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MINUTES
OF THE
FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
Eastern Baptist Association,
HELD WITH THE
Church at Concord, Duplin Co., N. C.,
OCTOBER 8, 9 and 10, 1889.

FOR NEXT SESSION:

PLACE OF MEETING—Riley's Creek, Pender Co., N. C.
TIME—Tuesday after first Sunday in October, 1890.
INTRODUCTORY SERMON—Elder O. P. Meeks.
MISSIONARY SERMON—Elder C. E. Gower.

CLINTON, N. C.:
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PROCEEDINGS.

CONCORD CHURCH, DUPLIN COUNTY, N. C.,
October 8th, 1889.

The Eastern Association met in its 47th Annual Session in the Concord Church.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder F. R. Underwood, from Col. 1:18.

Adjourned for dinner.

Association called to order by the Moderator, Elder J. L. Stewart.

Devotional exercises conducted by Elder O. P. Meeks. The Moderator announced that there would be preaching at the stand in ten minutes by Elder J. S. Dill.

On motion, Finance Committee was appointed. Committee: D. J. Corbett, F. A. Fennell and C. E. Daniel.

On motion, Committee of Arrangement was appointed. Committee: Elder R. C. Sandling, Bro. J. L. Boykin and Deacons of this Church.

J. T. Bland and L. K. Taylor were appointed Reading Clerks.

Roll of Churches called, letters read and delegates enrolled as follows:

Barlow Chapel—J. B. Barlow.
Bethel—H. J. Page, B. H. Rogers, D. C. Johnson.
Beulah—L. D. Rogers, W. H. Thomson.
Boykin's Chapel—L. M. Boykin, J. L. Boykin, Horace Boykin,
Bethlehem—D. P. Bland, D. J. Corbett, Jr.
Burgaw—J. W. Rowen, J. T. Bland.
Bear Marsh—W. G. Stroud, R. J. Walker.
Brooklyn—W. H. Strickland, M. McIvans.
Clinton—J. L. Stewart, B. S. Peterson.
Concord—J. C. Boon.
Corinth—I. J. Johnson, J. C. Williams, J. G. Fussell.
Caintuck Chapel—D. J. Corbett, Sr.
Caswell—A. B. Rooks.
Dobson's Chapel—S. C. Register, Stephen Brock, W. P. Dobson.
Emma's Chapel—G. M. Barbee, John Lockamy.
Ebenezer—W. Tatum, J. L. Peterson.
Faison—D. J. Rivenbark.
Hallsville—L. H. Sanderson, C. F. Southerland.
Haw Bluff—Albert Andrews.
Hermon—T. W. Britt.
Island Creek—E. Heldt, J. M. Wallace, A. B. Mallard.
Johnson's—Theo. Middleton, M. J. Carlton, A. W. Carlton.
Lisbon—W. S. Johnson, Willie Herring, W. D. Kelly.
Maple Hill—K. F. Powers, C. E. James, E. P. Powers.
Mary's Chapel—F. M. Southerland.
Masonboro—A. Hewlett.
Moore's Creek—H. S. Alderman.
Mount Gilead—B. Mathews, I. M. Powell, H. E. Peterson.
Mount Olive—O. Sumerlin, C. E. Gower,
Mount Holly—I. Carroll, John Croom.
Magnolia—J. W. Swinson, H. L. Ritter, A. Hollingsworth.
Mount Zion—F. F. Newton.
New Hope—M. J. Rivenbark, C. E. Daniel, J. T. Kennedy.

Piney Grove—W. I. Lane, J. H. Brewer, T. J. Wilson.
Poplar Grove—R. R. Bell, Henry Herring.
Rose Hill—T. J. Jarman.
Riley's Creek—W. B. Hocutt, J. T. Walker, T. G. Woodcock.
Shiloah—A. T. Herring, H. A. Bland.
Siloam—N. F. Highsmith, E. J. Page, F. A. Fennell.
Sharon—W. D. Brock.
Spring Vale—A. F. Robinson, J. W. Green.
Teachey—H. M. Croom, T. H. Carter.
Warsaw—O. P. Meeks, S. M. Carlton, L. R. Carroll.
Well's Chapel—L. R. Highsmith, L. K. Taylor, D. C. Rogers.
Willard—G. W. Woodcock.
Wilmington—T. H. Pritchard.

Berea, Colvin's Creek, Kenansville, and Long Creek were represented by letter.

Letters from Lisbon, Dobson's Chapel and Emma's Chapel asking for the next session of the Association, were laid on the table.

Committee of Arrangements reported as follows: Prayer-meeting to-morrow at 9½ o'clock, a. m., conducted by Elder H. M. Croom; preaching at the stand at 11 o'clock, by Elder C. E. Gower; Missionary Sermon by Dr. T. H. Pritchard at 11 o'clock in the house; preaching at the stand at 2½ o'clock p. m., by Elder C. Durham.

Election of officers for ensuing year. Result: Elder J. L. Stewart re-elected Moderator; Elder J. L. Britt re-elected Clerk; S. M. Carlton elected Treasurer.

Petitionary letters called for. Letters from Spring Vale, Hermon and Ebenezer were presented and read and, on motion, they were received as members of this body. The Moderator extended the right hand of fellowship to the delegates from the Churches received.

On motion of Dr. T. H. Pritchard, the usual committees were appointed.

COMMITTEES.

State Missions—Elder C. Durham, R. R. Bell, B. Matthews.
Foreign Missions—Elder J. T. Albritton, C. F. Southerland, E. Heldt.
Ministerial Education—Dr. Jno. Mitchell, Theo. Middleton, F. M. Southerland.
Periodicals—Elder J. A. Speight, I. Carroll, I. Herring.
Sunday-schools—Elder O. P. Meeks, S. M. Carlton, W. S. Johnson, H. E. Peterson.
Temperance—Elder C. E. Gower, C. E. James, H. S. Alderman.
Requests—Elders G. S. Best and J. B. Barlow and O. Sumerlin.
Home Missions—Elder J. S. Dill, J. W. Johnson, O. Blackburn.
Obituaries—Elder W. M. Kennedy, T. J. Jarman, F. F. Newton.
Nominate Executive Committee—Elders G. S. Best, J. B. Barlow, H. M. Croom.
Baptist Orphanage—Elders T. H. Pritchard, F. R. Underwood, B. S. Peterson.
Audit Treasurer's Account—N. F. Highsmith, A. F. Robinson, J. T. Kennedy.
Nominate Preachers for Next Session—Elder H. M. Croom; A. Hewlett, T. W. Britt.

On motion, the report on State Missions and report of Executive Committee were made special order for to-morrow 10 o'clock.

On motion, report on Education was made special order for 2 o'clock to-morrow, and Home Missions was made the special order immediately after the conclusion of the report on Education.

Visiting brethren invited to seats. Elder C. Durham, Corresponding Secretary of Baptist State Convention; Elder J. A. Speight Associate, Editor of *Biblical Recorder*; Elder J. S. Dill, Representative of Home Mission Board; Dr. John Mitchell, Representative of Education Board, and J. T. Albritton, Corresponding Messenger from Atlantic Association, announced themselves, and were welcomed by the Moderator. A motion was made to amend articles 3 and 5 of the Constitution. On motion the matter was referred to a committee consisting of Elders T. H. Pritchard, C. E. Gower and N. F. Highsmith.

Adjourned. Prayer by Dr. Mitchell.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, October 9th, 1889.

Devotional exercises conducted by Elder H. M. Croom. Roll called. Proceedings of yesterday read and approved. Letter from Warsaw presented and read. Ten o'clock—special order. Report on State Missions was read by Elder C. Durham. Report of Executive Committee was read by Bro. L. R. Highsmith. Pending motion to adopt report on State Missions, remarks were made by Elder C. Durham. On motion, a collection was taken for State Missions.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

All that has been done, all that is now being done, and all that will be done to give the gospel to the destitute of our State, has been, is now, and will properly be called State Missions. This is true whether the work has been done under the appointment of our State Board, an Association, a local church, or undertaken independently without appointment by any human action. For more than one hundred years the Baptists have been engaged in State Missions, and we are glad to report that never in all these years has this work been so large, so hopeful, or so satisfactory in its results as now. This year we have ninety-one Missionaries and fifteen Colporters at work in the destitute section of our State. These self sacrificing men are located in the destitute villages and country neighborhoods from the sea to beyond the mountains.

We recommend:

1. That the pastors keep their people well informed about the growth, the needs, and the prospects of State Missions.
2. That pastors and people be requested to pray the Lord to bless this work even more in the future than in the past.
3. That the churches be urged to give more largely to the support of State Missions than ever before in the history of our denominational work.

C. DURHAM,
 B. MATTHEWS,
 R. R. BELL,
Committee.

Adopted.

On motion, report of Committee of Arrangements was reconsidered. On motion of Elder C. E. Gower, Dr. T. H. Pritchard preached the Missionary Sermon at the stand. Text: Ex. 17:15.

EVENING SESSION.

Association called to order by the Moderator. Two o'clock—special order. Report on Education was read by Dr. Jno. Mitchell. Report on Home Missions was read by Elder J. S. Dill. Pending motion to adopt report on Education, remarks were made by Dr. Mitchell.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

God has been pleased to call, for the most part, poor men to the work of the ministry. The blessed Jesus did this, while on earth, and then prepared them for the work to which he had called them. His people have, in some measure, followed his example in this work. During the last session thirty-six poor young ministers were aided by the Board of Education at Wake Forest College.

The number received this session is thirty-one. We hope to be able to receive others later. There are two from the Eastern Association, Brethren A. A. Butler and C. D. Peterson. These seem to be worthy young brethren, and give promise of usefulness. The Board has been compelled to decline, for lack of funds, a number of applications for aid.

Would that the means furnished, might enable the Board to receive all the worthy young ministers who apply for help. Brethren, for Christ's sake, let us help the Lord's poor ministers who are struggling to prepare themselves for the work to which He has called them.

JOHN MITCHELL,
F. M. SOUTHERLAND,
THEODORE MIDDLETON,
Committee.

Adopted.

Pending motion to adopt report on Home Missions, remarks were made by Elder J. S. Dill.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is located at Atlanta, Ga., with Dr. I. T. Tichenor as Corresponding Secretary. Rev. A. G. McManaway, Charlotte, N. C., is Vice-President for North Carolina. The Board is occupied with mission work in and adjacent to the Southern States. It has work in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Maryland, Missouri, Western North Carolina, Texas, Tennessee, West Virginia, and Virginia, and also in the Indian Territory and Cuba.

They have employed 328 missionaries and received from the churches \$69,000 during the last year.

The work has received signal proofs of divine favor. There have been organized during the past year 328 Baptist Churches and by baptism and letter have received in connection with their work 8,402 members.

The work in Cuba continues with increased power, and there is no field under the care of the Southern Baptists so full of promise and so marked with divine approval.

The Home Board publishes in Atlanta, Ga., the *Home Field*, as its organ, to set forth its special work, and also furnishes a full line of Sunday-school literature, and these we can commend to the churches.

In view of the growing magnitude of this great work and its increasing needs, your committee recommends:

1. That this work be more earnestly pressed upon the attention of the churches by the pastors.

2. That, in accordance with the resolution passed at our last State Convention, we call upon the churches of this Association to make pledges for this work as for other denominational enterprises.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. DILL,
O. BLACKBURN,
J. W. SWINSON,
Committee

Adopted.

Letter from Riley's Creek was presented, read and referred to Committee on Requests. On motion, report of Executive Committee was made special order for to-morrow 10 o'clock, and the report on Foreign Missions was made special order for 11 o'clock. Letters from Lisbon, Dobson's Chapel, Emma's Chapel were taken from the table and referred to Committee on Requests.

On motion, any brother from among us attending any sister Association, was authorized to represent us.

Elders D. T. Best and W. F. B. Kornegay, colored brethren from the Kenansville Eastern Association, presented themselves and were invited to seats on the floor of the Association.

Committee of Arrangements reported as follows: Prayer meeting at 9½ o'clock to-morrow conducted by Bro. Cary Rogers; Association convene at 10 o'clock; preaching at the stand at 11 o'clock by Elder C. E. Gower; preaching at the stand at 2 o'clock by Elder H. M. Croom.

Adjourned. Prayer by Elder J. T. Albritton.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Moderator called the Association to order. Prayer by Elder H. M. Croom. Roll called. Minutes of yesterday read and approved. Special order—Report of Executive Committee read. Pending motion to adopt the report remarks were made by Brethren J. T. Bland, J. H. Mills and Dr. Pritchard.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

In the hope of better supplying the vast destitution within our borders, this body, in 1886, turned over the principal part of the work formerly done by this Committee to the State Mission Board. But the wants of the destitution are still great and pressing, and all along our eastern border the cry for the Gospel comes up and your Committee has been unable to supply this great need.

We feel that the work within the bounds of our own Association needs and requires for its successful prosecution, the expenditure of more money even, than is contributed by the churches of the body. While in fact and in truth, the amount actually expended in supplying said destitution, is much less than the amount contributed by the churches for this object. Upon our recommendation aid has been extended by the State Mission Board as follows:

To Bro. Melvin at Sharon.....	\$25.00
To Bro. Sandling at Willard and Teachey's.....	50.00
To Bro. Gower at Faisons.....	40.00

The latter alone having made report to us.

We would urge upon the churches the importance and great necessity of more enlarged efforts in this department of Christian work.

Respectfully submitted,

L. R. HIGHSMITH,
Chairman.

Adopted.

Report on Foreign Missions was read by Elder J. T. Albritton. Pending motion to adopt, remarks were made by Elders O. P. Meeks and T. H. Pritchard.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Our duty with regard to the evangelization of the world lies in concentric circles. The command of the Savior is to preach the Gospel of repentance and remission of sin among all nations, beginning at home. With home

as a centre, we are to work outwardly in every direction, where can be found heathen darkness or corrupt Christianity.

The mission fields of the Southern Baptist Convention lie in Europe, Asia, Africa, North and South America.

The Italian Missions are under the supervision of Brethren Geo. B. Taylor and J. H. Eager, who have as co-workers twelve Italian pastors and evangelists, besides a number of colporters.

The North China Mission reports two churches, which are self-sustaining, two Main Stations, at which churches will probably be organized in the near future, and twenty-two Out Stations.

The Central China Mission reports four churches, whose contributions last year amounted to \$276.60. This mission has twelve missionaries—six males and six females—beside four ordained and unpaid native preachers.

The South China Mission has seven American missionaries—two males and five females—to which number there will soon be added three others. Twenty natives assist in the work. This mission contributed last year \$563.97—over \$1.00 per member.

Japan is one of the most promising mission fields of the Convention. Brethren McCullom, of Alabama, and Brunson, of South Carolina, with their wives, are expected to sail for Japan in the early Fall.

Brethren David, Eubank and Smith and their wives have been working in Africa several years. Brother C. C. Newton, wife and daughter, from this State, and Brother W. T. Lumbley and wife, of Mississippi, have gone to reinforce the mission force of Africa.

Our work in Brazil is progressing under the labors of our missionaries. We have there five churches and several Out Stations. The death of Sister Maggie Rice is a sad loss to us, but her work will be taken up by Sister Emma Morton, of Missouri.

Brother W. D. Powell and his co-workers are moving grandly forward in Mexico. Our work in this country extend into four States and is rapidly enlarging under the labors of our twenty missionaries, aided by more than this number of native assistants. At the last Convention, this mission reported nineteen churches, and a large number of Out Stations. The Female Institute is full to overflowing, and the Male School is rapidly filling up.

The opening and enlarging fields call for more laborers and more funds. We should esteem it a privilege to respond to this call.

God in his providence emphatically calls upon the Baptists of North Carolina to go far in advance of all past efforts in promoting the Foreign Missionary enterprise, inasmuch as he has been pleased to send in the foreign fields thirty representatives of our beloved State.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. T. ALBRITTON,
E. HELDT,
C. F. SOUTHERLAND,
Committee.

Adopted.

On motion, roll of churches was called and pledges made to State Missions, Home Missions, Foreign Missions and Ministerial Educations as follows.

	State Miss.	Home Miss.	For. Miss.	Min. Edu.
Bethel	\$ 8 00	\$ 3 00	\$ 2 00	\$ 4 00
Beulah.....	4 00	3 00	3 00	2 50
Boykin's Chapel.....	2 50	2 50	2 50	2 50
Bethlehem.....	2 00	2 00	5 00	2 00
Bear Marsh.....	5 00	2 50	5 00	2 50
Burgaw.....	2 50	2 50	2 50	2 50
Brooklyn.....	5 00	5 00	2 50	2 50
Clinton.....	10 00	5 00	10 00	5 00

	State Miss.	Home Miss.	For. Miss.	Min. Edu.
Concord.....	2 50	2 50	2 50	2 50
Corinth.....	2 00	1 50	3 00	1 50
Caintuck Chapel.....	5 00	3 00	2 50	5 00
Caswell.....	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00
Dobson's Chapel.....	3 00	3 00	3 00	2 00
Emma's Chapel.....	3 00	1 00	2 00	2 00
Faison.....	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00
Hallsville.....	3 00	.....	3 00	.....
Haw Bluff.....	2 00	2 00	.....	2 00
Island Creek.....	8 00	2 00	8 50	5 00
Johnson's.....	2 50	2 50	2 50	5 00
Lisbon.....	7 00	3 00	8 00	2 00
Mary's Chapel.....	5 00	.....	5 00	.....
Masonboro'.....	3 00	2 00	5 00	3 00
Mt. Gilead.....	10 00	5 00	5 00	10 00
Mt. Olive.....	10 00	7 00	10 00	5 00
Mt. Holly.....	3 00	1 00	3 00	1 00
Magnolia.....	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00
Mt. Zion.....	1 00	.....	1 00	1 00
New Hope.....	6 00	4 00	6 00	4 00
Piney Grove.....	5 00	.....	5 00	2 50
Poplar Grove.....	2 50	2 50	2 00	1 00
Rose Hill.....	1 00	.....	1 00	.....
Riley's Creek.....	4 00	2 00	3 00	3 00
Sharon.....	2 00	2 00	.....	1 00
Siloam.....	5 00	2 50	2 00	2 50
Teachey.....	2 50	1 50	3 00	1 00
Warsaw.....	15 00	10 00	15 00	10 00
Well's Chapel.....	10 00	5 00	10 00	15 00
Wilmington.....	225 00	50 00	100 00	50 00
Willard.....	2 00	1 50	3 00	2 00
Ebenezer.....	1 00	.....	1 00	.....
Herman.....	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00
Spring Vale.....	5 00	1 00	2 00	2 00
Mrs. Dr. Mosely.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00
Total.....	\$ 402 00	\$ 150 00	\$ 256 00	\$166 00

Report on Periodicals was read. Pending motion to adopt, remarks were made by Elder J. A. Speight.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your committee would report that in view of the tendency of the age to read, that our churches cannot be too active in putting in the hands of all our people religious literature. To this end we commend the *Biblical Recorder*, the organ of the Baptist Churches of North Carolina. The *Recorder* is sound in doctrine, progressive in spirit, and elevated in tone. We urge the members of our churches to subscribe for the paper and read it. The *Kind Words* publications are good and so are *Charity* and *Children*, and *Home Field* and *Foreign Mission Journal*.

J. A. SPEIGHT,
ISAIAH CARROLL,
ISAAC HERRING,
Committee.

Adopted.

Adjourned for dinner.

EVENING SESSION.

Committee on Requests reported, recommending that next session be held with the Church at Riley's Creek. Report adopted.
 Committee on Baptist Orphanage reported. Report laid on the table.
 Committee on Sunday Schools reported.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sunday Schools beg leave to report: That in order to awaken a deeper interest in the Sunday School work among our churches and promote Sunday School Missions in the destitute sections of our bounds, we recommend that we call a delegation from our Sunday Schools to meet Friday before third Sunday in April next, to organize an Eastern Baptist Sunday School Association, to convene annually. We further recommend that the Colporteur and Orphanage work be also considered by said Association. We recommend that your body now designate a committee to issue a call and locate place of said meeting.

O. P. MEEKS,
 W. S. JOHNSON,
 S. M. CARLTON,
Committee.

Adopted.

Committee to issue a call and locate place of Sunday School Association—Elders O. P. Meeks, C. E. Gower and S. M. Carlton.

Committee to nominate Executive Committee reported. (See first page.)
 Committee on Revision of Constitution reported as follows:—

We recommend that Article 2 be so amended as to read—This Association shall be composed of all ordained ministers, who are members or pastors of churches of this body, and three delegates from each church, chosen from her membership assembled, in conference.

2nd. We recommend that Article 5th remain as it is.

3rd. Believing it to be the desire of this body to co-operate with the State Convention, and at the same time to control the Mission work in her bounds, we recommend lastly, that Article 9th be so amended as to read—The Association shall appoint an Executive Committee of nine members, three from each of the Union Meetings, who shall co-operate with the State Board, so far as is practicable, in the mission work within our bounds, and during the intervals between the sessions of this body, take such steps as they may deem advisable for the advancement of the same, making annual reports of their work to the Association, which report, together with that on State Missions, shall be the first business of the second day of the session.

Further, that our missionaries shall report their work quarterly to the Executive Committee, in order that said Committee shall be prepared to make full report of their work to this body.

Respectfully submitted,

T. H. PRITCHARD,
 C. E. GOWER,
 N. F. HIGHSMITH,
Committee.

Adopted.

On motion report on Orphanage was taken from the table. Pending motion to adopt the Association repaired to the stand in order that all might hear Brother J. H. Mills upon the subject of Baptist Orphanage.

REPORT ON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

The Committee on the Orphanage at Thomasville beg leave to state that the institution is prospering and seems to increase in favor of God and man.

It now has buildings sufficient to accommodate four families of twenty-four children each, though there are actually present one hundred and thirteen. A nursery for children under eight years of age is now in process of construction, which will meet the demands of the situation for the immediate future. There are built a chapel for church and Sunday school services, and a printing office, where the organ of the institution, *Charity and Children*, is published. No money is needed just now for buildings, but contributions of money, food and clothing are always acceptable, as the children are entirely dependent for their daily food and raiment upon the liberality of the churches. It can be readily seen that as these demands are constant and must be met without delay there should be a continuous supply coming in from all parts of the State, and your committee would therefore earnestly recommend that each church of the Association be requested to take up a collection for the Orphanage once a year and each Sunday School a collection once a month.

Respectfully submitted,

T. H. PRITCHARD,
 F. R. UNDERWOOD,
 B. S. PETERSON,
Committee.

Adopted.

*A collection was taken for the orphans.

The amounts of none of the collections were reported to the clerk.

The Trustees of Warsaw High School reported as follows: At a meeting of the Trustees of the School on the 20th day of July, 1889, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, The Trustees of the Warsaw High School believe that it was the intention and expectation of the Baptist of the Eastern Association in the founding of this school to establish an institution of high grade for the education of their children, to be controlled and managed in the interest and under the auspices of said Association, and

Whereas, Owing to the loss of the house by fire and other causes not essential to be enumerated, the said Trustees find themselves without the means of supplying suitable teachers and carrying on said school in conformity to said original plan and policy, and whereas we believe that said original object, purposes and expectations can now be more nearly attained and carried out by giving to our brother, L. R. Carroll, sole control and management of said school and its property, nowt herefore, be it

Resolved, By the said Board of Trustees, that in consideration of the premises, that the entire control and management of said School and all its said property be turned over to and the same is hereby committed into the hands of the said L. R. Carroll, to be held, used and controlled by him, the said L. R. Carroll, during and so long as the said L. R. Carroll shall maintain a school on said premises of high grade, and of such character as shall conform to the original purposes and design as herein before indicated and satisfactory to the Association, said Carroll to keep the house on said premises insured against fire and up to its present state of repair, but have no right to sell or convey to any third party any interest in said property.

Brother Carroll has secured the services of Prof. F. L. Merritt, a recent A. M. graduate of Wake Forrest College, as principal of the school. He is a young man of fine attainments, indomitable energy and unyielding perseverance, and with a faithful and thoroughly competent corps of assistant teachers, we feel assured that the school will fully maintain its former standard of efficiency and usefulness. Brother Carroll invites criticism and respectfully solicits your patronage, not because of denominational relations simply, but upon the principles of economy, efficiency and merit.

Respectfully submitted,

O. P. MIDDLETON,
Chairman Board of Trustees.

Finance Committee reported as follows:

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Received	\$578 09
Appropriated as follows:—	
State Missions.....	\$234 98
Foreign Missions ..	150 00
Ministerial Education.....	75 00
Sunday School Board.....	2 31
Minute Fund.....	43 85
North African Missions.....	5 02
Baptist Orphanage.....	36 93
Home Missions	30 00
Total.....	\$578 09

Respectfully submitted,

D. J. CORBETT,
F. A. FENNELL,
C. E. DANIEL,
Committee.

Committee on Temperance reported as follows:

"Temperance in all things" is an injunction of the Holy Ghost.

We understand Temperance to mean moderation in the use of that which is necessary and total abstinence from the use of that which is unnecessary and hurtful. Does anybody think and say that the fiery fluid is good in its place? We reply, well, yes, it may be; but its place is a high shelf in the apothecary shop, along with arsenic, strychnine, and other poisons good in their places, but to be handled with care.

If to this any brother replies, I can eat and drink without injury to my self, to such we would commend the instructions and argument of Paul in I Corinthians, 8th chapter, tersely expressed in his conclusion—"If meat make my brother to offend I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I cause my brother to offend."

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. GOWER,
C. E. JAMES,
H. S. ALDERMAN,
Committee.

The following brethren were appointed to represent us in the Baptist State Convention, viz:—Elders C. E. Gower and W. M. Kennedy, and brethren S. M. Carlton, N. F. Highsmith, and J. T. Bland.

Treasurer reported as follows:

CONCORD, Duplin County, N. C., Oct. 10, 1889.

W. H. Thomson, Treasurer of Eastern Association, in account 1888-89.
Dr. to amount received from all sources \$541 15
Creditor.

By amount paid C. Durham.....	\$392 40
" " " J. H. Mills	37 00
" " " Jno. Mitchell.....	53 57
" " " Clerk of Association.....	17 72
" " " For printing and postage	40 46
Total.....	\$541 15

We the auditing committee have examined the above report and find it correct

Respectfully submitted,

N. F. HIGHSMITH,
A. F. ROBINSON,
J. T. KENNEDY,

Committee.

Committee on Obituaries reported.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

Committee on Obituaries beg leave to report that so far as we know all the ministers of the Association are still living, and so far as we know are able to be with us at our present session. But we are pained to learn that Jesse W. Lane, a prominent member of Faison church, and also for many years a prominent member of the Executive Committee, has gone to his reward since our last meeting. We are sorry to say that your committee have not the desired data from which to prepare an extended notice of this most valued member.

The church at Dobson's Chapel mourns the loss of the memorable Daniel Bostick and Sister Ellen Killpatrick, the wife of Brother Thomas Killpatrick; also Sister Emma Herring, and a beloved daughter of Brother P. G. Dobson has passed away. Sister Sallie Taylor, a very useful member of this—Concord—church, has gone to rest. Also Brother Nathan King, of Poplar Grove church, and Sister Rebecca E. Hines, of Faison church: have died since our last meeting. We regret that we could not say more than merely mention the names of our beloved brethren and sisters whose names appear in this report.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. KENNEDY,
T. J. JARMAN,
F. F. NEWTON,
Committee.

Committee to nominate preachers for next session reported as follows: To preach the introductory sermon, Elder O. P. Meeks; Missionary sermon, Elder C. E. Gower.

On motion the clerk was allowed usual fee for his services.

On motion the treasurer was ordered to pay over all moneys in his hands to proper persons to receive them.

The following passed: *Resolved*, That the thanks of this body are due and are hereby tendered the people of this community for the hospitality extended during this session of the Association.

On motion, adjourned to meet at Riley's Creek, Tuesday after the first Sunday in October, 1890.

Benediction by the Moderator.

J. L. BRITT, *Clerk*,

J. L. STEWART, *Moderator*.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL OBJECTS.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Church Expenses.	Ministerial Education.	State	Missions. Foreign.	Missions. S. School.	Home Board.	Missions.	Other Objects.	Minute	Fund	Frm Ladies	Mis. So'ty's	Baptist	Orphanage.	Total for all Objects.
Barlow Chapel	50 00	17 85	.....	3 00	1 41	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	73 26
Bethel	100 00	18 75	6 00	10 00	1 08	.....	.....	.....	15 80	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	157 44
Beulah	75 00	.....	.....	5 00	5 00	.....	7 48	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	95 98
Boykin's Chapel	85 00	12 25	3 70	5 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	120 95
Berea	48 00	.....	1 00	1 00	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	52 00
Bear Branch	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bethlehem	100 00	14 00	5 00	5 00	9 00	.....	2 00	.....	25 00	1 25	.....	6 09	.....	.....	.....	167 34
Bear Marsh	100 00	.....	1 50	3 50	3 00	.....	.....	.....	2 00	1 50	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	119 05
Burgaw	100 00	18 15	2 50	5 00	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	128 65
Brooklyn	600 00	576 90	5 00	10 00	10 00	.....	.....	.....	23 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,225 49
Clinton	300 00	25 00	5 41	5 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	3 08	.....	.....	.....	345 49
Concord	.....	.....	5 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	83	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 83
Corinth	70 00	.....	.....	5 00	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	78 00
Colvin's Creek	37 00	5 00	.....	1 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	60	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	45 60
Caintuck Ch'pel	72 00	.....	5 00	12 00	5 00	2 31	.....	.....	.....	1 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	97 56
Capernum	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Caswell	60 00	.....	.....	2 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	4 39	50	.....	1 25	.....	.....	.....	69 64
Dobson's Chapel	60 00	.....	1 00	3 25	3 25	1 00	.....	.....	.....	75	.....	5 37	.....	.....	.....	75 37
Ebenezer	.....	.....	.....	1 50	1 50	.....	.....	.....	16 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 00
Emma's Chapel	.....	.....	2 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	8 00
Faison	60 00	.....	2 00	3 33	1 25	.....	2 00	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	69 08
Hallsville	50 00	.....	1 00	.....	2 00	1 60	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	55 60
Haw Bluff	60 00	.....	.....	5 00	45	.....	.....	.....	.....	80	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	68 66
Hermon	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Island Creek	100 00	.....	3 00	8 00	8 50	2 02	.....	.....	.....	2 00	3 57	3 35	.....	.....	.....	130 44
Johnson's	100 00	.....	2 00	10 70	10 00	3 00	.....	10 00	.....	1 50	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	142 20
Kenansville	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Long Creek	75 00	20 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 62	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	96 62
Libson	125 00	80 25	2 00	6 00	10 00	.....	.....	.....	47 00	70	.....	3 75	.....	.....	.....	267 95
Maple Hill	.....	.....	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 25
Mary's Chapel	.....	.....	.....	5 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11 00
Masonboro	100 00	60 00	2 00	3 00	5 00	.....	3 00	.....	.....	1 50	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	177 50
Moore's Creek	.....	.....	.....	1 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 00
Mt. Gilead	125 00	.....	3 56	3 34	6 24	2 76	3 60	1 50	19 16	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	171 16
Mt. Olive	225 00	41 20	10 00	10 00	10 00	7 05	30 00	1 05	.....	1 05	.....	3 50	.....	.....	.....	337 82
Mt. Holly	75 00	.....	.....	5 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	85 00
Magnolia	75 00	50 00	2 10	2 25	2 20	.....	.....	.....	12 00	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	144 15
Mt. Zion	50 00	.....	1 00	1 00	58	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	52 98
New Hope	125 00	.....	4 40	7 61	8 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	146 41
Olive Branch	50 00	.....	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	53 00
Piney Grove	100 00	30 00	2 00	5 00	3 85	.....	.....	.....	1 21	1 00	.....	1 16	.....	.....	.....	144 22
Poplar Grove	75 00	90 00	1 00	1 75	1 50	70	.....	75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	170 70
Rose Hill	.....	.....	.....	.....	90	1 35	.....	75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00
Riley's Creek	125 00	.....	3 00	5 00	3 00	.....	.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	137 50
Sharon	42 00	.....	.....	2 00	1 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	1 25	.....	.....	.....	47 25
Salem	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Shiloh	111 00	.....	5 00	5 00	8 16	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	7 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	137 16
Siloam	125 00	346 70	10 00	10 00	5 00	5 00	.....	1 50	.....	.....	15 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	518 20
Spring Vale	100 00	28 25	1 45	2 00	6 42	1 00	.....	1 50	.....	.....	3 77	.....	.....	.....	.....	144 39
Teachey	50 00	.....	1 00	2 50	3 00	1 23	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	58 73
Warsaw	300 00	25 00	6 00	20 00	14 00	2 75	10 00	.....	.....	.....	12 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	389 75
Wells Chapel	150 00	150 00	10 88	15 00	15 00	.....	.....	1 50	184 96	1 50	.....	17 10	.....	.....	.....	578 05
Wilmington	2 500 00	1,082 94	194 00	124 60	44 85	37 00	2,184 20	4 00	.....	.....	145 00	6,470 96	.....	.....	.....	.....
Willard	80 00	.....	1 00	1 00	2 00	.....	.....	1 25	.....	.....	3 32	.....	.....	.....	.....	88 57
Total	7,011 00	2,692 26	313 50	358 33	254 54	2 31	85 40	2,549 66	49 35	22 73	261 04	13,6	.....	.....	.....	.....

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Additions.					Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Membership.				No. of Copies Recorder taken.	TIME OF MEETING.		
	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Males.	Females.				Colored.	Total.						
Barlow Chapel	12	4						1	26	34		60	1	Third	Sunday.	
Bethel	10				4	2			47	73		120		4th		
Beulah			1	5	2				48	57		105	4	1st		
Boykin's Chapel	7	4		14					44	84		128	3	3rd		
Berea		1		3	2	1			27	47		74		2nd		
*Bear Branch									24	21		45				
Bethlehem	27	5				2			70	83		153		1st		
Bear Marsh	4	1		1	4	2			37	96		133		3rd		
Burgaw		3		2					14	24		38		4th		
Brooklyn	7	23		2	2	4			69	107		176		2 times		
Clinton	18	16		2	3	3			50	73		123		1st and 3rd		
Concord				2	1				42	70		112				
Corinth		2	1	2	1	2			44	67		111		4th		
Colvins Creek	1								24	26		50		2nd		
Caintuck Chapel		2		4	1				49	49		98	2	4th		
Capernum																
Caswell	6			2	2				24	30		54		4th		
Dobson's Chapel	2	6		1	3				37	52		89		4th		
Ebenezer		3		2					26	26		52				
Emma's Chapel	1				1	2			28	49		77				
Faison		4		1	2	4			10			14		3rd		
Hallsville	2	1		1	1	1			34	79		113		1st		
Haw Bluff		1		3	2	1			43	69		112		3rd		
Hermon				2					19	21		40		2nd		
Island Creek		1	1	8	2	4			58	102		160	8	1st		
Johnson's	2		1	4	1	2	42		42	66	10	118	7	1st		
Kenansville				8		4	31		51			82				
Long Creek	1	1		5	2		64		63			127		1st		
Libson	12		1	6		1	41		54			95	10	1st		
Maple Hill							11		8			19				
Mary's Church	14	1		4	2	2	44		61			105		4th		
Masonboro	7	1	1	4	18	3	48		73			121		1st		
Moore's Creek							32		42			74				
Mt. Gilead		1				1	60		108			168	8	4th		
Mt. Olive	5	8	3	6	6		35		83			118		4th		
Mt. Holly		1		1			52		90			142		2nd		
Magnolia	2	9	3	5	3		60		138			198		2nd		
Mt. Zion	3	3					11		12			23	2	3rd		
New Hope		1	1	2		2	87		113			200	8	2nd		
Olive Branch	3	2		4	3	2	29		34			63		2nd and 4th		
Piney Grove	13			16	1	1	51		80			131		1st		
Poplar Grove							2		50			57	107	4	3rd	
Rose Hill				1		3	5		14			19		2nd		
Riley's Creek	7	3		2		4	56		80			136		3rd		
Sharon	3	2		6	2		17		31			48		3rd		
*Salem							4		25			29				
Shiloh	13		2	14	3	5	97		147			244	5	3rd		
Siloam	3	28		3		1	43		46			89	8	3rd		
Spring Vale	5	23		4			23		38			71		2nd		
Teachey		2		3			18		29			47		4th		
Warsaw	13	18	5	13	6		104		145			249		2nd and 4th		
Well's Chapel	28	9	1	3	1	2	96		113			209		2nd		
Wilmington	7	12	1	21	21	11	169		289			458	45	2 times		
Willard	4	1	2	5		1	36		38			74	2	4th		
Total	242	202	24	194	94	78	2,298	3,432	10	5,730	117					

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.	Teachers and Officers.	Scholars.	No. of Volumes in Library.	Average Attendance.	No. of months in year S. kept open
Barlow Chapel.	Austin Moore, Sloop Point	6	55	.....	50	12
Bethel.....	J. D. Alderman, Taylor's Bridge...	6	45	.....	.....	.....
Beulah	F. J. Faison, Elliott.....	3	15	.....	10	12
Boykin's Chp'l	C. D. Peterson.....	3	22	.....	22	12
Berea	Joseph Brooks, Wallace.	3	20	.....	.....	.....
Bear Branch.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bethlehem.....	W. C. Keith, Keith.....	10	126	100	.....	.....
Bear Marsh.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Burgaw.....	J. T. Bland, Burgaw.....	5	45	.....	.....	.....
Brooklyn.....	J. W. Taylor, Wilmington.....	19	125	.....	.....	12
Clinton.....	H. J. Hines, Clinton.....	14	66	40	.....	12
Concord.....	J. D. Wells, Magnolia.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Corinth	N. Boon, Wallace.....	2	18	.....	8	12
Calvin's Creek..	W. G. Harrell, Pt. Caswell.....	5	46	60	.....	.....
Caintuck Ch.....	D. J. Corbett, Nat Moore	8	68	150	45	12
Capernaum.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Caswell.....	J. G. Parker, Pt. Caswell.....	6	74	.....	.....	.....
Dobson's Ch.....	W. H. Murray, Kenansville	6	54	.....	.....	.....
Ebenezer.....	R. Highsmith Coharie.....	4	20	.....	16	.....
Emma's Ch.....	W. M. Barbee, Richlands.....	6	50	.....	.....	.....
Faison.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hallsville.....	G. M. Hall, Hallsville	4	20	.....	.....	.....
Haw Bluff.....	W. F. Brown, Magruder.....	7	60	.....	.....	.....
Herman.....	Giles Clute, Clinton.....	4	25	.....	.....	12
Island Creek.....	C. Harrell, Teachy.....	3	44	.....	16	9
Johnson's.....	T. M. Moore, Warsaw.....	6	60	.....	40	9
Kenansville.....	A. D. Ward, Kenansville.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Long Creek.....	J. W. Moore, Long Creek.....	2	35	50	.....	12
Lisbon.....	D. L. Herring, Clear Run.....	9	50	.....	35	9
Maple Hill.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mary's Church..	J. H. Dobson, Warsaw.....	6	27	.....	.....	.....
Masonboro.....	Elijah Hewlett, Wilmington.....	6	35	40	.....	.....
Moore's Creek..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Gilead.....	G. W. Mosely, Taylor's Bridge.....	4	25	.....	15	12
Mt. Olive.....	J. F. Oliver, Mt. Olive.....	9	76	100	.....	12
Mt. Holly.....	A. Carroll, South Washington	6	64	.....	.....	.....
Magnolia.....	Miss Mary Clute, Magnolia.....	11	95	95	.....	.....
Mt. Zion.....	F. F. Newton, Gravel Hill.....	2	22	.....	20	12
New Hope.....	C. E. Daniel, Turkey.....	18	115	.....	75	12
Olive Branch....	W. L. Rogers, Wrightsville.....	5	68	50	.....	.....
Piney Grove....	W. I. Lane, Faison.....	.....	30	.....	.....	.....
Poplar Grove...	W. H. Darden, Faison.....	5	78	50	25	12
Rose Hill.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Riley's Creek...	W. W. Larkin's, Long Creek.....	7	70	.....	.....	.....
Sharon.....	Frank Sloan, Chinquepin.....	3	20	.....	.....	.....
Salem.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Shiloh.....	H. A. Bland, Moore's Creek	6	80	100	65	12
Siloam.....	F. A. Fennell, Harrell's Store.....	4	56	.....	50	12
Spring Vale.....	J. W. Green, Ingold.....	3	56	30	.....	.....
Teachey.....	A. F. Bland, Teachy.....	4	25	.....	.....	.....
Warsaw.....	S. M. Carlton, Warsaw.....	7	60	.....	.....	12
Well's Chapel...	L. R. Highsmith, Harrell's Store...	10	106	100	.....	.....
Wilmington.....	J. S. Allen, Wilmington.....	36	.....	.....	260	12
Willard.....	W. F. Bowen, Willard.....	3	40	.....	.....	12
Total.....	.....	298	2291	965	20	.....

definite time, which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.

10. After a motion has been decided, any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.

11. No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association without permission of the presiding officer, and no one shall take final leave of absence without the permission of the Association; and if any shall do so, their absence shall be noted in the minutes.

12. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

13. The Association shall have the right to decide what subjects shall be admitted to consideration.

14. The Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any session of the Association by a majority vote.

CONSTITUTION OF THE EASTERN ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE I. This Association shall be denominated and known as the Eastern Association.

ART. 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men; and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity to the New Testament.

ART. 3. This Association shall be composed of all ordained ministers, who are members or pastors of churches of this body, and three delegates from each church chosen from her membership assembled in conference.

ART. 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, communicating information relative to the state of the church: *Provided, however,* That when any church has prepared a letter, and through inadvertance the letter fails to be presented, her delegates may be received without its presentation.

ART. 5. The officers of this Association shall be, a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen annually from among its members, by ballot, by a majority of the members voting, and continue in office until their successors are elected.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve order, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under discussion, after others have spoken, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, and superintend their printing and distribution among the churches.

ART. 8. It shall be the duty of the treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the session of the body, and disburse the same, as ordered by the Association. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the treasury.

ART. 9. The Association shall appoint an executive committee of nine members, three from each of the Union Meetings, who shall co-operate with the State Board, so far as is practicable in the mission work within our bounds, and, during the intervals between the sessions of this body, take such steps as they may deem advisable for the advancement of the same, making annual reports of their work to the Association, which report, together with that on State Missions, shall be the first business of the second day of the session. Further, that our missionaries shall report their work quarterly to the Executive Committee, in order that said committee shall be prepared to make full report of their work to this body.

ART. 10. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches which neglect to preserve Gospel order.

ART. 11. The Association may invite visiting and corresponding brethren to seats, and extend to them the privileges of the body, except that of voting.

ART. 12. The annual session of this Association shall commence on Tuesday after the first Lord's Day in October, at such place as may be chosen.

ART. 13. By appointment of the Association there shall be an Introductory Sermon of a denominational character, and a Missionary Sermon.

ART. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Reading Church Letters and Enrolling Delegates.
2. Election of Officers.
3. Call of Petitionary Letters.
4. Appointment of Committees.
5. Appointment of Corresponding Delegates.
6. Reports of Standing Committees.
7. Reports of other Committees.
8. Report of Trustees of Ministers Relief Society.
9. Report of Treasurer.
10. Miscellaneous Business.
11. Incidental and Routine Motions shall be in order at any time.
12. Adjournment.

