bro. L. W. Kickliter our sympathy for him in his illness, and we pray that he be restored

to health, and be able to meet with us next year. This Association deeply appreciates the long continued and faithful service of our dear brother and sincerely trust that the Heavenly Father will permit him to abide yet a number of years with his family and the churches that he founded and fostered.

It was regularly moved and carried that the Committee on Nominations appoint and recommend the election of a committee of three whose duty it shall be to arrange a program for the next annual session of association.

Bro. Harris, chairman of Finance Committee made his report and same was adopted.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

We your Committee on Finance beg to report:

|                      |         |
|----------------------|---------|
| Sampson City         | \$ 2.00 |
| Beulah               | 2.00    |
| Pine Grove           | 2.00    |
| Montocha             | 1.50    |
| Kingsley Lake        | 2.00    |
| Hope                 | 3.00    |
| Starke               | 10.00   |
| Watroak              | 2.00    |
| Lawtey               | 12.00   |
| North Pleasant Grove | 2.00    |
| New River            | 3.00    |
| Corinth              | 3.00    |
| China Grove          | 2.00    |
| Heilbronn            | 3.50    |
| Antioch              | 3.75    |
| Deedan               | 2.00    |
| Public Collection    | 15.25   |
| Total                | \$71.00 |

*J. T. HARRIS, Chairman.*

It was voted to send \$100.00 to State Mission Board on Co-operative Program.

Nominating Committee made their report at this time and was adopted. Report printed in full elsewhere in minutes.

#### REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We recommend for representative to State Convention: J. A. Morgan, G. P. Raymond, J. T. Harris, D. W. Moore, J. F.

Gable.

Member State Board of Missions—J. L. Norris.

Program Committee—G. P. Raymond, J. L. Norris and R. E. Blanchard.

Executive Committee—J. L. Norris, H. L. Harrell, J. T. Harris, H. H. Lewis, J. S. Norman, T. B. Pinholster, D. W. Moore.

Next Association will meet with Heilbronn church on Wednesday before 3rd Sunday in October, 1930, and that Rev. R. E. Blanchard preach introductory sermon 11 a. m. Report adopted.

*H. L. HARRELL*

*J. D. BAXTER, Committee.*

At this time the Association gave to Brooker church a rising vote of thanks for their generous hospitality during the meeting.

It was regularly moved and carried that we set aside a page in the minutes for our departed ones.

On motion it was voted to send Bro. Dyal \$11.50 for relief.

Resolution was passed that D. W. Moore notify clerks of all church to try and send him one dollar for Dyal Fund.

It was regularly moved and carried that the Association request every church to try and send as much as one dollar per month to Treasurer for relief of Bro. Dyal.

Association adjourned to meet with Heilbronn Church on Wednesday before the Third Sunday in October, 1930, and that Rev. R. E. Blanchard preach the introductory sermon at 11 a. m.

*J. L. NORRIS, Moderator*

*D. W. MOORE, Clerk.*

### Annual Committees

- Christian Education—G. P. Raymond, Chairman.  
 Temperance—J. T. Harris, Chairman.  
 Orphanage—Rev. W. H. Barnes, Chairman.  
 Home Mission—S. S. Proctor.  
 State Missions—J. T. Barnes.  
 Foreign Missions—R. E. Blanchard.  
 Aged Ministerial Relief and Annuity—H. S. Filmer.

### Churches—Church Clerks and Postoffices

- Antioch—J. T. Harris, Gainesville, Fla. ✓  
 Beulah—L. F. Thomas, Green Cove Springs, Fla. ✓  
 China Grove—Mrs. Kate Minton, Starke, Fla. ✓  
 Corinth—T. N. Norman, Starke, Fla. ✓  
 Deedan—H. L. Gatlin, Starke, Fla. ✓  
 Graham—W. P. Birt, Gainesville, Fla., Rt. 1. ✓  
 Heilbronn—J. S. Norman, Lawtey, Fla. ✓  
 Hope—D. W. Moore, Theresa, Fla. ✓  
 Kingsley Lake—James L. Silcox, Starke, Fla. ✓  
 Lawtey—J. L. Harrell, Lawtey, Fla. ✓  
 Montocha—W. Z. Goolsby, Gainesville, Fla., Rt. 1. ✓  
 New River—J. J. Colson, Lake Butler, Fla. ✓  
 North Pleasant Grove—W. L. Holbrook, Santa Fe, Fla. ✓  
 Pine Grove—C. R. Neal, Gainesville, Fla., Rt. 3. ✓  
 Pine Level, H. M. McRae, Starke, Fla. ✓  
 Raiford—W. H. Shaw, Raiford, Fla. ✓  
 Sampson City—Mrs. Willis Dyal, Sampson City, Fla. ✓  
 Starke—Mrs. G. P. Raymond, Starke, Fla. ✓  
 Ward City—L. A. Brown, Brooker, Fla. ✓  
 Wateroak—E. E. Norman, Starke, Fla. ✓  
 Oak Grove—Miss Mollie Ward Green Cove Springs, Fla. ✓

The churches were represented by the following delegates:

- Antioch: Mrs. M. L. Cason, Mrs. Josie Norris, Mrs. Dephin May, Debbie Cason, P. F. Connely.  
 Beulah: L. F. Thomas, W. D. C. Harris, Ellery Hickey.  
 China Grove: Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Moore.  
 Corinth: Oscar Crosby, T. M. Norman.  
 Starke: Mrs. W. J. Epperson, Mrs. A. M. Darby, Mrs. G. W. Alderman, Mrs. G. C. White, Mrs. P. M. Barefoot, Mrs. J. H. Lord, Mrs. Lucy Powell, Mr. G. W. Alderman.  
 Ward City: J. W. L. Pinholster, J. D. Baxter, G. B. Colson.  
 Wateroak: J. C. Manning, E. E. Norman.  
 Oak Grove:  
 Raiford: Mrs. Marian Ritch, Mrs. S. A. Bryan, Mrs. Nelson Ritch, Mrs. G. B. Reddish.  
 Kingsley Lake: Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Blanchard.  
 Lawtey: Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Quigley, Mrs. T. J. Terry, Mrs. J. M. Reddish.  
 Montocha: Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Simmons, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hines.  
 New River: J. J. Colson, C. C. Cowart, Mrs. Godwin, Mrs. I. W. Pinholster, Jr.  
 North Pleasant Grove: Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Burnette, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Harrell, Mrs. Beula Duke.  
 Pine Grove: Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Neal.  
 Pine Level: H. M. McRae, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. James Prevatt.  
 Deedan: F. S. Fowler.  
 Graham:  
 Heilbronn: C. L. Carter, J. N. Norman, J. S. Norman and wife.  
 Hope: D. W. Moore, R. L. Batton.  
 Sampson City: J. B. Brown, Mrs. W. Dyal, Mrs. Willis Dyal.

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Summary Table. Statistics New River Association, State of Florida for Year Ending, October, 1929

| Churches         | When Constituted | C(O), Town (T), Village (V) or Country church (O) | Regular Days of Meeting | Baptisms | Total Membership | Revival Meeting Held During Year | Observances of Lord's Supper During Year | Families Receiving State Baptist Paper | Number of Schools | Total Enrolled | Total Number B. Y. P. U.'s | Total Enrolled in B. Y. P. U. | Total Women's and Children's Organizations. | Total Women's Contributions all Purposes | Pastor's Salary | All Other Local Church Expenses | Gifts to Co-operative Program | Specials or Designated Gifts to Missions, etc. | Value of Church Houses and Grounds | Value of Pastor's Homes | Total Value All Church Property |
|------------------|------------------|---|-------------------------|----------|------------------|----------------------------------|--|--|-------------------|----------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|---|--|-----------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 Antioch        | 1872             | O   | 2nd                     | 2        | 136              | 1                                | 5  | 1                                      | 24                | 2              | 28                         | 3                             | 57.87                                       | 126.59                                   | 456.65          | 14.05                           | 18.17                         | 1500   | ---                                | 2500                    |                                 |
| 2 Beulah         | 1850             | O   | 2nd                     | 2        | 57               | 4                                | ---                                      | ---                                    | ---               | ---            | ---                        | ---                           | ---   | 60.00                                    | 62.00           | 15.00                           | 35.16                         | 500  | ---                                | 500                     |                                 |
| 3 China Grove    | 1905             | ---   | ---                     | 4        | 34               | ---                              | ---                                      | ---                                    | ---               | ---            | ---                        | ---                           | ---   | ---                                      | 143.75          | 726.71                          | 104.25                        | 210.42   | 800                                | ---                     | 800                             |
| 4 Corinth        | 1895             | ---   | 4th                     | 5        | 96               | 1                                | 3  | 1                                      | 55                | 3              | 51                         | 3                             | 59.43                                       | ---                                      | 35.00           | ---                             | 5.00                          | 500  | ---                                | 500                     |                                 |
| 5 Dedan          | 1882             | ---   | 1st                     | ---      | 30               | 1                                | 1  | ---                                    | ---               | ---            | ---                        | ---                           | ---   | 40.84                                    | 42.34           | ---                             | 8.85                          | 500  | ---                                | 500                     |                                 |
| 6 Graham         | 1916             | V   | 3rd                     | ---      | 26               | ---                              | ---                                      | ---                                    | ---               | ---            | ---                        | ---                           | ---   | 145.15                                   | 472.95          | ---                             | ---                           | 500  | ---                                | 500                     |                                 |
| 7 Heilbronn      | 1908             | V   | 3rd                     | 15       | 71               | 1                                | ---                                      | ---                                    | ---               | ---            | ---                        | ---                           | ---   | 60.00                                    | 93.61           | 42.00                           | 82.00                         | 1100   | ---                                | 1100                    |                                 |
| 8 Hope           | 1876             | V   | 4th                     | 1        | 99               | 1                                | 4  | 3                                      | 1                 | 45             | ---                        | ---                           | ---   | 38.72                                    | 483.00          | ---                             | 3.00                          | 1000   | 2000                               | 3000                    |                                 |
| 9 Kingsley Lake  | ---              | O   | 3rd                     | 5        | 105              | 1                                | 1  | 1                                      | 32                | 1              | 32                         | ---                           | ---   | 827.35                                   | 1006.13         | 175.50                          | 260.56                        | 3600   | ---                                | 3600                    |                                 |
| 10 Lawtey        | 1904             | T   | 1-3                     | ---      | 79               | ---                              | 3  | 6                                      | 1                 | 60             | 2                          | 32                            | 2   | 57.00                                    | ---             | ---                             | 65.70                         | 650  | ---                                | 650                     |                                 |
| 11 Monteocha     | 1897             | O   | 1st                     | ---      | 14               | ---                              | ---                                      | ---                                    | ---               | ---            | ---                        | ---                           | ---   | 60.00                                    | 120.42          | ---                             | ---                           | 1200   | ---                                | 1200                    |                                 |
| 12 New River     | ---              | ---   | ---                     | 14       | 71               | 1                                | 1  | ---                                    | ---               | ---            | ---                        | ---                           | ---   | ---                                      | ---             | ---                             | ---                           | ---  | ---                                | ---                     | ---                             |
| 13 N. Pl. Grove  | ---              | ---   | 3rd                     | ---      | 68               | 1                                | 2  | ---                                    | 1                 | 43             | ---                        | ---                           | ---   | ---                                      | ---             | ---                             | ---                           | ---  | 1000                               | ---                     | 1000                            |
| 14 Pine Grove    | 1906             | O   | 2-4                     | 6        | 62               | 1                                | 4  | 4                                      | 1                 | 82             | 2                          | 23                            | 5   | 27.10                                    | 462.30          | 664.61                          | 104.69                        | 100  | ---                                | 100                     |                                 |
| 15 Pine Level    | ---              | O   | 1st                     | ---      | 47               | 1                                | 4  | 1                                      | ---               | ---            | ---                        | ---                           | ---   | ---                                      | ---             | ---                             | ---                           | ---  | 1000                               | ---                     | 1000                            |
| 16 Raiford       | 1904             | T   | 2-4                     | 7        | 81               | 1                                | 4  | 1                                      | 71                | 1              | 34                         | ---                           | ---   | 150.00                                   | 180.69          | 37.50                           | 42.50                         | ---  | ---                                | ---                     |                                 |
| 17 Sampson City  | 1925             | ---   | 3rd                     | ---      | 41               | 2                                | ---                                      | ---                                    | 1                 | 33             | ---                        | ---                           | ---   | 48.25                                    | 62.25           | 4.00                            | ---                           | ---  | ---                                | ---                     |                                 |
| 18 Starke, First | 1877             | T   | All                     | ---      | 220              | ---                              | 4  | ---                                    | 1                 | 157            | ---                        | ---                           | 4   | 586.55                                   | 1830.78         | 2610.96                         | 234.86                        | 766.87   | 5000                               | 4000                    | 9000                            |
| 19 Ward City     | 1900             | O   | 1st                     | ---      | 93               | 1                                | 2  | 2                                      | ---               | ---            | ---                        | ---                           | ---   | 88.78                                    | 185.24          | 23.00                           | 23.00                         | 2500   | ---                                | 3000                    |                                 |
| 20 Wateroak      | 1916             | T   | 3rd                     | 2        | 50               | ---                              | ---                                      | ---                                    | ---               | ---            | 3                          | 36                            | ---   | ---                                      | 146.20          | ---                             | ---                           | ---  | 800                                | ---                     | 800                             |
| Total            |                  |   |                         | 61       | 1480             | ---                              | ---                                      | 10                                     | 602               | 14             | 236                        | 18                            | 902.81                                      | 4040.51                                  | 7348.76         | 701.16                          | 1692.92                       | 24,600   | 6000                               | 32,100                  |                                 |

- 1—J. F. Gabriel, Gainesville
- 2—J. T. Barnes, Starke
- 3—L. A. Donnelly, Starke
- 4—C. A. Crosby, Starke
- 5—F. M. Taylor, Hampton

- 6—F. M. Taylor, Hampton
- 7—R. E. Blanchard, Starke
- 8—R. E. Blanchard, Starke
- 9—R. E. Blanchard, Starke
- 10—H. L. Chapin, High Springs

- 11—H. S. J. Filmer, Gainesville
- 12—S. S. Proctor, Lake Butler
- 13—W. H. Barnes, Trenton
- 14—W. W. Harvey, Gainesville
- 15—J. T. Barnes, Starke

- 16—L. G. Hemingway, Starke
- 17—L. G. Hemingway, Starke
- 18—G. F. Raymond, Starke
- 19—W. H. Barnes, Trenton
- 20—J. T. Barnes, Starke

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