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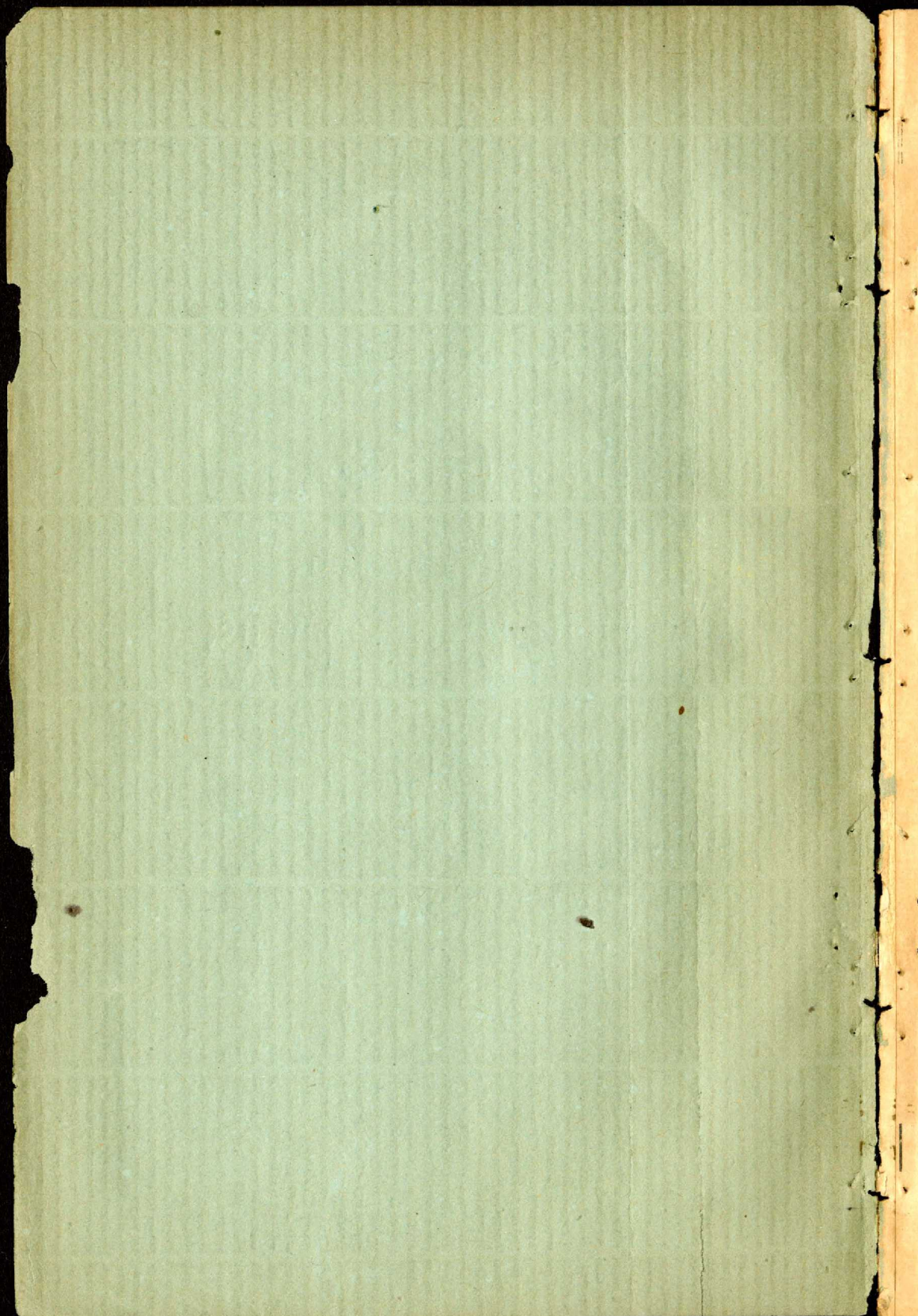
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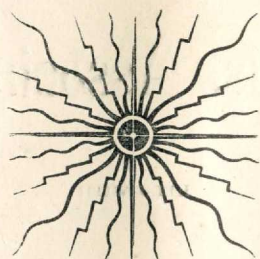
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# Proceedings.

## OLIVET BAPTIST CHURCH,

CHARLOTTE, N. C., OCT. 12, 1893.

THE MECKLENBURG AND CABARRUS BAPTIST ASSOCIATION met in its Eight Annual Session, and was opened with devotional exercises conducted by Rev. O. L. Stringfield. In the absence of the Moderator, Bro. S. P. Smith, the Association was called to order by Rev. Dr. T. H. Pritchard, who preached from 1st John 2: 1-2.

Letters were read from the Churches, and the following delegates enrolled:

ARLINGTON—E. H. Hinson, W. M. Connell.

TRYON STREET—W. C. Dowd, Dr. C. G. McManaway, I. W. Durham.

CLEAR CREEK—R. H. McManus.

COLD WATER—W. J. Brafford, J. E. Fisher.

CONCORD—J. D. McLester, H. T. Johnson.

CHANEY'S HILL—G. H. Garmon.

HOPEWELL—G. M. Winecoff.

HOWELLS—J. R. McCurdy, D. W. Bost.

INDEPENDENCE HILL—A. N. Hinson, J. L. Cashion, C. S. Davis.

MATTHEWS—M. H. Lindsay, J. W. Abernethy.

OLIVET—C. Gresham, J. K. Purefoy, L. H. Whitty.

PROSPECT—W. A. Marks.

WILSON'S GROVE—E. S. Rushing, S. S. Pigg.

OAK GROVE—R. E. Deeds, W. T. Smith.

LONG CREEK—J. W. Spurry.

The following officers were elected: C. Gresham, Moderator; I. W. Durham, Clerk; A. N. Hinson, Treasurer.

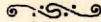
The chair appointed the following Committees:

On Application,—Rev. T. H. Prichard, Rev. D. M. Austin, Rev. H. T.

Johnson,



Order of Business.—J. K. Purefoy, C. G. McManaway, Rev. A. W. Crabtree:  
 Finance.—J. R. McCurdy, Eli Hinson, M. H. Lindsay.  
 Requests and Queries.—A. N. Hinson, D. M. Austin, C. S. Davis.  
 Obituaries.—Revs. T. H. Prichard, W. M. Johnson, A. W. Crabtree.  
 On motion adjourned until 3 p.m.



### FIRST DAY—Afternoon Session.

After praise service called to order by Moderator Gresham. Committee on Order of Business reported as follows:

To-night—Baptist Female Seminary, Rev. O. L. Stringfield.  
 Friday, 10 a.m.—Foreign Missions, Rev. T. H. Pritchard.  
 Friday, 11 a.m.—Orphanage, E. J. Edwards.  
 Friday, 3 p.m.—Periodicals, J. L. Cashion.  
 Friday, 7-30 p.m.—State Missions, Rev. D. M. Austin.  
 Saturday, 10 a.m.—Home Missions, Rev. A. W. Crabtree.  
 Saturday, 11 a.m.—Education, C. S. Davis.  
 Saturday, 7-30 p.m.—Ordination of Deacons.

On motion of Dr. T. H. Pritchard, this afternoon was devoted to discussion of Sunday Schools. Discussed by Dr. Pritchard, Rev. O. L. Stringfield, Rev. E. J. Edwards, A. N. Hinson, J. D. McLester, S. S. Pigg, G. H. Garmon, E. H. Hinson, J. E. Fisher, Rev. A. W. Crabtree, W. T. Smith,

On motion adjourned until tomorrow, 10 a.m.



### FIRST DAY—Night Session.

Rev. O. L. Stringfield very ably presented the importance of the Baptists of N. C. establishing a Baptist Female Seminary, which was heard with marked attention.



### SECOND DAY—Morning Session.

After devotional exercises conducted by Rev. D. M. Austin, called to order by Moderator. Minutes read and approved. The chair welcomed visiting brethren, J. C. Cadell, Rev. E. J. Edwards, Rev. W. R. Gwaltney, Rev. M. P. Matheny and Rev. C. Durham.

On motion of Rev. D. M. Austin the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, that this Association heard with interest Rev. O. L. Stringfield in advocacy of the establishment of the Baptist Female University in Raleigh, N. C., and that we heartily commend this enterprise to the favorable consideration of the brethren of this Association.

Long Creek Baptist Church applied for membership in this Association. Referred to committee on application.

Hour for special order having arrived, Dr. Pritchard offered the following

## REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We believe that every christian should labor and pray and give for the success of the cause of missions among the heathen for the following reasons:

First: because the great Commission of our Lord requires it. Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature, is as binding now as when it was first given to the disciples. We must go ourselves, or send a representative to teach the nations the glad-tidings of salvation.

Second: the gospel is the great social, moral and political reformer of the world. The nations of the world which have it in greatest purity are not only the most powerful, the most enlightned, the most intelligent, but also the happiest people on earth.

Third: the success which has attended the work of our missionaries has been so remarkable as to justify all that has been done in behalf of this cause, and stimulate us to yet larger efforts to convert the whole world to obedience to Christ. There are now more than 800,000 members of mission churches and it is estimated that at least three millions of converts have gone home to heaven since the modern missionary enterprise began.

And lastly: as Baptists we are especially brought under obligations to prosecute this enterprise with all our might by reason of the very distinguished part we have been called on to take by the striking providences of God. Carey was a Baptist and Baptist laborers have been more highly blessed of God than those of any other denomination.

COMMITTEE.

Dr. Pritchard followed the report in a very strong address, and it was discussed further by Revs. Gwaltney, Matheney, Crabtree and Austin. Adopted.

Rev. E. J. Edwards made following report on Orphanage:

## REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

The Orphanage undertakes to feed, clothe and educate indigent children. There are now 125 such children at the institution and in need of winter clothing. Resolved, that the churches of this Association take collections and forward for this purpose. Resolved, that the Sunday Schools of this Association be requested to take monthly collections for this object.

COMMITTEE.

A cash collection of \$5.97 was taken for this orphanage. Report adopted.

Committee on application reported favorably on application from Long Creek Church. Report adopted, and said church admitted to the Association.

On motion of Dr. Pritchard, the chair appointed the following committee to report on Ministers' Relief Board: Dr. Pritchard, Rev. J. W. Abernathy, C. S. Davis.

Adjourned until 3 p.m.



## SECOND DAY—Afternoon Session.

Called to order by Moderator. Rev. A. W. Crabtree made report as follows on Periodicals:

## REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Not to read in this age is to be behind the times. The printing press has become the teacher, guide and opinion maker for the public. Its greatest power is in the papers. To know what is taking place in the world, and to have definite ideas concerning these transactions, we must read the papers; and no class of papers is more important than our religious publications. I recommend that our people be again urged to subscribe to, and to diligently read, the *Biblical Recorder*, the *Foreign Mission Journal*, *Charity and Children*, and the *Home Field*. These are all good in aims and purposes to the Baptist denomination. Let all the pastors stir up their people to read them.

COMMITTEE.



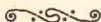
Resolved: That it is the sense of this body that it would be wise for every church in the Association to appoint a special committee whose duty it shall be to make a canvass of the churches in behalf of our religious periodicals, and if possible introduce some good paper into every family,

Discussed by Crabtree, Cadell, Pritchard, Austin, C. Durham and Gwaltney. Adopted.

Rev. Mr. Carpenter, Pastor Church Street Methodist Church, was recognized by the chair, and invited to the privileges of the Association, also Rev. D. W. Thomason and J. F. Morris, from South Fork Association.

Chair appointed following Executive Board: J. A. Durham, J. K. Purefoy, A. N. Hinson and J. R. McCurdy.

Adjourned until 7-30 p.m.



### SECOND DAY—Night Session.

After praise service, conducted by Rev. W. R. Gwaltney, the Association was called to order by Moderator. Rev. D. M. Austin made following report on State Missions.

#### REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

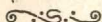
This is the department of our Mission work by which we must give the Gospel to the destitute sections in the bounds of our State. We have at present more than one hundred Missionaries who are wholly or partially supported by the State Mission Board. These are earnest, faithful men, and in many cases are making real sacrifices to do the Master's work. In view of the great importance of this branch of our work to the success of all other Mission work, we earnestly urge that all of our churches contribute liberally to this object, and to pray that the Lord will enable us to establish a Baptist church in reasonable distance of the people of every neighborhood in our entire State.

#### COMMITTEE.

Report was followed by an able and instructive address on the subject from Dr. C. Durham, Corresponding Secretary, strongly urging the importance of this department of our work.

Bro. D. S. Peterson, representing the *North Carolina Baptist* was recognized, and in a short talk presented its claims, its object and its relation to the *Biblical Recorder*.

On motion adjourned.



### THIRD DAY—Morning Session.

After singing, and prayer by Dr. Gwaltney, the Association was called to order by Moderator. Minutes read and approved. Report on State Missions made previous evening was adopted. Drs. Pritchard and Gwaltney told how to raise money for State Missions.

#### REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS BY REV. A. W. CRBTREE.

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is the agency through which Southern Baptists are endeavoring to evangelise the entire South, the Indian Territory, Cuba, and other places. Within this territory there are 368 missionaries laboring under the direction of the Board. Of this number 20 are laboring in Western North Carolina. During the last conventional year, as a result of the labors of these missionaries there were 5,111 baptised. Total added 9,604 in the



home mission field to Baptist churches. Within the same time there were 155 churches constituted and 92 houses of worship built. Since the beginning of missionary operations in Cuba, and especially the last few years, our missionaries have been bitterly opposed by the Roman Catholic church. Notwithstanding the opposition the Baptist faith is gaining favor with the people. Several influential priests have joined the Baptist ranks. Now is a good time to do aggressive work in that priest-ridden country. The institutions, both civil and religious, of our country are threatened by an unprecedented influx of foreign population, and with this the dissemination of corrupt and corrupting idolatry. The salvation of those coming among us, the security of our institutions, and the welfare of our prosperity, demand that we obey the command of our Lord, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

COMMITTEE.

Discussed by Dr. Pritchard, dwelling at length on the duty of the denomination to educate and evangelize the colored people. Adopted.

#### REPORT ON EDUCATION.

In the beginning God created man, and endowed him with a greater understanding than any other creature. He gave him control over the beasts of the field, the fowls of the air, and the animals of the sea. He also gave him a talent to improve; and how shall we improve it to a success unless we are educated? and how shall we ever receive an education unless an effort is put forth for that accomplishment? I would state that during these closing years of this the nineteenth century greater efforts are being put forth to educate the boys and girls of our country than has ever been done before. There are colleges being built all over the States, but Wake Forest College is the one in which we are most interested, and on which we depend for our preachers. It was instituted in 1830 and to-day has about 175 students, and 35 of them are beneficiaries. May God hasten the day when this nation shall be noted for its learned men and women, when it shall no longer be looked upon as ignorant, but shine forth in knowledge as bright as the noon-day sun.

Respectfully submitted,

C. S. DAVIS.

Discussed by Dr. Gwaltney and Rev. D. W. Thomason. Adopted.

On motion adjourn until 3 p.m.



#### THIRD DAY—Afternoon Session.

Called to order by Moderator. Dr. Pritchard submitted the following report on Aged Ministers' Relief Board:

##### REPORT ON AGED MINISTERS' RELIEF BOARD.

It gives your Committee pleasure to know that a Board has been created and located at Durham, N. C., to look after the comfort of our aged and infirm ministers, and we respectfully urge all the churches of this Association to take up a collection at least once a year for the benefit of this worthy class of God's faithful servants. Other denominations are alive to their duty in this regard, and contribute thousands of dollars for the maintenance of their wornout preachers, and we should not be remiss in the discharge of what we ought to regard as a grateful privilege; and the churches are requested to report any such cases in the ministry, who may be members of this

COMMITTEE.

Discussed by Revs. Abernathy, Pritchard, Edwards and Thomason. Adopted. Committee on Time and Place of Next Meeting reported, recommending Arlington Church as the place of next meeting. Adopted.

Chair appointed as delegates to the Baptist State Convention, Rev. D. M. Austin, Dr. T. H. Pritchard, I. W. Durham, Rev. J. O. Alderman, Rev. A. W. Crabtree, J. K. Purefoy, T. J. Renfrow; and by request C. Gresham.

Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention; Dr. T. H. Pritchard. Alternate, C. Gresham.

Rev. J. O. Alderman was appointed to preach introductory sermon at next meeting. Alternate, Dr. Pritchard.

Chair appointed Rev. D. M. Austin to prepare programme for next year's union meetings.

Finance Committee made report, which was adopted.

The Association then discussed Associational Missions. Speakers: Revs. Austin, Gwaltney, Pritchard and Thomason.

Report on Obituaries showed that 18 had died since last meeting. Resolutions of sympathy were extended to the bereaved.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved that this Association return heartfelt thanks for the kind hospitality shown them during this session by the Baptists of Charlotte.

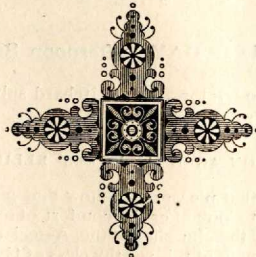
The Moderator expressed his thanks to the Association for uniform kindness shown, and for good order.

Ten dollars was voted to the clerk for services.

On motion of Dr. Pritchard, the Association adjourned until next annual meeting.

I. W. DURHAM, Clerk.

C. GRESHAM, Moderator.





# Financial Table.

## PLEDGES FOR NEXT YEAR.

CHURCHES.	PLEDGES FOR NEXT YEAR.											
	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	State Missions.	Education.	Orphanage.	Minutes.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	State Missions.	Education.	Orphanage.	Aged Ministers.
Arlington	\$ 2 30	\$ 75	\$ 2 67	\$ 1 30	\$ . . .	\$ 2 00	\$ . . .	\$ 2 00	\$ 3 00	\$ 2 00	\$ 50 00	\$ 25 00
Tryon Street	343 19	200 00	75 00	100 00	40 00	3 00	75 00	50 00	75 00	50 00	50 00	
Clear Creek	2 50	. . .	2 50	. . .	. . .	3 00	2 00	3 00	3 00	2 00		
Cold Water	2 50	2 50	5 00	. . .	. . .	1 00	2 00	2 00	4 00	1 00		
Concord	7 77	6 38	6 61	9 08	11 86	1 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00		
Chaney's Hill	1 00	1 00	1 50	. . .	. 41	1 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	1 00		
Hopewell's	1 00	1 00	1 50	. . .	. . .	1 00	1 00	1 50	1 50	. . .		
Howell's	1 00	1 00	1 75	. . .	1 00	50	00	00	00	00		
Ind. Hill	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	4 05	1 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00		
Matthews	5 00	5 00	10 00	5 00	4 47	2 00	. . .	5 00	5 00	. . .		
Olivet	35 00	35 00	150 00	50 00	30 00	2 00	60 00	40 00	150 00	50 00		
Prospect	5 00	5 00	5 00	. . .	. . .	1 00	00	5 00	5 00	. . .		
Wilson's Grove	1 00	1 05	3 00	. . .	. . .	40	5 00	1 00	2 00	1 00		
Oak Grove	. . .	50	1 00	. . .	. . .	1 00	1 00	1 50	2 00	1 00		
Long Creek	1 00	1 00	2 00	. . .	. . .	1 00	1 00	1 00	5 00	5 00		
	\$ 413 26	\$ 265 18	\$ 172 53	\$ 170 38	\$ 91 79	\$ 17 40	\$ 153 00	\$ 124 00	\$ 266 50	\$ 123 00	\$ 50 00	\$ 25 00

E. H. Hinson.

# Statistical Table.

CHURCH.	PASTOR.	CLERK.	POST OFFICE.	Sabbaths Preached	Baptisms.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Males.	Females.	Total Membership.	Pastor's Salary.	Incidental Expenses.	Poor.
Arlington	A. W. Crabtree	J. A. Honeycutt	Arlington, N. C.	13	20	6		3	10	1	90	119	209	\$ 100 00	..	\$ 2 00
Tryon Street	T. H. Pritchard	J. O. Bell	Charlotte, N. C.	52	6	43	1	20	1	5	124	205	329	1800 00	\$ 315 00	64 00
Clear Creek	R. H. James	L. A. Ferguson	Oak, N. C.	13	15			11	4	2	49	5*	107	50 00	3 70	..
Cold Water	A. W. Crabtree	L. A. Talbert	Concord, N. C.	13	11			4	1	1	29	30	59	575 00	109 87	..
Concord	J. O. Alderman	J. M. Callaway	Concord, N. C.	52	8	16		3	2	1	30	62	92	25 00	..	..
Chaney's Hill	J. W. Snider	W. M. Chaney	Garmond, N. C.	13	10	6	1	1	1	7	38	49	85	75 00	3 00	..
Hopewell	A. W. Crabtree	W. A. Honeycutt	Davidson, N. C.	13	9			10	1	1	14	28	42	35 00	..	..
Howells	M. R. Medlin	J. R. McCurdy	Bost's Mills, N. C.	13	5			1	2	1	31	53	84	125 00	13 00	..
Ind. Hill	J. A. Hoyle	J. F. Hawkins	Croft, N. C.	13	1	2		13	1	1	46	72	117	250 00	4 46	..
Matthews	J. B. Richardson	J. J. Renfrow	Matthews, N. C.	52	16	18		13	1	2	37	71	117	1000 00	165 00	100 00
Olivet	D. M. Austin	C. Gresham	Charlotte, N. C.	13	1			4	1	21	54	75	75	50 00	..	..
Prospect	J. F. Hoge	A. E. Lowder	Albemarle, N. C.	13	5	4	2	5	8	4	35	55	90	61 00	2 00	..
Wilson's Grove	A. W. Crabtree	H. M. Watts	Hornet, N. C.	13	5			2	1	9	8	17	40	40 00	5 00	..
Oak Grove	A. W. Crabtree	H. Neal	Arlington, N. C.	13	10	12					10	12	22	51 00	8 00	..
Long Creek	J. F. Morris	J. V. Fisher	Mt. Island, N. C.	13	117	107	4	78	36	18	592	912	1504	\$4237 00	\$ 629 03	\$166 00

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*Louis Hill*  
*High Pt*  
*Charlotte*  
*Stanley Creek*



# Statistical Table--Concluded.

CHURCH.	PASTOR.	CLERK.	POST OFFICE.	Minutes.	Repairs.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Education.	Orphanage.	Other Objects.	Total.
Arlington	A. W. Crabtree	J. A. Honeycut	Arlington, N. C.	\$ 2 00	.. . . .	\$ 2 67	\$ 2 30	\$ 5 75	\$ 1 30	.. . . .	\$ 4 00	\$ 120 02
Tryon Street	T. H. Pritchard	J. O. Bell	Charlotte, N. C.	3 00	\$ 21 50	75 00	343 19	200 00	100 00	\$ 40 00	.. . . .	\$ 5130 19
Clear Creek	R. H. James	L. A. Ferguson	Oak, N. C.	1 00	.. . . .	2 50	2 50	5 90	.. . . .	.. . . .	.. . . .	5 00
Cold Water	A. W. Crabtree	L. A. Talbirt	Concord, N. C.	1 00	.. . . .	5 00	2 50	6 38	.. . . .	.. . . .	.. . . .	68 10
Concord	J. O. Alderman	J. M. Calloway	Concord, N. C.	1 00	.. . . .	6 61	7 77	1 00	9 08	.. . . .	33 72	755 29
Chaney's Hill	J. W. Snider	W. M. Chaney	Garmond, N. C.	1 00	.. . . .	1 50	1 00	1 00	.. . . .	41	.. . . .	29 91
Hopewell	A. W. Crabtree	W. A. Honeycut	Davidson, N. C.	1 00	.. . . .	1 50	1 00	1 00	.. . . .	.. . . .	4 00	86 50
Howell's	M. R. Medlin	J. R. McCurdy	Bost's Mills, N. C.	50	.. . . .	1 75	1 00	1 00	.. . . .	.. . . .	.. . . .	40 25
Ind Hill	J. A. Hoyle	J. F. Hawkins	Prof, N. C.	1 00	.. . . .	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	4 05	.. . . .	163 05
Mathews	J. B. Richardson	T. F. Renfrow	Mathews, N. C.	2 00	278 28	10 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	4 47	.. . . .	504 21
Olivet	D. M. Austin	C. Gresham	Charlotte, N. C.	2 00	300 00	150 00	35 00	35 00	50 00	30 00	.. . . .	1867 00
Prospect	J. F. Hoge	A. E. Lowder	Albanarie, N. C.	1 00	.. . . .	5 00	5 00	5 00	.. . . .	.. . . .	.. . . .	66 00
Wilson's Grove	A. W. Crabtree	H. M. Watts	Hornet, N. C.	40	125 00	3 00	1 00	4 35	.. . . .	.. . . .	3 00	74 75
Oak Grove	A. W. Crabtree	H. Neal	Arlington, N. C.	50	.. . . .	1 00	.. . . .	50	.. . . .	.. . . .	.. . . .	172 00
Long Creek	J. F. Morris	J. V. Fisher	Mt. Island, N. C.	1 00	.. . . .	2 00	1 00	1 00	.. . . .	.. . . .	.. . . .	64 00
				\$ 17 40	\$ 2853 28	\$ 272 53	\$ 413 26	\$ 276 88	\$ 170 38	\$ 85 79	\$ 84 72	\$ 9206 27

# Sunday School Table

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	POST OFFICE.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Expenses	Contributions.	Volumes in Library.	Quartermen and Papers Taken.
Arlington			6	53	\$ 8 50		20	65
Tryon Street	I. W. Durham	Charlotte, N. C.	22	180	80 00	\$ 86 00	150	1460
Clear Creek	R. H. McManus			38		4 00		160
Cold Water	W. T. Talbirt	Concord, N. C.	5	45	5 60		50	40
Concord	A. W. Morgan	Concord, N. C.	11	66	10 00		75	55
Chaney's Hill	C. P. Sosaman	Garmond, N. C.	4	24	1 15			40
Hopewell								
Howell's								
Ind. Hill	A. N. Hinson	Croft, N. C.	7	50	10 13			60
Matthews	T. J. Renfrow	Matthews, N. C.	10	65	20 00	30 00		120
Olivet	C. Gresham	Charlotte, N. C.	12	160	60 00			227
Prospect	T. S. Carter	Palesine, N. C.	6	40	4 09			48
Wilson's Grove	S. S. Pigg	Hornet, N. C.	4	29	1 88	1 01	40	30
Oak Grove								
Long Creek								
			87	750	\$ 201 35	\$ 121 01	335	2275