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CLERK:

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PROCEEDINGS:

Devotional exercises, Song, "Come Thou Fount" &c, Prayer by Rev. C. F. Hopper.

The Eastern Association met in its 49th. Annual Session with the church at Emma's Chapel Thursday, Oct. 4th 1892.

Morning lesson read by Moderator, J. L. Stewart, from John 3.

Introductory Sermon by Rev. J. L. Stewart, Text from Same chapter 3rd. and 5th verses.

Recess.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

According to Adjournment the association met. The 90th. Psalm was read by Moderator. Prayer by Rev. J. D. Newton.

By motion, Brethren B. Matthews, F. M. Southerland, and W. J. Fryar were appointed Financial Committee, and F. A. Fennell, and J. T. Bland, Reading Clerks

Roll of Churches called, Letters read, and the following delegates enrolled:

CHURCHES.

NAMES OF DELEGATES.

Barlow Chapel—Jas. Andrews, R. S. Atkinson.
Bethel—W. J. Fryar.
Beulah—By Letter.
Boykin's Chapel—L. M. Boykin, I. Williamson.
Berea—J. A. Southerland, T. W. Stallings, J. Brock.
Bear Branch—
Bethlehem—By Letter.
Bear Marsh—D. B. Brown.
Burgaw—Rev. R. E. Peele, J. T. Bland, J. W. Bowen.
Brooklyn—P. Rich.
Clinton—Rev. J. L. Stewart.
Concord—B. W. Matthis, Alfred Hall.
Corinth—S. E. Johnson.
Colvin's Creek—By Letter.
Caintuck Chapel—F. P. Flynn.
Caswell—By Letter.
Catherine Lake—J. N. Cannady, John Marshburn.
Dobson's Chapel—J. R. Dobson, Thos. Kilpatrick, John Dobson.
Ebenezer—
Emma's Chapel—A. B. Cox, A. J. Scott, T. F. Barbee.
Faison—
Hallsville—W. Sandlin, D. Burton, H. S. Thomas,
Haw Bluff—By Letter.
Herman—
Island Creek—C. Harrell.

Johnson's—W. H. Middleton.
 Jacksonville—W. P. Kelly, J. H. Foyls.
 Kenansville—By Letter.
 Long Creek—G. A. Herring.
 Lisbon—Willie Herring.
 Maple Hill—
 Mary's Chapel—F. M. Southerland, G. G. Best, A. B. Winders.
 Masonboro—B. S. Mumford.
 Moore's Creek—
 Mt. Gilead—B. Matthews, A. C. Peterson.
 Mt. Olive—Rev. J. D. Newton, Rev. C. F. Hopper.
 Mt. Holly—Isaiah Carroll, J. F. McMillan.
 Magnolia—John Hollingsworth.
 Mt. Zion—
 New Hope—J. A. Pollock.
 Olive Branch—
 Piney Grove—B. Hare, T. J. Wilson.
 Poplar Grove—B. L. Scott.
 Rose Hill—D. N. Page, C. Ketchew.
 Riley's Creek—W. D. Hocutt, S. Blossom.
 Sharon—W. D. Brock, M. T. Horn, J. F. Wallace.
 Salem—D. R. Cannady.
 Shiloh—A. J. Herring, G. A. Garriss.
 Siloam—F. A. Fennell.
 Springvale—Oliver Blackburn, J. M. Marshburn.
 Teachey's—J. D. Teachey, M. M. Murry, F. A. Savage.
 Warsaw—L. R. Carroll, M. T. Murry.
 Well's Chapel—L. R. Highsmith.
 Wilmington—J. R. Marshall.
 Willard—H. Powers

The following committees were appointed, viz:

Ministerial Education—Rev. J. D. Newton, T. W. Stallings, Sidney E. Johnson.
 State Missions—Rev. J. T. Albritton, E. D. Walker, F. P. Flynn.
 Home Missions—Rev. R. E. Peele, John Dobson, A. C. Peterson.
 Foreign Missions—Rev. O. P. Meeks, Jno. Marshburn, G. A. Herring.
 Baptist Orphanage—Rev. M. C. Walton, L. R. Highsmith, C. Harrell.
 Ministerial Relief—Rev. C. F. Hopper, W. Sandling, W. P. Kelly.
 Periodicals—Rev. S. D. Swaim, G. G. Best, Willie Herring.
 Sunday Schools—Rev. W. L. Bilbro, W. H. Middleton, B. L. Scott.
 Temperance—A. T. Herring, D. N. Page, John Hollingsworth.
 Obituaries, to report at next Session—Rev. J. T. Albritton, L. R. Carroll, C. E. Daniel.
 Nominate Executive Committee—Isaiah Carroll, W. B. Hocutt, Blackman Hare.
 Audit Treasurer's Account—W. J. Montford, D. R. Cannady, Hanson Powers.
 Nominate Preachers for Next Session—J. R. Marshall, L. M. Boykin, J. A. Pollock.
 Finance—B. Matthews, F. M. Southerland, W. J. Fryar.
 Committee of Arrangements—Deacons of Church, D. Shaw, S. Cox.

By motion, the letters from Johnson's, Boykin's Chapel, and Mt. Olive were laid on the table. Visiting Brethren were invited to seats.

Bro. J. B. Brewer, of Chowan Baptist Female Institute reported.

Report of committee of arrangements, as follows. Order of Session, Devotional exercises from 9:30 a. m. to 10:00 o'clock. Associational business taken up at 10:00. Adjourning at 12:30 p. m. Assembling at 1:30. Adjourn at pleasure. By motion of Rev. J. T. Albritton, Bro. F. A. Fennell cast the vote of the association for the present officers. Motion by Rev. R. E. Peele, that Bro. J. B. Brewer, be allowed time on to-morrow, in behalf of school.

By motion, the association adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9:30. Song, Doxology. Prayer by Rev. O. P. Meeks. Benediction by Rev. J. T. Albritton.

Wednesday, Oct. 5th. At 9:30.

Devotional exercises, Song "Alas," &c. 19th. Psalm read and Prayer by Rev. B. Ward, Song.

At 10:00 the Association meets, Minutes of yesterday read and approved. The letters from Masonboro, Kenansville and Brooklyn churches read.

Rev. E. J. Edwards representing the Baptist Orphanage reported as a visitor to this body.

Report of Executive Committee was read and pending a motion to adopt, the report of State Missions was read by Rev. J. T. Albritton.

By motion, the report after being discussed by Rev. J. T. Albritton, Bro. J. T. Bland, Rev. R. E. Peele, and Rev. O. P. Meeks, was adopted. The association then gave way for Bro. J. B. Brewer, who addressed the association in the interest of Chowan Baptist Female Institute.

The hour having arrived, the Association dispensed business for the Missionary Sermon by Rev. R. E. Peele.

Song, "Jesus Lover of my soul," &c.

Prayer, by J. T. Albritton,

24th. Psalm read.

Song, "Amazing Grace" &c.

Text, "Come" and "Go,"

Bro. J. T. Jenkins reported as agent for The North Carolina Baptist, and Bro. L. R. Carroll, for The Biblical Recorder.

By appointment, any member of the Association who shall attend the Session of any similar body, will be entitled to be a delegate to the Same. Preaching in the Methodist church, by J. T. Jenkins, at 2:15.

The report, on Obituaries, after being read by Rev. J. T. Albritton was adopted.

The report on Foreign Missions, after being discussed by Rev. O. P. Meeks, was adopted.

Report of committee to Audit Treasurer's account, was read and adopted.

Pending a motion to adopt, the report on the Baptist Orphanage was discussed by Rev. E. J. Edwards, and was then adopted; hat collection for same, \$4.74.

The report of Committee on Stated Sermons was read and adopted.

The report of committee to nominate Executive committee was read and adopted.

The report of committee on Periodicals was read and adopted.

The report of committee on Sunday Schools was read and adopted.

The report of committee on Ministerial Relief, was read and adopted.

The report of committee on Temperance was read and adopted.

The report on Ministerial Education was read and adopted.

By motion the Association adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9:30 a. m.

Song: "Doxology",

Benediction by Rev. M. C. Walton.

THURSDAY OCT. 6th. at 9:30.

Devotional exercises, Song, Prayer by Rev. J. T. Jenkins. The 11th. chapter of Ecclesiastes, read by Rev. J. D. Newton. Prayer by Rev. J. D. Newton. Song. Association meets. Roll called. Minutes of yesterday read and approved. The action of the Association by which a Treasurer was elected was by motion reconsidered; and thereupon, Bro. W. H. Middleton, was elected treasurer of the association.

Report on Centennial was read and adopted.

By motion the Treasurer is authorized to pay to the clerk, all the minute funds, and fifteen dollars for his service, and to Rev. E. J. Edwards, for the Baptist Orphanage, all the money in his hands for the same, and to the treasurer of the Executive committee, the amounts sent up to the association for State or associational missions, and to the Treasurer of

the Baptist State Convention, the amounts sent up for all the general objects.

The report of Finance committee, read and adopted.

By motion by clerk, Rev. J. T. Albritton, Rev. T. H. Pritchard, D. D., and Bro. L. R. Carroll, were appointed a committee to procure, if possible, a copy of each session of this association, since its organization, and turn the same over to the Clerk of the association for future reference. The Association decided to hold its next session with Johnson's Church.

At 10:30 Rev. J. T. Albritton preached in the Methodist church.

During the session of the association, at night, Rev. B. Ward, and Rev. O. P. Meeks, preached to large congregations.

By motion, the association adjourned to meet with Johnson's Church, near Warsaw, on Thursday after the 1st. Sunday in October, 1893. at 10:30 a. m.

RESOLUTIONS AS ADOPTED.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be tendered this church, and the community, for their hospitality in entertaining the Association, and also the Methodists of this village for the use of their House of worship, during this session.

OLIVER BLACKBURN.

Resolved, that the thanks of this body be tendered the officials of the C. F. & Y. V., the Wilmington, Onslow & East Carolina, and the W. W. R. Roads, for their kindness in tendering reduced rates on their respective Roads, to delegates and visitors to this body.

OLIVER BLACKBURN.

REPORTS AS ADOPTED.

HOME MISSIONS.

The board in charge of this work is located at Atlanta, Ga. The territory embraced includes the Southern States the Indian Territory and also the Island of Cuba. The purpose of this board is to supply the destitution within the above named field. The past year has been one of great progress, and the work is perhaps more encouraging than ever before. The great need of the field is men and women.

Your committee would recommend that we pray for laborers and the wherewith to sustain them, this means that we "Go or Send."

Respectfully Submitted,

R. E. Peele,
A. C. Peterson, } Committee.
John Dobson.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

The Education board of Wake Forest College is aiding thirty-nine young men who believe that God has called them to the work of preaching the gospel. This Board is calling for funds, and they should be supplied by the churches of our State, and in part by our Association. Some of our best pastors at home and in foreign lands were aided in securing their education at Wake Forest. Several Brethren will be compelled to leave college for the lack of funds, unless the churches come to the help of the Board. Your committee would recommend very liberal contributions to this department of the Lord's Work.

We would not fail to mention also the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, at Louisville, Ky., an institution which lies very near the hearts of Southern Baptists. Some brethren from N. C. are being aided in prosecuting their theological studies by the Board of the Seminary. Send contributions to Dr. W. H. Whitsitt, Louisville, Ky.

J. D. Newton,
T. W. Stallings, } Committee.
S. E. Johnson.

TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee beg leave to report that in their judgement, the improvements in our church membership should include methods in teaching temperance to our people. The awful evils of intemperance and the fearful waste of money, health and life are appalling. But more than all, the plain teachings of the word of God, that "No drunkard shall inherit the Kingdom of God," should lead to plain, earnest, spiritual instruction and appeal. We believe that in addition to special lessons, Pastor, Superintendant and Teachers in all our Schools should be careful to teach the Christian virtue and important truth of temperance as other truths and virtues are taught, namely day by day, continually, and from every lesson wherever possible. We hold this truth to be self evident, that all Sunday School Officers and Teachers ought to be total abstainant men and women, and that in their class teaching and in the public statements from the platform, subjects of temperance should be frequently and earnestly advocated. The teachings of the Bible, the salvation of our people and the deliverance of our whole land from the curse of intemperance, and from the dominion of the liquor traffic, demand that the next generation be taught to love righteousness and hate this abominable iniquity.

Committee.

CENTENARY OF MISSIONS

Your Committee on the Centenary of Missions would urge upon our Churches to give a special contribution to the Centenary of Mission fund that our Southern Baptist Convention is endeavoring to raise for the ensuing year. We also recommend that the Sunday Schools at their earliest opportunity observe the Children's Day exercise provided by the Maryland Baptist Mission Rooms, and that the children and young people make use of the Chapel Cards provided for the Centennial Chapel Building Fund.

L. R. Carroll,
O. P. Meeks.

BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

This is an institution that appeals to the sympathies of every people in every land, much more ought it and does it appeal to all Christendom.

The Baptist Orphanage, located at Thomasville, is now supporting one hundred and twenty orphans, by the voluntary contributions of the Baptists of our State.

The property belonging to this institution consists of 300 acres of land, 15 buildings—all brick except one. The children are taught not only how to use their minds but their hands also—Head, heart and hand all receive the most careful training from competent Christian teachers. We recommend that all the churches and Sunday schools contribute regularly to this worthy object.

Respectfully submitted,

L. R. Highsmith,
C. Harrell,
M. C. Walton.

NOMINATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee to nominate Executive Committee, recommend the following brethren: D. J. Middleton, L. R. Carroll, L. R. Highsmith, F. A. Fennell, C. E. Daniel, J. T. Bland, B. S. Mumford, D. L. Gore, W. J. Fryar.

Committee.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Your Committee report that they have no statistics in hand to enable them to make such a report as the importance of the work demands. As to the progress of this work as compared with that of last year, we cannot speak with accuracy. Yet we believe that, considering the general depression of our agricultural population, our State Mission work has been prosecuted with undiminished zeal and very gratifying success. We have, perhaps, 100 or more Mission-

aries working under the direction of our State Board of missions. There is, however, a falling off in the contributions of the brethren to this work, and the Board is calling upon us to come to their help with greater alacrity. Let us, brethren, cheer the hearts of our brethren of the Board by promptly and liberally responding to their appeals.

Respectfully submitted,

Jno. T. Albritton,
E. D. Walker,
F. P. Flynn,
Committee.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Desiring to express heartfelt gratitude to the Father of Missions for his continuous blessings upon the time honored agencies employed by our denomination, and their wonderful success since the inauguration of modern missions by Wm. Carey, and, furthermore, believing the evangelization of the World to be the chief work for which Jesus organized his church, we affectionately urge our brethren to give the work of our Foreign Board a larger share in their sympathies, their prayers and their contributions for the new century of effort before us.

O. P. Meeks, }
J. Marshburn, } Committee.
G. A. Herring, }

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.

We have within the bounds of this Association fifty-five churches; forty-nine of these have organized Sunday Schools. About three hundred persons are engaged as teachers, and we have enrolled in the various schools twenty-five hundred scholars.

We believe that the Sunday school cause is in a more healthy condition than ever before, and that our people are becoming more aroused to the importance of the work. But there is yet great destitution among us, and it can be truthfully said, that the fields are white already to the harvest, but the laborers are few.

Committee.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Since the last session of the Association there have been some changes in our work. Bro. Peele, resigned at Brooklyn in Wilmington and was succeeded by Bro. J. T. Jenkins, and the work at that place seems to prosper in his hands.

In response to the call of the Churches constituting the Onslow fields your committee employed Bro. Peele, to take charge of that

work and also authorized him to press the work of State and Associational within our bounds. The salary was fixed at the rates of a thousand dollars a year including the amount raised on the Onslow field. Bro. Peele proposed, in order to further the work and lessen the expense, to hold meetings within and without our bounds as he had opportunity, and to apply the proceeds derived therefrom, barring extra expenses to his salary. As a result of this arrangement, the greater part of his salary has been paid in this way, and his employment has cost us less than we could have had the work done in any other way.

Our other Missionaries, Walton, at Teachey and Kerrs. Bilbro at Chinguapin and Hallsville, Swaim at Burgaw, and Hildreth at Willard and Blacks School house, have all done faithful and efficient work, not only on their respective fields, but have done much outside evangelistic work which has been blessed of the Lord. We are glad to report that the condition of the general work is more hopeful than heretofore. Multitudes have heard the word gladly from our missionaries and good results have followed their labors wherever they have preached. The churches have been quickened and many sons and daughters have been born to Zion.

As the work enlarges, the demand increases. New and unoccupied fields spread out before us, and it becomes all to pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth more laborers into his vineyard, and this will stimulate us to give the wherewith to send them.

In conclusion, we recommend that the churches begin the collection of money for this object immediately after the Association and forward the same as collected to the Treasurer of the Executive Committee to meet the necessities of Missionaries on destitute fields, with little other means of support.

Respectfully,
Committee.

OBITUARIES.

It is the mournful duty of your committee to chronicle the death of two of the ministers of this Association since the session of 1891.

Rev. Oliver M. Matthews, for many years associated with this body, was called away from a life of great affliction to a rest that remains to the people of God, near the close of 1891. We regret that we were laboring under the impression that our brother's decease occurred prior to date of the last session of this body; and that, therefore, we are compelled to write his obituary with very meagre information as to the leading events of his life.

Bro. Matthews was born about A. D. 1829, and was, therefore, about 63 years of age at the time of his death. At about 15 years of age, he was baptized into the fellowship of Mt. Gilead church, Sampson county, by Elder Stephen Senter. The church, at that time worshipped at Red Hill, a short distance from the present place of worship. He entered the gospel ministry in the early part of the war between the States, and from that time to his death, he sought, to the extent of his ability, and by a holy, consistent life, to show

forth the excellency of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. His last days were spent in great affliction, which he bore with commendable patience and resignation. While living in the city of Goldsboro, the summons came to exchange the cross for the crown and he joyfully entered into rest about the 1st of December, 1891.

Death has also removed from our midst, Rev. Wm. M. Kennedy, one of the most useful ministers ever connected with the Eastern Association. Brother Kennedy was born in Duplin county, N. C. August —, 1825. He died June 6th, 1892, in the 67th year of his age, at the home of his son, Dr. William P. Kennedy, of Warsaw, N. C., whose filial devotion lightened the cares and mitigated the sorrows of his reverend father during the closing scenes of his well-spent life. When about 23 years of age, Bro. Kennedy professed faith in Christ and united with the Baptist church now known as Lanefield, but formerly called Johnson's, and at a still earlier date, Nahunga; this church was founded by Elder Francis Oliver, near the close of the last, or the beginning of the present century. The Cape Fear Association held its session of 1811 with this body. Its place of worship was, at that time, near Cooper's Mill, about five miles north of Kenansville, Duplin county. Not long after the baptism of Bro. Kennedy by Rev. Jesse Howell, the Johnson's church issued to him license to preach. The Union (now called Eastern) Association, at its session of 1849, recommended his ordination to the full work of the gospel ministry; and, in pursuance of this recommendation, a presbytery met at Johnson's on Saturday before the first Sunday in November of that year, and ordained brethren W. M. Kennedy, Alfred Guy and Stephen Guy to the full work of the ministry. In 1849, he was appointed as one of the ministers of the association. From this date onward till near the close of his life, he was engaged for the most part in mission work among the weak Christians and destitute sections, in addition to the arduous duties of his many pastorates among the stronger churches of the Association. He consecrated his life and talents to the advancement of the Lord's kingdom in the Eastern Association, serving this body either as missionary, delegate to State and General Conventions, member of the Executive Board, or presiding officer over its deliberations. He filled the pastorate of many of our best and strongest churches, among which are Wells' Chapel, Mt. Olive, Beaufort, Concord, Mt. Holly, Riley's Creek and Island Creek. His first pastorate was, we believe, with the Island Creek brethren. Many of the churches of this body are living witnesses to the fidelity, ability and success that marked his pastoral labors. He enjoyed a few long pastorates, having served Mt. Holly about 30 years, and Riley's Creek about 39 years. The committee regret that they cannot approximate the number he baptized during his ministry. He baptized more than 100 at one time at Riley's Creek, and 112 at another time at Wells' Chapel. Although not 70 years of age at his death, he had out-lived nearly all of his contemporaries. When he first entered the Association in 1848 as a delegate and a young licentiate, he met with ministerial brethren James McDaniel, George Fennell, David Wells, Jesse Rogers, Hiram

Stallings, A. B. Alderman, Geo. W. Hufham, Louis F. Williams, Aaron Jones, Nathan Askew, Wm P. Biddle, M. F. Forey, and Alfred Guy. All these preceded our brother to the heavenly world. Among the layman whom he first met as co-laborers in the association were brethren Laban Carroll, Jno. D. Carroll, Louis Highsmith, Benjamin Oliver, and J. D. Boykin, these too, the last named excepted, who still linger on the shores of time, have crossed over the sea that divides that heavenly land from ours.

Farewell ye departed worthies! All sins forgiven, all tears wiped away, all griefs assuaged, ye have entered into the glorious rest of God's redeemed, having gilded the scenes through which you passed with the mild radiance of the evening glory, and left behind you memorials to stimulate commendable deeds in those who survive you, it is our privilege to contemplate the luminous path you have trod, and pursue the same beaten way to glory and immortality!

Respectfully submitted,
J. T. Albritton for Committee.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

It is a fact to be deplored and at the same time exceedingly hard to remedy, that so few of our people take and read any of our denominational papers. It would be presuming upon the intelligence of this body, composed; for the most part of the representatives of our churches, not to suppose that they are to some extent aware of the great loss to our denomination caused by this vast and palpable neglect. To inform ourselves about the various enterprises and operations of our great denomination is not only a privilege of our people but a positive duty. The almost universal ignorance of the great Baptist brotherhood respecting their own work in both home and foreign lands is appalling. Failure to inform ourselves along these lines means failure to do anything for God and humanity, along these lines. And many of our dear people have concluded that "blissful ignorance" is going to excuse them, but not so. The question might be asked just here, how shall this matter be remedied? and the only true answer comes back, by reading The Recorder, The N. C. Baptist, Foreign Mission Journal, Charity and Children, or some other religious periodicals. We suggest that the best means to this end is for the pastors to lay this matter before their people from their pulpits and by personal contact as well. As to the literature to be used in our Sunday Schools let each School take its choice between the Kind Words Series and the lessons published by The American Baptist Publishing Society.

Respectfully Submitted
S. D. Swaim, }
G. G. Best, } Committee.
Willie Herring. }

REPORT ON MINISTER'S RELIEF SOCIETY.

The Baptist State Convention being unwilling to see any of its

faithful ministers suffer for the necessities of life, appointed a Board now located at Durham, N. C., to receive and disburse funds for the relief of aged and disabled Baptist Ministers of the State. Bro. Melke of Lumberton left property said to be worth \$6,000.00 to this object but it will probably be several years before the Board will realize this money. The Board has on its list—beneficiaries, as these are to be supported by gifts of individuals and churches, we recommend that both do all they can for this object, and also make pledges for this purpose. As it is not the policy of the convention to endorse this Board, we would further recommend that the deacons and pastors constantly keep this object before the churches, and that funds be raised and forwarded at once.

REPORT OF TREASURER AND AUDITING COMMITTEE.

S. M. Carlton, Treasurer of the Eastern Association, in account 1891. To amount received from all sources, - - - \$852.95

CREDITOR	
State Missions, - - -	\$ 25.00
Foreign Missions, - - -	136.11
Home Missions, - - -	71.22
Education, - - -	68.25
Sunday School, - - -	.50
Colportage, - - -	1.25
Ministerial Relief Fund,, - - -	94.00
Baptist Orphanage, - - -	76.82
Associational Missions, - - -	312.50
Minute Fund, - - -	52.30
Clerk of Sessions, - - -	15.00

\$852.90 \$852.95

Respectfully Submitted, S. M. Carlton.

We, the Committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's account, report that we have received the account and compared the vouchers and find the same correct.

W. J. Montfort, }
Hanson Powers, } Committee.
D. R. Canady. }

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Total amount sent up with letters, - - -	\$710.11
Appropriated as follows:	
Ministerial Education, - - -	\$ 71.60
State or Associational Missions, - - -	266.24
Home Missions, - - -	46.17
Foreign Missions, - - -	164.01
Baptist Orphanage, - - -	24.85
Havana House, - - -	7.05
Ministerial Relief, - - -	57.49
Other Objects, - - -	31.53

Minute Fund, - - -	41.17
Amount sent off, - - -	\$710.11
Total, - - -	709.44

Grand Total, \$1,419.55

Included in the above amount for State or Associational Missions were the following pledges, which were paid to Committee, viz, W. P. Kelly, \$2.50. J. T. Jenkins, \$2.50, Thad Jones, Jr., \$5.00. H. H. Hewlet, \$2.90. Mrs. D. B. Brown \$1.00. Respectfully

B. Matthews, }
W. Fryar, } Committee.
F. M. Sotherland. }

The above is in excess \$3.30 by error.

PLACE OF NEXT ASSOCIATION.

Your Committee recommend that the next session meet with the church at Johnson's, Thursday after the First Sunday in October, 1893.

STATED SERMONS

Introductory Sermon by, Rev. J. T. Jenkins.
Alternate Sermon by, Rev. J. D. Newton.
Missionary Sermon by, Rev. J. T. Albritton.

Committee.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	ADDITIONS.			LOSSES.			MEMBERSHIP.					TIME OF MEETING.
	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	White Males.	White Females.	Colored.	total Membership.		
Barlow Chapel	10					4	38	47		85	4th Sunday.	
Bethel	14	4	2	2	1	2	48	85		133	4th Sunday.	
Beulah		6		1		3	53	62		115	3rd Sunday.	
Boykin's Chapel	6	8	1	4		2	55	96		151	1st Sunday.	
Berea	3				1		37	46		83	2nd Sunday.	
Bear Branch												
Bethlehem	3	3	2	3	1	3	73	86		159	1st Sunday.	
Bear Marsh	7		1			1	43	88		131	3rd Sunday.	
Burgaw		8		1		1	37	42		79	4th Sunday.	
Brooklyn	12	10		5	18	1	111	152		263	2 times each Sunday.	
Clinton	1	2		5						2:3	1st and 3rd Sundays.	
Concord	3	2	2	4		3	36	61		97	1st Sunday.	
Corinth	18	3		4	1	1	50	74		124	2nd Sunday.	
Colvin's Creek			1	2			20	26		46	1st Sunday.	
Caintuck Chap'l	16	9	1	5	4		69	68		137	3rd Sunday.	
Caswell	10	7	1		2	1	29	41		70	4th Sunday.	
Catharine Lake						1	4	13		17	4th Sunday.	
Dobson's Chap'l	3	1	1							99	4th Sunday.	
Ebenezer	17	3		2		1	30	29		59	3rd Sunday.	
Emma's Chapel	2					1	31	45		76	1st Sunday.	
Faison's												
Hallsville	8		2		1	3	37	78		115	2nd Sunday.	
Haw Bluff	3	5		1	7	5	54	82		136	3rd Sunday.	
Hermion							15	17		32		
Island Creek				1	1	2	54	100		154	1st Sunday.	
Johnson's		7	2	7	1	2	51	77	8	136	1st Sunday.	
Jacksonville		2		1			5	6		11	2nd Sunday.	
Kenansville	4	2		1			32	51		83	2nd Sunday.	
Long Creek	2	3	3	6		3	42	70		112	4th Sunday.	
Lisbon	24	2	2	6		1	49	59		108	1st Sunday.	
Maple Hill												
Mary's Chapel	3			4		1	32	55		87	4th Sunday.	
Masonboro	1	5	2		3	2	55	94	1	150	1st Sunday.	
Moore's Creek												
Mt. Gilead	3	1	1	7			84	116		200	3rd Sunday.	
Mt. Olive	2	3	2	2	2	5	42	82		124	1st and 4th Sundays.	
Mt. Holly	3	4		4	2	2	58	79		137	2nd Sunday.	
Magnolia	8	1	2	4	3	1				136	4th Sunday.	
Mt. Zion												
New Hope	2	3		4		2	67	112		179	2nd Sunday.	
Olive Branch												
Piney Grove	3					2	53	77	4	134	3rd Sunday.	
Poplar Grove	4	1	1			2	54	56		110	1st Sunday.	
Rose Hill				3			5	10		15	3rd Sunday.	
Riley's Creek	60	7		5	2	5	84	128		212	3rd Sunday.	
Sharon	16						25	46		71	2nd Sunday.	
Salem	2	1			2	2	12	25		37	3rd Sunday.	
Shiloh		6		7	3	3	83	118		201	3rd Sunday.	
Siloam	5	3		1	2	3	53	62		115	3rd Sunday.	
Spring Vale	11	3		4	1	1	42	57		99	2nd Sunday.	
Teachey's	19	6			1	1	43	57		100	2nd Sunday.	
Warsaw	4	6	5	7		4	88	140		228	2nd and 4th Sundays	
Well's Chapel	6	2	1	4			113	122		235	2nd Sunday.	
Wilmington	66	22	2	16	15	6	181	308		489	2 times each Sunday.	
Willard	2	1	1	3	4	1	53	46		99	1st Sunday.	
Total	386	162	38	136	82	82	2330	3391	13	621	2	

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.		Number Schools.	Number Officers and Teachers.	Number Scholars.	Average Attendance.	Number Volumes in Library.	Number Kind Words Taken.	Number Baptist Teachers Taken.	Number other Papers Taken.	No. Months School Kept Open.
Barlow Chapel	Jas. Anders, Sloop Point		1	7	53	37				4	12
Bethel	I. D. Alderman, Taylor's Bridge		2	10	50	30		50			12
Beulah	F. I. Faison, Turkey		1	4	30	15				6	12
Boykin's Chapel	H. E. Peterson, Clinton		2	12	90	70					12
Berea	Joseph Brooks, Wallace										
Bear Branch											
Bethlehem	W. A. Keith, Keith		1	8	58	35	100				12
Bear Marsh	D. B. Brown, Mt. Olive		1	6	56	30					12
Burgaw	J. C. Carroll, Burgaw		1	6	50	45				60	12
Brooklyn	J. H. McDougall, Wilmington		1	28	212	151		365	25	400	12
Clinton	W. B. Stewart, Clinton		1	10	100	80			10	1	12
Concord	W. D. Willis, Magnolia		1	6	70	35					12
Corinth	I. J. Johnson, Rose Hill		1	5	69	70		28			9
Colvin's Creek	W. G. Harrell, Atkinson		1	4	35	20	50				12
Caintuck Chap'l	D. J. Corbett, Nat Moore		1	8	78	45	160			10	12
Caswell	Wm. Malpass, Point Caswell		1	5	68	37			4	16	12
Catharine Lake											
Dobson's Chap'l	John Dobson, Kenansville		1	7	55	25					12
Ebenezer	Robert Highsmith, Coharie		1	4	30	24					9
Emma's Chapel	W. M. Barbee, Richland		1	6	72	45					12
Faison's											
Hallsville	W. J. Sandlin, Hallsville		1	6	30	15					12
Haw Bluff	W. F. Brown, Magruder		2	8	110	80	100				12
Hermion	T. W. Britt, Clinton		1	4	25	20				3	12
Island Creek	C. Harrell, Teachey's		1	5	45	30					9
Johnson's	W. H. Middleton, Warsaw		1	7	60	38			6	50	12
Jacksonville											
Kenansville	Thad. Jones, Jr., Kenansville		1	6	25	18	30				12
Long Creek	Mrs. M. E. Herring, Long Creek		1	7	58	27				13	8
Lisbon	D. L. Herring, Clear Run		1	8	76	50			5	53	12
Maple Hill											
Mary's Chapel	F. M. Southerland, Warsaw		1	6	33	25				24	12
Masonboro	E. Hewlett, Wilmington		1	7	93	65				65	12
Moore's Creek											
Mt. Gilead	G. W. Mosley, Taylor's Bridge		3	15	111	80			2	8	12
Mt. Olive	J. F. Oliver, Mt. Olive		1	9	75	60	30		2	90	12
Mt. Holly	A. Carroll, South Washington		1	7	54	35				15	12
Magnolia	Miss Bertha Johnson, Magnolia		1	10	75	50	50				12
Mt. Zion											
New Hope	{ C. E. Daniel, J. A. Blanchard, } Turkey		3	12	125	100					12
Olive Branch	{ M. I. Rivenbark, }										
Piney Grove	W. I. Lane, Faison's		1	3	80	30				30	8
Poplar Grove	J. H. Darden, Faison's		1	6	73	40					12
Rose Hill											
Riley's Creek	W. W. Larkins, Long Creek		1	6	72	30	100				12
Sharon	M. T. Horne, Wallace		1	4	50	50					12
Salem	J. S. Cannady, Sneed's Ferry		1	8	55	40				1	8
Shiloh	H. A. Bland, Moore's Creek		1	4	60	50	100	6	5	39	12
Siloam	J. F. Lewis, Harrell's Store		1	7	55	45		50	4		12
Spring Vale	A. F. Robinson, Ingold		1	7	40	20	25			16	9
Teachey's	J. D. Teachey, Teachey's		1	5	40	30	50				12
Warsaw	S. M. Carlton, Warsaw		1	8	75	65					12
Well's Chapel	L. R. Highsmith, Harrell's Store		1	9	100						12
Wilmington	C. C. Brown, Wilmington		2	37	205	175					12
Willard	D. V. Butler, Willard		1	4	39	30		36			12

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL OBJECTS.

CHURCHES.	Pastors' Salary.	Church Expenses.	Ministerial Education.	State or Asso'l Miss's.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Baptist Orphanage.	Ministerial Relief.	Other Objects.	Minute Fund.	By Woman's Miss. Society.	Total Contributions for all Objects.
Barlow Chapel ..	\$ 75 00	\$ 25 00	\$ 1 00	\$	\$ 14 00	\$ 2 00	\$ 2 50	\$ 2 50	\$	\$ 1 00	\$ 13 00	\$ 136 00
Bethel	100 00	41 17	2 50	15 00	1 25	5 00	5 93	1 00	6 00	1 00	.....	178 85
Beulah	75 00	.....	39	6 82	1 75	1 33	3 88	1 29	.....	80	.....	91 28
Boykin's Chapel.	100 00	.....	2 50	6 00	1 00	2 50	.....	1 00	2 30	1 00	.....	116 30
Berea .....	.....	50 00	1 00	2 50	.....	2 00	.....	.....	1 65	80	.....	57 95
Bear Branch ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bethlehem	110 00	.....	3 91	8 82	3 92	9 41	6 16	2 42	13 10	1 50	.....	159 24
Bear Marsh	125 00	15 00	2 00	6 50	2 50	5 00	.....	2 00	.....	1 00	.....	159 00
Burgaw	100 00	.....	3 00	12 50	1 00	12 31	.....	2 00	7 00	1 00	.....	138 81
Brooklyn	800 00	1,009 00	.....	15 11	7 00	.....	7 00	.....	22 15	.....	25 00	1,885 26
Clinton	300 00	30 00	5 00	11 31	5 00	15 00	.....	5 00	.....	1 50	.....	372 81
Concord	125 00	12 50	2 00	8 00	.....	2 00	2 00	50	.....	50	.....	152 50
Corinth .....	.....	.....	1 50	7 50	1 00	2 00	.....	1 00	.....	60	.....	13 60
Colvin's Creek ..	38 00	.....	.....	1 10	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	50	.....	38 60
Caintuck Chapel.	125 00	.....	1 00	18 00	1 00	5 00	.....	4 60	10 00	1 00	.....	165 00
Caswell	125 00	34 81	1 91	13 25	.....	.....	7 21	1 17	4 00	95	.....	188 30
Catherine Lake ..	18 00	400 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	12 00	25	.....	430 75
Dobson's Chapel.	100 00	4 15	5 00	15 00	2 00	5 00	3 00	3 00	4 70	75	11 03	153 63
Ebenezer	100 00	8 00	52	5 00	2 50	2 50	1 02	.....	.....	64	.....	120 18
Emma's Chapel ..	100 00	40 00	.....	13 25	.....	3 00	.....	.....	1 00	1 00	.....	158 25
Faison's .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hallsville	60 00	75 00	1 00	6 25	2 00	3 00	2 00	1 00	.....	55	.....	150 80
Haw Bluff	75 00	30 00	.....	2 16	1 00	1 00	3 25	50	.....	50	.....	113 41
Herman .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	70	.....	.....	50	.....	3 20
Island Creek	100 00	3 00	12 00	2 00	8 00	2 39	2 00	1 00	130 39
Johnson's	150 00	20 00	5 00	15 00	2 50	10 00	3 17	2 50	7 00	1 43	216 60

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Jacksonville	22 80	1 00	1 60	50	50	26 40
Kenansville	130 00	12 78	5 00	12 50	2 00	10 00	3 00	25 78	201 06
Long Creek	75 00	.....	.....	1 56	.....	1 56	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	79 12
Lisbon	125 00	110 00	1 70	15 00	5 00	.....	9 05	1 16	7 05	15	.....	274 11
Maple Hill .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mary's Chapel ..	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	2 00	.....	1 00	.....	1 00	.....	9 00
Masonboro	100 00	40 00	2 00	12 50	7 00	5 00	7 25	1 00	.....	1 00	.....	175 75
Moore's Creek ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Gilead	125 00	.....	10 00	19 31	3 00	14 56	.....	5 00	29 00	1 50	40 87	248 24
Mt. Olive	350 00	40 00	.....	13 00	4 12	8 00	7 75	.....	20 64	1 35	14 35	459 21
Mt. Holly	85 00	.....	1 00	8 05	1 00	3 00	5 00	1 00	.....	1 25	1 00	106 30
Magnolia	100 00	30 00	1 00	10 00	3 00	10 00	.....	.....	24 00	.....	.....	178 00
Mt. Zion .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Hope	125 00	100 00	5 00	15 00	6 18	10 00	6 02	2 61	.....	1 00	.....	270 81
Olive Branch ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Piney Grove	100 00	.....	.....	8 00	.....	5 00	2 06	.....	.....	1 00	.....	116 06
Poplar Grove	75 00	100 00	.....	2 27	44	5 00	75	.....	.....	1 00	.....	184 46
Rose Hill	50 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	3 00	.....	.....	40	.....	58 40
Riley's Creek	125 00	.....	.....	5 75	1 00	.....	.....	3 00	.....	1 50	2 00	138 25
Sharon	70 00	4 25	1 00	7 00	1 00	2 00	1 55	.....	.....	1 00	.....	87 80
Salem	28 00	20 00	.....	5 56	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 05	.....	54 61
Shiloh	125 00	6 45	.....	12 07	3 00	5 00	3 28	2 50	.....	1 00	.....	158 30
Siloam	125 00	15 00	3 00	15 00	3 00	10 00	15 00	5 00	24 50	1 00	3 35	219 85
Spring Vale	100 00	.....	2 50	7 50	1 00	2 50	.....	1 00	33 47	1 25	.....	149 22
Teachey's	100 00	50 00	1 50	8 00	2 00	3 00	2 00	1 50	.....	1 50	.....	169 50
Warsaw	300 00	35 00	5 85	12 50	25 00	11 00	13 00	4 70	5 00	2 00	12 50	426 55
Well's Chapel	150 00	.....	5 00	15 00	1 60	24 15	5 00	2 24	13 00	1 00	.....	216 99
*Wilmington	2,262 05	896 08	.....	.....	.....	.....	149 42	.....	320 00	.....	.....	3,627 55
Willard	100 00	50 00	1 00	5 00	1 00	3 00	.....	1 00	.....	85	.....	161 85
Total	\$7,851 85	\$3,304 19	\$87 78	\$421 64	\$122 76	\$234 42	\$280 34	\$68 09	\$593 34	\$43 07	\$120 10	13,128 08

* The Clerk learned, through Dr. Pritchard, that Wilmington church paid in addition to the above \$250.00 for State Missions, \$119.00 to Havannah House, and \$75.00 to Ministerial Education—and other amounts he could not give.

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PASTORS, CLERKS AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.	CLERKS AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.
Barlow Chapel	J. H. Dobson, Warsaw	A. W. King, Sloop Point
Bethel	F. T. Wooten, Keith	Maury, Joford
Beulah	J. L. Britt, Turkey	C. J. Thomson, Turkey
Boykin's Chapel	R. C. Sandling, Harrell's Store	L. M. Boykin, Clinton
Berea		J. A. Southerland, Wallace
Bear Branch		
Bethlehem	F. T. Wooten, Keith	W. A. Keith, Keith
Bear Marsh	W. L. Bilbro, Warsaw	J. E. Swinson, Mount Olive
Burgaw	L. D. Swain, Wilmington	J. D. Hocut, Ashton
Brooklyn	J. T. Jenkins, Wilmington	J. F. Standland, Wilmington
Clinton	O. P. Meeks, Clinton	W. H. Stetson, Clinton
Concord	C. F. Hopper, (called) Mt. Olive	W. A. Moore, Magnolia
Corinth	M. C. Walton, Wilmington	I. J. Johnson, Rose Hill
Colvin's Creek	W. A. Melvin, Harrell's Store	W. G. Harrell, Atkinson
Caintuck Chap'l	S. D. Swain, Wilmington	D. G. Corbett, Nat Moore
Caswell	J. H. Hildreth, Point Caswell	J. G. Parker, Point Caswell
Catharine Lake	R. E. Peele, Burgaw	John Marshburn, Catharine Lake
Dobson's Chap'l	W. L. Bilbro, Warsaw	John Dobson, Kenansville
Ebenezer	R. C. Sandling, Harrell's Store	R. Highsmith, Coharie
Emma's Chapel	R. E. Peele, Burgaw	G. M. Barbee, Richlands
Faison's		
Hallsville	W. L. Bilbro, Warsaw	J. D. Brown, Cavenaugh
Haw Bluff	R. M. Hilburn, Bladenboro	N. R. Croom, Colly
Hermion		
Island Creek	J. T. Albritton, Mount Olive	J. M. Wallace, Cavenaugh
Johnson's	W. L. Bilbro, Warsaw	L. Middleton, Warsaw
Jacksonville	R. E. Peele, Burgaw	Henrietta Jarman, Jacksonville
Kenansville	J. D. Newton, Mount Olive	A. D. Ward, Kenansville
Long Creek	M. C. Walton, Wilmington	G. A. Herring, Long Creek
Lisbon	M. C. Walton, Wilmington	W. B. Lamb, Ingold
Maple Hill		
Mary's Chapel	C. G. Wells, Warsaw	F. M. Southerland, Warsaw
Masonboro	S. D. Swain, Wilmington	B. S. Mumford, Wilmington
Moore's Creek		
Mt. Gilead	C. F. Hopper, Mount Olive	B. Matthews, Taylor's Bridge
Mt. Olive	J. D. Newton, Mount Olive	J. F. Oliver, Mount Olive
Mt. Holly		Isaiah Carroll, South Washington
Magnolia	O. P. Meeks, Clinton	G. W. Swinson, Magnolia
Mt. Zion		F. F. Newton, Kerr's
New Hope	J. L. Stewart, Clinton	J. T. Kennedy, Six Runs
Olive Branch		L. Sneed, Wilmington
Piney Grove	J. T. Albritton, Mount Olive	W. I. Lane, Faison
Poplar Grove	J. O. Tew, Clinton	W. D. Stevens, Faison
Rose Hill	J. H. Dobson, Catharine Lake	D. N. Page, Tar Landing
Riley's Creek	S. D. Swain, Wilmington	J. T. Larkins, Rocky Point
Sharon	W. L. Bilbro, Warsaw	W. D. Brock, Cavenaugh
Salem		J. D. Congleton, Sneed's Ferry
Shiloh	F. T. Wooten, Keith	A. T. Herring, Moore's Creek
Siloam	J. L. Stewart, (called) Clinton	N. F. Highsmith, Harrell's Store
Spring Vale	R. C. Sandling Harrell's Store	J. M. Marshburn, Taylor's Bridge
Teachey's	M. C. Walton, Wilmington	M. W. Teachey, Teachey's
Warsaw	O. P. Meeks, Clinton	O. P. Middleton, Warsaw
Well's Chapel	F. T. Wooten, Keith	L. D. Highsmith, Bland
Wilmington	T. H. Pritchard, Wilmington	J. W. Collins, Wilmington
Willard	J. T. Howell, Wilmington	F. P. Powers, Willard

PLEDGES.

INDIVIDUALS FOR	State Missions.	Baptist Orphanage.	PLEDGES OF CHURCHES FOR	State or Associational Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Baptist Orphanage.	Ministerial Relief.	Grand Total.
M. C. Walton	1 00		Barlow Chapel	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 5 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 10 00
W. L. Bilbro	1 00		Bethel	10 00	2 50	5 00	2 50		2 50	22 50
R. E. Peele	1 00		Beulah							
S. D. Swain	1 00		Boykin's Chapel	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00		2 00	10 00
Adams' School House	1 00		Berea	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00		1 00	5 00
G. G. Best	5 00		Bear Branch							
			Bethlehem							
Total	5 00	5 00	Bear Marsh	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00		2 00	10 00
			Burgaw	20 00	1 00		3 00		2 00	26 00
			Brooklyn	30 00			5 00		2 00	40 00
			Clinton	10 00	5 00	15 00	5 00		5 00	40 00
			Concord	8 00	1 00	2 00	2 00		1 00	14 00
			Corinth	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00		2 00	10 00
			Colvin's Creek							
			Caintuck Chap'l	18 00	2 00	1 00	1 00		4 00	30 00
			Caswell	5 00	3 00	3 00	3 00		3 00	17 00
			Catharine Lake	50	50	50	50		50	2 50
			Dobson's Chap'l	15 00	5 00	5 00	2 00	1 00	3 00	31 00
			Ebenezer							
			Emma's Chapel	10 00	5 00	3 00				18 00
			Faison's							
			Hallsville	5 00	2 00	3 00	1 00		1 00	12 00
			Haw Bluff							
			Hermion							
			Island Creek	10 00	2 00	8 00	2 00		2 00	24 00
			Johnson's	15 00	5 00	10 00	2 50	1 00	2 50	36 00
			Jacksonville	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00		1 00	6 00
			Kenansville	12 50	2 00	10 00	4 00		3 00	31 50
			Long Creek							
			Lisbon	10 00	2 00	5 00	1 00		2 00	20 00
			Maple Hill							
			Mary's Chapel							
			Masonboro	12 50	2 00	5 00	1 00		2 00	22 50
			Moore's Creek							
			Mt. Gilead	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00		5 00	25 00
			Mt. Olive	10 00	5 00	5 00	4 00		2 00	26 00
			Mt. Holly	8 00	1 00	3 00	1 00		2 00	15 00
			Magnolia	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00		4 00	20 00
			Mt. Zion							
			New Hope	5 00	5 00	5 00	3 00		2 00	20 00
			Olive Branch							
			Piney Grove	2 50	2 50	2 50	2 50		2 00	12 00
			Poplar Grove	4 00	1 00	1 00	1 00			7 00
			Rose Hill	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	50	1 00	5 50
			Riley's Creek	6 00	2 00	3 00	2 00		2 00	15 00
			Sharon	6 00	2 00	2 00	1 00		1 00	12 00
			Salem	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00		1 00	5 00
			Shiloh	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	6 00
			Siloam	15 00	5 00	2 50	5 00		5 00	32 00
			Spring Vale							
			Teachey's	8 00	3 00	3 00	2 00		2 00	18 00
			Warsaw	20 00	10 00	20 00	5 00		5 00	60 00
			Well's Chapel	15 00			5 00		5 00	25 00
			Wilmington	250 00	50 00	200 00	75 00		50 00	625 00
			Willard	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00		1 00	6 00
Total	565 00	148 50	351 50	164 00	8 50	135 50	\$1,373 00			

CONSTITUTION OF THE EASTERN BAPTIST 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 all ordained ministers who are members or pastors of churches of this body, and three delegates from each church chosen from her membership assembled in conference.

Art. 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, communicating information relative to the state of the church; Provided however, that when any church has prepared a letter, and through 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 business 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 nine members, three from each of the Union meetings, who shall co-operate with the State Board, so far as practicable in the mission work within our bounds, and during the intervals between the sessions of this body, take such steps as they may deem advisable for the advancement of the same, making annual reports of their work to the association, which report, together with that on State Missions, shall be the first business of the second day of the session. Further, that our missionaries shall report their work quarterly to the Executive committee, in order that said committee shall be prepared to make full report of their work to this body.

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

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

Art. 12. The annual session of this Association shall commence on

Thursday 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.

CHURCH COVENANT.

Having been lead as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior, 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 work circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings; faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting and excessive anger; to abstain from the 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 offences, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of these rules of our Saviour, to secure 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 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 absence a chairman pro tem. shall be elected.

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

3. At each daily session, and previous to proceeding to business,

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the names of the delegates shall be called, and the proceedings of the previous daily session read.

4. The members shall observe towards 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, to 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 vote.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Reading Church Letters and Enrolling Delegates.
2. Election of Officers.
3. Call of Petitionary Letters.
4. Appointment of Committees.
5. Appointment of Corresponding Delegates.
6. Reports of Standing Committees.
7. Reports of Other Committees.
8. Report of Treasurer 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.