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OF THE

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HELD WITH THE

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DUPLIN COUNTY, N. C.,

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John Marshall,	Willard, "
J. H. Dobson,	China.
D. W. Herring, (Missionary,)	China.

PROCEEDINGS.

Devotional exercises. Song. Prayer by Rev. J. L. Stewart.
The Eastern Association met in its Fiftieth Annual Session with the church at Johnson's, Tuesday, Oct 3rd, 1893.
Morning lesson was read by Rev. O. P. Meeks from Luke, 22nd chapter.

In the absence of the appointees, Rev. O. P. Meeks preached the Introductory Sermon. Text from 1st Cor. 11:26.
Prayer by Rev. R. T. Bryan, (Missionary).
Recess.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

According to adjournment, the Association was called to order by Moderator. Song. The 19th Psalm was read by Moderator Rev. J. L. Stewart. Prayer by Rev. R. C. Sandling.

Committee of Arrangements was appointed, consisting of Pastor and Deacons of Johnson's Church, and brethren K. Vann, G. A. Herring.

Preaching at the stand by Rev. R. E. Peele.
Finance Committee—C. Daniel, A. R. Herring and J. F. Lewis.
Reading Clerks—Maury Ward and T. A. Fennell.

The following report was offered by the Committee of Arrangements and was adopted:

Devotional Exercises, from 9:30 a. m. to 10:00 o'clock, conducted by Elder L. Finch. Associational business taken up at 10:00.

Missionary sermon at 11 o'clock by Elder R. T. Bryan. Preaching to night by Rev. C. I. Stringfield.

By the request of J. T. Albritton, Rev. R. T. Bryan, Missionary from China, was appointed to preach the Missionary Sermon in the place of Rev. J. T. Albritton, the appointee.

Church Letters were read and the following delegates were enrolled, viz:

Barlow Chapel, by letter
Bethel, C. R. Smith, W. N. Johnson, Maury Ward.
Beulah, F. J. Faison, E. F. Britt, John Walters.
Boykin's Chapel, W. H. Boykin, S. M. Beykin,
Berea, T. W. Stallings, Joe. Brooks, M. T. Wells
Bear Branch, —
Bethlehem, R. W. Pridgen, Isaiah Pridgen, Alonzo Pridgen.
Bear Marsh, —
Burgaw J. W. Bowen, O. J. Peterson, J. T. Bland.
Brooklyn, W. H. Strickland, Z. E. Murrill, S. D. Swaim.
Clinton, H. B. Giddens, W. E. Stevens.
Concord, L. R. Matthis, L. T. Kennedy, J. C. Boor.
Corinth, S. E. Johnson, J. G. Boon.
Calvin's Creek, —
Caintuck Chapel, by letter.
Caswell, W. J. Hollingsworth, C. F. Bloodworth, J. S. Pope.

Catherine Lake, ---
 Castle Hayne, Rev. J. C. Crumpler, S. Blossom, Wm. Blossom.
 Dobson's Chapel, W. H. Murry, O. D. Bostick, D. L. Dobson
 Ebenezer, Seavey Highsmith, J. Highsmith, J. A. Tatum.
 Emma's Chapel, T. D. Shaw, F. F. Barbee.
 Hallsville, E. W. Farnior, E. W. Bruton.
 Haw Bluff, L. C. Braswell.
 Herman, T. W. Britt, J. E. Britt, W. H. Odum.
 Island Creek, E. Hilt, S. H. Cavenaugh, W. J. M'ellard.
 Johnson's, D. J. Middleton, H. S. Boyette, A. Phillips.
 Jacksonville, ---
 Kenansville, L. M. Cooper, B. C. Barden, J. W. Stokes.
 Long Creek, G. A. Herring, W. D. Malpass, E. A. Pigford.
 Lisbon, W. B. Lamb, D. L. Herring, J. C. Herring.
 Maple Hill, J. K. James, J. R. Marsaburn.
 Mary's Chapel, F. M. Southerland, G. A. Stokes, H. F. Houston.
 Masonboro, B. S. Montford, M. C. Walton
 Moore's Creek, ---
 Mt. Gilead, B. Matthews, A. C. Peterson, T. J. H. Peterson.
 Mt. Olive, O. Summerlin, Geo. Albritton, D. A. Thompson.
 Mt. Holly, I. Carroll, B. Carroll, O. W. Carter.
 Magnolia, J. W. Swinson.
 Mt. Zion, ---
 New Hope, C. E. Daniel, J. A. Blanchard, L. C. Carlton.
 Olive Branch, ---
 Piney Grove, J. E. Boyette, J. C. Hines, W. J. Weeks.
 Poplar Grove, ---
 Rose Hill, ---
 Riley's Creek, W. B. Hocut, D. J. Lewis, J. W. Keith.
 Sharon, D. L. Sheffield, J. F. Wallace.
 Salem, J. D. Congleton.
 Shiloh, A. T. Herring, G. A. Garris, H. A. Bland.
 Siloam, J. F. Lewis, F. A. Fennell, W. P. Ward.
 Spring Vale, A. Robinson, K. Vann, O. Blackburn.
 Teachey's, T. R. Carter, F. A. Savage, A. F. Bland.
 Warsaw, H. G. Owens, S. M. Carlton, B. L. Ezze.
 Well's Chapel, L. K. L. R. Highsmith, Rev. F. T. Wooten.
 Wilmington, Rev. W. B. Oliver, R. B. Moore, J. R. Marshall,
 Willard, O. R. Garris, D. B. Dempsey, D. V. Butler.

Motion by Rev. W. B. Oliver, that the rules be suspended and that the clerk cast the ballot of the Association for Rev. J. L. Stewart for Moderator. Rev. J. L. Stewart was re-elected Moderator.

Motion by Rev. R. C. Sandling, that F. A. Fennell cast the ballot of the Association for Oliver Blackburn for Clerk. Oliver Blackburn was re-elected Clerk.

Motion by Bro. F. A. Fennell, that the Clerk cast the ballot of the Association for W. H. Middleton for Treasurer. W. H. Middleton was re-elected Treasurer of the Association.

An invitation was extended to visiting brethren, and the following brethren responded: Brethren I. Royal, Moderator of the South River Association; J. B. Brewer, of the Chowan Baptist Institute, Murfreesboro; Rev. G. L. Finch, of the Atlantic Association; Rev. O. L. Stringfield, of Central Association; Rev. D. W. Herring, Missionary from China; Rev. A. Butler, Rev. R. T. Bryan, Missionary from China, and were recognized.

Petitionary letters were then called for and thereupon, the

church at Castle Hayne presented a letter asking admission into the Association. The matter was referred to Revs. J. T. Albritton, W. B. Oliver, and Mr. C. Walton. The above named committee reported favorably. Report was adopted, and the hand of church fellowship was extended to the delegates.

The following committees were appointed, viz:

Ministerial Education, Rev. W. B. Oliver, H. B. Giddens, E. Johnson
 State Missions, Rev. R. E. Peele, C. F. Bloodworth, J. C. Boon.
 Home Missions, Rev. D. W. Herring, W. H. Murry, T. W. Stallings
 Foreign Missions, Rev. R. T. Bryan, L. R. Highsmith, A. D. Ward.
 Baptist Orphanage, Rev. F. T. Wooten, B. S. Montford, L. M. Boykin.
 Ministerial Relief, Rev. R. C. Sandling, T. Barbee, T. W. Britt.
 Periodicals, Rev. S. D. Swaim, E. Heldt, W. B. Lamb.
 Sunday Schools, Rev. O. P. Meeks, J. K. James, F. M. Southerland
 Temperance, Rev. G. S. Best, B. Matthews, O. Summerlin.
 Obituaries, Rev. J. F. Albritton, Isaiah Carroll, J. E. Boyette.
 Nominate Executive Committee, Rev. M. C. Walton, J. F. Wallace, J. L. Boykin.
 Audit Treasurer's Account, A. D. Waro, J. T. Bland, R. B. Moore.
 Nominate Preachers for next Session, W. E. Stevens, A. F. Robinson, A. T. Herring.
 General Education, Rev. O. L. Stringfield, J. B. Brewer, John Royal.

Motion by Rev. W. B. Oliver, that any brother of this Association visiting any other Association be considered a delegate from this body to the same.

Rev. J. T. Albritton reported that he had copies of the minutes of this Association for the following years, from 1844 to 1866 inclusive, except 1849, 1859, 1861, and 1866.

The report was adopted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.—Preaching at night in this church by Rev. O. L. Stringfield. At Warsaw, by Rev. W. B. Oliver. At Magnolia, by Rev. D. W. Herring, (Missionary).

The Association adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9:30. Prayer by Rev. A. A. Butler.

SECOND DAY.—WEDNESDAY, OCT. 4TH.

Devotional services. Song. Morning lesson was read by Rev. G. L. Finch from 46th Psalm. Prayer by Bro. J. R. Marshal.

According to adjournment, the Association met and was called to order by the Moderator. Roll call and minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Invitation was extended to visiting brethren. The following brethren responded, viz: Rev. W. E. Crocker, Bro. B. S. Peterson, for the North Carolina Baptist, Rev. C. Durham, D. D. for State Missions, Rev. C. C. Newton, (Missionary from Africa), Bro. E. E. Hilliard, for Wake Forest College, Bro. J. C. Caddell, for Biblical Recorder, Bro. F. P. Hobgood, for Oxford Female College, and Rev. J. L. Carroll,

D. D., of the Mt. Zion Association. Bro. Carroll delivered a message of remembrance from the venerable Jesse Howell to the Association.

Report on State Missions was read by Rev. R. E. Peele, and in connection the report of the Executive Committee was read by Bro. J. T. Bland, and pending a motion for the adoption of the report, remarks were made by Revs. C. Durham and R. E. Peele.

Motion, that special order for Missionary Sermon for this hour be postponed for one half hour. Motion prevailed.

Discussion again engaged in by Rev. J. T. Jenkins.

At this period the list of Churches was called and pledges made for the deficit on the past year's work were made as follows:

Pledges for Deficit.	For State Missions for 1893.
Churches.	
Barlow Chapel.....	\$ 1 00
Bethel.....	2 50
Beulah.....	1 00
Boykin's Chapel.....	3 00
Berea.....	1 00
Burgaw.....	5 00
Brooklyn.....	7 00
Clinton.....	9 00
Caintuck Chapel.....	1 00
Castle Hayne, paid.....	1 00
Dobson's Chapel.....	2 50
Emma's Chapel.....
Hallsville, paid.....	2 00
Herman, T. Britt.....	25
Island Creek.....	2 00
Johnson's.....	2 00
Jacksonville.....	10 00
Kenansville.....	3 50
Lisbon, paid.....	1 00
Masonboro.....	3 00
Moore's Creek.....
Mt. Gillead.....	2 00
Mt. Olive, D. Thompson, paid.....	1 00
Mt. Holly.....	1 50
New Hope.....	2 00
Olive Branch.....
Piney Grove.....
Poplar Grove.....
Rose Hill.....	5 00
Riley's Creek.....	1 00
Sharon.....	1 00
Shiloh.....	3 00
Siloam.....	5 00
Spring Vale.....	2 00
Warsaw.....	5 00
Well's Chapel.....	3 00
Wilmington.....	110 00
Willard.....	1 00

The Reports on State and Association Missions, as read, were adopted.

The Association suspended business to hear the Missionary Sermon by Rev. R. T. Bryan, Missionary from China. Prayer by Rev. C. Durham. Song, "There is a Fountain filled with Blood," &c. Judges, 4th chapter, was read. Text, 14th verse: "And Deborah said unto Borak, up," &c.

Cash collections for Foreign Missions \$12.78.

The Association adjourned for one hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order by Moderator. The Reports on Ministerial and General Education were read by Revs. W. B. Oliver and O. L. Stringfield, respectively. Pending a motion to adopt, remarks were made by Rev. O. L. Stringfield, Bro. E. E. Hilliard, Rev. J. L. Carroll, D. D., Bro. F. P. Hobgood, Bro. J. B. Brewer. Report adopted.

Report on Ministerial Relief was read, and pending a motion for adoption, remarks were made by Bro. J. B. Brewer. Report adopted.

Report of Committee of Arrangements, adopted as follows:

Order of Session for to-morrow: Devotional Exercises, from 9:30 a. m., to 10:00 o'clock, conducted by Bro. Marshall, J. R.

Association business taken up at 10:00 o'clock.

Preaching at 11:00 by Elder Herring.

Report of Finance Committee adopted.

Report on Periodicals made special order for to-morrow 10:00 Preaching at the stand by Rev. W. E. Crocker.

Report on Home Missions was read by Rev. D. W. Herring. The report was made a special order for to-morrow, 10:30.

Report to name Executive Committee was read and adopted.

Report on Baptist Orphanage was read and made a special order for to-morrow 11 o'clock.

Report on Sunday-schools was read and adopted.

Association adjourned, to meet to-morrow at 9:30. Prayer by Rev. J. T. Jenkins.

THIRD DAY—THURSDAY, OCT. 5TH.

According to adjournment, the Association met. Song. Prayer by Bro. J. R. Marshall. The 1st chapter of 2nd Peter was read by Bro. J. R. Marshall for our morning lesson. Prayer by Rev. M. C. Walton. Song.

The Association was called to order by Moderator. The Proceedings of yesterday were read and approved. Roll called, and the delegates enrolled.

The Report on Periodicals was taken up as special order. Pending a motion for adoption, remarks were made by Bro. J. C. Caddell.

The Moderator gave notice that the hour had arrived for Special Order No. 2, "Home Missions," was taken up, and pending a motion for adoption, remarks were made by Revs. D. W. Herring and R. T. Bryan. Report adopted.

Time was extended to Bro. E. S. Peterson, of "The North Carolina Baptist."

The hour having arrived for Special Order No. 3, "The Baptist

Orphanage," was taken up, and pending a motion for adoption, remarks were made by Rev. F. T. Wooten. The report was made a special order for 2 o'clock p. m.

Report on Foreign Missions was read by Rev. R. T. Bryan, and pending a motion for adoption, remarks were made by Revs. R. T. Bryan, D. W. Herring (Missionaries from China), and W. E. Crocker. Recess for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Moderator called the Association to order. The Report on Foreign Missions was taken up, and remarks were made by Rev. C. C. Newton, Missionary from Africa. The report was adopted.

Report on Temperance was read by Rev. G. S. Best. Report adopted.

Report to name delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention and Baptist State Conventions were read and adopted.

By motion, to locate the next Session was referred to the Executive Committee.

Report on Obituaries, as read by Rev. J. T. Albright, was adopted.

Report to name preachers for next Session.

Cash collection for Orphanage, \$11.07.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved that the thanks of the Association be tendered to the church and community for the kind hospitality with which they have entertained this body during its session. Also that thanks be tendered to the C. F. & Y. V., W. N. & N., and W. & W. Railroads for giving reduced rates to those who came by rail to this session of the Association.

Resolution offered by Bro. C. E. Daniel, viz:

Resolved that the Treasurer of the Association pay over the Minute Fund to the Clerk. Also pay to the Clerk fifteen dollars for his services as Clerk.

The Association adjourned to meet Friday after the 1st Sunday in October, 1894. Fitting remarks were made by Rev. J. L. Carroll, D. D. Song, "There is a land that's fairer," &c. Prayer by Rev. J. L. Carroll, D. D.

The following ministers were present at this Session of the Association, viz:

Rev. J. L. Stewart,
 " J. L. Albritton,
 " R. E. Peele.
 " F. T. Wooten,
 " W. E. Oliver,
 " J. T. Jenkins,
 " S. D. Swaim,
 " John Marshall,
 " J. C. Crumpler,
 " F. A. Savage,
 " O. L. Stringfield,
 " Anderson Butler,
 " D. W. Herring, (Missionary to China),
 " R. T. Bryan, (Missionary to China),

Rev. C. C. Newton, (Missionary to Africa).
 " W. L. Bilbro,
 " R. W. Harrell,
 " W. N. Johnson,
 " C. F. Hooper,
 " O. P. Meeks,
 " G. L. Finch,
 " R. C. Saundling,
 " W. Part,
 " J. H. Dobson,
 " J. L. Carroll, D. D.,
 " C. Durham, D. D.,
 " W. E. Crocker,
 " G. S. Best,
 " M. C. Walton.

REPORTS.

STATE AND ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

Your Committee report progress. The work grows in interest and importance. We have more than one hundred men in the field, which extends from the Mountains to the Seashore, and encouraging reports come up from their fields of labor. But, with all that has been done, a great harvest remains to be reaped. We need to strengthen our stakes where we have planted, and to plant the vast territory yet unoccupied. To delay now is disastrous. Your Committee recommend: 1st, More laborers; 2nd, Increased contribution; 3rd, That we pray to that end.

COMMITTEE.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

A year ago the Association adopted the recommendation that the churches begin the collection for State Missions, immediately after the last Session, and send the same to the Treasurer of the Executive Committee to meet the necessities of missions and destitute fields with little other means of support. The churches, few exceptions, failed to observe this recommendation, and this failure has rendered your Committee unable to pay the Missionaries as they did the work, or as they needed the money. We would repeat and emphasize the recommendation, and earnestly ask the Pastors and delegates to enter upon this branch of our work, and forward the collections immediately to F. A. Fennell, Harrell's Store, N. C. (Treasurer of the Executive Committee.) There has been, is, and always will be, many difficulties in the prosecution of this work, but amid the general stringency of the times and many other drawbacks, we are glad to be able to report progress. At all of our mission points, the interest seems to be growing; services are well attended and gratifying results accompany the faithful preaching of the Word.

Additions by baptism are reported as follows: Jacksonville 9, Salem 21, Sharon 2.

Rev. R. E. Peele was employed on the Ouslaw field, and had appointments at Richlands, Tar Landing, Catherine Lake, Jacksonville and Burgaw, and we agreed to pay him \$460.

Rev. S. D. Swaim was at Salem, and we agreed to pay him \$100, and Rev. W. L. Bilbro, at Hallsville and Sharon, and we agreed to pay him \$50, and Rev. J. T. Jenkins, at Brooklyn under the care and to be paid by the First Baptist Church, Wilmington.

Houses of worship have been completed at Catharine Lake and Salem. At Jacksonville a new and comfortable house is nearing completion, and a large part of the cash of same has been raised by Bro. Peele. At Burgaw they have begun to build, and at Brooklyn a house is much needed and they hope to begin soon.

These indications of Providence and the willingness of the brethren to work are encouraging, and should stimulate our sympathies and active co-operation.

The one great need of the work is that this cause be pressed home upon the hearts and consciences of the individual members of our churches, and we recommend that for the next year we endeavor to raise for State Missions an average of not less than 10 cents per member in all our churches.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. BLAND, For Committee.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

We can never cease to thank God for the noble men, who, without the advantages of liberal training, have fought a good fight and gained great reward; but the axe of the pioneer yields to the implements of the farm ready for tillage. Education in the people, calls for education in their teachers, and he has simply recognized the great responsibility of his calling, who best equips himself. God has made us co-laborers with himself in all departments of His earthly kingdom, and among our duties is this, to furnish the preachers whom he has found, a duty that comes to us as a sweet privilege. How may we perform it? Wake Forest and the Seminary answer for us: "Send your young men here and we will prepare them for their work."

The men are anxious to get at their work, the College and the Seminary are anxious to help them to and in their work, and it only remains for the people of God to be anxious for them too. Young men called of God to preach His Gospel and teach His saints, are in no sense subjects of charity, when they cast themselves upon the churches, and ask the human weapons of their warfare.

They lay themselves upon our hearts, and He will hold us responsible for our treatment of them. Let every church and every member invest largely in these men of God.

COMMITTEE.

GENERAL EDUCATION.

Surely the seal of God's approval is not more manifest in any work in which the Baptist people have engaged than in the education of our sons and daughters. Beginning at the public school, and extending through the academies and colleges, this work has steadily grown until now we have the largest number of Christian men and women teaching, and the largest number of pupils in attendance at any time in our history.

Your Committee urge greater sympathy between the patrons and teachers in training the young mind and heart, and that a larger patronage be given the academies within your bounds—Warsaw High School, and not only within the bounds of this Association, but all over the State we would encourage the establishment and more hearty patronage of these preparatory schools. For the higher education of our young men we commend Wake Forest College worthy in every way of your confidence and support.

For the higher education of our girls, we commend Chowan Baptist Female Institute and Oxford Female Seminary, as second to

no institution in the State for that class of work. From the report of United States Commissioner of Education, for 1889-'90, we learn that the first efforts for higher education in this country were made by Christian people, and that at the date of that report seventy-six per cent. of the leading institutions for higher education in the United States were under the control of the religious denominations, and have their fostering care. It is with pleasure we announce that very enthusiastic efforts are being put forth for the establishment of the Baptist Female University, and the Executive Committee confidently expect this school to be opened for work September, 1894.

Your Committee most heartily recommend that our people shall exert their influence and patronize our denominational institutions.

COMMITTEE.

MINISTERS' RELIEF.

The Baptists being unwilling to allow the aged servants of God to go unprovided have organized a board, which is located at Durham, N. C., to receive and disburse funds for the relief of disabled Baptist ministers in our State.

This Board has several beneficiaries whom they are looking after, and as these must be supported by individual and church contributions, we recommend that both do all they can for this object.

2. That pledges be taken from members and churches.

3. We would further recommend that pastors and deacons keep constantly this object before the churches; that funds be raised and forwarded to the Board for distribution.

Submitted by

R. C. SANDLING,
for Committee.

PERIODICALS.

We, your committee on periodicals, upon investigation find that only a very small percent of our people are reading our denominational papers. It would be presuming upon the intelligence of this body, to suppose that they are not aware to some extent, of the great loss to our denomination caused by this vast and sad neglect. We should every one take peculiar pleasure in reading of the various enterprises and workings of our great denomination not only so, but remember that it is our imperative duty.

The almost universal ignorance of the great Baptist brotherhood respecting their own work in home, and foreign land, is appalling. Failure to inform ourselves along these lines means failure to do our duty to God and humanity. We fear that our good brethren have not been truly awakened to a keen sense of their duty in this respect. And would earnestly impress the importance of getting the Biblical Recorder, N. C. Baptist, Foreign Mission Journal, Charity and Children and other religious periodicals into every family upon the minds of our pastors and deacons. As the literature to be used in our Sunday-school, we suggest that they select Kind Word Series or the American Baptist Publishing Society.

Respectfully submitted,

S. D. SWAIM,
W. B. LAMB,
E. HELDT.

HOME MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Home Missions submit the following report: This important work is under the direction of the Home Mission

Board of the Southern Convention, located at Atlanta, Ga., with Dr. I. T. Tichenor as Secretary

Great things have been accomplished in this department of the Lord's work, whereof we are glad; and greater things are to be accomplished, for which we hope. The field covered by this work is extensive, embracing all the Southern and many of the Western States, in which there are still many parts destitute. It includes the work among the Indians, to which poor, abused race we owe a peculiar debt. They are attempting to do something for the colored people who live among us. It also includes the work on the neighboring isle of Cuba. The work on these fields has been so much blessed as to call for profound gratitude to God, who gave the blessing. The work in Cuba has been simply marvelous, begun so lately, the churches there already have a membership of 2,261.

The Missionaries this Board supported and helped to support last year were 368. The number added to the churches under their care last year was 9,604. Total receipts for this work last year were \$106,898; of this North Carolina gave \$4,689; and of this amount, this Association gave, according to the Minutes, \$71.22. What is this for 6,202 Baptists to do? Little better than nothing.

As a means of disseminating information, the Home Board is publishing, for 25 cents a year, subscription price, a sprightly paper called "The Home Field." Pastors would do well to get this circulated in their churches. The South cannot remain what it is, the wave of emigration is going to roll over the Southern States too, and it must be met with the Gospel, and the Gospel as we preached it. To meet the demand, we must not only sustain the work now going on, but we must enlarge it; this calls for a more liberal support from the Baptists generally, and us in particular.

We recommend that the pastors bring the WORD to bear on their churches, giving them the needful information, and take up collections at regular intervals for Home Missions.

W. H. MURRY,
P. W. STALLINGS,
D. W. HERRING,
Committee.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your committee to nominate Executive Committee, recommend to you the following brethren:

D. J. Middleton, L. R. Carroll, L. R. Highsmith, F. A. Fennell, C. E. Daniel, J. T. Bland, B. S. Montford, J. H. McDougald, and W. J. Fryar.

Respectfully,
Committee.

BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

The Baptist Orphanage is located at Thomasville, N. C., and is the property of the Baptists. It has 300 acres of land, 15 buildings, and is now taking care of 135 children. These children receive the training they need—the training of mind, body and heart. The Orphanage work is a worthy work and one in which our people should increase their interest. Your committee would suggest an increase of contributions from the different churches to this object for the coming year. To take care of all the worthy orphans who are now knocking at the door of the Orphanage, our facilities must be enlarged which necessarily means an increase of contributions.

Respectfully submitted,

F. T. WOOTEN,
B. S. MONTFORD,
L. M. BOYKIN,
Committee.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Believing the instruction of our youth in the Sunday-schools to be the most vital to the future development of all that concerns our character, we yet have reason to deplore the lethargy of our people on this point. This is indicated by the fact that among a membership of over 6,000 in our Association only about 1,900 are reported enrolled in Sunday-schools, or in a Baptist constituency of at least 20,000, only about one tenth are reported in Sunday-schools. In view of this appalling fact, and the many sections of our territory entirely destitute of schools, we recommend, as the success of the body, that the Committee appointed by our Eastern Baptist Association, be encouraged by our church and schools to employ a Sunday-school Missionary for at least a portion of his time, or, perhaps, in connection with the schools of some adjoining Association, to employ the whole of his time in strengthening the old schools, establish new ones, and holding Sunday-school institutes to arouse our people.

O. P. MEEKS,
F. M. SOUTHERLAND.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Committee, desirous of sincerely thanking Almighty God for the wonderful progress in Foreign Missions in recent years, and of asking a continuance of His blessings on the agencies at work to bring heathendom to Christ, congratulates the churches on the fact that the evidence is unmistakable that the Gospel is taking hold of the hearts of the heathen at a rate hitherto unknown. We urge the importance of special prayer and efforts for this great cause, and that the churches pledge themselves to attempt during the year to raise at least one cent, per number per month to be expended in carrying out the command of the saviour, to preach the Gospel to every creature.

R. W. BRYAN,
L. R. HIGHSMITH,
A. D. WARD,
Committee.

TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance would respectfully ask the brethren of the Eastern Association, who are not already doing so, to read and study carefully the teachings of both the New and Old Testament Scriptures, on this subject of such vital interest to us all in this life, and obey them.

GEO. S. BEST,
B. MATTHEWS,
O. SUMERLIN,
Committee.

NAMES OF DELEGATES.

Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention, Rev. Will. B. Oliver. Alternate, Rev. J. T. Jenkins.

Delegates to North Carolina State Convention, Revs. O. P. Meeks, W. L. Hilbro, S. D. Swaim, L. R. Carroll, R. C. Sandling and S. M. Carlton.

OBITUARIES.

Death has removed from our midst, during the year, two esteemed brethren; the one, Bro. M. T. Horne, a Deacon of Sharon Baptist church, Duplin County, and the other, our beloved and aged Bro. J. B. Barlow, whose long ministerial life among us had endeared him to us all. Bro. Horne died August 13th, 1893, at his home in Chinque-

pin, Duplin County, in the 43rd year of his age. He was a prosperous, liberal citizen, and a devout Christian. The new house of worship, recently erected in Chinguepin by the Baptist church, is a monument to his Christian liberality—he being the largest contributor in its construction.

Elder J. B. Barlow, of Wilmington, died September 29th, 1893, in the 72nd year of his age. He was in the ministry about forty years. He served the churches at Aintuck, Rudey's Creek, Mt. Holly, Moore's Creek, Long Creek, Barlow's Chapel, Masonboro, and other places. It is said that he frequently walked 25 to 30 miles to fill some of his appointments. He was not an educated man, but he was an earnest, devout, humble, lovable minister of the Gospel, full of grace and truth. After about two years' confinement at home, from dropsy, he joyfully responded to the summons of his Master to go up higher. His last words expressing the one all-controlling desire of his heart—"Nearer my God, to Thee."

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. ALBRITTON,
ISAIAH CARROLL,
J. E. BOYETTE

Committee.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

Report of committee to nominate ministers for next session report as follows: Introductory Sermon, R. C. Sandling; Alternat., W. L. Bilbro; Missionary Sermon, W. B. Oliver; Alternat., O. P. Meeks.
W. E. STEVENS,
for Committee.

CONSTITUTION.

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 cooperate with the State Board, so far as practicable in the mission work within our bounds, and during the interval 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 Saviour, and on the profession of our faith having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, we do now, in the presence of God, angels, and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

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

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to 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, 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, the names of the delegates shall be called, and the proceedings of the previous daily session read.

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

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

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

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

8. No motion shall be withdrawn after discussion.

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

Treasurer's Report.

W. H. MIDDLETON, Treasurer, in account with Eastern Asso'n.
1892. DR.

To amount received from all sources	\$719 28
To State or Associational Missions,	\$266 24
L. M. Cooper pledge State Missions,	5 00
Foreign	164 01
Home	51 70
Baptist Orphanage,	24 85
Havana House,	7 05
Ministerial Relief,	57 49
Minute Fund,	43 07
Clerk Fees,	15 00
Ministerial Education,	71 60
Money on hand,	13 27
	\$719 28

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. MIDDLETON, Treasurer.

Audited, found correct and approved.

A. D. WARD,

J. T. BLAND,

Auditing Com.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Total amount to Association,	\$ 548.93
appropriated as follows:—	
Ministerial Education,	\$ 72 16
State Missions	161 07
Home Missions,	79 92
Foreign Missions,	107 60
Baptist Orphanage,	15 98
Ministerial Relief,	71 17
Minute Fund,	35 03
Women's Missionary Society,	6 00
Amount sent off,	1,195 34
Grand total,	\$1,744 27

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. DANIEL,

A. R. HERRING,

J. F. LEWIS,

Finance Committee.

Clerks and their Postoffices.

POSTOFFICES. CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

	N. C. A. W. King, Sloop Point,	N. C.
	Maury Ward, Joford,	
	C. I. Thompson, Turkey,	
ore,	L. M. Boykin, Clinton,	
	Joe Brooks, Wallace,	
	W. C. Keith, Keith.	
	S. D. Hocutt, Ashton,	
	J. F. Stanland, Wilmington,	
	J. C. Slocum, Clinton,	
	W. A. Moore, Magnolia,	
	I. J. Johnson, Rose Hill,	
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	R. L. Blossom, Castle Hayne,	
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	W. G. McCullen, Clinton,	
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	H. F. Brinson, Long Creek,	
	W. B. Lamb, Ingold,	
	K. F. Powers, ————,	
	F. M. Southerland, Warsaw,	
	B. S. Montford, Wilmington,	
	R. Matthews, Taylor's Bridge,	
	J. F. Oliver, Mt. Olive,	
	I. Carroll, South Washington,	
	S. D. Hollingsworth, Magnolia,	
	J. T. Kenndy, Six Runs,	
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	J. T. Larkins, Rocky Point,	
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	J. D. Congleton, Sneed's Ferry,	
	A. T. Herring, Moore's Creek,	
	N. F. Highsmith, Harrell's Store,	
re,	J. M. Marshburn, Taylor's Bridge,	
	M. W. Teachey, Teachey's,	
	O. P. Middleton, Warsaw,	
	L. D. Highsmith, Bland,	
	W. C. Craft, Wilmington,	
	W. F. Bowen, Willard,	

SUPERINTENDENTS AND THEIR
POSTOFFICES.

	No. of Schools.	No. Officers & Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	Average Attendance	No. Vols. in Library.	Kind words Taken.	Bap. Teach- ers Taken.	Other Pa- pers Taken.	Mos. School Kept Open.	PSALMIST'S Salary.	Church Expenses.	Ministerial Education.	State Asso. MISSIONS	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Baptist Or- phanage.	Ministerial Relief.	Other Objects.	Minute Fund.	Women's Miss. So.	Totals.
James Anders, Sloop Point, N. C.	1	7	64	45				13	12	150	2 29	1 52	2 00	2 00	5 00	6 41	15 70	1 00	16 25	203 17	
N. B. Sellers, Taylor's Bridge, "	1	5	50	35	20				12	100	10 53	2 50	2 50	2 00	4 78	2 50		1 00	9 17	144 98	
F. J. Faison, Turkey, "	1	4	25	20					12	75	4 27	4 00		2 41					75	86 43	
H. E. Peterson, Dilila, "	1	5	57	40					12	100	1 30	2 00	2 00	2 00		2 00			75	2 43	114 48
Joseph Brooks, Willard, "	1	5	25	15					12			1 00	2 00	1 00					50		4 50
W. C. Keith, Keith, "	1	7	70	40	100		6	40	9	100		4 00	4 00	3 00	3 64	4 00	3 00	1 00			10 00
J. T. Bland, Burgaw, "	1	6	60	50				60	12	100		2 00	14 38	1 00	25 00	3 68					147 06
J. H. McDougald, Wilmington, "	1	30	227	186			173	27	12	800	120 00	5 00	16 75		3 00	2 00					946 75
W. B. Stewart, Clinton, "	1	16	125	95	100			100	12	300	100 00	2 37	1 55	5 00	5 00				2 00		416 92
W. D. Wilkins, Natural Wells, "	1	5	25	15					12			2 00	6 28	1 00	2 00		1 00		50		12 78
I. J. Johnson, Rose Hill, "	1	4	100	65	28				9	100		2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	4 00	2 00		60		114 60
D. J. Corbett, Viola, "	1	8	78	40	160				12	125		1 00	18 00	2 00	5 00	2 00	4 00		10 00		167 00
W. D. Malpas, Point Caswell, "	1	5	68	35				16	12	100		1 37	1 37	1 62	1 37				60		107 70
W. B. Hawse, "	1	6	47	25					12	100		2 00	15 00	5 00	5 00	1 00	3 00		75		131 75
R. Bighsmith, Coharie, "	1	4	40						9	75			1 72	1 45					35		79 49
M. W. Barbee, Rich Lands, "	1	6	55	35					12	100						97					100 00
W. J. Sandlin, Hallsville, "	1	6	31	15					12	60			5 00	2 00	3 00		65		50		71 15
W. F. Bunn, Magruder, "	2	10	60	50	60				12				1 30		1 30				50		
T. W. Britt, Clinton, "	1	3	20	15	20			20	12						42	30			60		1 32
C. Harrell, Hanson, "	1	4	56	40					12	100	15 00	1 50	8 12	1 50	6 58		1 50		1 00		135 20
W. H. Middleton, Warsaw, "	1	5	48	40			6	50	12	150	20 00	2 50	15 00	5 80	12 00	3 15	2 50		1 50		212 45
A. D. Ward, Kenansville, "	1	5	35	24	30			33	12	135	13 00	3 00	12 50	4 00	12 50	3 25	2 00				180 25
Mrs. W. E. Herring, Doughton, "	1	5	42	20					10	60	1 15	75	1 00		5 61		1 00		25		69 76
D. L. Herring, Clear Run, "	1	7	72	50	48		1	54	12	125		1 00	10 00	2 00	5 00	2 17	2 00		55		147 72
J. W. Stokes, Kenansville, "	1	6	45	25				30	12				1 50		1 00				50		3 00
E. Hewlett, Wilmington, "	1	10	106	68			5	75	12	100	40 00	1 00	19 66	2 00	5 00	16 00	2 00	5 00	1 50	32 00	224 16
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J. F. Oliver, Mt. Olive, N. C.	1	9	80	60								5 00	10 00	6 00	7 00				70	15 22	43 92
I. Carroll, South Washington, "	1	4	35	30					9			3 55	75	1 00					1 00		5 30
B. C. Barden, Magnolia, "	1	9	57	26				94	12										50		
C. E. Daniel, Turkey, "	3	13	139	100					12	125	25 00	3 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	7 59	2 70		1 00		179 29
T. J. Wilson, Faison, "	1	7	85	50				81	9	100		2 50	2 50	2 50			1 25		1 00		112 25
W. W. Larkins, Long Creek, "	1	10	50	40					12	100			6 00	2 00	2 00						110 00
Z. Blanchard, F. Sloan, Chinquepin, "	2	6	75						12	50			6 00	1 50	2 00				50		60 00
Jesse Cannady, Washington, "	1	7	70	40					9	60	53 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00						118 00
H. A. Bland, Moore's Creek, "	2	8	100	80				41	12	100		3 40	16 04	4 09	13 88	14 50	1 40	1 00	1 50		155 81
J. F. Lewis, Harrell's Store, "	1	5	50	35				35	12	125	32 05		10 00		3 22	4 00	5 00	5 00	85		185 12
A. F. Robinson, Ingold, "	1	7	44	30	25			24	9	100			4 26	79		2 73			65		108 43
A. F. Bland, Teachey, "	1	3	20						12			2 00	8 00	3 00			2 00		1 00		19 00
S. M. Carlton, Warsaw, "	1	9	75	65					12	175	30 00	2 50	2 50		4 00	15 00		22 00	2 00	21 50	274 50
L. R. Highsmith, Harrell's Store, "	1	9	125	85					12	150	3 52	5 00	10 00		409 59	3 50	5 00	13 00			599 61
C. C. Brown, Wilmington, "	2	25	200	155	150	3600	720	760	12	1800	800 00		140 00	2 25	153 50	5 00			2 00		2902 75
D. V. Butler, Willard, "	1	3	26	10		1		10	12	75	1 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	1 00		1 00		1 00		83 00

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