

MINUTES  
of the  
THIRD SESSION  
of the  
JOHNSTON COUNTY  
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

held with the  
BENSON BAPTIST CHURCH,

BENSON, N. C.,

November 9, 10, 11 and 12, 1905.

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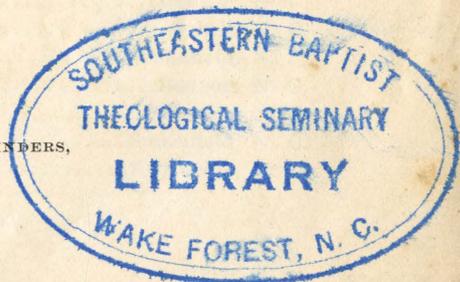
The next Session will be held with Clyde's Chapel Baptist Church, beginning Thursday after the first Sunday in November, 1906.

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To Preach Introductory Sermon, . . . . .	D. F. PUTNAM.
Alternate, . . . . .	R. W. HORRELL.

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Bethany—Kirkman Creech and Worley Creech.  
Bethesda—D. L. Jones, M. Johnson, H. A. Jones and W. B. Wallace.  
Bethel—J. H. Bell and W. T. Sullivan.  
Blackman's Grove—J. M. Blackman, Ernest Grice and E. B. Hayes.  
Carter's Chapel—J. I. Blackman, Theo. Eason and W. B. Wall.  
Clayton—C. W. Blanchard, Lonnie Duncan, J. W. Smith and D. J. Yelvington.  
Calvary—M. L. Barefoot, James M. Johnson and C. F. Wagstaff.  
Clyde's Chapel—H. V. Bunch and William Martin.  
Corinth—By Letter.  
Four Oaks—O. D. Stanley.  
Hood's Grove—L. Eldridge, J. A. Lee and D. J. Wood.  
Lee's Chapel—By Letter.  
Live Oak—Thomas Batten and C. T. Eason.  
Micro—C. L. Batten, L. L. Creech, David Pace and D. C. Smith.  
Mount Moriah—W. H. Kelly, J. F. Pool and N. R. Pool.  
Nobles' Chapel—C. O. Boykin, W. M. Boykin and J. B. Mecome.  
New Bethel—Andrew J. Bryan.  
Oliver's Grove—By Letter.  
Parrish Memorial—J. D. Creech, G. W. Parrish and J. F. Watson.  
Pauline—W. B. Joyner and N. W. Smith.  
Pine Level—J. M. Underhill.  
Pisgah—R. H. Higgins and J. L. Jones.  
Princeton—J. B. Howell and L. H. Taylor.  
Sardis—N. B. Stevens.  
Selma—J. W. Liles, J. M. Oneal, C. W. Richardson, R. W. Horrell, Edward Tuck and M. C. Winston.  
Shiloh—C. H. Holland.  
Smithfield—D. E. Eason, B. G. Early, E. O. Edgerton, W. B. Guill, R. I. Lassiter, R. A. Merritt, J. M. Beaty and J. W. Suttle.  
Thanksgiving—Wade Brannan and John Lynch.  
Trinity—J. S. Lawhon and Arthur Lee.  
White Oak—By Letter.  
Wilson's Mills—J. T. Holt and S. D. West.

## PROCEEDINGS.

BENSON, N. C., November 9th, 1905.

The third annual session of the Johnston County Baptist Association convened this morning at eleven o'clock with Benson Baptist church.

The services opened with the singing of "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name." Prayer by Bro. A. A. Pippin. Hymn "Close to Thee." Prayer by Bro. B. G. Early. Hymn "Revive Us Again."

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Bro. C. W. Blanchard. Text: Luke 24:48. Subject: "The Church of Christ with Power."

In a few words the Association was welcomed to Benson by the pastor, Bro. J. W. Suttle. Announcements were made and the benediction was pronounced by Bro. S. F. Conrad.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was opened with prayer by Bro. A. A. Pippin.

The body was called to order by the Moderator, Bro. R. H. Gower.

Upon motion the following Committee on Credentials and Enrollment was appointed: Brethren N. W. Smith, C. W. Blanchard and C. H. Holland.

Upon motion, the rules were suspended and the following officers re-elected for the ensuing year, by acclamation:

Moderator—R. H. Gower.

Vice-Moderator—J. P. Canaday.

Clerk—T. J. Lassiter.

The election of Treasurer was postponed for the present.

Upon motion, section 10 of the Constitution was amended by striking out the words "a Historian" in second line, and all the words in the last clause of the same section.

The Moderator appointed the following committees at the afternoon session:

Petitionary Letters—J. W. Suttle, D. F. Putnam and N. H. Gibbs.

Finance—J. L. Hall, U. F. Wallace and R. R. Creech.

Periodicals—A. A. Pippin, J. F. Pool and S. D. West.

Aged Ministers' Relief—R. W. Horrell, E. B. Hayes and W. H. Kelly.

The Church Messenger—D. F. Putnam, J. F. Pool and C. W. Richardson.

Woman's Work—B. G. Early, J. C. Hardee and W. B. Joyner.

Home Missions—J. W. Suttle, J. M. Johnson and J. D. Creech.

The following visitors were recognized: Bro. J. S. Farmer, representative of the *Biblical Recorder*; Bro. S. F. Conrad, Field Edi-

tor of the *North Carolina Baptist*; Bro. F. R. Hall, of the Neuse Association; Bro. G. H. Broughton, of the Central Association, and Bro. M. L. Kesler, general manager of the Thomasville Orphanage.

The Committee on Petitionary Letters reported that Calvary Baptist church asked for admission into the Association and presented the following letter:

The South River Baptist Association sends greetings to the Johnston County Baptist Association:

The Calvary Baptist Church in Johnston County is hereby dismissed, to unite with you. It is our wish that this new union may be productive of good to both the Church and the Association.

Done by order of the Association, October 19, 1905.

JOHN A. OATES, Clerk.

Upon motion, the report was adopted and the Moderator welcomed Bro. J. M. Johnson as a delegate from Calvary.

Upon motion, the order of business was changed so that Periodicals should take the place of Woman's Work on the program for the afternoon session.

Bro. R. W. Horrell read the

#### REPORT ON AGED MINISTERS' RELIEF.

When Christ called the Apostles to preach the Gospel He called them from their boats and nets—their only means of obtaining a temporal support. He sent them out without purse or scrip, saying to them: The laborer is worthy of his hire. Paul tells us that they who preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel. By the teaching of many scriptures God makes it the duty of the people to support the gospel preacher. But what of the men who have worn themselves out in the ministry and are unable to render further services? We can't fatten and beef them as we would an ox. Should we treat them as the negro does his mule when his strength has failed, the winds cold and the grass dry and tough, turn him out to graze for his living or starve and die? No, we can not and will not fail to care for the men who have given their lives for our good and God's glory.

Twenty-four of our aged preachers or their widows are now being helped. They receive from twenty-four to sixty-five dollars per year, according to their needs. We raised last year for this object a little over two thousand dollars. We ask that the churches enlarge their pledges to this object, as the demand grows greater each year.

R. W. HORRELL,  
For the Committee.

Upon motion to adopt, the report was discussed by Brethren Horrell, Blanchard and Suttle. Pledges were then taken and the report adopted.

Bro. A. A. Pippin read the

#### REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

In this busy age, when the growth of knowledge is so wonderful, when the people are reading so much news, and when the power of the press is so great, a religious paper is almost indispensable. It is difficult to estimate the value of so good a Christian and denominational paper as the *Biblical*

Recorder. It is a weekly visitor which we soon learn to love and welcome into our homes. It tells us what God is doing in the world. It teaches us to look at passing events from a Christian standpoint. It is filled with news from our churches. It brings greetings and tidings from our missionaries beyond the sea. It keeps us informed concerning the progress of the Kingdom of Christ. It brings us into closer sympathy with every good work. It is a great help to the preacher in his labors. It is a very kind and effective advocate of our denominational principles. We therefore recommend the *Biblical Recorder*, the recognized organ of North Carolina Baptists, to the brethren, and request them to aid in widening its circulation and enlarging its usefulness.

We also recommend the *North Carolina Baptist*, which is doing a great work along its line. We most heartily recommend *Charity and Children*, the representative of our Orphanage, to all the friends of benevolence. We also recommend that we support the *Foreign Mission Journal* and the *Home Field*. They are good journals and worthily represent the objects for which they stand.

We also want our churches to see to it that our *Church Messenger* be most earnestly supported by all the churches in the Association.

We, above all, recommend that our brethren do not allow their families to read the cheap, trashy literature that is sent all over the country to support advertising interests. It does much harm and no good.

A. A. PIPPIN,  
J. F. POOL,  
S. D. WEST,

Committee.

A motion was made to adopt the report, and the following brethren took part in the discussion: A. A. Pippin, S. F. Conrad, R. W. Horrell and M. L. Kesler, after which the motion prevailed.

Upon motion, the report on the Orphanage was set for to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

Bro. D. F. Putnam was appointed to conduct the devotional exercises to-night, and the Association adjourned with benediction by Bro. Conrad.

#### THURSDAY—NIGHT SESSION.

The session was opened with devotional exercises conducted by Bro. D. F. Putnam. Prayer by Bro. Worley Creech.

The regular order was taken up and Bro. J. W. Suttle read the

#### REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The field of the Home Mission Board is divided into a number of distinct departments, and its work is largely co-operative. Nearly all the States find that the resources of the State Mission Boards are insufficient to adequately supply the destitution within their own borders, and so the Home Board supplements the work done by the State Boards.

Among the special departments: Cities, The Negro, Mountain Missions and Schools, Cuba and Frontier Missions.

This has been a year of enlargement with the Home Mission Board. "Enlargement" has been the keynote of the year's work. Every department has been vibrant with the expanding idea. At Nashville, in 1904, the Convention said to the Home Board: "Through you and by the help of God, we shall take this Southland, for the Baptists go forward." It was enough. At

once the Board increased its appropriations fifty per cent. over any previous year.

God's favor in a very marked degree has been upon the working forces in the fields. Many have been led to Christ and a deepening spirit of consecration to our Lord has been reported from many directions.

In Cuba baptisms have been frequent. In the territories there have been many notable revivals. Baltimore, Memphis and New Orleans have been greatly stirred by the generous help of the Home Board, to say nothing of St. Louis, Kansas City, Galveston and other cities.

We quote a few figures from the report of 1905: Missionaries, 718; Baptisms, 10,551; additions by letter, 10,019; total additions, 20,570. Increase: Missionaries, 102; baptisms, 3,025; by letter, 749; total, 3,773.

The receipts of the Home Board were \$145,705.31, an increase of \$12,147.31.

Church Building Loan Fund—Church buildings are an essential force to successful work. Our Secretary, Dr. Gray, says the Home Board needs a great loan fund of not less than \$500,000. He further says that in many districts—especially in Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Indian Territory—our cause is well-nigh paralyzed for lack of suitable houses.

Work Among the Negroes—Dr. A. J. Barton is Field Secretary and Superintendent of Negro Work. The wisdom of Dr. Barton's appointment has been abundantly justified by the zeal and tact with which he has labored, both in connection with the negro work and advancing the general interests of the Board.

Rev. M. P. Hunt, who was Field Secretary for the Western territory, says: "The rapid growth along material lines in Oklahoma and Indian Territory calls for hard work to keep the destitution from growing. For every new town we enter two more spring up, calling loudly for help.

Mountain Missions and Schools—Rev. A. E. Brown, the splendid superintendent of this department, says that he finds the mountain people awakening to their conditions and ready to co-operate in efforts to help them. Eighteen schools in North Carolina, Tennessee and Kentucky are now directly connected with the Home Board, having an enrollment of about 4,000 pupils and employing 75 teachers. Two schools in Georgia and one in Alabama are being assisted, and South Carolina has asked the Board to take charge of its mountain school work.

Immigration—A great many influences are now on foot to turn the stream of immigrants southward. One of the highest tests ever put upon Southern Baptists will come with the tide of immigration. We must meet them with the Gospel of Christ.

Cuba—The Home Board has work at eleven places in Cuba, but Havana is the stronghold. Havana contains one-sixth of the population of the whole island, and everything unites to encourage more aggressive work on the part of our people.

New Fields—Isle of Pines and Panama. The former is to become another link in the chain of our missions, extending from Tampa, Key West and Havana on to Panama, and from it adjacent islands may be reached.

Your committee begs leave to recommend that we increase our pledges at least fifteen per cent. over what we gave this year.

We also recommend that all our pastors be asked to urge their members to subscribe for and read Our Home Field. Respectfully submitted,

J. W. SUTTLE, for Committee.

The report was discussed by Brethren Suttle, Conrad and Kesler, pledges taken and the report adopted.

Bro. B. G. Early then read the

#### REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

The power of woman holds an undisputable place in almost every phase of life. Her tender touch and wise counsel are to be sought on every hand—

in the home life, in the civic life, in the literary world, in the social life, and last, but not least, in the religious world. I say last, because it is of recent date that she has fully developed in this most important field of her usefulness. It is strange that for so long a time she occupied the small place she did in this great work, for which she is so divinely fitted.

To woman God made the first promise of the coming of a Redeemer to a sin-cursed world. "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head and thou shalt bruise his heel." When the promised Redeemer had suffered and died for a lost world, and was buried, it was a woman that was honored with the privilege to be the first to herald the glad news of His resurrection. Thus we see that God has always honored her and used her for His glory. And we rejoice to see Him giving her such wonderful success in this field of great usefulness.

We are glad to give to the good women of our Association and State our sympathy and co-operation in the noble cause they have so nobly espoused. We recommend their efforts and ask for them your earnest prayers and encouragement.

May God's richest blessings attend their efforts to advance the Master's kingdom.

Respectfully submitted,

B. G. EARLY, for the Committee.

Upon motion to adopt, the report was discussed by Brethren Early, Farmer, Conrad and Blanchard. Report adopted.

The following committees were announced:

Orphanage—F. T. Booker, M. L. Kesler and J. S. Lawhon.

State Missions—J. M. Beaty, G. W. Parrish and Ernest Grice.

To Nominate Delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention and the State Convention—C. W. Richardson, G. W. Parrish and C. T. Eason.

Place and Preachers for Next Year—Worley Creech, G. R. Whitley and H. V. Bunch.

To Nominate Member State Mission Board—J. T. Holt, Lonnie Duncan and J. M. Oneal.

To Nominate Executive Committee—J. W. Suttle, W. T. Sullivan and J. D. Parrish.

On motion Bro. C. W. Blanchard was appointed to prepare the Digest of Church Letters after adjournment of Association and send to the Clerk.

The body adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9:30. Benediction by Bro. B. G. Early.

#### FRIDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Association met according to adjournment. The devotional exercises were conducted by Bro. B. G. Early.

Roll of delegates was called. Upon motion the reading of the journal was dispensed with.

Bro. W. M. Page, of the South River Association, was recognized.

After the enrollment of several new delegates the regular program was taken up.

Bro. M. L. Kesler, of the Thomasville Orphanage, read the

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

As a denomination we have had twenty years' experience in Orphanage work. Our Orphanage at Thomasville during this time has cared for 890 helpless children. From nothing the work has grown until we now have near 400 acres of land, nine dormitories for the children, an infirmary for the sick, a central school building, a central dining hall (known also as the Faircloth Building), printing office, workshops, homes for the general manager and treasurer. The force of the Orphanage is composed of about twenty-five people. These and the children share in the work. One-half the Orphanage goes to school in the morning, the other half in the afternoon. Feeding and clothing the children is a very important part of the work; but the training of the children we regard as the main work of the institution. The task of the Orphanage is to take children deprived of their natural protectors, lift them from their helpless and hopeless condition and put them on their feet, so that they may take their proper stand among men. We have 280 now and will soon have over 300. The expense grows heavier every year as the number of children increases. The large debt upon the institution was brought about mainly through the water works and sewerage systems, which are now in full operation.

That the increased daily expenses may be met and this debt be paid your committee recommends that a Thanksgiving or Orphanage service be held in every church, and that the churches, if possible, double their pledges and contributions for the next year.

M. L. KESLER,  
For the Committee.

Upon motion to adopt the report was discussed by Bro. Kesler. Pledges were taken and the report adopted.

A cash collection of \$13.77 was taken for the Orphanage.

Special order for the hour was then taken up and Bro. J. M. Beaty, chairman of the committee, read the

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Lord has greatly blessed us this year, and we report the most prosperous year in the history of our work. There have been 164 additions to the mission churches.

Bro. A. A. Pippin has served White Oak and Corinth. At White Oak there have been twenty-one additions, and at Corinth ten. White Oak has become self-sustaining and the work is prospering at each of these churches.

Bro. D. F. Putnam has preached at Pisgah, Johnson's School House, Hood's Grove, Pauline, Blackman's Grove, Trinity and Four Oaks. Fifty additions have been made to the churches on his field. Blackman's Grove will no longer ask the Association for help. Repairs have been made at Trinity Church; a good house of worship has been built at Hood's Grove, and a building is in course of construction at Pauline.

Bro. R. W. Horrell has been preaching at Parrish Memorial, Carter's Chapel, Micro, Kenly, Princeton, Woodard School House, Nobles' Chapel and Bethel. There have been fifty-seven additions on this field. Parrish Memorial church has been enlarged. At Carter's Chapel the house has been plastered and otherwise improved. Princeton church has been remodeled and greatly improved. Micro Church is in course of construction and most of the lumber has been hauled for Bethel Church.

Bro. B. G. Early has for the past few months had charge of Live Oak, Oliver's Grove, Pine Level, Sardis and a school house near Sardis. Bro. J. W. Smith supplied a part of this field and did good work before Bro. Early

came and took charge. At Live Oak there have been six additions and at Pine Level twenty have been added. We need more money and at least one more preacher to do the work as it should be done.

J. M. BEATY,  
J. F. POOL,  
J. T. HOLT,  
J. H. BOON,  
Executive Committee.

A motion was made to adopt the report and brethren J. M. Beaty, J. W. Suttle, A. A. Pippin, and C. W. Blanchard took part in the discussion. Pledges were taken for State Missions and further consideration of the subject was postponed till the night session.

The reports on Temperance and *The Church Messenger* were set for the afternoon session.

The Moderator announced the following committee :

Temperance—D. F. Putnam, Worley Creech and William Martin.

The body adjourned with benediction by Bro. M. L. Kesler.

FRIDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Devotional exercises by Bro. Worley Creech. Prayer by Bro. W. M. Page, of the South River Association.

Miscellaneous Business was taken up and disposed of.

Committee on Place and Preachers reported as follows :

Place for Next Session—Clyde's Chapel.

Introductory Sermon—D. F. Putnam; alternate, R. W. Horrell.

Committee on Executive Committee recommend that present committee be re-elected. Adopted.

Upon motion of Bro. J. W. Suttle Bro. C. W. Richardson was re-elected Treasurer by acclamation.

The Committee recommended that Bro. C. W. Blanchard be re-elected Member of State Board of Missions. Adopted.

The following committees were announced :

Foreign Missions—C. W. Blanchard, J. W. Watson and W. B. Wallace.

Education—J. P. Canaday, Andrew Bryan and Arthur Lee.

Sunday Schools—R. A. Merritt, L. Eldridge and B. W. Allen.

The report on *The Church Messenger* was read by Bro. D. F. Putnam.

REPORT ON THE CHURCH MESSENGER.

We, your Committee on The Church Messenger, ask leave to report as follows: We find by consulting the business manager that the paper is not as yet on a paying basis and that there is a debt, which the report of the business manager will show, which report we recommend to be read before

the Association. Your committee realizes the need of some medium of communication, and believe it will be unwise to discontinue the paper, as it promises soon to be self-supporting. After consulting some of the leading brethren, we most earnestly recommend that a joint stock company be formed, or that individuals become responsible for the financial support of the paper, and that the Mission Board be relieved of the present responsibility.

D. F. PUTNAM,  
C. W. RICHARDSON,  
J. F. POOL,  
Committee.

The Business Manager's report showed that *The Messenger* had 326 bona fide subscribers. The indebtedness was shown to be about \$80.00, with subscriptions due to the amount of about \$27.75.

Upon motion to adopt, the reports were discussed by Brethren D. F. Putnam, C. W. Richardson, T. J. Lassiter, J. W. Suttle and C. W. Blanchard. After being fully discussed the reports were unanimously adopted and *The Church Messenger* was made the official organ of the Association.

The election of Editors and Business Manager was then taken up and resulted as follows:

Editor—J. W. Suttle.  
Assistant Editors—All the pastors in the Association.  
Business Manager—T. J. Lassiter.

Several subscribed to the stock company recommended in the report.

Bro. D. F. Putnam read the

#### REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

It has been very popular to pass resolutions and to memorialize legislative bodies against the accursed liquor traffic in our beloved State. Our resolutions and memorials have been enacted into law and we stand to-day on trial. Yes, prohibition will stand or fall according to our faithfulness in executing the temperance laws upon our statute books.

Those who have wrought in the battle of putting Johnston county in the prohibition column deserve great honor. We all have great reason to rejoice, but we must not slacken our pace. The liquor dealers are organized and are fighting most bitterly our every progress. The day of resolutions is passed. We must execute.

We most urgently insist that the time has come for all church members to desist from the use of alcoholic drinks as a beverage, and thereby lending their influence to this, the greatest enemy of the home, church, State and industry.

D. F. PUTNAM,  
WORLEY CREECH,  
WM. MARTIN,  
Committee.

Bro. C. W. Blanchard offered the following resolutions:

"Resolved, That we, the delegates and members of the Johnston County Baptist Association, do hereby express our universal condemnation of the liquor traffic and desire that our next Legislature assembled submit to the

qualified voters of the State an amendment to our State Constitution totally abolishing the manufacture and sale of liquor from the State.

"Resolved, second, That we demand of Congress the passage of the bill known as the Hepburn-Dolliver Bill, prohibiting the nullification of the laws of one State by the brewers and distillers of another by the shipment from those outside States of liquors intended for sale in violation of local or the State laws of another. And that until such time as the entire internal revenue system of partnership with the traffic has been abolished we favor the passage of the International Reform Bureau's measure, known as the Humphreys Bill, to prohibit the issuing of Federal liquor tax receipt in no-license territory."

After being discussed by Brethren D. F. Putnam and C. W. Blanchard, the report, together with the resolution, was unanimously adopted.

Adjournment. Benediction by Bro. Livingston Johnson.

#### FRIDAY—NIGHT SESSION.

Session was opened with devotional exercises by Bro. A. A. Pip-pin. Prayer by Bro. W. C. Tyree.

The following visitors were recognized: Bro. Livingston Johnson, Corresponding Secretary Baptist State Convention; Bro. W. C. Tyree, of the Central Association, and Vice-President for North Carolina of the Foreign Mission Board; Bro. Hight C. Moore, Field Secretary of the Sunday School Board.

Several new delegates were enrolled.

Bro. Livingston Johnson, for the Committee, read the

#### REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The State Mission Board began its work seventy-five years ago. The results amply justify the wisdom of our fathers in this great undertaking. Accurate statistics were not given by the missionaries until 1882, just twenty-two years ago. From these statistics were gathered the following interesting figures:

Number baptized by our missionaries, 27,605.

Churches organized on mission fields, 754.

Houses of worship built on mission fields, 746.

Amount paid for building houses of worship, \$114,061.74.

Number of Sunday schools organized by the missionaries, 742.

There are in the State 1,792 Missionary Baptist churches. Seven hundred and fifty-four—nearly three-sevenths of these—were organized by the missionaries of the Board within the last twenty-two years. It would be safe to say that at least half the churches in North Carolina were organized by the missionaries of the Board. It is no exaggeration to claim that three out of every four dollars which go into the Lord's treasury for carrying on His work are contributed by churches that were organized by beneficiaries of our Board.

As much as has been done, much still remains to be done. A large area of rich, virgin soil remains untouched. There are five counties in the State with only one preacher to the county, and that one would not be there were he not supported in large part by the Board. There are four county-seats in



no one of which there is a Baptist church or a Baptist preacher. Many new towns are yet unoccupied, and are making urgent appeals to the Board for help. Many of the towns which the Board aided in establishing the first church are now asking for help for one or more mission points. This is due to the rapid growth of many of our towns. "Let us go up and possess the land, for we are abundantly able to take it."

J. M. BEATY.  
ERNEST GRICE.  
G. W. PARRISH.

The report was discussed by Brethren Johnson and Blanchard. Special Pledges were then taken for the State Mission work and the report, with the report of the Executive Committee, was adopted. (See special State Mission pledges.)

Foreign Missions was next taken up and the report read by Bro. C. W. Blanchard.

#### REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We are commanded by the Saviour to "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." The gift of the promised Comforter was to be especially for our preparation for this very service. Christ said, "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me, both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." God unalterably associates the gift of the Holy Spirit with the spirit of the world-wide missions and makes the existence of the one in the human heart the prime evidence of the existence of the other. To be a spirit-filled disciple of the Christ is to be a vessel laden with His Gospel for the "Uttermost ends of the earth." This idea is the conclusion of the unfailing Word of life, and the history of Christianity in all ages. The church with a world-wide mission spirit is and has ever been full of evangelical power at home and abroad. Every church in all ages has died with the waning of this spirit.

We must enlarge the borders of our tents and heed the Macedonian cry for help from afar if we would be able to subdue with spiritual power the foe that lies next to our own doors.

The fields are white unto harvest. Everywhere in pagan and papal lands the doors are wide open to us, and the cry for help is urgent. The labors of our missionaries are abundantly blessed. Hundreds and thousands are hearing the gospel and heeding its call to repentance for sins and faith in Jesus Christ. Evidenced from the urgent calls of the hour from all the fields for laborers, and the signal blessing attendant upon the service of our missionaries, this is indeed God's set time to bless the nations of the earth. Surely this is the day of our great opportunity to answer the call of duty. Shall we of the Johnston County Baptist Association not rise up in this God's day of willingness and do valiant service for the triumph of the truth everywhere? Let us here and now answer this call by enlarged liberality to the Foreign Mission Board for the prosecution of its work. Let us study the Word and the work until we have a quickened intelligence of better demands upon us. Let us pray for the success of the workers on the field and make hearty offering of some of our own sons and daughters to go far hence to tell the sweet story of the Christ we love.

C. W. BLANCHARD,  
For the Committee.

The report was discussed by Bro. W. C. Tyree, pledges taken, and adopted.

The Association adjourned until to-morrow morning 9:30. The benediction was pronounced by Bro. Livingston Johnson.

#### SATURDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Session opened with devotional exercises conducted by Bro. R. W. Horrell. Prayer by Bro. B. G. Early.

Bro. J. W. Smith, for the Committee, made the following report:

Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention—C. W. Blanchard.  
Delegates to Baptist State Convention—B. G. Early, D. F. Putnam and R. W. Horrell.

Report adopted.

Bro. R. A. Merritt read the

#### REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The condition of the Sunday school work in our Association is very encouraging. From the letters sent up to this Association we find that there are 26 Sunday schools in our bounds, with a total enrollment of 2,340, a gain of 581 over last report, or a gain of 33 per cent. in enrollment. All the churches in the Association have Sunday schools except nine.

The contributions for Sunday school work show a gratifying increase over last year—an increase of 32 per cent.

We recommend that during the coming year each church make a determined effort to organize a Sunday school; that all strive to increase the attendance; that the work be made more efficient on the part of the superintendents and teachers, and thus more useful to the community.

As churches, God calls upon us and expects us to do our duty in this respect. The duty of teaching, and especially teaching the young, stands out distinctly in the original constitution of the Church of God. Moses, acting under divine sanction, rehearsed the laws of Sinai, and with equal authority he said: "These words which I command you this day shall be in thine heart and thou shall teach them diligently to thy children."

Your committee desires to express its gratification in the splendid work being done by our State Sunday School Secretary, Bro. Hight C. Moore, and through the Association to invite him to come into our midst as often as may be consistent with his duty to other sections, and to assure him of our readiness to co-operate most heartily with him.

R. A. MERRITT,  
B. W. ALLEN,  
Committee.

The report was discussed by Brethren R. A. Merritt, B. W. Allen, Hight C. Moore and C. W. Blanchard, and adopted.

The following resolution was offered by Bro. T. J. Lassiter and adopted:

Resolved, That each church and each Sunday school in this Association be asked to take one collection during the year for the support of the Sunday school work of the State, and that the Moderator be instructed to set apart

some certain Sunday or some certain month for this collection, and notify the pastors and Sunday school superintendents of the same.

Bro. B. Townsend, of the Little River Association, was recognized. Bro. Townsend was appointed to preach to-night and Bro. Blanchard to-morrow morning at eleven o'clock.  
Adjournment. Benediction by Bro. B. Townsend.

#### SATURDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Devotional exercises by Bro. Hight C. Moore. Prayer by Bro. Putnam.

Upon motion of Bro. J. W. Suttle, the Treasurer of the Association was directed to acknowledge all moneys received by him each month through the columns of *The Church Messenger*.

Bro. J. P. Canaday read the

#### REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The success of a free government rests upon the intelligence of the people, hence the subject of education is always paramount. It is declared in our State Constitution that, "Religion, morality and knowledge, being necessary to good government, schools and the means of education shall forever be encouraged."

"To live completely" is doubtless the object of man's creation, and the true mission of life, the performance of duty to self, to fellow-man and to God. Therefore, the highest conception of the parent and the State is to give every boy and girl a liberal Christian education. To accomplish the great purposes of the State, power to control environments must be given the individual man and woman.

We recognize with pride that our public schools have been greatly improved. The funds for the four-months term given by the State and counties in many places have been supplemented by special taxes. The result is more beautiful and comfortable school buildings have been erected; longer school terms and a higher grade of teachers have inaugurated a higher grade of public education. With the advent of these high grade public schools, rural libraries and rural mail deliveries, brighter days will soon dawn in our State.

To aid the public schools in universal education, Christian schools in the State are flourishing as never before. It is the pride of the Baptists that more than thirty denominational academies and high schools serve to feed the Baptist male and female colleges. Wake Forest has become one of the greatest powers in North Carolina, not only in the educational and religious life, but in the political, scientific and social life. Each year this great institution grows stronger and its Christian influences more strengthened upon the Commonwealth. Especially the young men who are there preparing for the ministry should be liberally aided by all Baptists.

The female colleges are more largely attended than ever before. The Baptist University for Women has surpassed the expectations of its founders, and the Chowan Baptist Female Institute at Murfreesboro and the Female Seminary at Oxford are the pride of North Carolina Baptists. They should have the patronage of the denomination.

Your committee again recommends the establishment of a Baptist denomi-

national preparatory school in the bounds of the Johnston County Baptist Association as early as practicable.

J. P. CANADAY,  
For the Committee.

Upon motion to adopt, the report was discussed by Brethren Canaday and Blanchard. After pledges were taken the report was adopted.

The following resolution, offered by Bro. Blanchard who stated that it was suggested by Bro. M. C. Winston, was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, a good house of worship is necessarily essential to the proper development of any church, and it is so often a long and tedious struggle for our weak mission churches to build suitable houses for themselves and maintain public worship; and,

Whereas, without some organized plan for raising the funds it has been a difficult task for the missionary on the field to prosecute his evangelistic duties and at the same time raise building funds; be it,

Resolved, That we hereby recommend the formation of a church building association within our territory, whose executive committee shall be the Executive Committee of the Association, and whose members shall be those persons or churches who shall agree to forward to the call of the Executive Committee the sum of one dollar each at any and all times when in the judgment of said committee such help is needed in the continuation of or to finish church houses in destitute places on our territory.

Upon motion, the Clerk was instructed to have one thousand copies of the Minutes printed and distributed as per the amounts sent up for this purpose by the several churches, and that he be allowed ten dollars for his services.

The Association then adjourned till 7 o'clock. Benediction by Bro. Townsend.

#### SATURDAY—NIGHT SESSION.

Session opened with prayer by Bro. H. L. Hall.

Bro. B. Townsend preached from text, Hebrews 2:3. Subject: "A Great Salvation."

The report of the Finance Committee was read and accepted.

Fearing that there was not a sufficient amount sent up for Minutes and Clerk a collection of \$3.26 was taken to supplement this fund.

Upon motion of Bro. C. W. Blanchard, the Treasurer's report was referred to the Executive Committee, with the request that they go over the Treasurer's books with him and that they have report printed in the Minutes.

Upon motion, the Constitution was amended by adding the word

"Auditor" after the word "Treasurer" in line 2, section 10, and further amended same section by defining his duty.

A committee, consisting of Brethren C. W. Blanchard, J. W. Suttle and D. F. Putnam was appointed to nominate an Auditor and report his name to the Association immediately. The Committee retired and soon reported the name of Bro. J. D. Underwood, who was unanimously elected.

Upon motion of Bro. Blanchard, a resolution of thanks to the Benson Baptist church and the people of the entire town and community for their generous hospitality and splendid entertainment of the Association, was unanimously adopted.

The following announcement was made:

Sunday School Mass Meeting to morrow morning at ten o'clock led by Bro. R. H. Gower.

Sermon at eleven o'clock by Bro. C. W. Blanchard.

The business of the session ended, motion to adjourn was passed.

The congregation then joined in singing "Blest be the Tie that Binds," and the benediction was pronounced by Bro. J. W. Suttle.

#### SUNDAY MORNING.

The Sunday School Mass Meeting was opened with prayer by Bro. N. H. Gibbs. The meeting was conducted by the Moderator, Bro. R. H. Gower, who made a short talk on Sunday School work. He was followed by Brethren M. H. Jones, J. W. Suttle and J. P. Canaday, who made short talks on the different phases of the Sunday School work.

At eleven o'clock Bro. C. W. Blanchard preached a very able sermon, using as a subject, "Daniel, the Hero of Babylon." There was an overflow meeting and Bro. D. F. Putnam preached to a good congregation at the Methodist church. A collection of \$10.19 was taken for State Missions.

## Woman's Missionary Union.

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Johnston County Baptist Association met in the Methodist church at Benson, Friday afternoon, November 11, 1905, and was presided over by the Vice-President, Mrs. Ashley Horne.

Upon invitation Pastor C. W. Blanchard met with us, read the 54th Psalm and made a talk on Woman's Work.

The reports from the different Societies were read. These reports show that the following amounts were contributed during the year:

Clayton W. M. Society—Home Missions, \$43.38; State Missions, \$61.87; Foreign Missions, \$35.55; Box to Missionary, \$80.

Clayton Y. L. M. Society—State Missions, \$10; Foreign Missions, \$5.50.

Clayton Junior Union—State Missions, \$25.

Smithfield W. M. Society—Home Missions, \$12.50; State Missions, \$15; Foreign Missions, \$12.50.

Smithfield Sunbeams—Foreign Missions, \$8.

Mount Moriah W. M. Society—Home Missions, \$1.50; State Missions, \$5; Foreign Missions, \$2.70.

Benson W. M. Society—Home Missions, \$2.30; State Missions, \$4; Foreign Missions, \$2.35.

Clyde's Chapel W. M. Society—\$5.32 for all three objects.

Lee's Chapel W. M. Society—\$10 for all three objects.

Total amount contributed, \$381.52.

A Sunbeam Society was organized at Wilson's Mills just before the meeting of the Association.

The Union was organized two years ago with three societies—Clayton, Smithfield and Selma. Last year four others were added to our list, and this year we had reports from twelve societies.

Most all the societies took higher aims for the coming year and the outlook is very hopeful.

MRS. W. M. PETTWAY,  
Secretary.

## REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We have received and turned over to the clerk, T. J. Lassiter, the following amounts.

CHURCHES.	Minutes and Clerk	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Orphanage.	Ministerial Education.	Aged Ministers' Relief.	Totals.
Antioch	60	15 00	1 50	1 50	2 50	1 50	2 00	24 60
Baptist Centre	2 00	22 00	3 00	2 50	13 08	1 00	1 50	45 08
Benson	3 00	26 00	3 20	15 65	.....	5 00	3 00	57 85
Bethany	1 00	6 10	2 00	1 25	2 90	1 25	1 50	16 00
Bethesda	2 00	.....	5 00	6 00	15 00	2 00	3 00	33 00
Bethel	50	2 00	1 00	3 50	1 50	1 00	1 00	7 50
Blackman's Grove	1 00	10 00	2 00	3 75	4 50	1 00	1 00	23 25
Carter's Chapel	1 00	6 00	1 50	1 25	2 00	1 00	2 00	14 75
Clayton	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00
Clyde's Chapel	1 50	4 54	59	1 30	.....	2 00	2 00	11 93
Corinth	1 00	1 60	1 83	3 00	1 78	1 00	2 00	12 21
Four Oaks	1 00	11 00	3 00	2 50	2 00	1 25	1 25	22 00
Hood's Grove	70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	70
Live Oak	1 00	4 50	1 00	1 00	4 12	1 00	2 00	14 62
Micro	40	.....	50	50	2 54	50	1 00	5 44
Mount Moriah	1 00	30 01	3 61	40 20	20 00	5 00	4 00	103 82
Nobles' Chapel	1 00	13 67	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	24 67
New Bethel	1 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 10
Oliver's Grove	50	2 50	.....	1 00	50	.....	50	5 00
Parrish Memorial	1 00	7 37	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	14 37
Pauline	55	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	55
Pine Level	1 30	.....	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	6 30
Pisgah	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40
Princeton	1 00	8 47	2 00	5 00	2 00	2 00	2 50	22 97
Sardis	50	5 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	10 50
Selma	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00
Shiloh	1 00	11 76	2 00	3 00	2 05	2 00	.....	26 81
Smithfield	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00
Thanksgiving	42	4 00	.....	.....	1 75	.....	.....	6 17
Trinity	1 00	7 50	2 50	3 25	3 00	1 00	1 00	19 25
White Oak	2 00	11 45	3 00	1 00	80	1 50	2 00	21 75
Wilson's Mills	1 00	.....	3 00	5 00	6 00	3 00	4 00	22 00
I. D. Manning	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	5 00
General Collection	.....	.....	.....	.....	13 77	.....	.....	13 77
Totals	43 47	210 47	49 23	104 15	116 79	39 00	43 25	606 36

J. L. HALL,  
For the Committee.

## CHURCH PLEDGES FOR 1906.

CHURCHES.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Orphanage.	Ministerial Education.	Ministerial Relief.	Totals.
Antioch	\$15 00	\$ 1 50	\$ 1 50	\$ 2 50	\$ 1 50	\$ 2 00	\$ 24 00
Baptist Centre	22 00	3 00	2 00	10 00	2 00	2 00	41 00
Benson	70 00	10 00	15 00	20 00	5 00	4 00	124 00
Bethany	6 50	2 50	2 00	3 00	1 25	1 25	16 50
Bethesda	25 00	3 00	2 00	15 00	2 00	3 00	52 00
Bethel	4 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	10 00
Blackman's Grove	15 00	3 00	5 50	6 00	2 75	2 00	34 25
Carter's Chapel	12 00	2 00	1 50	5 00	1 00	2 00	23 50
Clayton	175 00	40 00	125 00	120 00	25 00	12 50	497 50
Clydes Chapel	7 00	3 00	3 50	5 00	2 00	2 00	22 50
Corinth	7 50	2 50	3 50	5 00	1 00	2 00	21 50
Calvary	3 00	1 50	1 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	9 50
Four Oaks	10 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	1 50	2 50	23 00
Hood's Grove	10 00	2 00	3 00	2 00	2 00	1 50	20 50
Lee's Chapel	35 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	1 50	3 00	54 50
Live Oak	4 00	1 00	1 00	3 00	1 00	2 00	12 00
Micro	5 00	50	1 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	10 50
Mount Moriah	50 00	15 00	50 00	25 00	5 00	5 00	150 00
Nobles' Chapel	17 00	2 50	2 00	4 00	2 00	2 00	29 50
New Bethel	15 00	3 00	2 00	3 00	2 00	1 00	26 00
Oliver's Grove	6 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	50	50	10 00
Parrish Memorial	15 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	2 00	22 00
Pauline	2 00	1 50	1 50	1 50	50	1 00	8 00
Pine Level	6 00	1 25	1 50	2 00	1 25	1 50	13 50
Pisgah	12 50	1 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	1 25	19 75
Princeton	17 00	4 00	5 00	4 00	2 00	2 50	34 50
Sardis	5 00	1 00	1 00	1 50	1 00	1 00	10 50
Selma	125 00	10 00	30 00	30 00	11 50	10 00	216 50
Shiloh	25 00	3 25	3 00	12 00	2 00	2 50	47 75
Smithfield	200 00	37 50	50 00	40 00	12 00	16 00	355 50
Thanksgiving	15 00	2 00	5 00	4 00	1 00	2 00	29 00
Trinity	8 00	4 00	3 50	3 00	1 00	1 00	20 50
White Oak	15 00	4 00	2 50	5 00	1 50	2 00	30 00
Wilson's Mills	15 00	5 00	5 00	10 00	3 00	4 00	42 00
Totals	974 50	183 50	342 50	360 50	100 75	100 00	2061 75

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS AND P. O.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Total.	Average Attendance.	Schools.	Volumes in Library.	Quarterly's and papers taken.	Months kept open.	Baptisms from S. S.	Expenses.
Antioch.	W. H. Maden, Archer, r. f. d. 1	7	150	157	73	1		120	12	11	\$ 16 00
Baptist Centre.	J. C. Hardee, Clayton, r. f. d. 1	5	50	55	25	1		60	12	7	6 00
Benson	J. E. Wall, Benson	9	162	171	140	2	100	175	12	12	50 00
Bethany	Kirkman Creech, Kenly, r. f. d. 2	6	45	51	25	1		45	6	5	5 15
Bethesda	J. J. Wallace, Wilson's Mills	7	55	62	40	1	40	50	12	2	8 00
Bethel											
Blackman's Grove	F. P. Wood, Four Oaks, r. f. d. 2	5	40	45	30	1		42	12	4	1 71
Carter's Chapel	J. I. Blackman, Micro.	6	62	68	40	1			12	6	5 53
Clayton.	R. H. Gower, Clayton.	20	235	255	145	1	176	388	12	14	63 87
Clyde's Chapel	Luther Bunch, Clayton, r. f. d. 2	12	140	152	80	2	100	100	12	15	9 44
Corinth.	J. A. Estridge, Archer, r. f. d. 1	5	68	73	35	1		40	9	7	4 00
Calvary.											
Four Oaks	O. D. Stanley, Four Oaks	6	50	56	30	1		50	12		14 19
Hood's Grove.											
Lee's Chapel	W. I. Green, Selma, r. f. d. 3	9	128	137	75	2		144	12	18	9 12
Live Oak											
Micro.	David Pace, Micro.	5	80	85	40	1		65	12		6 00
Mount Moriah.	J. F. Pool, Clayton	11	125	136	70	1	350	131	12	5	32 73
Nobles' Chapel	J. R. Todd, Taylor.	5	70	75	48	1		40	12	1	
New Bethel	D. T. Bryan, Garner.	5	45	50		1	100	50	12		5 00
Oliver's Grove.											
Parrish Memorial	J. F. Watson, Pine Level.	6	36	36	20	1		72	6	8	2 50
Pauline.											
Pine Level	W. M. Eason, Selma, r. f. d. 4	7	46	53	40	1		50	12	7	5 00
Pisgah.	R. H. Higgins, Smithfield, r. f. d. 1	5	30	35	20	1		38	12	2	5 38
Princeton	Charlie Holt, Princeton	5	85	90	50	1		96	9	13	36 00
Sardis.											
Selma.	C. W. Richardson, Selma	10	268	278	125	1		350	12	1	120 00
Shiloh	D. H. Holland, Garner, r. f. d.	8	60	68	30	1		25	12		6 00
Smithfield	J. M. Beatty, Smithfield.	17	225	242	160	2	200	350	12	21	71 77
Thanksgiving.											
Trinity.											
White Oak.	V. R. Turley, Clayton, r. f. d. 2	8	78	86	50	1		85	12	15	9 13
Wilson's Mills.	J. T. Holt, Wilson's Mills.	7	41	48	36	1		61	12		6 00
Totals		196	2368	2564	1427	29	1066	2 627		174	469 52

CONTRIBUTIONS BY CHURCHES, SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND SOCIETIES.

CHURCHES.	Number of Members.	Pastors Salary.	Building and re-pairing.	Inci-dentials.	The Poor.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Sunday School Missions.	Orphan-age.	Ministe-rial Edu-cation.	Aged Ministers Relief.	Other Objects.	Minutes and Clerk.	Total.
Antioch.	167	\$ 137 15	\$ . . . .	\$ . . . .	\$ 8 82	\$15 00	\$ 1 50	\$ 1 50	\$ . . . .	\$ 3 46	\$ 1 50	\$ 2 00	\$16 00	\$ 60	\$ 186 83
Baptist Centre	78	100 00	80			22 00	3 00	2 50		13 08	1 00	1 50	6 00	2 00	151 88
Benson	149	250 00	23 00	20 00		66 00	7 50	18 00		16 00	5 00	3 00	71 26	3 00	478 76
Bethany	74	30 00				6 00	2 00	1 25		2 90	1 25	1 50	5 15	1 00	51 15
Bethesda	169	150 00		2 00		25 00	5 00	6 00		15 00	2 00	3 00	18 00	2 00	228 00
Bethel	14	12 00				2 00	1 00	50		1 00	1 00	1 00		50	19 00
Blackman's Grove	60	89 76		45		25 00	3 00	5 50		6 00	2 75	2 00	17 71	1 00	153 12
Carter's Chapel	69	32 50	75 00			11 35	1 50	1 25		2 00	1 00	2 00	5 33	1 00	134 13
Clayton.	268	500 00	318 26	47 03		183 13	134 45	125 00		128 38	30 90	12 50	58 50	5 00	1607 02
Clyde's Chapel.	152	75 00	40 00			6 00	2 50	3 00		4 00	2 00	2 00	9 69	1 50	145 79
Corinth	95	39 68	75 00			7 50	2 50	3 00		4 00	1 00	2 00	4 00	1 00	139 68
Calvary.	38														
Four Oaks	31	33 75		4 10		11 00	3 00	2 30		7 00	1 25	1 25	14 19	1 00	79 04
Hood's Grove	32	41 75	100 00			7 00	1 25	2 00		1 00	2 00	1 50		70	158 20
Lee's Chapel.	298	125 00	85 00			30 00	5 00	3 00		4 33	1 50	3 00	9 12	1 10	266 72
Live Oak	34	20 30		3 00		4 50	1 00	1 00		4 12	1 00	2 00	3 85	1 00	41 71
Micro	9	11 65	122 66			2 00	50	50		2 54	50	1 00	6 00	90	148 25
Mount Moriah.	153	130 20	1 20	40 41		50 00	12 00	100 00	5 00	20 00	5 00	4 00	32 73	1 00	401 54
Nobles' Chapel	78	33 75	50 00			20 00	2 00	2 00		2 00	2 00	2 00		1 00	
New Bethel.	82	100 00	75 00	5 00		20 00	3 00	5 00		12 00	5 50	5 00	5 00	1 10	236 60
Oliver's Grove	17					2 50		1 00		50		50	50	50	5 50
Parrish Memorial.	50	25 00	200 00			12 50	1 00	1 00		1 00	1 00	2 00	2 50	1 00	245 50
Pauline	35	18 65				1 50	1 00	1 00		1 00	50	1 00		55	25 20
Pine Level	38			5 80		5 00	1 00	1 00		1 00	1 00	1 00	15 47	1 30	33 57
Pisgah.	52	60 00	13 50			12 50	1 00	1 50		2 00	1 00	1 25	5 88	40	98 03
Princeton	91	21 75	100 00	5 00		15 00	2 00	5 00		2 00	2 00	2 50	36 00	1 00	192 25
Sardis.	15	17 00				5 00	1 00	1 00		1 00	1 00	1 00	50	50	28 00
Selma.	116	500 00		50 00	50 00	125 00	7 50	32 80		30 00	10 00	10 00	120 00	3 00	938 30
Shiloh.	59	125 00		5 00		20 41	2 00	3 00		10 00	2 00	2 00	6 00	1 00	177 41
Smithfield.	147	350 00	300 00	60 00	50 00	196 50	25 00	68 50	6 50	32 74	10 00	15 00	196 77	5 00	1291 74
Thanksgiving	52	3 00				4 00				1 75				42	9 17
Trinity	35	30 00				7 50	2 50	3 25		3 00	1 00	1 00		1 00	49 25
White Oak.	119	76 00				22 78	3 00	1 00	2 43	5 00	1 50	2 00	9 13	2 00	124 84
Wilson's Mills	49	100 00		5 00		10 00	3 00	5 00	1 00	6 00	3 00	4 00	49 50	1 00	187 50
Totals	2925	3238 89	1478 42	232 79	108 82	953 27	243 70	408 55	14 93	345 80	102 15	95 50	718 75	45 07	7985 64

## CONTRIBUTIONS FROM SUNDAY-SCHOOLS AND SOCIETIES, 1905.

(Included in table of contributions.)

SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND SOCIETIES.	Building and Repairs	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions	Orphanage.	Ministerial Education.	Aged Ministers Relief.	Total.
Antioch S. School					96			96
Baptist Centre S. S.	2 00							2 00
Benson S. S.	5 00							5 00
Benson Y. L. M. S.	4 00	2 30	2 35					8 65
Benson Sunbeams			3 00					3 00
Clayton L. A. S.	186 25							186 25
Clayton Junior Union	9 91	5 00	25 00					39 91
Clayton W. M. S.		61 87	123 38	36 55	4 40	2 48		228 68
Clayton S. S.	10 00				67 38			77 38
Clayton Y. L. M. S.	10 00		5 40					15 40
Clayton Baracca Class	10 00							10 00
Clayton Philathea Class	10 00							10 00
Clyde's Chapel	1 46	1 91	1 70	4 00				9 07
Carter's Chapel				1 00				1 00
Four Oaks	1 00			5 00				6 00
Lee's Chapel	2 60	1 71	1 38	4 33				10 02
Selma W. M. S.	15 85	4 80	3 45	1 45	1 80			27 35
Selma S. S. Classes	20 00							20 00
Selma B. Y. P. U.	5 00		2 80					7 80
Smithfield W. M. S.	15 00	12 50	12 50					40 00
Smithfield S. S.	14 24	6 60	5 97	4 30	2 60			33 71
Smithfield B. Y. P. U.	5 00							5 00
Smithfield Sunbeams			8 00					8 00
White Oak Sunday School	5 00							5 00
Totals	196 16	198 02	153 20	108 10	86 97	8 45	4 28	760 18

## DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS.

CHURCHES.	Baptisms 1904.	Baptisms 1905.	Pledged.		Contributed.	Above Pledge.	Below Pledge.	Loss or gain in Membership.		Pledged above or below 1905.	
			1905	1906				Gain.	Loss.	Above.	Below.
Antioch	18	13	\$ 24 00	\$ 24 00	\$ 24 00	\$ . . .	\$ . . .	10		\$ . . .	\$ . . .
Baptist Centre	15	15	33 00	41 00	41 58	8 58		11		8 00	
Benson	9	14	103 00	124 00	114 50	11 50		17		21 00	
Bethany	3	9	14 00	16 50	15 00	1 00		8		2 50	
Bethesda	2	8	56 00	52 00	56 00			4			4 00
Bethel	1	7	6 50	10 00	6 50					3 50	
Blackman's Grve	7	5	34 25	34 25	34 25			5			
Carter's Chapel	8	6	17 75	23 50	19 10	1 35		9		5 75	
Clayton	6	24	412 50	497 50	614 36	101 86		9		85 00	
Clyde's Chapel	15	16	19 00	22 50	19 50			27		3 50	
Corinth	10	10	19 00	21 50	20 00	1 00		8		2 50	
Calvary *		7		9 50				6		9 50	
Four Oaks		2	20 00	23 00	25 00	5 00		5		3 00	
Hood's Grove	4	7	14 75	10 50	14 75			6		5 75	
Lee's Chapel	22	26	44 50	54 50	44 50			30		10 00	
Live Oak		6	11 00	12 00	13 62	2 62		6		1 00	
Micro	2	6	5 50	10 50	7 04	1 54			2	5 00	
Mount Moriah			191 00	150 00	196 00	5 00			2		41 00
Noble's Chapel	5	1	30 00	29 50	30 00			7			50
New Bethel	5	3	24 75	26 00	50 50	25 75		3		1 25	
Oliver's Grove	1		10 00	10 00	4 50		5 50		1		
Parrish Memorial	1	18	18 50	22 00	18 50			13		3 50	
Pauline		10	5 50	8 00	6 00	50		15		2 50	
Pine Level	2	11	10 00	13 50	10 00			14		3 50	
Pisgah		3	19 25	19 75	19 25			4		50	
Princeton	2	18	28 50	34 50	28 50			22		6 00	
Sardis	6		10 00	10 50	10 50					50	
Selma	5	2	187 50	216 50	215 30	27 80		1		29 00	
Shiloh	2	2	44 50	47 75	39 41		5 09		2	3 25	
Smithfield	12	23	217 50	355 50	347 74	128 24		32		138 00	
Thanksgiving	16		28 00	29 00	5 75		22 25			1 00	
Trinity		7	17 75	20 50	18 25	50		8		2 75	
White Oak	14	21	27 50	30 00	35 28	7 78		27		2 50	
Wilson's Mills	1	1	31 00	42 00	32 00	1 00		6		11 00	
Totals	179	296	1736 00	5061 75	2027 18	431 02	32 84	308		7 371 25	45 50

\* Received at this session.

NOTE.—Other Pledges for State Missions 1904-'05, \$100.50. Other Pledges for State Missions 1905-'06, \$417. Three churches fell below their Pledges in contributions \$32.84. Thirteen churches contributed just what they pledged. Seventeen churches exceeded their Pledges in contributions \$431.02. Three churches pledged \$45.30 less than a year ago. Twenty-eight churches pledged \$371.25 more than a year ago. Four churches report a loss in membership of seven. Twenty-seven churches report a gain of 308 members. Twenty-nine churches report 296 baptisms last year. Twenty-six churches reported 179 baptisms.

T. J. LASSITER, for Committee.

# CONSTITUTION

## OF THE

### JOHNSTON COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

1. The Association shall be known as the Johnston County Baptist Association.

2. Its object shall be to extend the privileges of the Gospel and liberal culture to all the people within its bounds, and by hearty co-operation with the Baptist State Convention to help offer these privileges to all mankind in and out of its bounds, by the cordial co-operation of all the churches constituting this body.

3. It shall be composed of the pastors in active service in the Association and such delegates as shall be annually elected by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates, unless the membership shall exceed fifty, and then an additional delegate for every twenty-five members, provided no church shall have more than eight delegates.

4. The New Hampshire Declaration of Faith shall be the summary of Divine Truth for determining questions of faith and order in this body, and the churches desiring membership in it must commit themselves to the substance of it, together with the covenant therewith submitted, and this Constitution.

5. This Association shall not have power to annul the discipline or exercise authority over any church connected with it, but it may advise with and sever its connection with any church that neglects to preserve Gospel order, or that treats with contempt the objects or advice of the Association.

6. Each church shall send to the annual meetings of the Association a letter (the blanks to be furnished by the clerk of the Association), carefully filled as per blank suggestions, stating the full work of the church for the year ending with the close of the month previous to the one in which the Association is held.

7. The Association shall foster State Missions, Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Christian Education, the Aged Ministers' Relief Board, the Thomasville Orphanage and the Sunday School Board, and each church shall be requested to contribute to the support of these objects annually.

8. Missions and education shall have precedence in their claims upon the consideration of this body in its regular sessions.

9. Whenever a church shall fail to be represented by delegates or letter at the annual sessions of the Association inquiry shall be made for the cause and efforts shall be made to induce such church to do its duty, and the effort shall be continued till the church is recovered or dropped from the roll.

10. The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, a Vice-Moderator, a Clerk, a Treasurer and an Auditor, elected annually by ballot from among its members, to serve until their successors shall have been elected, and to perform the duties usual to such officers, namely, the Moderator, in presiding over the meetings, or the Vice-Moderator in his absence; the Clerk in recording and preserving minutes and other papers belonging to the body; the Treasurer in receiving and disbursing funds belonging to or entrusted to the body according to its will; the Auditor to examine the Treasurer's books at each meeting of the Association and report the same before adjournment.

11. The Association shall appoint annually an Executive Committee of five (5) from its members, who shall be entrusted with the prosecution of Missions in the Association and any other work for the interest of the Master's Kingdom which may be referred to them. This committee shall, as far as possible, co-operate with the State Mission Board in supplying the destitution in our territory, and between the meetings of the Association

take such actions as may seem to them advisable for the advancement of its interest. The committee shall present to the Association at its annual meeting a report of its proceedings, with the names of the missionaries supported on the field, time of service and details of their work, together with such recommendations as in the judgment of the committee the Association should follow in planning its subsequent work.

12. The annual sessions of the Association shall begin on Thursday after the first Lord's Day in November at such place as may be chosen, and an introductory sermon shall be delivered on the first day of the session. Representatives from a majority of the churches constituting the Association shall be a quorum.

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

14. Provision shall be made at each annual Association for a session of the Woman's Central Committee, and all other necessary encouragement offered for the enlargement of the organized work of the Woman's Missionary Societies in the local churches. The proceedings of the Woman's Central Committee shall be recorded as a part of the Minutes of the Association.

### BY-LAWS.

1. The daily sessions of the Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. Delegates shall be recognized by letters from their churches designating them as such.

3. The Moderator shall recognize corresponding messengers or the delegates of newly-received churches by extending to them his right hand.

4. The report of the Executive Board and the Missionary Work of the Association shall take precedence of all other business during the morning session of the second day of the annual session.

5. The Clerk shall record and read the proceedings when called for, superintend the publication and distribution of the Minutes, preserve a file of them, and have it present at each annual session, and deliver to his successor all papers belonging to the body.

6. Members desiring to speak shall first rise and address the Moderator; shall use the term "brother" in speaking to each other; shall not speak on the same subject more than twice without permission, and shall observe the courtesy that becomes Christians.

7. Members shall not absent themselves from the session without permission.

8. The roll of members shall be called at least once and absentees marked.

9. Corresponding messengers and visiting brethren shall be invited to seats, with privilege of speaking, but not of voting.

10. A copy of the Minutes shall be sent to the Secretary of the State Mission Board, the Secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention, the American Baptist Publication Society, 1420 Chestnut street, Philadelphia; the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and the Thomasville Orphanage.

11. All questions of order not herein provided shall be decided by Kerfoot's Parliamentary Law.



