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## PROCEEDINGS.

RICHLANDS, Onslow Co., N. C., Oct. 3, 1882.

The Eastern Baptist Association met in its 38th annual session, in Emma's Chapel.

In the absence of Elder R. C. Sandling, who was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon, that service was performed by Elder J. B. Taylor, D. D. Text—Gal. 2: 20.

Adjourned to 1 o'clock, P. M.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Elder J. L. Stewart, the former Moderator, called the Association to order, and Elder W. B. Knight conducted religious exercises.

Elder F. H. Ivey was appointed Clerk, pro. tem.

On a call of the roll, a majority of the churches were found to be represented.

L. R. Carroll and J. T. Bland were appointed reading clerks.

A committee of Finance was appointed, as follows: E. Matthews, F. M. Carroll, W. P. Kennedy.

A committee on religious exercises was appointed, consisting of the pastor and deacons of this church, and Elder E. A. Best, and L. R. Carroll.

Letters from the churches were read, and delegates enrolled, as follows:

ANTIOCH—J. C. Cox, R. D. Carroll.

BARLOW CHAPEL—James Andrews.

BEAR MARSH—E. H. Walker, R. J. Walker.

BEREA—T. H. Carter, J. A. Southerland.

BETHEL—M. H. Oates, F. P. Alderman, J. M. Merritt.

BETHLEHEM—B. F. Keith, Jr.

BEULAH—Elder J. L. Britt.

CANAAN—R. T. Carr, B. Elmore.

CAPERNAUM—B. M. Riggs. [No letter.]

CLINTON—Elder J. L. Stewart.

COLVIN'S CREEK—Represented by letter.

CONCORD—Represented by letter.

CORINTH—J. G. Boone, W. D. Wilkins. [shaw.  
 DOBSON'S CHAPEL—O. D. Bostick, D. W. Bostick, W. Brad-  
 EMMA'S CHAPEL—J. J. Jarman, F. D. Shaw, H. B. Marshburn.  
 ENON—E. W. Ward, R. G. Ward.  
 FALLING CREEK—Represented by letter.  
 FORT BARNWELL—James W. Biddle.  
 GOLDSBORO—Elder F. H. Ivey.  
 HALLSVILLE—E. W. Sanderson.  
 HAW BLUFF—J. F. Croom.  
 ISLAND CREEK—E. Heldt, C. C. Teachey, E. Rouse.  
 JOHNSON'S—Elder W. M. Kennedy, W. P. Kennedy.  
 KENANSVILLE—D. J. Middleton, W. H. Murray.  
 LISBON—Elder C. C. Newton, Oliver Blackburn.  
 LONG CREEK—G. A. Herring.  
 MAGNOLIA—B. C. Barden, I. W. Murray, P. G. Wilson.  
 MARY'S CHAPEL—Elder G. S. Best, F. M. Southerland, T. H.  
 Rogers.  
 MASONBORO—Represented by letter.  
 MOORE'S CREEK—H. S. Alderman.  
 MOREHEAD CITY—J. T. Eaton.  
 MT. CALVARY—Elder J. T. Albritton, A. M. Prince.  
 MT. GILEAD—A. C. Peterson, I. D. Alderman, B. Matthews.  
 MT. HOLLY—F. A. Fennell, K. F. Powers.  
 MT. OLIVE—O. Summerlin.  
 NEWBERN—Frank Duffy.  
 NEW HOPE—L. R. Carroll, F. M. Carroll, J. F. Williams.  
 PINEY GROVE, JONES—B. F. Dillahunt, S. O. Hall.  
 PINEY GROVE, ONSLOW—J. F. Holland, W. R. Wells, J. A.  
 Phillips.  
 PINEY GROVE, SAMPSON—W. I. Lane, J. W. Lane.  
 POPLAR GROVE—Represented by letter.  
 RILEY'S CREEK—J. D. Hocut, E. D. Walker, D. F. Hines.  
 ROSE HILL—T. J. Jarman, W. P. Kelly, D. N. Page.  
 SALEM—Elder D. F. Aman.  
 SHILOH—J. T. Bland, J. B. Corbett.  
 SMYRNA—John Pate, M. F. Willis, A. S. Willis.  
 SNOW HILL—Elder W. B. Knight, J. B. Williams.  
 WARSAW—Elder J. N. Stallings, A. M. Faison, S. M. Carlton.  
 WELLS'S CHAPEL—L. R. Highsmith.  
 WILMINGTON—Elder J. B. Taylor, A. Alderman.  
 Churches not represented—Beaufort, Boykin's Chapel,  
 Caintuck Chapel, Davis's Shore, Fremont, Kinston, LaGrange,  
 Middle Sound, Myrtle Grove, Olive Branch, Peniel, Trenton,  
 Young Bethel, Union Chapel, Union, Woodville.  
 Delegates present, 87; churches represented, 50; unrepresent-  
 ed, 16.  
 The letters from Warsaw, Bethlehem, and Morehead City,  
 were laid on the table. Those from Salem, Rcse Hill, Barlow

Chapel, and Snow Hill, were referred to the Executive  
 Committee.

The Association went into an election for officers.

The following brethren were appointed tellers: to take the  
 ballot for Moderator, F. M. Southerland, M. H. Oates; for  
 Clerk, F. Holland, A. S. Willis; for Treasurer, B. F. Dillahunt,  
 Jas. A. Phillips.

Elder J. L. Stewart was elected Moderator; Elder F. H.  
 Ivey, Clerk; and A. M. Faison, Treasurer.

On motion, the Moderator appointed the following com-  
 mittees:

*Foreign Missions.*—J. B. Taylor, A. Alderman, A. M. Prince.

*Ministerial Education.*—J. T. Albritton, F. A. Fennell, J. D.  
 Hocut.

*Periodicals.*—J. N. Stallings, E. Heldt.

*Sunday Schools.*—W. M. Kennedy, H. M. Croom, S. M. Carl-  
 ton.

*Obituaries.*—G. S. Best, R. C. Sandling, J. F. Williams.

*Ministerial Support.*—J. L. Britt, G. A. Herring, M. H. Oates.

*Audit Treasurer's Account.*—J. N. Stallings, J. T. Eaton, J. B.  
 Williams.

*Nominate Executive Committee.*—E. W. Ward, A. C. Peterson,  
 W. I. Lane.

*Preachers for Next Association.*—W. B. Knight, J. C. Cox, R.  
 T. Carr.

An invitation was given to visiting brethren. Accepted by  
 Elder John Mitchell, D. D., of the Chowan Association, rep-  
 resenting the Chowan Baptist Female Institute; and by Elder  
 C. S. Farriss, of the Central Association, Assistant Editor of  
 the *Biblical Recorder*, and representing that paper.

It was announced that Elder C. S. Farriss would preach to-  
 night.

The Association agreed to meet to-morrow at 10 o'clock  
 A. M.

Preaching in the Methodist Church at 10 A. M. to-morrow  
 by Elder C. C. Newton.

The Annual Missionary Sermon to be preached in this house  
 to-morrow at 11:30 a. m., by Elder J. L. Stewart.

Adjourned, after prayer by Elder J. Mitchell, D. D.

## SECOND DAY.

MORNING SESSION, Oct. 4, 1882.

In the absence of the Moderator, Elder W. M. Kennedy  
 called the Association to order.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

On motion of Elder J. B. Taylor, a committee was ap-

pointed on the work of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Committee: Elders C. C. Newton and F. H. Ivey.

On motion, the order of business was suspended, and the report on Foreign Missions was read. After remarks by Elders Mitchell and Taylor, the report was adopted.

#### REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Board of Foreign Missions of the Southern Baptist Convention have now 61 missionaries. Of these, there are in China 16 American missionaries, and 19 native assistant pastors and Bible women. In Africa, 5 missionaries and 3 native assistants. In Italy, 4 American and 10 Italian missionaries. In Brazil, 3 missionaries. In Mexico, 2 missionaries. The membership in Italy is 175; in Africa, 92; in China, 472; in Mexico, 200; in Brazil, 42. Total, 981.

When we remember our Lord's last command, and the debt of love we owe to him, and when we contemplate the spiritual condition of millions of our race; when we remember how God has smiled upon the Foreign missionary enterprise, and how He has blessed the churches which have engaged in it, we shall surely feel that Southern Baptists ought to do much more than they are doing. Let us of the Eastern Association see that we are faithful to the obligations resting upon us. Let our pastors keep before their churches the duty and privilege of sending the Gospel to the heathen. Let our churches encourage the monthly concert of prayer for missions; the circulation of the Foreign Mission *Journal*, and the mite box system of collecting funds. Boxes can be had by applying to Brother H. A. Tupper, Richmond, Va.

We recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That we gratefully recognise the goodness of God in honoring our Association by calling to the Foreign field our dear brother D. W. Herring, a member of one of our churches; and we feel that we have another motive to interest us in the great Foreign mission enterprise.

J. B. TAYLOR,  
ALLISON ALDERMAN,  
A. M. PRINCE.

On motion, any member of this Association who shall attend any Association with which we correspond, is hereby authorized to represent this body as a correspondent.

The report of the Executive Committee was read by the Chairman, Elder W. M. Kennedy, and discussed by Elders Kennedy, G. S. Best, and Taylor, and brethren J. T. Bland, L. R. Carroll, J. T. Eaton, and J. W. Lane. Pending the discussion, the hour for preaching the annual Missionary Sermon arrived.

Elder J. N. Stallings was appointed to preach at the same time at the Methodist Church.

F. M. Carroll was granted leave of absence.

Elder J. L. Stewart then preached the Missionary Sermon, from Mat. 28: 19, 20.

A collection was then taken up for Missions, amounting to \$21.40. A collection was also taken at the Methodist Church, amounting to \$3.21.

The Moderator announced additional committees, as follows:

*To nominate delegates to the Baptist State Convention*—Oliver Blackburn, B. F. Keith, Jr., R. D. Carroll.

*To revise the list of Trustees of Warsaw High School*—D. J. Middleton, L. R. Carroll, A. M. Faison.

The Association adjourned to 2 o'clock, P. M. Benediction by Dr. Mitchell.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator at 2 o'clock. Singing.

The report of the Executive Committee was again taken up, and further discussed by L. R. Carroll, and J. B. Taylor.

On motion, the roll of the churches was called, and the following pledges were made for Associational Missions.

Wilmington \$30, Masonboro \$5, Mt. Holly \$5, Riley's Creek \$10, Long Creek \$5, Moore's Creek \$5, Haw Bluff \$5, Wells's Chapel \$15, Bethel \$10, Lisbon \$10, Mt. Gilead \$10, Clinton \$10, New Hope \$20, Beulah \$5, Piney Grove, Sampson, \$15, Canaan \$5, Falling Creek \$10, Mt. Calvary \$8, Goldsboro \$20, Mt. Olive \$15, Bear Marsh \$12, Mary's Chapel \$10, Johnson's \$15, Warsaw \$25, Magnolia \$10, Corinth \$8, Berea \$3, Island Creek \$10, Dobson's Chapel \$5, Kenansville \$10, Emma's Chapel \$2.50, Enon \$10, Piney Grove, Onslow, \$5, Piney Grove, Jones, \$8, Morehead City \$5, Smyrna \$5, Snow Hill \$5, Fort Barnwell \$5. Total, \$371.50.

The report of the Executive Committee was adopted.

#### REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Shortly after the last session of your body, Bro. E. F. Cox tendered his resignation as a member of the committee; so that we have had only six members in active service during the year.

Missionaries employed by the committee during the year. Elders T. J. Leary, W. B. Knight, and C. S. Cashwell.

#### THE WORK DONE.

Bro. Leary has labored at Woodville, Enon, Rose Hill, and Piney Grove, Jones. He reports ten baptisms and accessions by letter. He has made many visits, and attended Prayer Meetings and Sunday School lectures, and in various ways served the Master's cause, with great satisfaction to his brethren, and with good results to the cause of Christ.

Elder W. B. Knight has been sustained by the joint efforts of the State Mission Board and the Executive Committee of our Association. He has labored at points within the bounds of the Old Pamlico Association. His labors have been greatly blessed. He reports 7 baptisms, one new house of worship built, and the prospects are bright for a glorious harvest.

Elder Cashwell has been laboring as general missionary of the Board. He has preached principally in the counties of Duplin, Onslow, Lenoir, Craven, Jones, and Carteret, and has baptized 39 persons, and assisted in meetings where 37 others have been baptized. He has organized one church, and has three new houses of worship in course of erection; has preached 175 sermons, and attended many prayer meetings, and visited many families; has secured 13 subscribers for the Recorder, and collected from his field \$217.87.

Bro. Cashwell has done a great work for Christ during the year, and reports the fields as wide and ripening for the harvest.

Dear brethren in Christ, the past year has been one of great joy to your committee. Our humble labors have been crowned with success, and God has blessed our efforts beyond our expectations. A greater work has been done this year within our bounds than at any other period during our missionary operations.

There is a demand for at least two missionaries in the field during the coming year. With profound gratitude to God for His blessings upon our humble labors, we submit our report for your consideration. W. M. KENNEDY, Chairman.

The report of the Sunday School Board was read. Remarks on the subject were made by J. B. Taylor and L. R. Carroll; and the report was adopted.

#### REPORT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

Nothing has been accomplished during the year. The chairman made several ineffectual efforts to get the members of the Board together. Two of the members failed to attend at any meeting. The other members attended, but not together; so that no regular meeting was held. As a special committee has been raised by the Association on the subject of Sunday Schools, we do not feel that it is expected for us to make any report upon the general subject. We submit that it is deemed advisable to continue a Sunday School Board, and that it be composed of brethren who can and will give a part of their time to the work.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. N. STALLINGS, Chairman.

The report on periodicals was read; and speeches made on the subject by Elders J. N. Stallings and C. S. Farriss; and the report adopted.

#### REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

At this day, it is useless to argue the utility and necessity of religious publications. It is an admitted fact that we cannot do without them.

We recommend to our people the Biblical Recorder, our State paper, which is eminently sound in doctrine, and is managed with ability and discretion. Also, Kind Words, our Sunday School paper, published at Macon, Ga., and the Foreign Mission Journal, published at Richmond, Va., both of which are exactly what are needed by our members upon these subjects. We recommend that our ministers, and the delegates to this Association, use their best efforts to put a copy of these publications, especially the Recorder, in every Baptist family in our bounds. We further recommend that each church be requested to send up in its statistics the number of copies of the Recorder taken by its members, and that the same be incorporated in our Minutes.

J. N. STALLINGS.

E. HELDT.

The Finance Committee reported, and the report was adopted.

The committee to nominate an Executive Committee reported. Report adopted. [See 2d page.]

On motion, the funds in hands of Finance committee were ordered to be paid over to the Treasurer of the Association.

Committee to revise the list of Trustees of Warsaw High School reported. Adopted. [See 2d page.]

A letter accompanying the Newbern church letter was referred to the Executive Committee.

The report on Ministerial Education was read, and remarks were made by Elder Mitchell. After which the report was adopted.

#### REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Brethren: Your Committee are glad to report, that of the 145 students now at Wake Forest College, 27 are preparing themselves for the gospel ministry. Those dear brethren should have our sympathy and substantial aid.

Under the increasing educational facilities of the age, our churches are growing in intelligence and efficiency, as well as in numbers. The pulpit must at least keep pace with the pew in intellectual culture. The demand for an Educated Ministry is becoming more and more urgent among us every year.

While we would not forget the great good accomplished by our uneducated ministers in the past, but rather thank God that we owe much of our present prosperity and usefulness to their consecrated lives and labors, yet we feel that we should not only pray for more young men to preach the gospel, but also provide for them the highest degree of intellectual training practicable.

God has been pleased to call to the work of the ministry but few rich men. Those called to this work are generally the sons of poverty, who, for want of means, are unable to qualify themselves for their life-work. Hence the imperative necessity of helping, with our money as well as our sympathy, such young brethren to prepare themselves for their calling.

Brethren, a great responsibility is laid upon us by the head of the church. The indications of Providence, the struggles of our young men in trying to prepare themselves for their work, the rapid growth of our denomination throughout the State, and the increasing prevalence of every form of error and infidelity, all call loudly upon us to bestir ourselves to greater activity in the cause of ministerial education.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. T. ALBRITTON.

F. A. FENNEL.

J. D. HOCUT.

Delegates were appointed to the Baptist State Convention, as follows:

J. L. Stewart, F. H. Ivey, J. B. Taylor, J. N. Stallings, G. S. Best, J. L. Britt, C. C. Newton, R. C. Sandling, W. M. Kennedy, J. T. Albritton, F. W. Eason, C. S. Cashwell, J. P. Faison, H. M. Croom, W. B. Knight, A. M. Faison, S. M. Carlton, L. R. Carroll, L. R. Highsmith, J. T. Eaton, E. W. Ward, A. S. Willis, D. J. Corbett, J. T. Bland.

Ordered, that the collections in the churches to-day be divided between State and Foreign Missions.

The Treasurer of the Association was instructed to pay over to the proper persons the funds in his hands.

Leave of absence was granted to J. Andrews. D. F. Aman, J. C. Cox, R. D. Carroll, B. F. Dillahunt.

Elder F. H. Ivey was appointed to preach to-night.

Elder John Mitchell made a full statement in reference to the Chowan Baptist Female Institute, and commended it to the patronage of our people.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning. Prayer by Elder R. C. Sandling.

#### THIRD DAY.

MORNING SESSION, Oct. 5, 1882.

The Association met at 10 o'clock, Moderator in the Chair. The roll was called, and list of delegates corrected.

The Minutes of yesterday were read, corrected, and passed.

Moved to reconsider the motion to adopt the report on Ministerial Education. Carried.

Moved, that the roll of the churches be called and pledges taken for Ministerial Education. Remarks were made by brethren Taylor, Bland, Sandling, and Newton; and the motion prevailed.

The roll was called, and the following amounts pledged to the State Board of Education:

Wilmington \$30, Mt. Holly \$5, Riley's Creek \$5, Long Creek \$2.50, Shiloh \$5, Bethlehem \$5, Wells's Chapel \$15, Bethel \$5, Lisbon \$5, Mt. Gilead \$5, Clinton \$5, New Hope \$10, Piney Grove, Sampson, \$5, Falling Creek \$5, Mt. Calvary \$5, Goldsboro \$50, Mt. Olive \$5, Bear Marsh \$5, Warsaw \$20, Kenansville \$5, Emma's Chapel \$3.50, Rose Hill \$3, Enon 2.50. Individual pledges: J. N. Stallings \$10, J. T. Bland \$5, W. M. Kennedy and family \$5, C. C. Newton, paid \$5, H. D. Spain \$5, S. E. Loftin, paid, \$5, E. W. Ward \$2.50, F. M. Southerland \$1, A. Alderman \$1, F. A. Fennell \$2.50, J. P. Cox \$1, Miss Belle Alderman, paid, \$1, Miss Mollie Herring \$1, Miss Cornelia Alderman \$1, H. M. Croom \$1, Mrs. M. H. Oates \$1, T. H. Rogers 50 cents. Total, \$255.00

The report on Ministerial Education was then adopted.

The report on the work of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention was presented. After remarks by C. C. Newton and J. B. Taylor, the report was adopted.

#### REPORT ON THE HOME MISSION BOARD.

The Home Mission Board, formerly located at Marion, Ala., was, at the last Southern Baptist Convention, moved to Atlanta, Ga. From this change of place, and the appointment of a new Corresponding Secretary, Dr. I. T. Tichenor, whose entire time will be given to this work, we may expect the Board to start out on a career of usefulness that will excel even the grand work already done.

The field of operations of the Home Board is very extensive, embracing the South, West, Indian Territory, California, and the great South West.

This Board does not supplant, or do the work of State Boards, but appoints missionaries in States where the destitution is greatest.

The Board now has 38 missionaries in the field: 5 in Ala., 2 in Ark., 2 in Cal., 13 in Fla., 2 in La., 1 in N. C., 1 in Ten., 2 in Tex., 1 in Va., and 6 in the Indian Territory.

The three most important points of the Home Mission work are:

1st, New Orleans. Dr. Landrum is laboring in that city. His church, Coliseum Place, has been burdened, and his work hindered, by a \$5,000 debt, which will soon be paid.

2d, among the Chinese in California, where Dr. Hartwell is meeting with encouraging success. It is a fact well known that the Chinese will never settle permanently in this country. Let us give them the gospel, and set their hearts on fire with love to Jesus, so that when they return they will spread the leaven of truth among the 400,000,000 of their countrymen.

3d, among the Indians in the Indian Territory. It was once thought that the Indian could not be civilized; but now this thought is forever exploded. There is no minister among us whose labors have been so abundantly blessed as those of Dr. Buckner among the Indians. The Levering mission school is also doing a grand work.

Here are the heathen at our own door. We can preach the gospel to all nations, and stay at home. God has given the people of this land a grand opportunity of doing something for his glory. Will we improve it?

C. C. NEWTON.  
F. H. IVEY.

The committee on Sunday Schools reported; and the report was discussed by L. R. Carroll, Dr. Mitchell, and S. E. Loftin.

It was moved to amend the report, by providing for the appointment of a Sunday School Board, who shall have supervision of all matters pertaining to Sunday Schools, and shall report in full to the Association. The amendment was adopted.

The report as amended was passed.

#### REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The committee on Sunday Schools, regret that they have not had time to examine the church letters, so as to enable them to make a correct report of the work now being done by our churches. We rejoice to state, however, that the outlook is very hopeful, and that this most important christian enterprise is gaining a firmer hold upon our people from year to year.

We earnestly recommend that a Sunday School be organized in every church within our bounds, where one does not already exist.

We also recommend that the Bible be the great Sunday School book in all our Schools, and that as far as possible, pious teachers be selected to expound it to our children.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. KENNEDY.  
S. M. CARLTON.  
H. M. CROOM.

The report on Ministerial Support was read and adopted.

#### REPORT ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

So far as we know, there are only three pastors within our bounds who are supported exclusively by the churches.

This shows that our churches are very little interested upon this subject.

Your committee think this an important matter, deserving the serious and prayerful consideration of the churches.

The Lord hath ordained that they who preach the gospel shall live of the gospel.

We know that a church cannot live long without a preacher.

The churches that support their pastors, continually grow; while those that do not, struggle for existence in proportion as they fail to sustain them.

Your committee most earnestly urge upon the churches the importance of having pastors in the true sense of the word, and sustaining them according to the gospel plan.

Respectfully Submitted.

J. L. BRITT.  
G. A. HERRING.  
M. H. OATES.

The committee to nominate stated preachers for the next session, reported as follows:

Introductory sermon, Elder W. M. Kennedy; Alternate, Elder C. C. Newton. Missionary Sermon, Elder J. B. Taylor, D. D.; Alternate, Elder F. W. Eason.

These nominations were confirmed.

The committee on Obituaries reported, and the report was adopted.

#### REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

Your committee report that, during the present associational year the head of the

church has been pleased to take from us our beloved brother, Daniel T. George, deacon of Riley's Creek Church. He had been an active member of the church about 25 years, and the greater part of that time, in the deaconship. He departed his life on the 23d of September, 1882, in the confidence and affection of his brethren, in peace with God, and in the hope of a blissful immortality.

Respectfully Submitted,

G. S. BEST.  
R. C. SANDLING.  
J. B. WILLIAMS.

The report of the Auditing committee was presented, and adopted.

On motion, a collection was taken to aid Elder Jacob Utley, amounting to \$19.88.

A committee consisting of J. N. Stallings, G. A. Herring, and J. W. Lane, was appointed to nominate a Sunday School Board.

The letters from Bethlehem and Morehead City were taken from the table.

Moved to appoint the place of meeting of the next Association, by calling the roll. Carried. The roll was called.

Bethlehem was chosen as the place of the next meeting of the Association.

The Sunday School Board was appointed as follows: L. R. Carroll, S. M. Carlton, J. L. Britt, D. P. Bland, and C. H. Smith.

The following was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer of the Minister's Relief Fund be requested to pay such amount, quarterly, for the benefit of Rev. Jacob Utley, as by the charter he may legally do, provided the amount is not larger than \$25.00 per quarter.

The following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the clerk be requested to write, immediately after the adjournment, to those churches from which no pledges have been received for Associational Missions, and for the Education Board, and ask them what they are willing to do for these objects.

The Clerk was instructed to have printed some revised church letters, and forward two copies to each church.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this body are due, and are hereby tendered, to the citizens of Richlands, and surrounding community, for generous and ample hospitalities; and to the Methodist and Presbyterian churches for the use of their houses of worship.

The Clerk was directed to have printed and distributed

fifteen hundred copies of the Minutes; and to pay the expense of distribution out of the Minute fund.

The Clerk was allowed \$15.00 for his services; and was directed to turn over to the Executive Committee, for the Itinerancy, any unexpended Minute fund.

The following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the delegates and ministers of this Association be requested to present the needs of the churches at Morehead City and Catharine's Lake to their churches, and ask for contributions to build houses at these places.

On motion of Elder J. N. Stallings, it was ordered that the balance shown on hand by the Treasurer's account, to-wit: \$52.24, be paid as follows: \$33.35 for Associational Missions, and \$18.89 to the Sunday School Board of the Association.

The business having been finished, Elder W. M. Kennedy made some appropriate closing remarks, a parting hymn was sung, the brethren bade one another a tearful good-bye, Elder J. L. Stewart led in prayer, and then the Association adjourned, to meet with the Bethlehem church, on Tuesday after the first Sunday in October, 1883.

J. L. STEWART,

F. H. IVEY, Clerk.

Moderator.

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PREACHERS FOR NEXT ASSOCIATION.

Introductory Sermon: Elder W. M. Kennedy. Alternate: Elder O. C. Newton.

Missionary Sermon: Elder J. B. Taylor. Alternate: F. W. Eason.

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TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

Tuesday after the first Sunday in October, 1883, Bethlehem Church, Pender county, is on Black River, twenty miles above Wilmington, by steamer. Elder J. P. Faison is pastor.

## REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE ASSOCIATION.

A. M. FAISON, in Account With Eastern Association—

Dr.

To balance on hand at last report.....	\$ 37 64
Received from Finance Committee of 1881.....	510 02— \$547 66

Cr.

Paid T. H. Pritchard for State Mission Board.....	\$200 00
Paid Treasurer Executive Committee.....	189 30
Paid for printing minutes.....	40 50
Paid clerk and postage on minutes.....	25 00
Paid Building Committee of Emma's Chapel.....	39 63
Error of Finance Committee.....	99
Balance on hand October 4, 1882.....	52 24— \$547 66

Examined and found correct.

J. N. STALLINGS,  
J. B. WILLIAMS,  
J. T. EATON,  
Auditing Committee.

## REPORT OF TREASURER OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

D. J. MIDDLETON, Treasurer Executive Committee, in Account With Eastern Association—

Dr.

To balance on hand.....	\$150 25
Collected from Hallsville Sunday-school.....	2 38
Hallsville, old pledge.....	5 00
Public collection at Hallsville.....	6 36
Public collection at Masonboro.....	12 30
S. E. Loftin.....	10 00
Riley's Creek.....	2 00
Public collection at Falling Creek.....	2 80
Kenansville.....	3 11
Magnolia.....	1 00
Clinton.....	3 32
Mt. Olive Union Meeting.....	2 63
Long Creek.....	3 00
Wilmington.....	25 00
Received from Treas. of Association at present session.....	222 40— \$451 55

Cr.

Paid W. M. Kennedy's expenses to Raleigh.....	\$ 5 55
Paid C. S. Cashwell.....	100 00
Paid T. J. Leary.....	75 00
Paid W. B. Knight.....	50 00
Total.....	\$230 55
Balance on hand, October 4, 1882.....	221 00— \$451 55

Examined and found correct.

J. N. STALLINGS,  
J. B. WILLIAMS,  
J. T. EATON,  
Auditing Committee.

## REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

CHURCHES.	Ministerial Education.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Associational Missions.	Sunday school Board.	Home and Indian Mission Board.	Minute Fund.	Total.
Antioch.....							1 25	1 25
Barlow Chapel.....				5 00			40	5 40
Bear Marsh.....	5 00			5 00			2 00	12 00
Berea.....				3 00			3 00	6 00
Bethel.....			5 00	12 50			2 00	19 50
Bethlehem.....	3 00	5 00	14 25	4 00			1 50	27 75
Beulah.....				6 40			50	6 90
Oanaan.....			3 50	5 00			1 00	9 50
Clinton.....	5 00			10 00			1 00	16 00
Colvin's Creek.....			2 00				50	2 50
Concord.....		2 50					1 00	3 50
Corinth.....				5 00			1 50	6 50
Dobson's Chapel.....				3 25			1 80	4 55
Emma's Chapel.....							1 50	1 50
Enon.....				10 00			1 00	11 00
Falling Creek.....				10 00			2 00	12 00
Fort Barnwell.....			4 50	8 00			1 00	13 50
Goldboro.....				10 00			3 00	13 00
Hallsville.....		1 20	3 50				1 25	6 95
Haw Bluff.....	2 00	3 00	5 00	5 00	2 58	3 00	2 00	22 58
Island Creek.....		10 00	3 65				1 80	15 45
Johnson's.....				15 00			2 65	17 65
Kenansville.....	3 00		1 14	8 00			1 90	13 44
Labon.....	5 00			5 00			75	10 75
Long Creek.....			2 08	3 00			1 00	6 08
Magnolia.....			2 64	10 00			2 00	14 64
Mary's Chapel.....			2 50	7 00			1 50	11 00
Masonboro.....		5 00	2 00		1 55		3 00	11 55
Moore's Creek.....		5 59	3 55	1 65	1 06	1 29	1 25	19 89
Morehead City.....				5 00			1 00	6 00
Mt. Calvary.....			11 10	5 00			50	16 60
Mt. Gilead.....	2 50	10 00					2 00	14 50
Mt. Holly.....	5 00		8 96	5 00			1 50	20 46
Mt. Olive.....	5 00	3 00	5 00	5 00			2 00	20 00
Newbern.....							3 00	3 00
New Hope.....							1 50	1 50
Piney Grove, Jones.....				5 75			2 50	8 25
Piney Grove, Onslow.....							2 00	2 00
Piney Grove, Sampson.....				10 75			2 00	12 75
Poplar Grove.....				4 00			75	4 75
Riley's Creek.....			2 61	10 00			2 00	14 61
Rose Hill.....			2 10				1 00	3 10
Salem.....							97	97
Shiloh.....	5 00		11 00	5 00			1 50	22 50
Smyrna.....		2 00	2 00	5 00			2 00	11 00
Snow Hill.....							1 00	1 00
Warsaw.....	15 00	4 00	4 00	15 00			2 00	40 00
Wells's Chapel.....	10 00		9 10	10 00			1 50	30 60
Wilmington.....							4 00	4 00
Mrs. G. W. Moseley.....	5 00							5 00
Dr. J. D. Roberts.....				5 00				5 00
C. C. Newton.....	5 00							5 00
S. E. Loftin.....	5 00							5 00
Miss Belle Alderman.....	1 00							1 00
Individuals.....				4 00				4 00
Collection for J. Utley.....								19 58
Half collection.....		12 50						12 50
Half collection.....			12 81					12 81
Total.....	81 50	83 59	128 49	246 80	5 29	4 28	78 07	697 81

## CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL OBJECTS.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Church Expenses.	Ministerial Education.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Associational Missions.	Sunday-school Board.	Home and Indian Mission Board.	Other Objects.	Minute Fund.	Total for All Objects.
Antioch.....	60 00										
Barlow Chapel.....	27 24	3 25									
Bear Marsh.....	139 00		5 00			5 00			340 00	1 25	401 25
Berea.....	75 00					5 00				40	35 89
Bethel.....						5 00				2 00	142 00
Bethlehem.....	100 00				5 00	12 50				3 00	81 00
Beulah.....			3 00	5 00	14 25	4 00				2 00	19 50
Canaan.....	80 00					6 40				1 50	127 75
Clinton.....					3 50	5 00	12 00			50	6 98
Colvin's Creek.....	50 00		5 00			10 00				1 00	101 50
Concord.....					2 00					1 00	16 00
Corinth.....				2 50						50	52 50
Dobson's Chapel.....	125 00					5 00				1 00	3 50
Emma's Chapel.....						3 25				1 50	131 50
Enon.....										30 00	4 55
Falling Creek.....	100 00					10 00				1 50	1 50
Fort Barnwell.....	105 00					10 00			30 00	1 00	141 00
Goldsboro.....					4 50	8 00				2 00	117 00
Hallsville.....	900 00	130 00	50 00		12 80	10 00	10 00	13 50	21 00	3 00	13 50
Haw Bluff.....				1 20	3 50					2 00	1150 30
Island Creek.....			2 00	3 00	5 00	5 00				1 25	5 95
Johnson's.....	100 00			10 00	3 65		2 58	3 00		2 00	22 58
Kenansville.....	75 00									1 80	115 45
Lisbon.....	100 00		3 00		1 14	8 00				2 05	92 05
Long Creek.....	125 00		5 00			5 00			11 58	1 30	125 03
Magnolia.....	75 00				2 08	3 00				75	135 75
	100 00				2 64	10 00				1 00	81 08
									10 00	2 00	124 64

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Mary's Chapel.....					2 50	7 00				1 50	11 00
Masonboro.....	100 00	35 00		5 00	2 00		1 55			3 00	146 55
Moore's Creek.....	75 00	15 00		5 59	8 55	1 65	1 00	1 29		1 25	100 39
Morehead City.....						5 00				1 00	6 00
Mt. Calvary.....	30 00				11 10	5 00				50	46 60
Mt. Gilead.....			2 50	10 00						2 00	14 50
Mt. Holly.....	125 00		5 00		8 96	5 00				1 50	145 46
Mt. Olive.....	150 00		3 00	3 00	5 00	5 00		12 10		2 00	182 10
Newbern.....				9 00	6 83		5 15	7 92		3 00	31 90
New Hope.....	150 00				11 80	10 00		8 00		1 50	181 30
Piney Grove, Jones.....						5 75				2 50	8 25
Piney Grove, Onslow.....	50 00									2 00	52 00
Piney Grove, Sampson.....	175 00					10 75		5 00		2 00	192 75
Poplar Grove.....	75 00					4 00				75	79 75
Riley's Creek.....	125 00				2 61	10 00		33 60		2 00	173 21
Rose Hill.....	75 00				2 10					1 00	78 10
Salem.....	29 69	24 00								97	54 66
Shiloh.....	100 00	18 80	5 00		11 00	5 00				1 50	141 30
Smyrna.....				2 00	2 00	5 00				2 00	11 00
Snow Hill.....	30 00	5 00								1 00	36 00
Warsaw.....	250 00		15 00	4 00	4 00	15 00				2 00	290 00
Wells's Chapel.....	125 00	35 00	10 00		9 10	10 00		6 00		1 50	196 60
Wilmington.....	1800 00	732 29	100 00	28 00	28 00	28 00		30 00	200 00	4 00	2950 29
Miscellaneous.....			16 00	12 30	12 31	9 00			19 88		69 49
Total.....	5791 93	998 34	231 59	100 59	187 92	284 30	32 34	55 71	697 16	78 07	8457 86

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**STATISTICAL TABLE.**

CHURCHES.	Additions.				Losses.			Membership.				TIME OF MEETING.
	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Experience.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	White Males.	White Females.	Colored.	Total.	
Antioch.....	4	1						11	18		29	Fourth Sunday.
Barlow Chapel.....	1	1		2		1		4	10		14	Second Sunday.
Bear Marsh.....	21	4		5		4	4	62	125		187	Third Sunday.
Berea.....	18				2	3	4	33	54		87	Second Sunday.
Bethel.....	35	2			2	1		29	58		87	Fourth Sunday.
Bethlehem.....					2	3	2	34	81		115	Second Sunday.
Beulah.....					4		1	23	33		56	First Sunday.
Canaan.....								8	27	7	42	Third Sunday.
Clinton.....		3			2			15	41		56	Third Sunday.
Colvin's Creek.....	6	7			3		2	27	19		46	First Sunday.
Concord.....					1	1		28	47	15	90	First Sunday.
Corinth.....	44	4		4		1	2	50	70		120	Third Sunday.
Dobson's Chapel.....		1						14	28		42	
Emma's Chapel.....	16	4	5					18	28		46	First and Fourth Sundays.
Enon.....	8	1		3	1	2		21	34		55	Second Sunday.
Falling Creek.....	8				1	2	1	21	47		68	Second Sunday.
Fort Barnwel'.....	15	4				3	1	16	18		34	
Goldsboro.....	2	8			4	1	1	57	120		177	Every Sunday.
Hallsville.....	1				3	2	1	35	82		117	Fourth Sunday.
Haw Bluff.....					4	5	2	42	74		116	Third Sunday.
Island Creek.....		4		1			2	58	117		175	First Sunday.
Johnson's.....		1			3	5		41	94	16	151	First Sunday.
Kenansville.....		2			1			18	38		56	Second Sunday.
Lisbon.....					3	1	2	41	50		91	First Sunday.
Long Creek.....	19	1		1	1	4		48	63		111	First Sunday.
Magnolia.....	5	2			1		3	76	106		182	Fourth Sunday.
Mary's Chapel.....	10				2	2		34	33		67	Fourth Sunday.

Masonboro.....	7	1			5	1	1	70	94	2	166	Second Sunday.
Moore's Creek.....	4	3		3	6	5	1	44	63		107	Fourth Sunday.
Morehead City.....	6	2			2	3	2	11	38		49	Third Sunday.
Mt. Calvary.....					5			6	10		16	First Sunday.
Mt. Gilead.....		3			7	1	1	35	72		107	Fourth Sunday.
Mt. Holly.....	36	1		1	5		1	58	106	1	165	First Sunday.
Mt. Olive.....	13	3			7		1	38	71		109	Second Sunday.
Newbern.....	52	7		5	2	17	3	56	127		183	Every Sunday.
New Hope.....						1		73	116		189	Second Sunday.
Piney Grove, Jones.....	2			2	13	10	3	17	35		52	No Pastor.
Piney Grove, Onslow.....	10	2			2	3	3	26	46		72	First Sunday.
Piney Grove, Sampson.....					9	2		57	113	11	181	Second Sunday.
Poplar Grove.....		3					1	14	18		32	Third Sunday.
Riley's Creek.....	56	4		3			1	50	104		154	Third Sunday.
Rose Hill.....	1	3						6	12		18	Third Sunday.
Salem.....	14	9		1		1	1	12	27		39	First and Third Sundays.
Shiloh.....	24	2		4	3	1	1	60	114		174	Third Sunday.
Smrna.....	9			2	3	2		24	58		82	No Pastor.
Snow Hill.....		1					2	6	8		14	Third Sunday.
Warsaw.....	8	3			3	6	3	97	145		242	Third and Fourth Sundays.
Wells's Chapel.....	12	1		1	11		1	67	99		166	Second Sunday.
Wilmington.....	20	9		2	16	3	5	120	247		367	Every Sunday.
Total.....	487	107	5	40	147	97	65	1811	3238	52	5101	

## PASTORS, CLERKS AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS and their P. O.	CLERKS and their P. O.
Antioch, Pitt county.....	W B Knight, Snow Hill.....	J C Cox, Greenville.....
Barlow Chapel, Pender co.	D F Aman, Sneed's Ferry.....	R M Sidbury, Sloop Point.....
Bear Marsh, Duplin county.	R C Sandling, Mt. Olive.....	W J Walker, Mt. Olive.....
Beaufort, Carteret county.	No Pastor.....	John D Davis, Beaufort.....
Berea, Sampson county.....	J B Barlow, Wilmington.....	G F Dempsey, Wallace.....
Bethel, Sampson county.....	C O Newton, Camera.....	M H Oates, Taylor's Bridge.....
Bethlehem, Pender county.	J P Faison, Harrell's Store.....	B F Keith, Sr., Pt Caswell.....
Benlah, Sampson county.....	J L Britt, Warsaw.....	J T Moore, Warsaw.....
Canaan, Sampson county.....	J T Albritton, Mt. Olive.....	R T Carr, Newton Grove.....
*Cainluck Chapel, Pender	W H Howard, Pt. Caswell.....	D J Corbett, Natmore.....
*Capernaum, Onslow co.....	D F Aman, Sneed's Fer y.....	Jno R White, Mayville.....
Clinton, Sampson co.....	J L Stewart, Clinton.....	C P Johnson, Clinton.....
Colvin's Creek, Pender co.	J W Gurganus, Abbottsburg.....	W G Harrell, Pt. Caswell.....
Concord, Duplin county.....	G W Huiman, Warsaw.....	L R Matthews, Rose Hill.....
Corinth, Duplin county.....	G S Best, Kenansville.....	Ira J Johnson, Rose Hill.....
Dobson's Chapel, Duplin co.	G S Best, Kenansville.....	Thos Kilpatrick, Hallsville.....
Emma's Chapel, Onslow co.	W M Kennedy, Magnolia.....	H B Marshburn, Richlands.....
Ench, Onslow county.....	T J Leary, Beaufort.....	L O Fonville, Duck Creek.....
Falling Creek, Wayne co.	G S Best, Kenansville.....	W G Britt, Goldsboro.....
Fort Barnwell, Craven co.	No Pastor.....	Jas W Biddle, Cobblton.....
*Fremont, Wayne county.....	No Pastor.....	G W Merritt, Fremont.....
Goldsboro, Wayne county.....	F H Ivey, Goldsboro.....	T B Parker, Goldsboro.....
Hallsville, Duplin county.....	H M Croom, Wallace.....	J D Brown, Hallsville.....
Haw Bluff, Bladen county.....	J P Faison, Harrell's Store.....	J F Croom, Pt. Caswell.....
Island Creek, Duplin county	Geo. S. Best, Kenansville.....	H T Savage, Wallace.....
Johnson's, Duplin county.....	H S Spivey, Clinton.....	L Middleton, Warsaw.....
Kenansville, Duplin county	J T Albritton, Mt. Olive.....	D J Middleton, Warsaw.....
*Kinston, Lenoir county.....	No pastor.....	James F Hill, Kinston.....
Liebon, Sampson county.....	J L Stewart, Clinton.....	R Herring, Herringsville.....
Long Creek, Pender county	J B Barlow, Wilmington.....	J H Brinson, Long Creek.....
Magnolia, Duplin county.....	W M Kennedy, Magnolia.....	G W Carroll, Magnolia.....
Mary's Chapel, Duplin co.	G S Best, Kenansville.....	F M Southerland, K'ville.....
Masonboro, New Hanover.....	W M Kennedy, Magnolia.....	B S Montford, Wilmington.....
Moore's Creek, Pender co.	J P Faison, Harrell's Store.....	C P Woodcock, Pt. Caswell.....
Morehead City, Carteret co.	Jacob Utley, Morehead City.....	J T Eaton, Hollywood.....
Mt. Calvary, Wayne co.....	J T Albritton, Mt. Olive.....	R A Parker, Brogden's Mill.....
Mt. Gilead, Sampson co.....	J L Stewart, Clinton.....	Jno J Vann, Clinton.....
Mt. Holly, Pender county.....	C O Newton, Camera.....	J Carroll, South Washington.....
Mt. Olive, Wayne county.....	R C Sandling, Mt. Olive.....	J T Albritton, Mt. Olive.....
Newbern, Craven county.....	F W Eason, Newbern.....	F W Hancock, Newbern.....
New Hope, Sampson co.....	J N Stallings, Warsaw.....	J L Carroll, Six Runs.....
*Olive Branch, N. Hanover.	J B Barlow, Wilmington.....	D H Workman, Wilming'on.....
Piney Grove, Jones county.	No pastor.....	J H Whitty, Pollocksville.....
Piney Grove, Onslow co.....	T J Leary, Beaufort.....	W B Morton, Swansboro.....
Piney Grove, Sampson co.....	J L Stewart, Clinton.....	J W Lane, Faison's.....
Poplar Grove, Sampson co.	J L Britt, Warsaw.....	W D Stevens, Faison's.....
Riley's Creek, Pender co.....	W M Kennedy, Magnolia.....	W B Hocut, Rocky Point.....
Rose Hill, Onslow county.....	T J Leary, Beaufort.....	D N Page, Tar Landing.....
Salem, Onslow county.....	D F Aman, Sneed's Ferry.....	J. D. Congleton, S'ds Ferry.....
Shiloh, Pender county.....	C O Newton, Camera.....	H A Bland, Moore's Creek.....
Smyrna, Carteret county.....	No pastor.....	A S Willis, Smyrna.....
Snow Hill, Greene county.....	W B Knight, Snow Hill.....	E D Sugg, Snow Hill.....
Warsaw, Duplin county.....	J N Stallings, Clinton.....	S M Carlton, Warsaw.....
Wells's Chapel, Sampson.....	C O Newton, Camera.....	L R Highsmith Harrells St'e.....
Wilmington, New Hanover.....	J B Taylor, Wilmington.....	Jas W Collins, Wilmington.....

\*Taken from former minutes.

## SUNDAY-SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	Officers & Teachers.	Scholars.
Bethlehem.....	B. F. Keith, Jr.....	6	50
Canaan.....	Jas. Ingram.....	6	40
Colvin's Creek.....	R. C. Henry.....	8	45
Concord.....	W. H. Moore.....	6	40
Corinth.....	I. J. Johnson.....	10	80
Emma's Chapel.....	W. M. Barbee.....	6	46
Falling Creek.....	W. H. Hood.....	11	61
Goldsboro.....	H. L. Grant.....	19	128
Haw Bluff.....	W. F. Brown.....	4	30
Island Creek.....	C. Harrell.....	4	42
Johnson's.....	J. H. Gillespie.....	7	50
Long Creek.....	M. E. Herring.....	2	46
Magnolia.....	J. T. Carroll.....	9	65
Mary's Chapel.....	T. H. Rogers.....	6	31
Masonboro.....	E. Hewlett.....	8	70
Moore's Creek.....	C. P. Woodcock.....	6	40
Mt. Gilead.....	G. W. Moseley.....	6	70
Mt. Holly.....	I. Carroll.....	5	35
Mt. Olive.....	J. F. Oliver.....	12	90
Newbern.....	C. C. Clark.....	21	160
New Hope.....	L. B. Carroll.....	6	70
Piney Grove, Onslow.....	W. E. Morton.....	6	30
Poplar Grove.....	R. R. Bell.....	5	30
Riley's Creek.....	W. W. Larkins.....	6	60
Rose Hill.....	D. N. Page.....	6	31
Salem.....	J. D. Congleton.....	5	35
Shiloh.....	H. A. Bland.....	5	80
Smyrna.....	A. S. Willis.....	8	94
Warsaw.....	I. Brown.....	9	70
Wells's Chapel.....	L. R. Highsmith.....	7	30
Wilmington.....	W. A. French.....	24	236

## CHURCH COVENANT.

Having been led, as we believe by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour, and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we do now, in the presence of God, angels and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Ghost, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, back-biting and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage; and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the Kingdom of our Saviour.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Saviour, to secrete it without delay.

We moreover engage that when we remove from this place we will as soon as possible unite with some other church, where we can carry out the spirit of this Covenant, and the principles of God's word.

## RULES OF ORDER.

1. On the meeting of the Association, the Moderator of the preceding session shall preside until his successor is known. In case of his absence a chairman *pro tem.* shall be elected.

2. Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises, to be conducted by whomsoever the presiding officer may name.

3. At each daily session, and previous to proceeding to business, the names of the delegates shall be called, and the proceedings of the previous daily session read.

4. The members shall observe toward the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes Christians.

5. Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the presiding officer. He shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration, and avoid personalities.

6. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without permission.

7. All motions seconded shall be definitely stated by the presiding officer before discussion.

8. No motion shall be withdrawn after discussion.

9. When a question is under discussion, no motion or proposition shall be received except to adjourn, to amend, to commit, or postpone to a 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 of votes.

## CONSTITUTION OF THE EASTERN ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1. 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 delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates, who shall be members of that church.

ART. 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment and communicating information relative to the state of the church; *Provided, however,* That when any church has prepared a letter and through inadvertence 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 this 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 seven members, which committee shall have the superintendence of Associational Missions and Colportage. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid by the Treasurer of the Association for the objects under their charge, and during intervals between the meetings of this body to receive and disburse funds for those objects and to take such steps for their advancement as they shall deem advisable, and shall make an annual report to the Association of their doings.

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 all 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. 14. 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 for 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.

