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MINUTES

—OF THE—

HAYWOOD COUNTY

Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

LOCUST FIELD, N. C.,

August 23-26, 1888.

COMPILED BY

REV. W. W. WELLS, - - Clerk.

COURIER PRINT, WAYNESVILLE, N. C.

On Time, Place and Annual Sermon—J. R. Able, J. A. D. Coburn and J. F. Murray.

On Nomination of Executive Board—D. J. L. Haynes, J. V. Smathers and H. M. McElroy.

On State of the Churches—Rev. M. C. Compton, W. W. Wells and J. M. Haynes.

On Finance—J. F. Murray and P. Holtsclaw.

On Religious Exercises—Pastor and Deacons of Locust Field Church.

On Temperance—J. L. Morgan, Rev. W. Haynes and Rev. S. C. Owen.

On motion corresponding Messengers and visiting Ministers were invited to seats. Invitation accepted by Rev. W. A. Nelson, D. D., Rev. S. C. Owen, Rev. Enoch Morgan, Rev. W. Haynes and Brother L. B. McBrayer, as correspondents from Buncombe County Association.

Visitors: Rev. Jerre T. Pierce, of Kentucky, and J. H. Tucker of Tar River Association also accepted seats.

At this point Dr. Nelson made some very interesting remarks.

On motion of Rev. C. B. Mingus, the Order of Business of last year was adopted as follows:

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Meet at 9.30 A. M., spend half an hour in prayer, suspend business at 11 to hear a sermon, and then adjourn one hour for dinner, then resume business and adjourn at pleasure.

II. Read minutes of previous day.

III. Invite corresponding messengers and representatives of boards and denominational interests to seats with us.

IV. Call on committees to report.

V. Appoint corresponding messengers to Buncombe county, Tuckaseegee, Newfound, Henderson county and Transylvania county Associations, delegates to the W. N. C. Baptist Convention, and to the Southern Baptist Convention.

VI. Arrange for printing minutes and pay the Clerk.

On motion Article V. of the Constitution was amended by adding to the committees one *On Baptist Orphanage of N. C.*

The Moderator appointed the following committee:

On Baptist Orphanage of N. C.—T. S. Siler, Rev. E. Morgan and J. M. L. McCracken.

On motion adjourned till 9.30 A. M., Friday.

Benediction by Dr. W. A. Nelson.

THURSDAY NIGHT.

Sermon by Rev. Samuel C. Owen of Buncombe. Text: John 17:9, "I pray for them; I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me."

FRIDAY—SECOND DAY.

Association called to order at 9.30 A. M. Spent thirty minutes in devotional exercises, conducted by the Moderator.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Letters were read and messengers enrolled from the following churches:

Pleasant Balsam—R. McClure.

East Fork—H. J. Haynes, W. B. Clark, I. Nerris and Samuel Fields.

Report of committee was read by the Clerk.

Motion to adopt.

Remarks by Rev. S. C. Owen, W. W. Wells and Dr. Nelson.

The hour having arrived for preaching, business was suspended and Dr. Nelson preached a very earnest sermon from the word "COME," as found in the following scriptures: Luke 19:5, Mat. 11:28, Cor. 6:17, John 21:12, John 11:43, Mark 6:13, John 14:3.

Sang, "Sweet By and By."

Prayer, led by Rev. C. B. Mingus.

Took recess one hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association called to order by Moderator Sentell. Prayer led by brother J. H. Tucker.

Resumed the consideration of the report on Home Missions. Further remarks by Rev. W. Haynes, Rev. S. C. Owen, Dr. Nelson and the Clerk. At the conclusion of the discussion, the following amounts were pledged for Home Missions, as recommended by the report:

Allen's, \$1.00; Antioch, \$2.50; Bethel, \$1.00 Crab Tree, \$3.00; East Fork, \$3.00; Jonathans Creek, \$4.00; Locust Field, \$5.00; Panther Creek, \$2.00; Pleasant Balsam, \$2.50; Pleasant Hill, \$5.00; Rock Springs, \$5.00; Mt. Zion, \$1.00 Cove Creek, \$3.00; Waynesville, \$5.00; W. W. Wells, \$3.50; C. B. Mingus, \$3.50; H. McCracken, \$1.00; J. C. McCracken, \$1.00; S. L. Underwood, \$1.00; J. A. D. Coburn, \$1.00; J. L. Morgan, \$1.00. Total, \$55.00. Report adopted.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention had in its employment last year, 187 missionaries. These men of God supplied 1,114 churches and stations, preached 33,868 sermons and baptized 4,857 souls. These missionaries are scattered over 11 Southern States, District of Columbia, Indian Territory and Cuba. In the great State of Texas alone, we have 125 laborers. The success of the mission work in the "Lone Star State" has been remarkable, while that in Cuba has been marvelous. A little more than two years ago the first Baptist church was organized on that Island; since then more than 1,100 have been baptized. Eight thousand persons have applied for baptism who have not been received. Many of them, of course, were ignorant of the true qualification for church membership and desired only to exchange the Catholic for the Baptist church.

While we look with wonder and astonishment at what God is doing in Cuba, there is danger of our forgetting other fields fully as important. The priest-ridden New Orleans is as important as Havanna. It is as important to give the Gospel to the millions of our colored people and let its subduing power hold them in allegiance to the truth and duty, as to break the power of Catholicism in Cuba.

Our Home Board has aided the Board of Missions of our Western North Carolina Convention in the prosecution of its work in our midst. Much of the good work done and now being done is attributed to the \$600 furnished by the Board at Atlanta.

The Home Board has aided as far as their means would justify in church building. Sixty-four new churches have been erected at a cost of about \$54,000. They

ask North Carolina for \$5,000 this year. Our *pro rata* of this amount is about \$50. Your committee recommend that we raise this amount by pledges, to be paid by April 1, 1888. Respectfully submitted,

J. L. MORGAN,
J. M. L. McCracken,
S. S. WESTMORELAND,
Committee.

Letters were read and messengers enrolled from the following churches:
Jonathans Creek—R. H. Platt, W. H. Rich and H. C. Rice.

Panther Creek—W. O. Messer and J. S. Davis.

The Moderator appointed the following committee:

On Obituaries and Changes—A. J. Justice, R. H. Platt and H. J. Haynes.

Bro. J. M. Haynes read the report on Sunday Schools. Motion to adopt.

Bro. J. H. Tucker, upon invitation, addressed the Association. Dr. Nelson read a description of a Sunday School from the Bible. See Nehemiah 8:1-12.

Further remarks by Rev. S. C. Owen. Report adopted.

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We are glad to note the fact that during the last year several of the boys and girls in our Sunday Schools have been led to Christ. Such results as this should stir the heart of every Sunday school worker. Fathers and mothers are not interested in the work as much as they should be. Most of our schools are Baptist, with doors open to all.

May the Lord's blessing rest upon all in our Sunday school work.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. HAYNES,
WILLIAM RENO,
W. M. JOHNSON,
Committee.

The report of the committee on Education was read by J. H. Tucker.

On motion of the Clerk, the consideration of this report was postponed until Saturday.

Report of committee on nomination of Executive Board was read by D. J. L. Haynes. This report was subsequently amended and adopted. See page 2.

Brother T. S. Siler read the report of committee on Baptist Orphanage of North Carolina. Motion to adopt.

Remarks by Dr. Nelson, Rev. S. C. Owen, J. M. L. McCracken, W. W. Wells, J. H. Tucker and Rev. W. Haynes.

Pending the discussion of this report, an opportunity to subscribe to Charity and Children was given, and several subscriptions were taken.

Report adopted.

REPORT ON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

The Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville, although not strictly one of our enterprises, is an institution worthy the attention of every Baptist. In the last year it has cared for ninety-two children and one superannuated Baptist preacher (Dr. Jacob Retley) and his wife, both of whom died in the spring. The disbursements of the institution exceeded the receipts by about one hundred and forty dollars, for the liquidation of which they have a right to expect the co-operative efforts of every Baptist in North Carolina. We would recommend the pastors and Sunday school superintendents be requested to present the claims of the institution to their

churches and schools, and that the children especially be encouraged to give to the support and training of children less fortunate than themselves.

Respectfully submitted,

T. S. SILER,
J. M. L. McCracken,
Committee.

On motion adjourned. Prayer by S. C. Owen.

SATURDAY MORNING—THIRD DAY.

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. S. C. Owen.

At 10 A. M. the Association was called to order by Moderator Sentell.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved. Roll of messengers was called and absentees were marked.

A letter was presented and read from Cove Creek Baptist church asking to become a member of this Association. On motion the church was received and placed on the roll of churches. No messenger present except their pas or, Rev. M. C. Compton.

Report on the State of the Churches was read by the clerk. Motion to adopt.

Remarks by C. B. Mingus, W. W. Wells, Rev. W. Haynes and Rev. S. C. Owen. Report adopted.

REPORT ON STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

We are glad to report that there has been considerable progress in our churches during the past year. There have been greater accessions this year than last. There has been some increase in the contributions for benevolent objects. The Sabbath school work is also making considerable progress. While we are glad to make these statements, yet we are pained to see so little paid to the pastors of our churches, and some doing nothing at all for missions.

M. C. COMPTON,
W. W. WELLS,
J. M. HAYNES,
Committee.

Suspended business for preaching. Sermon by Dr. Nelson. Text: Num. 13:30, "Let us go up at once and possess it, for we are able to overcome it." Prayer by Rev. P. R. Young.

Benediction by Dr. Nelson. Recess one hour.

AFTERNOON—THIRD DAY.

Association called to order by Moderator Sentell. Prayer by the Clerk.

Report on periodicals was read by D. J. L. Haynes. Motion to adopt.

Remarks by Rev. S. C. Owen and the Clerk. Pending the discussion, \$70 was subscribed to the capital stock of the joint stock company referred to in the report. Report adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

It is with sadness that your committee feel called upon to report to you that which you have known before, that our own beloved paper, the *Western North Carolina Baptist*, has fallen, and with it we fear much of the interest felt by our convention, in religious and denominational literature has waned. But we are glad that many of those who were subscribers to the *Western North Carolina Baptist* in its day, have, since its death, patronized the *Biblical Record*, published at

Raleigh, N. C. And while we commend the *Recorder* to all our friends as well worthy of their support, yet we find that it does not fully meet our wants, as a convention in western North Carolina. We heartily recommend to this Association the effort now being made to form a joint stock company for the purpose of publishing a paper in Asheville, devoted to the interest of our convention.

This plan has been on foot for a short time and has met with hearty endorsement. It is the purpose of the company to have the arrangements completed by the meeting of the western North Carolina convention, so that soon thereafter the paper can be started. Ten dollars constitutes one share, and any one can take as many shares as he desires. This plan has advantages over any other we have yet tried. This company can, through a Board of Directors, control the editorship of the paper, and thereby prevent defects which otherwise are so prevalent. The finances will be controlled in the same way, which gives assurance of success and will commend it to our people as a business matter, and hail with gladness the day when such a paper shall be started and feel confident that it will be a welcome visitor in all our homes, and recommend to our brethren the propriety of taking stock in the enterprise. We further recommend the following papers as worthy of our support:

Foreign Mission Journal, published by the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Virginia. Address Rev. T. P. Bell. *Our Home Field*, published in Atlanta, Ga., by the Home Mission Board.—Address Dr. J. William Jones. *Charity and Children*, published in the interest of the Baptist Orphanage of North Carolina.—Address J. H. Mills, Thomasville, N. C. For Sunday school literature none is better than *Kind Words*, series of lessons, published in Atlanta, Ga.

Respectfully submitted,

D. J. L. HAYNES,
L. N. PINNER,
J. L. CHAMBERS,

Committee.

On motion Rev. J. B. Boone, President of Judson College, was invited to a seat.

Resumed the consideration of the report on Education. The report was re-read by the clerk. Remarks by Rev. J. B. Boone, Rev. S. C. Owen and Moderator Sentell. Pending the discussion of this report, the following pledges were made for Ministerial Education: Waynesville, \$5.00. Locust Field, \$5.00; Crab Tree, \$2.50; Panther Creek, Jonathans Creek, J. V. Reece, Samuel Fields, A. W. Siler, Antioch church, \$1.00 each; R. H. Piatt cash \$1.00; Beronia Williams, 25 cents. Total cash and pledges, \$19.75. Report adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

We recognize with pride and thankfulness to the Divine Dispenser of good, an increasing interest in this branch of the Master's work; we recognize further the urgent need of renewed and persistent efforts in this direction. Our Heavenly Father has given us abundant opportunities to improve our minds for the greater usefulness of his work on earth. He has placed among the Baptists of North Carolina two colleges, whose advantages are inferior to none in the State. He has entrusted to our care academies and high schools and female schools convenient to all, thereby increasing our responsibility in neglecting the cultivation of virtues of mind and heart, which fit us for usefulness in extending the Master's Kingdom on earth. Therefore, we recommend a more earnest heed in this branch of the Lord's work, and urgently request our brethren of ministry, as well as all others, to use their utmost endeavors to induce the youths of their congregations to patronize our Baptist schools and colleges, and fit themselves to battle with the sins of life. And we cheerfully endorse the work of Judson College, and commend its advantages to our brethren and ask a liberal patronage and support of the same. Recognizing the great importance of an educational ministry, we rec-

ommend for the encouragement thereof, a manifest increase in our contributions for Ministerial Education. The Board is now much involved and we urgently recommend a speedy liquidation of that debt.

We sympathize with our College in her struggle to raise an endowment fund, and recommend the same to the liberality of our brethren, and pray God for abundant success. Brethren, we are just beginning to reap from the good seed sown in our educational field. Shall we continue to sow, or shall the reaping cease?

S. B. MULFORD,
J. H. TUCKER,
J. H. HAYNES,

Committee.

Rev. Geo. Wharton, of Miss., and Rev. J. V. Reece, of the county, were invited to seats in the the body. The report on Foreign Missions was read by the clerk. Motion to adopt.

On motion of W. W. Wells, it was ordered that a mass meeting be held this evening in the interest of Foreign Missions, beginning at 8 o'clock, and that the consideration of this report be made the special order for that hour, and that the committee on Religious Exercises be requested to select the two brethren who shall address the audience first.

Brother J. F. Murray read the report of Committee on Finance. Report adopted. See statistics.

Report of committee on Time, Place and Annual Sermon was read by J. F. Murray. Report amended and adopted as follows:

REPORT ON TIME, PLACE, ETC.

Time—Saturday before the first Sunday in September 1889.

Place—Waynesville.

To preach the introductory sermon—Rev. R. A. Sentell.

Alternate—Rev. M. C. Compton.

Bother J. L. Morgan read the report on Temperance. Motion to adopt.

Remarks by J. A. D. Coburn. Report adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee notes the fact that the cause of temperance is receiving a favorable consideration by all religious assemblies. Reports and resolutions are adopted and speeches are made, all of which are having their influence in moulding public sentiment in favor of temperance and against the rum mill. Much good has been accomplished in this direction, and most of our leading spirits in our churches are zealous in the cause of temperance reform. But while this is true, the masses are not exercising that influence which the importance of the cause demands.

We boast of our Christian America and yet seventy-five thousand drunkards die annually, filling drunkard's graves, and leaving behind them many, many helpless widows and orphans who must become objects of public charity or drag out a miserable existence. Remember God says, "No drunkard shall enter the Kingdom of Heaven;" where are all this army of 75,000? How long shall our earth be deluged with crime, misery, pauperism and death before our people will arise to duty and come to the help of the Lord against the mighty. Remember, "Faith without works is dead, being alone."

J. L. MORGAN,
W. HAYNES,
S. C. OWEN,

Committee.

Report on Obituaries and Changes was read and adopted.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES AND CHANGES.

We find, from the church letters, that ten deaths have occurred in our churches

last year. The letters do not furnish the names of the deceased, and we can mention but two. Sister Jane Osbern, the wife of our brother James Osbern, died recently. Sister Osbern was a member of East Fork church and her loss will be felt in her church and community. Brother R. F. Snider, member and clerk of Pleasant Balsam church, died August 23, 1888. His life was consistent and active, his death was peaceful and joyous. Rev. R. S. Saunders has moved to Georgia, which is the only change among our ministers. Respectfully submitted,

A. J. JUSTICE,
R. H. PLATT,
H. J. HAYNES,
Committee.

Historian, Rev. P. R. Young, read his report of historical facts connected with our Association from its organization. His report was adopted and ordered to be recorded in a book kept for that purpose.

On motion adjourned till 8 p. m. Benediction by Rev. C. B. Mingus.

NIGHT SESSION—THIRD DAY.

Association assembled at 8 p. m., Moderator Sentell in the chair. Prayer led by the Moderator.

Owing to the fact that there was preaching in the Methodist church near by, brother W. Haynes being the preacher, our attendance was very small and owing to another fact, that the committee on Religious Exercises had failed to arrange for the mass meeting, the consideration of the report on Foreign Missions was postponed until Sunday, 10 A. M. Appointed correspondents to sister Associations as follows:

Buncombe County—Rev. C. B. Mingus, Rev. W. W. Wells and Rev. J. V. Reece.

Tuckasegee—T. S. Siler, S. H. Bryson, Rev. R. A. Sentell, R. McClure.

New Found—Rev. P. R. Young, J. M. L. McCracken, H. Messer, Rev. R. A. Sentell and A. J. Justice.

Carolina—Rev. W. W. Wells.

Ordered that a collection be taken at the close of the discussion of the report on Foreign Missions for Foreign Missions and at the close of the sermon at 11 A. M. for Home Missions and Education.

On motion the Moderator was appointed as a delegate to the Western Baptist Convention, with instructions to appoint as many more as the collection to-morrow will justify.

Rev. R. A. Sentell was elected by acclamation as a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, and a small fund was subscribed to pay his railroad expenses. On motion the Clerk was allowed \$8.00 for his services and ordered to expend the remainder in the printing and distribution of the minutes. Rev. P. R. Young offered the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That it is the opinion of this Association that the perpetuation of the organization of the Western North Carolina Baptist Convention is essential to the best interest of the churches of our section of the State, and that its dissolution would work to the great injury of the cause of Christ in Western North Carolina. Respectfully,

P. R. YOUNG.

Resolution made the special order for 9.30 Sunday. Brother T. S. Siler offered the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the thanks of this Association are due and are hereby

tendered to the citizens of this community for the cordial and liberal manner in which the Association has been supported. T. S. SILER.

Resolution adopted. The following report of the Executive Board was read by the Clerk.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

DEAR BRETHREN:—We have tried to occupy as near as we could the destitution in our bounds by dividing the work up between our brethren. In this several points have been supplied. Brethren R. A. Sentell, M. C. Compton, P. R. Young, J. M. Haynes, W. W. Wells and C. B. Mingus have rendered service to the Board. Their report aggregate the following work done: Days of service, 85; sermons preached, 70; addresses made, 25; religious visits, 187; tracts distributed, 10,000.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.		DISBURSEMENTS.	
Pleasant Hill church,	\$22.00	W. W. Wells, for books last year,	\$3.00
Rock Spring, last Ass'n,	8.00	W. W. Wells for books,	7.00
Waynesville church,	13.03	" " trea'r W. B. C.,	8.00
Locust Field "	15.55	" " services,	7.39
Pleasant Balsam church,	7.85	M. C. Compton, services,	19.95
Crab Tree "	3.60	J. M. Haynes, "	19.00
Bethel "	3.35	R. A. Sentell, "	8.50
East Fork "	6.55	E. R. Treadway, "	5.20
Panther Creek "	2.75	C. B. Mingus, "	5.00
Antioch "	2.70	Rev. R. A. Sentell, for Bethel church,	22.00
Allen's "	2.50	W. W. Wells, for printing the minutes,	20.25
Jonathans Creek "	1.10		
From other sources for Bethel church,	.65		
	22.00	Total,	\$136.09
For printing minutes,	20.25		
Total,	\$131.88	Balance due the treasurer,	\$4.21.

The Board is profoundly impressed with the great need of colporture work in our county and recommend to the Association the propriety of concentrating our efforts on this particular line of mission work for the next year.

"There are many places where the preacher is a stranger and where the people have no opportunity of hearing the gospel. If these people are reached at all it must be done by the religious colporture. The amount of good done by these brethren is incalculable. They are the itinerant pioneer Missionaries. They are the forerunners of the pastors, preparing the way for them. The colporture visits a family; it may be in a log cabin in the valley, on the mountain top or by the way side. His books secures for him an easy introduction. Having shown these he converses with every member of the family on personal religion, reads the Bible and kneels with them in prayer. What must be the influence of such a visit from a stranger in families unaccustomed to religious appeals, many of them not having heard a sermon in years? Is there anything needed more, save the preached word, than the distribution of the Bible and such religious books and literature as our great Publication Society publishes and the Board furnishes? Our missionary colportures enter every community armed with the very best selections which our experience can make. A forward move in this department of our work is demanded."

Respectfully submitted for the Board.

R. A. SENTELL, Chairman.
W. W. WELLS, Secretary.

FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Pastors Salary	Church Expenses	Minute Fund	Support of Sunday Schools	Poor Fund	County Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Ministerial Education	Orphanage	Total Money Raised	Value Property									
Allens,	\$10	\$20	\$ 55	\$2 00	\$	\$1 65	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$34 20	\$300									
Antioch,	40	10	1 50			2 50	2 30				56 55										
Bethel,						6 55					6 55	1									
Cataloochee,																					
Crab Tree,	100	1	1 70	4 20		3 35					110 25	1000									
Cove Creek,	50		2 15				1 06				53 21										
East Fork,	50		90	2 85		2 70	2 75	1 05			60 25	100									
Friendship,																					
Jonathans Cr.,	40	5	1 25	3 00		3 30		70			53 17	1200									
Locust Field,	50	325	2 00			5 00					382 00	1500									
Mt. Zion,																					
Panther Creek	50		75			2 70					53 45	100									
Pleasant Ba'm	25		1 00			3 60					29 60	200									
" Hill,	100	125	3 25	20 00	25 00	27 00	11 15	10 00	5 00	5 00	315 25	1200									
Rock Spring,	75	4	1 75	12 66	1 16	21 00		9 38	6 30	12 75		600									
Waynesville,	400	20	4 00	20 00	2 30	19 55	12 50	25 50	3 75	8 79	516 29	2500									
West Fork,																					
	990	510	20	80	64	71	28	46	93	83	39	96	46	63	15	05	26	54	1825	24	8800

SUNDAY SCHOOL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINT'S.	Of. & Tea.					LITERATURE.	
		In School.	Avg. At.	Ch. Mem.	Profession	Collected.		
Allen's,	Jessee Allen.	3	40	25	10	\$2 00	Am. B. P. So'y.	
Antioch,	J. F. Murray.	5	45	35	10			
Bethel,								
Cataloochee,								
Crab Tree,	D. V. McCracken	5	40	20	12	4 20	Am. B. P. So'y.	
Cove Creek,		26	148					
East Fork,	H. J. Haynes.		75	50	15	2 85		
Friendship,								
Jonathans Creek,	Joseph Liner.	3	25	20	6	3 00	Am. B. P. So'y.	
Locust Field,		5	80	55				
Panther Creek,	F. M. Messer.		60	40	10	3 5 00	Am. B. P, So'y.	
Pleasant Balsam,			76	50				
Pleasant Hill,	J. L. Morgan.	11	112	68	30	30 00	Am. B. P. So'y.	
Rock Spring,	D. J. L. Haynes.	7	67	45	20	12 66	Kind words.	
Waynesville,	L. M. Welch.	15	275	150	40	10 20 00	"	
		80	1043	558	147	43	69	71

APPENDIX.

CONSTITUTION OF THE HAYWOOD CO. BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This Association shall be known as the Haywood County Baptist Association.

ARTICLE II.—OBJECT.

The object of this Association shall be: First to cultivate a friendly union among the churches for our mutual benefit; second, to foster and promote, under the auspices of the W. N. C. Baptist Conventions, the cause of Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Sunday School colportage and ministerial education; third, we disclaim to exercise lordship over churches, or to have any clerical power which entitles it to infringe upon the internal rights of any of its churches.

ARTICLE III.—CONSTITUENCY AND REPRESENTATION.

Sec. 1. This Association shall be composed of male members, chosen as messengers or representatives, by the Baptist churches of this union.

Sec. 2 Messengers so chosen must be members of the church they represent and must present a certificate of their appointment to entitle them to a seat.

Sec. 3. Every church shall be entitled to send at least two messengers and one additional messenger for every twenty-five members enrolled.

Sec. 4. Every church is requested to send with messengers an annual report as follows:

a. Name of messengers.

b. DIRECTORY—Name of church and the date of its organization. Name of pastor and his post-office. Name of clerk and his post-office. Name of S. S. Superintendent. Time of meeting. Time of prayer meeting.

c. STATISTICS—Number baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed by letter, excluded, dead, total number of males and females, and total membership.

d. FINANCIAL STATEMENT—Give the amount paid for pastor's salary, church expenses, church repairs, Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Sunday School and Bible colportage, ministerial education, for the poor, minute fund and all other contributions made.

e. SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT—State whether Baptist or union, number of scholars enrolled, average attendance, number of conversions during the

year, amount of money expended in support of school, what kind of literature is used, amount of money raised by school for all objects.

ARTICLE IV.—ITS OFFICERS.

The officers of this body shall be a moderator, clerk, treasurer and historian. All officers shall be elected by ballot at every annual meeting. The moderator and clerk immediately after the enrollment of delegates; the treasurer and historian at some time after their reports shall have been reached. Provided, the treasurer and historian may be elected in any way the body may direct.

Sec. 2. **THEIR DUTIES**—The moderator shall preside, and observe and keep order in accordance with Mell's manual of parliamentary law.

b. The clerk shall keep a faithful record of the proceedings of this body in a business-like manner, superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes, keep a file of the minutes of the Association, and turn them over to his successor. He shall be the custodian of the Constitution, articles of faith and covenant and shall preserve and keep the same and have a copy of the same at every annual meeting of this body.

c. The treasurer shall receive all moneys paid into this body, and pay the same upon the order of the Association.

d. The historian shall record and keep a record of such items as would be of interest to a future historian, in a book kept for that purpose. He shall also keep a file of the minutes.

ARTICLE V.—COMMITTEES.

At each annual meeting the Moderator shall, immediately after the organization, appoint the following committees: On Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Education, Sunday Schools, Periodicals, Temperance, Baptist Orphanage of N. C., Obituaries and Changes, State of the Churches, Order of Business, Time, Place and Annual Sermon of the next Association; to nominate executive board, finance and such other committees as the body shall direct.

ARTICLE VI.—EXECUTIVE BOARD.

At each annual meeting there shall be appointed an executive board, which shall superintend the mission work of the county and carry out the resolutions and orders of the Association during its recess. This committee shall consist of the officers of the body, *ex-officio*, and one member from each church belonging to the body. This board shall be empowered to fill all vacancies which may occur therein during the year.

ARTICLE VII.—ASSOCIATIONAL RIGHTS.

This Association shall have the right to determine what churches shall be admitted into its union, and to withdraw from any for not complying with its rules or for violating orthodox principles as set forth and believed by us as Baptists.

ARTICLE VIII.—ITS LAWS.

This body shall be governed by Mell's manual of parliamentary laws.

ARTICLE IX.—AMENDMENT.

This Constitution may be amended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds vote.