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OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Moderator—C. E. Daniel.....Turkey, N. C.
Clerk—H. L. Stewart.....Clinton, N. C.
Treasurer—W. H. Middleton.....Warsaw, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

C. E. Daniel, W. H. Middleton, L. Middleton, J. A. Powell, W. H. Murray.

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H. S. Boyette, J. A. Powell, H. G. Owen, S. A. Strickland, L. A. Beasley,
L. Middleton, D. L. Carlton.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF WARSAW HIGH SCHOOL.

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J. A. Powell, B. L. Blackmore.

MINISTERS.

J. L. Stewart, R. C. Sandling, J. M. Page, C. M. Rock, J. H. Booth,
W. B. Rivenbark, J. B. Newton, C. F. Hopper, E. Lee Fox,
J. Alderman, D. S. Kennedy, W. A. Campbell,
T. J. Hood, Henry Carter.

MINISTERS PRESENT THIS SESSION.

J. L. Stewart, R. C. Sandling, J. M. Page, C. M. Rock, J. H. Booth,
W. B. Rivenbark, W. L. Britt, E. Lee Fox,
J. M. Alderman, J. B. Newton.

CHURCH COVENANT.

Having been led, 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 the Son and 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 Spirit, 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 walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, back-biting, and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drink as a beverage, and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Savior.

We further agree to watch over one another in brotherly love, to remember each other in prayer, to aid each other in sickness or distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offence, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of those rules of our Savior—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. At the meeting of the Association the Moderator of the preceding session shall preside until his successor is known. In case of his 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 belongs to 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 lay on the table, 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 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. Appointment of Finance Committee.
2. Appointment of Committee on Digest of Church Letters.
3. Calling the roll of churches and enrolling delegates.
4. Election of Officers.
5. Calling for Petitionary Letters.
6. Appointment of Committees.
7. Appointment of Corresponding Delegates.
8. Reports of Standing Committees.
9. Reports of Special Committees.
10. Roll call of churches after report of each Special Committee.
11. Report of Treasurer.
12. Miscellaneous Business.
13. Incidental and routine business shall be in order at any time.
14. Adjournment.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This Association shall be known and denominated 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 the membership assembled in Conference and Executive Committee.

Art. 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment and 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 its 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 all questions 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 distribute 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 five members, who shall co-operate 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 observe 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 Tuesday 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.

PROCEEDINGS.

The Sixty-Fifth Annual Session of the Eastern Baptist Association met with the Warsaw Baptist Church, Warsaw, Duplin County, N. C., October 6th, 1908.

The Introductory sermon was preached by the Rev. J. M. Page. Text: Matthew 16:18.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, C. E. Daniel. H. L. Stewart was elected Clerk pro tem. The roll of Churches was called and a majority being found present, the Association proceeded to organize.

Upon motion the following committees were raised:

Finance Committee—W. J. Fryar, W. H. Hagwood, Maury Ward.

Digest of Church Letters—J. M. Alderman, C. M. Beach, C. F. Carroll.

Reading Clerks—C. M. Beach, C. F. Carroll.

Upon motion by C. M. Rock, reading of the Church letters was dispensed with.

The list of Churches was called and the following delegates enrolled:

Alum Springs—Preston Chesnutt, Wooten Kornegay.

Alpine—Represented by letter.

Bethel—M. H. Oates, Maury Ward.

Beulah—Represented by letter.

Beulah Chapel—A. D. Williamson, C. L. Herring.

Beulaville—J. C. Whaley, Loyd Thomas, H. F. Carroll.

Boykin's Chapel—O. L. Herring, W. W. Hobbs.

Bear Marsh—W. H. Brown, L. K. Nicholson, C. A. Byrd.

Cedar Fork—R. H. Sloan, D. H. Sloan.

Calypto—Jas. T. Albritton, F. M. Sellars, R. A. Parker.

Centre—H. L. Herring, A. J. Blackburn.

Clinton—Jno. A. Stevens, W. D. Kelly, H. L. Stewart.

Concord—W. D. Wilkins, J. T. Drew, J. H. Alderman.

Corinth—D. W. Fussell, I. D. Johnson.

Delway—W. J. Fryar, C. M. Beach, W. H. Hagwood.

Dobson's Chapel—C. J. Bradshaw, J. W. Croom, Stephen Brock.

Ebenezer—A. K. Vann, J. E. Highsmith.

Faison—V. N. Seawell, J. H. Pierce.

Hallsville—Stokely S. Bostick, Jno. L. Manning.

Island Creek—J. F. Wallace, Ira B. Batts, J. W. Savage.

Ivanhoe—C. R. Corbett, H. W. Moore.

Johnson's—W. B. Murray, H. S. Boyette.

Kenansville—J. Gavin, Jr., J. W. Stokes, J. B. Quartermas.

Lisbon—E. C. Herring, S. S. Armstrong, A. R. Herring.

Magnolia—Theo. Middleton, M. J. Tucker, Deck Wilson.

Maple Hill—D. H. Marshburn, W. J. Marshburn, W. E. Hardison.

Mount Gilead—B. Matthis, I. W. Powell, Colon Peterson.

Mount Olive—W. E. Wilkinson, O. B. Hawkins, B. A. Summerlin.

Mount Zion—Represented by letter.

New Hope—R. F. Pollock, D. W. Blanchard, A. W. Carlton.

Piney Grove—J. E. Boyette, H. K. Darden, T. H. Sanderson.

Poplar Grove—B. H. Hatcher, R. C. Bell, Geo. Manley.

Rose Hill—L. E. Moore, D. S. Wells, U. Heath.

Rowan—W. T. Robinson, L. H. Best, S. T. Wallace.

Sharon—Z. Blanchard.

Siloam—W. P. Ward, Morrell Maynard.

Spring Vale—Frank I. Robinson, L. F. Green.

Warsaw—Chas. F. Carroll, O. P. Middleton, F. M. Southerland.

Upon motion the Constitution was suspended and H. L. Stewart requested to cast the ballot of the Association for C. E. Daniel for Moderator, which was done, and C. E. Daniel was declared Moderator of the Association.

Upon motion by R. C. Sandling, the Constitution was suspended and C. M. Beach requested to cast the ballot of the Association for H. L. Stewart for Clerk, which was done, and H. L. Stewart was declared Clerk.

Upon motion, the Constitution was suspended and W. B. Rivenbark requested to cast the ballot of the Association for W. H. Middleton for Treasurer, which he did, and W. H. Middleton was declared Treasurer.

Petitionary letters were called for, and Beulaville and Calypso presented themselves for membership in our body.

Upon motion by R. C. Sandling, these letters were referred to the following committee for investigation: J. M. Alderman, R. C. Sandling, J. L. Stewart.

Invitation was extended to visiting brethren and the following announced themselves: Livingston Johnson, Secretary State Board; Hight C. Moore, of the Recorder; M. L. Kesler, of the Orphanage, and C. H. Utley. On behalf of the Association, the Moderator extended these brethren all the privileges of the body, except that of voting.

Upon motion by C. M. Rock, the Association took a recess until two o'clock, p. m. Benediction by M. L. Kesler.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Devotional exercises were conducted by J. M. Alderman.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator.

Upon motion by R. C. Sandling, the following committees were raised:

Foreign Missions—C. M. Rock, R. F. Pollock, B. A. Summerlin.

Home Missions—J. L. Stewart, C. L. Herring, J. W. Savage.

State Missions—J. M. Alderman, W. H. Middleton, Livingston Johnson.

Woman's Work—W. B. Rivenbark, B. Matthis, H. E. Boyette.

Orphanage—J. H. Booth, M. L. Kesler, M. H. Oates.

Ministerial Education—E. Lee Fox, V. N. Seawell, J. I. Johnson.

Periodicals—J. M. Page, Hight C. Moore, J. F. Wallace.

Sunday Schools—D. S. Kennedy, M. J. Carlton, E. C. Herring.

General Education—C. M. Beach, H. L. Stewart, Willie Moore.

Ministers' Relief—J. B. Newton, D. H. Marshburn, Ira B. Batts.

To Nominate Delegates to State and Southern Baptist Conventions—C. F. Carroll, R. H. Sloan, C. J. Bradshaw.

To Nominate Executive Committee—W. H. Hagwood, W. T. Robinson, Ion Nicholson.

To Nominate Preachers for Next Session—R. A. Parker, Z. Blanchard, W. J. Moore.

Upon motion by J. M. Page, a committee on Temperance was added to the above list.

Upon motion, a committee on Obituaries was added to this list.

Upon motion by J. L. Stewart, it was ordered that any brother who may visit a sister Association be considered a delegate.

The report on Periodicals was read by Hight C. Moore. The report is as follows:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

We can hardly overestimate the importance of good literature in the homes of our people. The printed page which exerts a tremendous influence for

good or ill, is a mighty agency for the dissemination of truth and the up-building of the Kingdom. Information is essential to interest in the work of the Lord committed to our hands. And in the diffusion of information most needful and helpful to us in our denominational work, our own Baptist periodicals not only take first rank, but merit wide patronage and perusal.

We heartily recommend: The Biblical Recorder, as the organ of our work; Charity and Children, The Foreign Mission Journal, and The Home Field. J. M. PAGE, for Committee.

Pending motion to adopt, the Association was addressed by J. M. Page, Hight C. Moore and M. L. Kesler. The report was adopted.

Upon motion by C. M. Rock, the report on Foreign Missions was made the special order for Wednesday morning at eleven o'clock.

Upon motion by C. M. Rock, the Constitution was suspended and the report on State Missions (which is the special order for the second day), was read by Livingston Johnson. The report is as follows:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

There are sixty Associations in the state of North Carolina. So far as our mission work is concerned, these may be divided into three classes:

1st. Those in which there is no destitution, and therefore, no mission work needed. There was a time, when within the territory of every Association, the Mission Board rendered assistance, and these Associations owe their present strength largely to the aid extended them in time of need. Now that they have grown strong, they should not "despise the day of small things," but should show their appreciation of what the Board did for them by contributing of their means to assist in meeting the destitution in weak and needy fields. In this way they can carry out the Scriptural injunction, "Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ." And again "Ye which are strong should bear the infirmities of the weak."

2nd. The second class comprises those Associations which still have some destitution, but which are able to meet their own needs. Some of these Associations do their work under the name of "Associational Missions"; while others turn all their mission work over to the Board, and make their contributions through the Board. Others of this class contribute both to Associational and State Missions. They raise sufficient funds to supply all the needy fields within their own bounds, and designate this as "Associational Missions"; and in addition to this they raise funds to aid destitute fields in other sections of the State, and this is properly called State Missions. It is clear to the minds of your committee that there should be, between Associations of this class and the State Board, the closest possible co-operation. The Associational Missionaries should be numbered among the State Missionaries, and should make their reports to the Board. This will give the Association a State-wide view, and is the only way that the whole work of State Missions can be shown.

3rd. There are Associations in the State in which the destitution is so great that the Churches within their bounds cannot begin to cope with the situation. The waste places within these Associations must be cultivated by the Board, or continue to be waste places for a long time—perhaps forever. It is only as our Board receives contributions from Associations in which our cause is strong, that we are able to give the gospel to destitute sections. This is the work of State Missions, and your Committee would urge that this Association give to this department of our work liberal support.

LIVINGSTON JOHNSON,
W. H. HAGWOOD,
J. M. ALDERMAN,
Committee.

Pending motion to adopt the Association was addressed by Livingston Johnson and W. L. Britt. The report was adopted.

Upon motion by C. M. Rock, the Association took a recess until 7 o'clock p. m. Benediction by R. C. Sandling.

FIRST DAY—NIGHT SESSION.

Prayer by J. M. Alderman. The Moderator being absent, by motion of C. M. Rock, C. M. Beach was made Moderator pro tem.

Invitation was extended to visiting brethren and the following announced themselves: Dr. W. C. Tyree, of Raleigh, and R. J. Bateman, of Norfolk. They were welcomed to seats with us.

The report on the Orphanage was read by M. L. Kesler. The report is as follows:

REPORT ON THE ORPHANAGE.

For twenty-three years the Thomasville Baptist Orphanage has been one of the most interesting objects that comes before our people. During these years nearly one thousand fatherless and helpless children have been within its walls. There are at present 385 such children under its sheltering care. It is a home, and at the same time a school—a school for the training of hand, head and heart.

The plant consists of ten dormitories in which the children live, homes for the Treasurer and General Manager, an Infirmary for the sick, school building, general dining hall, sewing building, steam laundry, printing office, shoe shop and planing mill, two barns and other outhouses, herd of cattle, four horses and four mules, a nice lot of hogs, necessary farming tools and machinery, and 450 acres of land. To look after all this, there are twenty-five women and six men. The purpose of the institution is not simply to clothe and feed children, but to give these children the all-round training which fits them for this life and the life to come.

This task calls for a large expenditure of toil and care and money. Since this family has grown to its present number, the average expenditure is nearly \$100.00 per day. The contributions during this summer and fall have not supplied the need: so that at present there is a debt of about \$5,000.

During the year the Noah Richardson Library Building has been completed and the new Infirmary (Woman's Building) is nearing completion. This is perhaps the best building of its kind in the South. The large and increasing number of children calls for more and better equipment.

We would urge the following recommendations:

1. A collection in every Sunday School in the Association.
2. A club of Charity and Children in every Sunday School.
3. That special effort be made in every Church to observe Thanksgiving day and make the largest possible offering for the Orphanage. In churches that cannot meet on that day we suggest that the Sunday nearest to it be observed as Orphanage Day.

M. L. KESLER,
For Committee.

Pending motion to adopt, the Association was addressed by M. L. Kesler, R. C. Sandling, O. P. Middleton. At this juncture a collection was taken for the Orphanage, amounting to \$16.72. The report was adopted.

W. L. Britt was asked to conduct devotional exercises Wednesday morning. Upon motion the Association adjourned to meet Wednesday morning at 9:30 o'clock.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Devotional exercises were conducted by W. L. Britt.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. The list of churches and delegates was called. The minutes of the preceding day's session were read, corrected and approved.

Invitation was extended to visiting brethren. E. L. Middleton, Sunday School Secretary, announced himself and was extended a cordial welcome.

The report of the Executive Committee was read by L. Middleton. The report is as follows:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

We are glad to report progress in our mission fields. The Lord has blessed the labors of our Missionaries.

Bro. J. H. Booth has served the following churches, viz.: Sharon and Cedar Fork, and has organized a church at Beulaville with 34 members. There are Sunday Schools at all three of these churches. Brethren Braxton Craig and W. B. Rivenbark have aided him in the meetings that he has held. On his mission field he has preached fifty sermons and baptized twelve persons.

Brother D. S. Kennedy gives three-fourths of his time to the mission work. He preaches at the following churches, viz.: Alum Springs, Prospect and Tuckahoe in Jones County. He has preached forty sermons and baptized six persons. There are Sunday Schools at Alum Springs and Tuckahoe. There is no church organization at any of the above places, except Alum Springs. Bro. Braxton Craig aided him in a meeting at Alum Springs.

We regret to have to report that both of our Missionaries have resigned their fields.

Respectfully submitted,

L. MIDDLETON,
For Committee.

Pending motion to adopt, the Association was addressed by D. S. Kennedy, C. M. Beach and J. B. Newton. The report was adopted.

At this juncture the Moderator appointed Committees on Temperance and Obituaries as follows:

Temperance—J. A. Stevens, O. P. Middleton, Theo. Middleton.

Obituaries—A. F. Robinson, R. C. Sandling.

The report on Foreign Missions was read by C. M. Rock.

The report is as follows:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We, your Committee on Foreign Missions, are privileged to submit our report in a year when God has wonderfully blessed his people in this great war for him. We have entered upon the possession purchased by our Lord, and the God of Abraham is leading his people who have for so long been in darkness. Barriers are torn away. Hostilities are ceasing, and the people are expectant. Yea, they are calling for the Gospel of Peace. God, who has called thousands to His work, is giving great success in the Sacred Cause.

Our Foreign Mission Board in its conduct, has, for ten years, been enabled to make encouraging reports of rapid progress. Each year has been an advance on the other. Over \$400,000.00 was contributed last year, and the Board was enabled to report no debt at the close of the Convention year. It is encouraging. And yet it means that we have given on an average of only 20 cents each through the year. We should feel a sense of shame over this. In our Association an average of 14 cents through the

entire year. One fact brought out at the Southern Baptist Convention was, that there were over ten thousand churches that gave nothing at all last year for Foreign Missions. In our Association of 36 churches one was among that number.

During the year 24 new missionaries were sent out. We have now in the field a force of 222 missionaries, and 334 native assistants, which means 556 workers. How few from two million Southern Baptists. Let us pray the Lord to thrust forth laborers into the field, white now, unto the harvest.

In addition to the above report, we have eight Theological Schools. These are training about 150 students, who are to go out and preach the Gospel. We are to save the people of any country through their own, therefore, we must train them in this work. The Board has sent out 12 medical missionaries, and these last year treated 38,000 patients. This reaches the hearts of the poor and sick alike. We praise God for 2,174 converts who were added by baptism during last year. God through our workers on the Foreign Fields will gather many more, if we will do our part and lay hold of the golden opportunity, and consider it a glorious privilege to do this work.

We beg that our churches will average 20 cents per member this year, and that every church will give to this glorious cause. It is sad to think that to-day there are over eight hundred millions of souls who know not of Christ, but who linger in heathen darkness. Their condition is pitiable. The men live in iniquity, the women and children grope in blight and night, and yet many decline to send them the truth. We live with plenty ourselves, and supply ourselves with luxuries of life while souls in darkness and gloom are dying without the Son of God, famishing for the Bread of Life. Our Lord says go. As God sent His Son into the world, so, He sends us. This command rings out clearly to His people, we must obey. Jesus will triumph!

We recommend to our people the Foreign Mission Journal, an excellent mission monthly, at the small cost of 25 cents per year. This Journal should be in every home. We recommend that our pastors most earnestly present the claims of a lost world; and that our pastors and people pray to God that from our bounds may go some who shall preach the glorious Gospel to those who wait in the lands of darkness and sin. Christ died for the whole world. He is calling to us to give the glad news.

Respectfully submitted,

C. M. ROCK,
B. A. SUMMERLIN,
Committee.

Pending motion to adopt, the Association was addresses by R. J. Bateman and Dr. W. C. Tyree. The report was adopted.

Moved by C. M. Beach that the Association take a recess until two o'clock p. m. Motion carried. Benediction by J. M. Page.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by J. M. Alderman.

The report on Ministers' Relief was read by J. B. Newton. The report follows:

REPORT ON MINISTERS' RELIEF.

The last annual report as made by the Secretary to the Convention in Wilmington was very encouraging. Twenty-four Associations have enlisted in the work. There are thirty-four beneficiaries, as against thirty-one the previous year. Contributions are also larger.

The minutes of our Eastern Association for 1906, observed that our churches had given \$97.50 to this object. A year later 1907, there was \$104.90 reported—a gain of \$7.40. We trust that every year will show a steady increase in contributions to this worthy object, with a growing interest in the work generally.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. NEWTON,
D. H. MARSHBURN,
IRA B. BATTS,
Committee.

Pending motion to adopt, the Association was addressed by Dr. W. C. Tyree. At this juncture, the report of the Auditing Committee appointed at the last session of this body to audit the accounts of J. L. Stewart, Treasurer of the Union Relief Society, was read by C. M. Rock. Also the report of J. L. Stewart, Treasurer of the Union Relief Society was read by C. M. Rock. The report on Minister's Relief was adopted. Upon motion by J. B. Newton, the report of the committee to audit the accounts of J. L. Stewart, Treasurer of the Union Relief Society was adopted. For report of committee to audit the accounts of J. L. Stewart, Treasurer of the Union Relief society, also the report of J. L. Stewart, Treasurer of the Union Relief Society, see appendix.

The report of the Committee on Investigation of Petitionary letters was read. The report follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PETITIONARY LETTERS.

Your Committee, to whom were referred the applications of the Calypso Church and the Beulaville Church for membership in this body, beg leave to report: That they have made investigation of the facts, and find, that while their church Covenants and Articles of Faith have not been presented, as duly adopted by the respective bodies in conference assembled, which we regret, still we are fully satisfied that such Covenants and Articles of Faith were so adopted by each of said Churches, in full conformity with our faith and practice, and hence recommend their reception to membership in our body.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. STEWART,
For Committee.

Upon motion the report was adopted, and the Churches, Beulaville and Calypso, were received into membership of this body. On behalf of the Association, the Moderator extended the right hand of fellowship to the delegates of these Churches.

Resolved, by C. M. Rock, That we regret the fact that Brethren Stewart and Sandling were called away on account of death, and that we sympathize with Brother Sandling in his bereavement. Resolution adopted.

The report of the Treasurer was read. The report follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

I, Maury Ward, Treasurer of the Eastern Association, make the following report for the year now closing:

Receipts.

Received at Clinton from Finance Committee:	
Associational Missions.....	\$209.08
State Missions.....	42.10

Home Missions.....	42.90
Foreign Missions.....	61.45
Sunday School Missions.....	4.05
Orphanage	90.05
Ministerial Education.....	32.32
Ministers' Relief.....	47.54
Students' Aid Fund.....	5.00
Gospel Missions.....	5.35
Minute Fund.....	47.67
Other Objects.....	1.00
Total.....	\$588.51

Disbursements.

Paid to W. H. Middleton, Associational Missions.....	\$209.08
Paid to Walters Durham, State Missions.....	42.10
Paid to Walters Durham, Home Missions.....	42.90
Paid to Walters Durham, Foreign Missions.....	61.45
Paid to Walters Durham, Sunday School Missions.....	4.05
Paid to Walters Durham, Ministerial Education.....	32.32
Paid to Walters Durham, Minister's Relief.....	47.54
Paid to Walters Durham, Students' Aid Fund.....	5.00
Paid to S. H. Averitt, Orphanage.....	90.05
Paid to A. F. Robinson, Minute Fund.....	47.67
Paid to W. H. Middleton, Gospel Missions.....	5.35
Paid to W. H. Middleton, Other Objects.....	1.00
Total.....	\$588.51

Warsaw, N. C., October 7th, 1908.

MAURY WARD, Treasurer.

Upon motion by B. Matthis, the report was referred to an Auditing Committee, to be appointed by the Moderator. The following Committee was appointed: D. S. Ray, B. Matthis, J. D. Herring.

Moved by W. B. Rivenbark, that the Chairmen of the various committees referred to in the rules of order, be appointed at this session of the Association, so that they may have an opportunity of collecting information relative to the various Mission objects contributed to by the churches, thus enabling the committees to make more satisfactory reports to this body in October, 1909. Motion prevailed.

The report on Sunday Schools was read by D. S. Kennedy. The report is as follows:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Missionary Baptists are fully committed to Sunday Schools. From the organization of our State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention, we have had some form of Sunday School organization. We pledge ourselves to co-operate with these organizations. To this end we will use the literature of our Sunday School Board in Nashville. We also commit ourselves to the work of our own Convention and ask for pledges to be taken for this work as for other phases of missions. We advise the Sunday Schools to raise their pledges made by the delegates here. We recommend that this Association shall use the Union Meeting in May, 1909, as a Sunday School Convention, and that the Pastors and Superintendents shall hold as many Sunday School rallies as possible during next year.

The work in the Sunday School is fraught with great possibilities. We pledge ourselves, during next year, to try to improve the organization of our Sunday Schools; to make our officers and teachers more efficient; to

reach the church members and children not in the Sunday Schools; and add spiritual power to the meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

D. S. KENNEDY,
E. C. HERRING,
M. J. CARLTON,
Committee.

Pending motion to adopt, the Association was addressed by E. L. Middleton. The report was adopted.

The report of the Finance Committee was read by Maury Ward. The report follows:

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We, Your Committee on Finance, beg leave to report the following amounts as having been sent to this Association with the Church letters; received into the hands of the Finance Committee; and paid over to your Treasurer and his receipts taken therefor:

Associational Missions.....	\$361.91
State Missions.....	49.15
Home Missions.....	59.36
Foreign Missions.....	92.23
Gospel Missions.....	3.00
Sunday School Missions.....	7.00
Students' Aid Fund.....	7.00
Orphanage.....	88.96
Colportage.....	2.00
Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention.....	6.00
Ministerial Education.....	33.00
Ministers' Relief.....	36.72
Minute Fund.....	41.61

Total.....\$787.94

Warsaw, N. C., October 7th, 1908.

W. H. HAGWOOD,
W. J. FRYAR,
MAURY WARD,
Committee.

Received of W. H. Hagwood, W. J. Fryar and Maury Ward, Finance Committee, Seven hundred eighty-seven and 94-100, belonging to the Association, and having been contributed for the following objects:

Associational Missions.....	\$361.91
State Missions.....	49.15
Home Missions.....	59.36
Foreign Missions.....	92.23
Gospel Missions.....	3.00
Sunday School Missions.....	7.00
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Total.....\$787.94

Warsaw, N. C., October 7th, 1908.

W. H. MIDDLETON,
Treasurer Eastern Association.

Upon motion by J. M. Alderman, the report was adopted.
The report of the Committee to Audit the Report of the Treasurer, was read by D. S. Ray. The report follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO AUDIT REPORT OF TREASURER.

We, the Auditing Committee, beg leave to report that we have examined the report of the Treasurer and the vouchers. We find them correct except the item of Foreign Missions. We find the report of the payment to be sixty-one dollars and forty-five cents and the acknowledgment to be six dollars and eighty-five cents.

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D. S. RAY,
G. D. HERRING,
B. MATTHIS,
Committee.

After making the correction of error referred to in the report, by motion of J. M. Page, same was adopted.

Moved by J. M. Page, that C. M. Beach be appointed Sunday School Secretary of this Association, and that he be instructed to co-operate, as far as possible, with E. L. Middleton, State Secretary, with a view of enlarging the Sunday School work within the bounds of this Association. The motion prevailed.

Moved by W. B. Rivenbark, that the Order of Business be amended so as to provide for the roll call of the churches after each report of the committees on Missions, Ministers' Relief, Ministerial Education, the Orphanage, and such other objects that are contributed to by the churches in the Association, for the purpose of taking the church pledges. Motion adopted.

Moved by O. P. Middleton, that the report on Temperance be made the special order for 10:30 o'clock, Thursday morning. Motion adopted.

Upon motion by C. M. Rock, the Association adjourned, to meet again at 9:30 o'clock, Thursday morning. Benediction by Dr. W. C. Tyree.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Devotional exercises were conducted by J. J. Page.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. The roll of churches and delegates was called. The minutes of the previous day's session were read and approved.

The report of the Committee to Nominate Executive Committee, was read by W. H. Hagwood. The report follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

We, the Committee to Nominate the Executive Committee, beg leave to submit the following names: C. E. Daniel, W. H. Middleton, L. Middleton, J. A. Powell, W. H. Murray.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. HAGWOOD,
W. T. ROBINSON,
L. K. NICHOLSON,
Committee.

Upon motion by W. B. Rivenbark, the report was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Woman's Work was read by W. B. Rivenbark. The report follows:

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

To over estimate the value of the work accomplished by our women is almost impossible. For years our women, always alert to the call of Christ, have been faithfully banded together disseminating among themselves and others, missionary knowledge, and giving largely of their means to mis-

sionary work. In this way they have materially enlarged the gifts of the churches, both to Home and Foreign Missions.

The organization of the Woman's Missionary Societies, discovered to us, woman's chief sphere of work in the Church of Christ. It is unifying, quickening and developing our women, that compose two-thirds of our church membership, which was before so largely unutilized in our efforts to save a lost world. The movement has brought to us a strong organization, in Woman's Missionary Societies, Young Ladies' Missionary Societies, Sunbeam Societies and Boys' Mission Bands, which now has become too large to meet with the State Baptist Convention.

In this work, the devotion to the study of missions and to systematic giving, have borne such fruits in the cultivation of the spirit of missions and in the large sums of money raised, that from year to year, our most sanguine expectations have been surpassed by our consecrated women. The progress and recent events connected with this work show us that we do not yet comprehend its fullest possibilities. The establishing of a Baptist Woman's Missionary Training School in Louisville, Ky., is another mark of progress and widening of woman's work. We recommend most heartily this training school, with the advantages of our great Seminary at Louisville, to all young women who desire the best equipment for service in the Master's work, both at home and abroad. And we commend, in the most earnest way, to our pastors, to our churches and to the denomination, the consecration, zeal, and liberality of our women, in all their work.

Paul said, "Help those women who labored with me in the Gospel." Therefore, your Committee heartily recommends:

1st. The organization, wherever practicable, of Woman's Missionary Societies within the bounds of this Association.

2nd. That the pastors and churches give to this movement their heartiest co-operation.

The following Societies have reported:

SOCIETIES.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Orphanage.	Margaret Home.	Training School.	Bible Fund.	Expense Fund.	Other Objects.	Total.
Clinton W. M. S.	\$10.35	\$47.80	\$.....	\$11.40	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$ 60	\$.....	\$ 70.15
Clinton Y. L. A.	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50
Clinton Sunbeams	.....	.....	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25
Warsaw W. M. S.	10.50	4.00	9.10	.....	.....	3.00	.....	1.00	.....	27.60
Warsaw Y. L. A.	2.50	.....	3.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.00	205.75	.....
Magnolia W. M. S.	9.20	13.40	18.51	26.00	.....	10.00	.....	.....	7.00	84.11
Warsaw Sunbeams	11.50	22.25	18.05	.....	1.00	.....	3.00	.....	.....	55.80
Mt. Olive W. M. S.	18.00	8.00	18.75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	44.75
Total	62.55	95.45	67.66	37.40	1.00	13.00	3.00	2.60	212.75	495.41

Warsaw Sunbeams, Johnson's Willing Workers, Mount Olive Sunbeams, Kenansville W. M. S., Faison W. M. S., and Rose Hill W. M. S., have made no report at all during the year.

No new societies have been organized this year.

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. RIVENBARK,
B. MATTHIS,
H. S. BOYETTE,
Committee.

Pending motion to adopt, the Association was addressed by J. B. Newton and W. B. Rivenbark. The report was adopted.

The Memorial of the late Jno. T. Albritton, prepared by J. L. Stewart, was read by C. M. Rock. By motion of O. P. Middleton it was ordered incorporated in the minutes of the Association.

For Memorial see Appendix.

The report on Temperance was read by O. P. Middleton. The report follows:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

If the cause of temperance did not have a real and vital relationship to Christianity, it would not be appropriate to discuss it in our Association. But such a relation it does have. A Christian's duty to this cause is plainly implied and taught in God's Word. In this report we consider the subject from what we believe to be the Christian's standpoint.

We acknowledge and realize our responsibility for our own conduct and we admit also that God holds us responsible for any influence we can exert upon the conduct of others, and as Christian citizens, we are solemnly responsible for all that we can do by means of legislation and the execution of law, to restrain vice and to promote morality of our citizens.

On account of the law for our fellow men which the Gospel produces in us and on account of the responsibility for others, Christians have been feeling a deeper interest in the temperance cause, and have been becoming more and more active in their efforts to secure the enactment of wise laws for the suppression of the whiskey traffic. Drunkenness is a great sin and the making of drunkards is a great crime. This has been becoming clearer and clearer to Christians year by year, and we rejoice at the progress made and long for the time when the traffic shall be completely under control, and national laws shall be passed protecting prohibition territory in the States. We feel, that as Christian citizens, we ought to use all honorable means to enforce the prohibitory laws of the State.

O. P. MIDDLETON,
THEO. MIDDLETON,
Committee.

Pending motion to adopt, the Association was addressed by O. P. Middleton, W. B. Rivenbark, J. W. Croom, J. B. Newton and W. H. Hagwood. The report was adopted by a rising vote.

The report on General Education was read by C. M. Beach. The report follows:

REPORT ON GENERAL EDUCATION.

We note with pleasure the continued and increasing interest in the great subject of education. There seems to be a greater determination on the part of the parents, to give their children the opportunity of schools, than ever before.

It appears to your committee however, that from a Baptist standpoint, we are in the midst of a great crisis in the educational history of North Carolina. Heretofore the secondary school work of the State has been done by Private and Denominational High Schools and Academies. Now the State has entered this realm, and within the past two years has established more than one hundred and fifty such schools, with free tuition, located in eighty-six different counties of the State. This means, brethren, that our Denominational High Schools must receive more loyal support by our Baptist people, or they must lose out in this unequal contest.

Our fathers in this Association, have for more than fifty years, been struggling to have a strong, well equipped Baptist school. Their dreams are about to be realized in Delway, where we have nearing completion, a twelve thousand dollar brick building. This is the only Baptist school in the southeastern part of the State. Since its foundation six years ago, God has graciously blessed our efforts, and its growth has surpassed our fondest

hopes. Despite the floods and panic, we have by far the largest school in the history of the institution. We greatly appreciate the donation from this Association for the help of the institution. We also appreciate the encouragement and help of our pastors and brethren, and confidently expect a continuation of the same for the future.

For College training we urge our brethren to patronize our own Colleges, Wake Forest and the Baptist University for Women at Raleigh.

Christian education is essential to Christian progress. The power and influence of our denomination in the future depends largely on our loyalty to our institutions of learning in the present.

Respectfully submitted,

C. M. BEACH,
H. L. STEWART,
Committee.

Pending motion to adopt, the Association was addressed by C. M. Beach. The report was adopted.

The report of the Committee to Nominate Delegates to the State and Southern Baptist Conventions was read by C. F. Carroll. The report follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE DELEGATES TO THE STATE AND SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTIONS.

We, the undersigned committee, having been appointed to nominate delegates to the State and Southern Baptist Conventions, respectfully recommend the election of Rev. J. M. Alderman, Delegate; Rev. C. M. Rock, Alternate, to the Southern Baptist Convention; Rev. J. M. Booth and C. E. Daniel, Delegates; Rev. J. M. Page and C. M. Beach, Alternates, to the State Baptist Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. F. CARROLL,
C. J. BRADSHAW,
Committee.

Upon motion the report was adopted.

Moved by C. M. Rock, that the money on hand, known as "Fund to send Delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention," be paid to J. M. Alderman, and that a collection be taken to raise an additional \$8.00. Motion adopted. Collection was taken, amounting to about \$8.50.

The report of the Committee to Nominate Preachers for the Next Session, was read by R. A. Parker. The report follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE PREACHERS FOR NEXT SESSION.

We, your Committee to Nominate Preachers for the next Session, recommend to preach the Introductory Sermon, J. M. Alderman; Alternate, W. B. Rivenbark.

R. A. PARKER,
J. BLANCHARD,
W. J. MOORE,
Committee.

Upon motion by O. P. Middleton, the report was adopted.

Upon motion by C. M. Rock, the Association took a recess until two o'clock, p. m. Benediction by W. B. Rivenbark.

THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. The report on Home Missions was read by J. H. Booth. The report is as follows:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Home Missions beg leave to report: That the stupendous importance of the Home Mission work is becoming each year more and more apparent, while great problems of far reaching import are pressing to the front for solution. Look, if you please, at the vast territory with its mixed and varied populations sought to be evangelized. It claims 25,000,000 of people, of whom nine millions are negroes, and five millions are foreigners. It embraces large portions of our beloved Southland—notably, the mountain regions of North and South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee and Kentucky, with their 149 counties, with a population of two millions, 98 per cent. of which are white, and 65 per cent. nominally Baptists; Cuba, with her one million and a half souls priest-ridden, illiterate, and prejudiced by a religion worse than none; Panama and the Isle of Pines.

We are devoutly grateful to God that our brethren who have these interests in charge, are heroically and faithfully grappling with the difficulties incident to the work. They greatly need and merit our prayers and material support. We regret that our people of this Association do not at all comprehend the magnitude of the work. But still their contributions to this object are increasing year by year, so as to inspire us with hope, that the day is not distant when their efforts will be, in some sense, commensurate with the demand on them from this cause. Before the division of our body, by the formation of the Wilmington Association, our contributions to this object scarcely amounted to \$200.00 per annum. Now our contributions, after the departure of our sister are about \$300.00 per annum. In 1906, the contributions reported by the Home Board for this object were \$13,621.09. In 1907, \$17,429.85.

May God in His infinite mercy inspire us to efforts of large liberality and self denial.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. STEWART,
C. L. HERRING,
J. M. SAVAGE,
Committee.

The report was adopted without discussion.

The report of the Committee on Digest of Church Letters was read by J. M. Alderman. The report follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS.

- We find from the church letters the following facts:
1. A. Amount paid for running expenses, \$6,635.59, a gain of \$852.74.
 - B. Number of churches not reporting running expenses, 8.
 - C. The highest average running expense, Mount Olive, \$5.05.
 - D. The Association's average running expense, \$1.72, a gain of 11 cts.
 2. A. The amount paid for missions, \$2,968.28, a gain of \$154.28.
 - B. The highest average for missions, Delway, \$5.56.
 - C. The highest average for running expense and missions combined, Delway, \$8.76.
 - D. The highest average for all objects, including permanent improvements, Delway, \$16.97.
 - E. The mission average for the Association is 77 cents, a loss of .01.
 3. Baptisms reported, 268. A loss of 59.
 4. Membership reported, 3,847. A gain of 249.
 5. Sunday School students reported, 2,740—71 per cent. of membership.
 6. Number of churches reporting no Sunday School, 3 against 6 last year.
 7. Two new churches admitted.

REQUESTS.

Bethel, Corinth and Dobson's Chapel ask that the Association meet with them next year.

Ivanhoe asks for a letter of dismission to join the Wilmington Association.

Mount Zion asks for a letter of dismission to join the Bladen Association.

DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS.

CHURCHES.	Baptisms.	Number of Members.	Contributions.		Average Per Member.		Permanent Improvements.	Sunday Schools.		
			Running Expenses.	Mission Objects.	Running Expenses.	Mission Objects.		No. Students Enrolled.	Average Attendance.	Baptisms from Schools.
Alpine.....	6	21	\$ 25.00	\$ 7.15	\$ 1.19	\$ 34	\$.....	40	25	3
Alum Springs.....	6	23	24.00	22.58	1.04	98	100.00	.....	.....	.....
Bethel.....	105	.....	.....	83.75	.....	81	.....	.....	.....	.....
Beulah.....	102	.....	50.43	11.26	49	11	.....	63	.....	.....
Beulaville.....	34	5.00	19.00	1.15	56	37	20	.....	.....	.....
Beulah Chapel.....	28	60.00	6.40	2.14	25	66	47	.....	.....	.....
Boykin's Chapel.....	52	60.00	9.10	1.15	17	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bear Marsh.....	17	165	176.68	81.24	1.07	49	.....	36	31	.....
Calypso.....	29	45	.....	28.04	.....	62	.....	50	.....	.....
Clinton.....	245	509.56	219.65	2.08	90	1801.50	153	86	.....	.....
Centre.....	39	36.00	16.00	92	41	.....	44	20	.....	.....
Concord.....	12	51	126.66	26.52	2.48	52	.....	30	25	12
Corinth.....	50	193	365.00	118.10	1.89	61	.....	137	110	48
Cedar Fork.....	30	5.60	5.00	19	17	6.05	35	14	.....	.....
Delway.....	6	57	193.38	305.42	3.40	5.36	468.16	131	65	6
Dobson's Chapel.....	1	80	6.75	50.02	8	63	.....	61	.....	.....
Ebenezer.....	4	58	126.49	30.69	2.18	53	.....	46	30	.....
Faison.....	1	65	265.25	35.50	4.87	55	.....	149	100	1
Hallsville.....	9	124	59.63	25.03	48	20	.....	37	25	.....
Island Creek.....	8	233	215.00	92.50	92	40	.....	76	35	7
Ivanhoe.....	1	47	1.25	18.50	2	39	.....	44	30	.....
Johnsons.....	13	170	315.77	267.89	1.86	1.58	.....	194	134	8
Kenansville.....	8	74	265.00	57.47	3.58	78	.....	48	30	8
Lisbon.....	4	76	154.40	86.77	2.03	1.13	.....	45	20	.....
Mount Olive.....	4	187	944.53	414.60	5.05	2.22	.....	166	100	.....
Mount Zion.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Maple Hill.....	72	154.00	18.40	2.14	26	.....	28	20	.....	.....
Mount Gilead.....	1	147	156.00	40.00	1.06	27	.....	51	35	.....
Magnolia.....	25	246	326.84	261.36	1.33	1.06	.....	133	78	14
New Hope.....	160	210.00	91.40	1.31	57	.....	84	65	.....	.....
Piney Grove.....	133	110.00	44.50	83	34	.....	114	65	.....	.....
Poplar Grove.....	89	100.00	10.50	1.12	12	.....	87	48	.....	.....
Rose Hill.....	20	80	220.22	47.00	2.75	59	.....	110	50	.....
Rowan.....	10	154	262.53	56.75	1.70	37	.....	105	51	6
Sharon.....	50	55.17	15.00	1.10	30	22.00	66	40	.....	.....
Siloam.....	14	116	188.30	86.84	1.62	75	.....	87	50	10
Spring Vale.....	15	80	78.00	28.00	98	35	77.00	54	30	15
Warsaw.....	216	782.40	230.35	3.63	1.07	1500.00	133	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	268	3847	\$6635.29	\$2968.28	.....	.....	\$3974.71	2740	.....	138

J. M. ALDERMAN,
C. M. BEACH,
C. F. CARROLL,
Committee.

Pending motion to adopt the Association was addressed by J. M. Alderman. The report was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Ministerial Education was read. The report follows:

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

The most important task assigned unto man by God is preaching the glorious gospel of peace. There never was a time when this task was more important than at the present age. The blessed ministry of our Lord needs the greatest attention as to the preparation of those who are to proclaim the teachings of the Bible. Therefore, the preacher needs the most efficient training, both head and heart, for the great work that lies before him. Your Committee earnestly commend the Board of Education at Wake Forest College, organized for the purpose of aiding worthy young men called of God, in the preparation for the ministry of the Gospel. About sixty young men are now being aided by this Board, and they need funds.

Respectfully submitted,

E. LEE FOX,
V. N. SEAWELL,
I. D. JOHNSON,

Committee.

Pending motion to adopt the Association was addressed by J. B. Newton. The report was adopted.

Upon motion the roll of churches was called and the following pledges taken:

TABLE OF PLEDGES.

CHURCHES.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Associational Missions.	Orphanage.	Ministerial Education.	Ministers' Relief.	Gospel Missions.	Students' Aid Fund.	Sunday School Missions.
Alum Springs.....	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00
Alpine.....	8.00	8.00	8.00	30.00	8.00	5.00	5.00	3.00	1.00	.....
Bethel.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Beulah.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Boykin's Chapel.....	2.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	.....	.....	.....
Beulah Chapel.....	1.00	1.00	2.00	.....	2.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.00
Beulaville.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bear Marsh.....	2.50	2.50	7.50	22.50	10.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.00
Clinton.....	15.00	15.00	20.00	15.00	25.00	10.00	10.00	.....	5.00	3.00
Concord.....	2.50	2.50	5.00	8.00	5.00	.....	2.00	.....	.....	1.00
Corinth.....	10.00	2.00	10.00	25.00	15.00	5.00	5.00	.....	.....	3.00
Centre.....	.....	5.00	5.00	.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cedar Fork.....	2.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Calypso.....	20.00	20.00	25.00	30.00	20.00	5.00	5.00	.....	.....	2.50
Delway.....	25.00	25.00	30.00	35.00	30.00	10.00	5.00	.....	5.00	10.00
Dobson's Chapel.....	1.00	2.50	5.00	25.00	2.50	1.00	1.00	1.00	.....	1.00
Ebenezer.....	3.00	.....	3.00	3.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Faison.....	5.00	5.00	5.00	7.50	5.00	1.00	1.00	.....	.....	1.00
Hallsville.....	2.00	2.00	2.00	10.00	5.00	.....	2.00	.....	.....	.....
Island Creek.....	10.00	10.00	15.00	40.00	15.00	2.00	5.00	.....	.....	1.00
Johnson's.....	10.00	10.00	12.50	60.00	25.00	3.00	5.00	.....	1.00	3.00
Kenansville.....	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	10.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.50
Lisbon.....	10.00	5.00	10.00	15.00	10.00	5.00	2.00	.....	2.00	2.00
Mount Olive.....	30.00	30.00	50.00	75.00	25.00	10.00	10.00	.....	10.00	5.00
Maple Hill.....	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	4.00	1.00	2.00	.....	.....	.....
Mount Gilead.....	.....	.....	15.00	15.00	5.00	2.50	.....	.....	.....	.....
Magnolia.....	10.00	5.00	10.00	20.00	15.00	3.00	5.00	.....	.....	3.00
New Hope.....	5.00	3.00	40.00	40.00	30.00	3.00	.....	.....	2.00	2.00
Piney Grove.....	5.00	2.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	2.00	1.00	.....	.....	1.00
Poplar Grove.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rose Hill.....	4.00	4.00	4.00	10.00	10.00	5.00	3.00	.....	.....	1.00
Rowan.....	7.50	7.50	7.50	20.00	10.00	2.50	2.50	.....	2.75	2.50
Sharon.....	1.00	1.00	4.00	5.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	.....	.....	1.00
Siloam.....	4.00	5.00	5.00	40.00	12.00	3.00	3.00	.....	.....	3.00
Spring Vale.....	2.00	2.00	2.00	10.00	5.00	1.00	1.00	.....	.....	2.00
Warsaw.....	15.00	15.00	60.00	55.00	25.00	10.00	10.00	.....	5.00	5.00
Totals.....	220.50	205.00	377.50	631.00	343.50	94.00	92.00	4.00	34.75	58.50

Resolved, by C. M. Beach, that this Association instruct the Clerk to send to the Clerk of each Church two blank letters, with the urgent request that one of these blanks be promptly and properly filled out and sent to the next session of the Association. The resolution was adopted.

Moved by C. M. Beach, that the report on Ministers' Relief be reconsidered. Motion prevailed.

Upon motion by C. M. Rock, it was ordered that the names of the makers of the notes referred to in J. L. Stewart's report of the Union Relief Fund, be stricken out of said report and of the report of the Committee auditing said report, and that the notes be reported in the minutes by numbers only.

The report on Ministers' Relief was again adopted.

Upon motion by O. P. Middleton, letters of dismission were ordered granted to the Ivanhoe Baptist Church to join the Wilmington Association, and the Mount Zion Baptist Church to join the Bladen Association.

Moved by W. B. Rivenbark, that the Treasurer be authorized to make payments of such money on hand as was directed by the church letters to the Association.

Resolved by J. H. Booth, that this Association extend its hearty thanks and appreciation to the Warsaw Baptist Church, the town of Warsaw, and to the people of the surrounding country for the very general and splendid entertainment of this session of the Eastern Association; and to the Presbyterians in Warsaw, for the use of their house of worship. Resolution was enthusiastically adopted.

Moved by C. M. Rock, That the Executive Committee be authorized to employ missionaries as in their judgment seems for the best interest of the work. Motion prevailed.

Upon motion, the roll of churches was called and votes taken to determine the place of meeting for the next session of this Association. Corinth was chosen.

The report of the Trustees of the Warsaw High School Property was read by H. S. Boyette.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF WARSAW HIGH SCHOOL PROPERTY.

The Trustees beg leave to report that pursuant to the resolution passed at the last meeting of the Association, we proceeded to have the vacant lot on the south side of College street in the town of Warsaw surveyed, and a plot made of same, and found that there were three acres in the lot. We also had the lot subdivided into three lots, with an equal amount of frontage for each on College street. We then advertised the same pursuant to the terms of the sale as set forth in the resolution, and offered it for sale in bulk and severally, and three persons bid the same off at a price aggregating \$1,000.00, but refused to take the same when the Trustees offered to make bond for title.

We now recommend that the Association authorize the Trustees to sell for cash, at either public or private sale, all the above referred to property to make deed for same, and to turn over the proceeds of the sale to the Trustees of the Dell High School.

We further report that we have turned over to the Treasurer of Dell High School the sum of \$122.00, the money and rent on hand from the sale and rental of the other lot.

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. BEASLEY, Chairman.
J. A. POWELL, Secretary.

Upon motion by C. M. Rock, the recommendation in the report of the Trustees of Warsaw School property was amended to read as follows: We now recommend that the Association authorize the Trustees to make and

turn over deed for the remainder of the Warsaw School property to the Trustees of the Dell High School, Delway, N. C., and that said Trustees of said Dell High School be authorized to sell said property for cash, at either private or public sale, at the best price obtainable.

Upon motion by C. F. Carroll, the report, as amended, was adopted.

The Committee on Obituaries takes notice of the death of Rev. W. A. Melvin, who was a member of Siloam Church, and who departed this life on Saturday before the 5th Sunday in May, 1908, having reached the age of 84 years. He was truly a Godly man and had lived a life of much service. The Committee will give further report on this death at next session of the Association.

Upon motion of W. B. Rivenbark, the Association adjourned to meet with the Corinth Baptist Church on Tuesday after the first Sunday in October, 1909.

The closing exercises were conducted by J. M. Alderman. Song, "God be with you till we meet again," and prayer by J. M. Alderman.

H. L. STEWART, Clerk.

C. E. DANIEL, Moderator.

APPENDIX.

DENOMINATIONAL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	Additions.			Losses.			Membership.		
	Baptisms.	By Letter.	Restored.	Excluded.	Deaths.	By Letter.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Alum Springs.....	6	1	.....	1	.....	.....	9	14	23
Alpine.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	13	21
Bethel.....	.....	2	1	.....	.....	6	43	62	105
Beulah.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	102
Beulah Chapel.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1	10	18	28
Beulaville.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18	16	34
Boykin's Chapel.....	.....	.....	.....	3	1	6	25	27	52
Bear Marsh.....	17	1	3	7	2	7	71	94	165
Cedar Fork.....	.....	1	.....	2	.....	.....	14	16	30
Calypso.....	29	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	24	21	45
Centre.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	19	20	39
Clinton.....	.....	9	.....	.....	.....	13	109	136	245
Concord.....	12	.....	1	1	3	2	20	31	51
Corinth.....	50	4	1	2	1	11	97	96	193
Delway.....	6	6	.....	.....	1	8	32	25	57
Dobson's Chapel.....	1	.....	2	7	.....	6	39	41	80
Ebenezer.....	4	2	.....	.....	.....	2	28	30	58
Faison.....	1	5	.....	.....	.....	1	30	35	65
Hallsville.....	9	4	.....	1	2	38	44	80	124
Island Creek.....	8	4	1	15	5	5	80	153	233
Ivanhoe.....	1	4	.....	.....	2	2	27	20	47
Johnson's.....	13	.....	1	3	2	1	80	90	170
Kenansville.....	8	4	2	.....	.....	4	27	47	74
Lisbon.....	4	2	.....	.....	1	3	36	40	76
Magnolia.....	25	3	2	7	2	6	54	177	231
Maple Hill.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	1	36	36	72
Mount Gilead.....	.....	8	.....	1	2	.....	64	83	147
Mount Olive.....	4	11	2	3	2	18	67	120	187
New Hope.....	.....	4	.....	.....	1	10	68	92	160
Poplar Grove.....	.....	1	.....	2	4	3	59	74	133
Rose Hill.....	20	12	1	.....	2	.....	38	42	80
Rowan.....	10	2	.....	1	2	.....	63	91	154
Sharon.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	17	33	50
Siloam.....	14	.....	1	.....	1	1	61	55	116
Spring Vale.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	2	30	50	80
Warsaw.....	.....	2	.....	1	2	8	81	136	217
Totals.....	249	94	19	58	41	169	1568	2163	3833

CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES, AND THEIR TIME OF HOLDING SERVICES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS AND THEIR ADDRESSES.	CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES.	TIME OF MEETING.
Alum Springs.....	D. S. Kennedy, Kenansville.....	Joe E. Kelly, Kenansville.....	Second Sunday.
Alpine.....	J. B. Newton, Kerr.....	J. M. Hall, Kerr.....	Fourth Sunday.
Bethel.....	J. L. Stewart, Clinton.....	Maury Ward, Rose Hill.....	Fourth Sunday.
Beulah.....	T. J. Hood, Goldsboro.....	W. T. Britt, Turkey.....	Fourth Sunday.
Beulah Chapel.....	E. Lee Fox, Clinton.....	C. L. Herring, Clinton.....	Fourth Sunday.
Beulaville.....	J. H. Booth, Magnolia.....	W. M. Bishop, Beulaville.....	Fourth Sunday.
Boykin's Chapel.....	R. C. Sandling, Clinton.....	L. M. Boykin, Clinton.....	Second Sunday.
Bear Marsh.....	T. J. Hood, Goldsboro.....	E. H. Frank, Mt. Olive.....	Fourth Sunday.
Cedar Fork.....	J. H. Booth, Magnolia.....	R. H. Sloan, Hallsville.....	First Sunday.
Calypso.....	No Pastor.....	J. L. Dickson, Calypso.....	Third Sunday.
Centre.....	Henry Carter, Garland.....	H. L. Herring, Garland.....	Second Sunday.
Clinton.....	No Pastor.....	J. B. Faircloth, Clinton.....	.....
Concord.....	J. B. Newton, Kerr.....	W. D. Wilkins, Magnolia.....	First Sunday.
Corinth.....	J. M. Page, Rose Hill.....	I. D. Johnson, Rose Hill.....	Third Sunday.
Delway.....	J. M. Alderman, Delway.....	G. D. Herring, Delway.....	First Sunday.
Dobson's Chapel.....	J. B. Newton, Kerr.....	Newton Brock, Kenansville.....	Third Sunday.
Ebenezer.....	No Pastor.....	J. E. Highsmith, Parkersburg.....	Third Sunday.
Faison.....	W. B. Rivenbark, Teachey.....	T. W. Smith, Faison.....	Fourth Sunday.
Hallsville.....	J. H. Booth, Magnolia.....	J. J. Strickland, Hallsville.....	Second Sunday.
Island Creek.....	J. M. Page, Rose Hill.....	L. R. Branns, Rose Hill.....	First Sunday.
Ivanhoe.....	R. C. Sandling, Clinton.....	C. R. Corbett, Ivanhoe.....	Second Sunday.
Johnson's.....	J. M. Page, Rose Hill.....	L. Middleton, Warsaw.....	First Sunday.
Kenansville.....	W. A. Campbell, Kenansville.....	J. A. Gavin, Jr., Kenansville.....	Second Sunday.
Lisbon.....	J. L. Stewart, Clinton.....	W. B. Lamb, Ingold.....	First Sunday.
Magnolia.....	J. H. Booth, Magnolia.....	C. M. Middleton, Magnolia.....	First Sunday.
Maple Hill.....	J. H. Booth, Magnolia.....	J. R. Marshburn, Maple Hill.....	Fourth Sunday.
Mount Gilead.....	J. M. Alderman, Delway.....	E. L. Croom, Clinton.....	Fourth Sunday.
Mount Olive.....	C. M. Rock, Mount Olive.....	B. A. Summerlin, Mt. Olive.....	First and Fourth.
New Hope.....	J. M. Alderman, Delway.....	J. H. Carlton, Warsaw.....	Second Sunday.
Piney Grove.....	J. L. Stewart, Clinton.....	S. H. Hare, Clinton.....	Second Sunday.
Poplar Grove.....	T. J. Hood, Goldsboro.....	J. W. Westbrook, Faison.....	Fourth Sunday.
Rose Hill.....	J. M. Page, Rose Hill.....	J. T. Vick, Rose Hill.....	First Sunday.
Rowan.....	J. M. Page, Rose Hill.....	W. T. Robinson, Moltonville.....	Second Sunday.
Sharon.....	J. H. Booth, Magnolia.....	Willie Blanchard, Sloan.....	Third Sunday.
Siloam.....	J. M. Alderman, Delway.....	W. B. Highsmith, Kerr.....	Third Sunday.
Spring Vale.....	R. C. Sandling, Clinton.....	J. M. Marshburn, Clinton.....	First Sunday.
Warsaw.....	C. M. Rock, Mount Olive.....	F. C. Middleton, Warsaw.....	Second and Third.

FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	State Missions.	Associational Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Gospel Missions.	Orphanage.	Ministerial Education.	Ministers' Relief.	Sunday School Missions.	Poor.	Incidentals.	Other Objects.	Pastor's Salary.	Minute Fund.	Building and Repairs.	Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention.	Students' Aid Fund.	Total.	Sunday School Expenses.	Value of Church Property.	Seating Capacity.
Alum Springs...	\$12.50	\$24.00	\$	\$ 2.83	\$	\$ 6.25	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 25.00	\$ 1.00	\$	\$	\$ 1.00	\$ 46.58	\$	\$ 650.00	250
Alpine.....	1.00		1.00	1.00		2.15	1.00	1.00										33.15			
Bethel.....	8.75	31.00	9.00	9.00	3.00	9.00	5.00	5.00					1.50				1.00	82.25		500.00	400
Beulah.....	2.00		1.50	2.50		2.50	1.00	1.00										11.26		600.00	300
Beulah Chapel.....			1.25	3.75		1.00							60.00	40				66.40		500.00	300
Beulaville.....			15.00									3.00		1.00				24.00	5.00		
Boykin's Chapel.....	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00		1.00	1.00	1.00				1.60	60.00	50				69.10		400.00	300
Bear Marsh.....	9.18	22.50	2.50	34.06		19.75	2.50	2.50			5.15	47.50	120.00	2.00		1.00		270.14	4.00	500.00	400
Cedar Fork.....		2.00	1.00	1.00		1.00		1.00						1.00	6.05			16.65	3.60	500.00	300
Calypso.....	2.00	8.00	3.00	5.00		6.04	2.00	1.00						1.00				28.04		3250.00	
Centre.....			5.00			5.00			5.00				36.00	2.00				52.00		750.00	250
Clinton.....	25.35	15.00	62.80	30.10		61.40	10.00	10.00			51.11		100.00	1.00	1801.05	3.00	5.00	2235.26	58.45	6000.00	400
Concord.....	2.50	8.00	2.50	5.00		5.00		2.00			51.18	75.00	50					153.68	2.00	500.00	200
Corinth.....	10.00	25.00	5.00	10.00		34.00	5.00	5.00			140.00	225.00	1.80			2.00	2.00	484.90	20.10	1000.00	400
Delway.....	25.00	37.47	20.00	20.00		35.00	10.00	5.15	5.00			138.50	175.00	1.00	468.16		8.30	967.41	18.83	2000.00	500
Dobson's Chapel.....	3.62	25.00	5.00	7.50		6.40		2.50						75				56.77	6.00	500.00	300
Ebenezer.....	3.42	2.55		3.75		5.90			2.00			12.42	115.00	65	400.00			557.18	11.49	400.00	300
Faison.....	5.00	7.50	5.00	5.00		5.00	1.00	1.00			17.25	48.00	200.00	2.00		2.00	1.00	299.75		1750.00	300
Hallsville.....	3.00	7.43	2.00	2.00		7.00		4.00				59.68						85.11		600.00	400
Island Creek.....	8.00	40.00	10.00	10.00		15.00	2.00	5.00			1.00	15.00	200.00	1.50				307.50		700.00	500
Ivanhoe.....	3.65	5.00	1.35	3.00		3.00	1.00	1.00						50				19.75	1.25	500.00	200
Johnson's.....	17.22	63.07	17.73	19.28		137.04	3.00	5.50				27.61	250.00	3.00				583.66	40.21	1000.00	300
Kenansville.....	10.00	11.47	10.00	5.00		57.47							250.00	1.00				359.94	15.00	1000.00	400
Lisbon.....	10.00	15.00	5.00	10.00		30.82	5.00	2.00					150.00	1.25			2.00	241.17	10.10	1200.00	300
Magnolia.....	37.67	33.00	40.65	56.36		62.68	5.00	5.00	5.00	4.89		89.00	200.00	2.00				588.20	46.95	1000.00	300
Maple Hill.....	2.00	4.00	1.00	2.00		4.00	1.00	1.00					150.00	55				165.55		600.00	200
Mount Gilead.....		15.00		15.00		5.00	2.00	2.00					150.00	1.00				190.00		1000.00	400
Mount Olive.....	60.43	75.00	38.00	53.75		149.42	10.00	10.00			98.50	59.75	700.00	3.00		5.00	10.00	1359.13	86.28	2500.00	400
New Hope.....	5.00	25.00	5.00	3.00		30.43	3.00	3.00					200.00	1.00				285.43	10.00	500.00	300
Piney Grove.....	2.00	5.00	2.00	5.00		5.00	2.50	2.00					100.00	1.00				137.00	10.00	450.00	350
Poplar Grove.....	2.00	2.00		2.00		4.00							100.00	50				110.50		400.00	300
Rose Hill.....	4.00	15.00	4.00	4.00		10.00	5.00	3.00		22.47		31.25	150.00	2.00				267.22	16.50	1250.00	500
Rowan.....	7.50	15.00	7.50	7.50		10.00	2.50	2.50			71.65	4.75	175.00	1.50				319.28	13.88	600.00	300
Sharon.....		5.00	1.00	5.00		3.00		1.00				9.17	40.00		22.00			92.17	6.00	600.00	300
Siloam.....	2.00	45.00	4.00	4.00		32.34	3.00	3.00			30.00	2.25	150.00	1.25				282.89	6.05	1200.00	500
Spring Vale.....	2.00	10.00	2.00	4.00		5.00	2.00	2.00				52.00	75.00	1.00	25.00			183.00	3.00	500.00	300
Warsaw.....	30.20	50.00	35.00	66.15		20.00	10.00	10.00	1.00		75.00	5.00	600.00		1500.00		3.00	2512.75	107.40	5000.00	400
Totals.....	317.99	652.49	326.78	418.53	3.00	797.59	93.00	100.15	18.00	27.36	349.66	797.66	4831.00	40.91	4222.26	13.00	33.30	13544.77	502.09		

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS AND POST OFFICES.	Number of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Number of Pupils.	Average Attendance.	Months Open.	Expenses.	Orphanage.	Missions.	Quartermen and Papers Taken.	Baptisms.	Volumes in Library.
Alum Springs.....	No School reported.	1	5	35	25	12	\$	60		50	3	
Alpine.....	J. M. Hall, Kerr, N. C.	1	5	35	25	12						
Bethel.....	No School reported.	1	5	35	25	12						
Beulah.....	J. F. Faison, Turkey, N. C.	1	9	63	47	12						
Beulah Chapel.....	C. L. Herring, Clinton	1	5	32	20	12	5.00			60		
Beulahville.....	H. F. Kennedy, Beulahville.	1	5	32	20	12						
Bear Marsh.....	No School reported.	1	7	36	31	12	4.00	5.00				
Bear Marsh.....	C. A. Byrd, Mount Olive.	1	4	31	14	12						
Cedar Fork.....	P. W. Pickett, Hallsville.	1	7	31	14	12						
Calypso.....	R. A. Parker, Calypso.	1	6	44	40	12						
Centre.....	C. L. Robinson, Garland.	1	4	40	20	12						
Clinton.....	W. B. Stewart, Clinton.	1	13	149	86	12	58.45	25.00		200		
Clinton.....	J. C. Boone, Rose Hill.	1	12	95	25	12	2.00					
Concord.....	I. D. Johnson, Rose Hill.	1	9	137	110	12						
Delway.....	W. J. Fryar, Delway.	1	18	113	65	12	18.83	19.00	5.00	140	48	
Delway.....	C. J. Bradshaw, Magnolia.	1	6	35	30	12	6.00	1.40		140	6	
Ebenezer.....	J. H. Faison, Faison.	1	14	135	100	12	11.49	16.45	2.00	54	40	
Faison.....	S. S. Bostic, Hallsville.	1	4	33	25	12						
Hallsville.....	L. R. Brannan, Rose Hill.	1	6	70	35	12						
Island Creek.....	J. R. Rooks, Ivanhoe.	1	6	39	30	12						
Ivanhoe.....	W. H. Middleton, Warsaw.	1	15	179	134	12	40.21	56.68		225	8	
Johnson's.....	Thad Jones, Kenansville.	1	7	48	30	12	15.00					
Kenansville.....	D. L. Herring, Garland.	1	5	40	20	12	10.10	20.82		43	87	
Lisbon.....	H. M. Swinson, Magnolia.	1	13	120	78	12	51.84	21.68	5.00	190	14	
Magnolia.....	D. H. Marshburn, Maple Hill.	1	6	22	20	12	6.85			40		
Maple Hill.....	Evander Stimpson, Clinton.	1	11	155	100	12	86.28	123.42		200		
Mount Olive.....	E. E. Franklin, Mount Olive.	1	11	101	65	12						
Mount Olive.....	C. E. Daniel, Turkey.	1	13	101	65	12						
New Hope.....	J. C. Hobbs, Keener.	1	7	80	48	12						
Piney Grove.....	H. B. Hatcher, Faison.	1	11	110	50	12						
Piney Grove.....	J. T. Kennedy, Moltonville.	1	11	94	51	12	13.88			400		
Rose Hill.....	R. C. Seawell, Chiquiepin.	1	6	60	40	9						
Sharon.....	J. F. Lewis, Kerr.	1	1	73	50	12	6.05	27.34		95		
Sloam.....	A. F. Robinson, Clinton.	1	4	30	30	12						
Spring Vale.....	S. M. Carlton, Warsaw.	1	8	125	107	12	107.40			213		
Warsaw.....		1	1	1	1	12						
Totals.....		37	257	2522	1479	.....	449.38	317.39	12.00	2763	108	107

REV. JOHN THOMAS ALBRITTON.

To his parents, Matthew and Mary Albritton, were given six children. Three died in infancy. Mrs. Oliver Summerlin, of Mount Olive, who was six years younger than her brothers, alone survives. John Thomas and Jesse Tignor, twin brothers, were born January 26th, 1836, at Snow Hill, Greene County, North Carolina. The family moved to Greenville, Pitt County, in 1838. Thomas was placed in school under Miss Sallie Ann Jones of "blessed memory," at the age of five years. The family returned to Greene county in 1843, where he was steadily kept in the best schools accessible until the family removed to Waynesboro, the then county seat of Wayne County, in December, 1848. Soon thereafter Thomas entered the celebrated school of Prof. Wm. B. Robinson at Goldsboro, a village then in its infancy, and one mile from Waynesboro. The family moved to Goldsboro the next year. The reputation of Prof. Robinson was at that time widespread as a teacher of rare ability. In this school Thomas was a diligent student and, in the course of two years, laid a good foundation in Greek, Latin, Mathematics, and Natural Philosophy. At about fifteen years of age he entered the office of "The New Era," a weekly newspaper published in Goldsboro, owned and edited by his teacher, Prof. Robinson. This place proved a most excellent school for him. He loved the work, and to him it was the opening of a new world. These few years were among the most profitable of his days of preparation and training. To them through subsequent life, he was accustomed to revert with great pleasure. We are sure that the accuracy, readiness, and extensive range of knowledge, which characterized his literary pursuits, had their origin here. So thoroughly imbued was he with a thirst for knowledge, that he sought it by day and by night, sometimes with the assistance of learned tutors, sometimes without, with such zeal and devotion that, some who knew him most intimately and loved him most dearly, had serious misgivings, that though a model lad as others saw him, he might be quite inadvertent to the higher concerns of the soul—the claims of the Christian religion. In fact, up to the age of twenty he seemed not to have had any serious religious impressions, and hence was the object of much solicitude and many earnest prayers, especially on the part of his parents.

But God had a nobler and a higher work for him to do; and soon the tide of Providential events swept in upon him with such power as to change the current of his life, as we shall see. His twin brother Jesse professed religion at the age of thirteen, and married about eighteen. Into his home came "one of the sweetest little boys." Among the dearest objects of Thomas' affection was his twin brother. His Christian life was so pure and consecrated as to greatly impress his brother Thomas. In unity and brotherly love did they walk together fifty years until God took Jesse. Jesse's little boy had won his way into his Uncle Thomas' heart who well nigh idolized him when God took him away about one year old. This death sent an arrow to the soul of the uncle and he poured out his grief in verses that would have done credit, as was said, to an older head. His first poem is entitled "To Willie." About this time he became associated with the late Rev. Needham B. Cobb as principal and tutor in the Goldsboro Male High School—the beginning of a friendship warmly cherished by both throughout all after life. In the fall of this year (1856) a great revival of religion blessed the town of Goldsboro, known to this day as "The Great Revival at the Old Academy." At this revival our brother was converted. He joined the Goldsboro Baptist Church on October 5th, 1856, and was baptized by the pastor, Rev. David C. Couling, D. D., in the Neuse River at old Waynesboro.

Thus we can easily trace the chain of circumstances leading up and entering into our brother's experience and conversion, and which rendered the

Gospel to him the power of God, and the Wisdom of God. One other factor of great influence in the same direction was the home environment under which our brother grew up. Beside Jesse, whose early piety has been mentioned, it is proper that I should say that few brothers were ever blessed with a sister so intelligent, true, gentle, affectionate, and faithful, as his sister, Fannie, now Mrs. Summerlin, to whom we are indebted for the facts herein stated, and, sometimes the language in which they are stated. Moreover, he was born of parents who had in the days of their youth given themselves to God—to live for Him. They were united in heart and hand, in purpose and plan. They endeavored to train up their children in the way they should go. They were poor in this world's goods, but rich in grace, and toiled and sacrificed to give them the best educational advantages within their reach. Matthew and Mary Albritton taught their children the Word of God, and exemplified it in their lives. Morning and night they were gathered around the family altar—place of blessed memory to the children ever after. They sang the sweet songs of Zion. The influence of those dear old songs permeated every heart in the happy home, and brought forth fruit in every life. That the proud spirit of John T. Albritton should have remained so long unsubdued, to us seems amazing under the circumstances. But that same proud spirit under the power of the Holy Spirit working through those circumstances and the Word of God preached by such men as Couling, Cobb, and others, did relent. Did the amazing experience of Paul in his conversion give color to his after statement of the doctrines of grace? Then we have in our brother's experience the solution of the stronghold which the same doctrines had upon him. In all such cases it would seem the Word of God is interpreted in the light of personal experience. Nor is it surprising that such a conversion should have led him to an early consideration of the claims of the Christian Ministry, and his church recognizing such claims by bestowing upon him a license to preach the Gospel, January 12th, 1857. In the same month he entered Wake Forest College, and there prosecuted his studies with great energy and formed many pleasant associations, some, which matured into friendship lasting through life. He spent only one term however at college for the want of funds, and his independent spirit, which characterized him through life, would not allow others to defray his expenses through school. He returned home pursuing his studies meanwhile, and in the autumn of that year opened the Hookerton Male Academy in his native county. Here he spent two and a half years—an important period of his life. The people were well-to-do, intelligent, hospitable, sociable and religious. They were staunch supporters of his school, and his work among them as teacher an eminent success. His social intercourse with them was pleasant and gratifying. He united with them in their religious meetings and Christian work. While here he became a Master Mason. But as a Missionary Baptist he was alone—severely alone, says one who knew him intimately. God only knows the trials, the disappointments that came into his life; the hard battles he had to fight; the seasons of gloom and despondency that would at times come over him. But the memory of a sweet song which he had learned from his mother's lips, "The Lord Will Provide," would come to his rescue and bring comfort and peace. Those were busy days and nights. He preached when ever and where ever opportunity offered. He was also busy with his pen, giving to his brethren thus early in life his views on the religious topics of the day of most absorbing interest.

His church twice called for his ordination to the full work of the Ministry, but a sense of unworthiness led him to decline. He studied God's Word carefully and prayerfully. He examined the foundation of his own faith and hope, in the light of Divine truth. He made a special study of the doctrines and practices of his own denomination. With Divine help he came triumphant through all his trials and conflicts stronger in the faith

once delivered to the saints, and was ever after, its bold, unflinching defender.

On Thursday night, February 18th, 1859, in the Baptist Church at Goldsboro he was ordained to the full work of the Gospel Ministry. Rev. Thomas E. Skinner, D. D., preached the sermon, Rev. George William Keese, pastor of the church, offered the prayer, Rev. George Bradford delivered the charge and Rev. Mr. Walthall presented the Bible.

In March or April after, he closed his school at Hookerton to the regret of pupils and patrons, and on April 25th left Goldsboro for Andalusia, Ala., to visit an uncle—William R. Jones, his mother's brother—enjoying a few months' freedom, hunting, fishing, roaming the forests, traveling on horseback, holding forth the Word of Life however, as he passed through southern Alabama and west Florida. His brethren have enjoyed the story of his experiences and reminiscences of these missionary labors. The summer of 1860 he labored as missionary and colporteur for the Sumter Union, S. C. He returned to his native State, and the next year (1861) became pastor of Mount Pleasant Church in Washington County, and of Albemarle and two other churches in Tyrrell County. This was his first pastorate, and greatly enjoyed, until the fall of Roanoke Island, in 1862. On the 16th day of January, 1861, he was married to Miss Dorcas Norman, daughter of Mr. Asburg Norman, of Washington County, the Rev. Samuel Alexander officiating. For forty-five years they lived in happy wedlock. On the fall of Roanoke Island he returned to Goldsboro, and devoted some time to army colporteurage and preaching to the soldiers. In 1863 he was pastor of Smithfield Baptist Church and Falling Creek Church in Wayne. In 1864 he was pastor of Halifax Baptist Church, in the organization of which he had taken a prominent part. About this time he purchased and moved to a little farm about one mile from Mount Olive, placing his membership with the Bear Marsh Church, and became at one time its pastor.

After the war he devoted his time to preaching, teaching, and his little farm. He was pastor of Salem Church in Johnston County, preaching there twice a month, which pastorate, it is said, he much enjoyed; of Mount Calvary, in the Atlantic Association; of Piney Grove (Sampson), Island Creek, Rose Hill, Poplar Grove, and perhaps others in the Eastern Association. He taught school almost continuously—many years in Mount Olive, until his health failed and he was obliged to give it up. But he had the satisfaction of knowing in after years, that he had trained many young men and women for usefulness in life.

In 1882 he sold the little farm, and purchased and moved to a larger one near Calypso, Duplin County, where he spent the remnant of his days. After his sons had grown up, he delivered into their hands his farming interests, and so at last was free from secular pursuits.

His life was full of work, but he was so orderly that it was said he was never rushed or confused. He read, he wrote, he preached—held himself ready to do the Master's work as it came to him. Of him as a writer it is not necessary here to speak, for of his ability as such the files of our religious papers are sufficient evidence. From these every reading Baptist in the State, and many beyond, learned of his literary attainments. As a preacher, he was not highly eloquent in the popular sense; but his sermons were thought out with great care. He brought his scholarship into requisition in the study of the Word of God, and, under the illumination of the Holy Spirit he had a clear view of the plan of salvation. He was therefore an able expositor of the Sacred Scriptures. He was moreover a theologian and a Baptist of the purest type, and marked with pain any departure on the part of his brethren from the faith of the fathers. The note that he sounded, with no uncertain sound, is needed to be heard in many parts of our Baptist Zion, to save many of our churches from doctrinal looseness under the plea of liberalism. He made no compromise with error. He was straightforward and direct in manner

hence he delivered his sermons and speeches with great earnestness and force. The hearer always felt that he spoke because he realized he had a message to deliver. In fact he himself believed that he was called of God to preach the Everlasting Gospel. That was his great life work, to which he made all things else subservient. He labored to support his family and to enable him to preach. He was a poor man in this world's goods, but lived within his means, maintained his credit, and, under the blessing of God, was always able to contribute to every good cause, to care for and educate a large family. Into his home came twelve children, four of them however were taken in infancy. In 1891 a daughter, Mary Tignor, in the bloom of young womanhood, an intelligent, active member of Mount Olive Baptist Church, was called up higher. Again in 1903 the Death Angel came, and Andrew Franklin, the eldest living son, one of the noblest that ever blest a fond parent's life as was said, in the prime of manhood, a staunch member of the same church, closed his eyes to earthly scenes, to become the inhabitant of a city whose builder and maker is God. His faithful companion, who through all the years of their married life had shared his toils and cares, his joys and sorrows, was forced, gradually to yield to bodily infirmities, and became more and more the object of his loving care and attention. He esteemed himself very happy in having his married children settled around him, so that he could visit them all in his daily rounds. His thirteen grand-children with their fathers and mothers were a constant source of heartfelt joy to him. On the morning of Sunday, July 1st, 1906, his beloved wife, Mrs. Dorcas Norman Albritton, gently, quietly fell asleep in Jesus—she had entered into rest. Carefully, tenderly, tearfully, by loving hands all that of her was mortal was laid in the casket, and on Monday, July 2, buried in the cemetery at Mount Olive. Rev. R. G. Kendrick, pastor of the Mount Olive Baptist Church, conducted the solemn burial service. Sad and desolate was the home after the wife and mother had departed. It was then evident that he was losing his hold on life. His noble and devoted children rallied around him, and made every effort to cheer and brighten his last days. He realized that he was coming to the close of life on earth, and looked with hope and joy to the Bright Beyond. His house was in order; still he made good use of the golden days as they came, one by one, from our Father's hand.

On the Saturday before the 4th Sunday in September, 1906, he closed his last pastorate at Rose Hill. The text was, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and Thou Shalt Be Saved," his last public message.

In October he attended the Neuse Association at Goldsboro, his old home, with the church of his first love and which under God had called and sent him forth to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ. The relations between him and this church had ever been of the most pleasant kind, and his visits there were bright spots in his life even down to its close. The heartfelt pleasure he experienced at this last visit, as he mingled with friends and brethren new and old in the church and in the hospitable home of the pastor, Bro. Fry, furnished him with sweet recollections to brighten and cheer the days that followed. Indeed he was always at home in a Baptist Association. And in this connection the writer desires to bear testimony that he was accustomed to associate with Bro. Albritton in the general assemblies of the brethren, over which both were often called to preside, for over thirty years. In such bodies there was no more useful member than he—always ready, strong and pointed in debate, a wise counsellor; considerate of the rights and feelings of others, but a bold and unsparing critic of egregious faults and follies; an authority on Baptist Church history, practice and polity; accurate and ready; unselfish and retiring in disposition, esteemed others better than himself in office and worldly honor. We shall not soon see his like again.

The week following the Association at Goldsboro he was indisposed, but on Saturday, though quite feeble, he attended services at Bear Marsh,

where he held his membership, and took an important part, to the gratification of his brethren, in the business of the conference.

His last visit to Mount Olive was the last of October; but so unwell was he then, that he had to return home in the afternoon of the same day. His last work was gathering his thirteen grand-children and receiving their offerings for the Thomasville Orphanage, which he had promised them to duplicate. His last writing was a note to "Charity and Children" sending off this offering. His last reading was the note in acknowledgment of the same, and is as follows:

"The first Thanksgiving contribution has arrived. Rev. John T. Albritton, who has been sick and confined to his room, laid the Orphanage before his thirteen grand-children and told them he would give an equal amount with them. Here is the result: Tommie, Carl, Frank, Mary, Julia and Fannie Byrd, \$1.00. Bennie, Mary, Johnnie, Elizabeth, Richard, James and Ethel Albritton, \$2.08. John T. Albritton, \$3.10. Total, \$6.18. Bro. Albritton says: 'I am sure you will never get half the joy out of receiving, that my little kids got out of giving this little offering.' We have not published a prettier news note than this for many a day."

He had suffered for some years from heart ailment in some form, and had been advised by his physician not to baptize or exercise violently in any way. This, with the infirmities of advanced age, developed into jaundice. Kind neighbors came to express their sympathy and to tender their kind offices. Many of his old pupils came to assure him of their affectionate regard. Rev. Mr. Kendrick, pastor of the Mount Olive Baptist Church, visited him frequently. His ministrations were very welcome and full of comfort.

He retained the use of his mental faculties to the last. One of his favorite sayings was: "My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness"—it was sure and steadfast. It did not desert him in the trying hour. That grace which he loved above all things else to preach to others he found sufficient for himself. He said to his only sister near the end: "The electing grace of God is a great comfort now." In spite of the untiring efforts of skilful physicians to stay the progress of disease, on Tuesday morning at 11:30 o'clock, December 4th, 1906, he quietly, peacefully yielded up his spirit to God. "Let me die the death of the righteous and let my last end be like his," exclaimed his sister, who waited at his bedside, and in his early ministry had heard him preach from that text. On the next day funeral services were conducted by Rev. R. G. Kendrick, and his earthly remains laid to rest beside those of his wife in the cemetery at Mount Olive. She had awaited his coming five months and three days. She had professed a hope of salvation under his preaching, and had been baptized by him forty-five years before, in Albemarle Sound.

Bro. Albritton had been for some years the historian of our Association, and had made some valuable communications to our body. The last in 1905, in closing which he said: "Should God spare my life, I hope to have something to say about other churches belonging to this body, at our next meeting." But glory to God! our next meeting will be with the General Assembly and Church of the First Born, whose names are written in Heaven.

J. L. STEWART.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO AUDIT THE ACCOUNTS OF
J. L. STEWART, TREASURER OF THE UNION RELIEF SOCIETY.

To the Eastern Association in session at Warsaw, October 6th, 1908:

We, the undersigned Committee, appointed at the last session of the Association to audit the accounts of J. L. Stewart as Treasurer of the Union Relief Fund, for the Old Ministers in this Association, beg leave to report: That we held a meeting at Delway on the 29th day of November, 1907, after full notice to all the members of the Committee. The Clerk of the Association being present as one of the Committee, stated, that owing to some inadvertence on his part, the minutes of the Association did not give the names of the Committee accurately. So, it being agreed by all present that all the undersigned should act on said Committee, it seemed proper to us that the Committee, as then constituted, should proceed to business, the said J. L. Stewart, Treasurer, being present with his accounts and papers.

It will be remembered that this fund is the remnant of a fund, accumulated under the direction of a corporate body, known as the Union Relief Society, for the needy Ministers of the Gospel within the bounds of this Association. The Society having become defunct, by reason of its failure to hold any meetings or to elect any officers, J. L. Stewart was requested to have a settlement with D. K. Kornegay, who had been Treasurer of said Society for many years, take charge of the fund and report to the Association. His report will be found in the minutes of the Association of October, 1875. We have carefully gone over that report and compared it with his present report of the management and disposition of said fund, and we find the present one in all respects correct. He had several notes on hand, the original papers or notes taken in renewal of notes which he was unable to collect, which your Committee deem worthless. Your Committee recommends that these notes be destroyed or surrendered to the personal representatives of the makers. These notes are Nos. 1, 2, 4, 10, 11, and 6, in J. L. Stewart's report. Number 6 was given in renewal of note number 5, and the said number 5 was then ordered surrendered by the Trustees of the Union Relief Society. The interest was paid on said renewal note, which is number 6 in J. L. Stewart's report, until the death of the maker. The present Accountant desires to say that he feels confident that the note would have been paid but for the untimely death of the maker, in which statement your Committee fully concurs. Note number 7 is a renewal of number 8 in J. L. Stewart's report of 1875. In regard to note number 8, in J. L. Stewart's report of October, 1908, for \$10.00, we report that the heirs of the makers have agreed to pay \$20.00 and take the note. Your Committee advised the Treasurer to accept this offer and his report will show that money paid. In reference to notes Nos. 12 and 13, your Committee finds these facts: The makers of said notes entered into an agreement with the Trustees of the Warsaw High School to take control of said school for the Association, and purchased the property adjoining, known as the Stallings or Carroll property, to be used in connection with said school property as had been originally planned. The Carroll property was not quite complete, and this had to be done to render it at all available. As the said parties were unable to make this purchase and at the same time meet their other demands out of their own resources, they appealed to J. L. Stewart for a loan of what relief funds he had on hand. J. L. Stewart then consulted a number of prominent brethren interested in the Association and the School, who all agreed that it was proper to make the loan. The elder of the said parties had been for a long time one of the most prominent ministers of the Association, and had the reputation of being the best Pastor in the Association. The younger had just graduated from Chapel Hill, and gave every promise as a teacher. Under these circumstances, all thought, with the Accountant, that these parties ought to

be encouraged in the school enterprise. The Accountant desires it stated that he himself was intimately acquainted with the financial obligations of the elder of these parties, and knows that he met them promptly. The loan was made, serious sickness came, and the elder party died prematurely. The wife of the younger died soon after marriage. The school enterprise failed and the notes have not been paid. However, some interest was paid, as the accounts will show. Your Committee advised the Accountant of this fund to accept the principal of these notes in full satisfaction, and indulge the hope that our surviving brother, the younger of said parties, may be able to settle on this basis.

Respectfully submitted,

R. C. SANDLING,
C. M. BEACH,
J. M. ALDERMAN,
A. R. HERRING,
A. F. ROBINSON,
Committee.

J. L. Stewart, Treasurer of the Union Relief Fund in account with said Fund October 9th, 1907.

A full report of said Fund, as it came into the hand of said Treasurer, will be found in the minutes of the Association held at Beaufort, in October, 1875.

1.	Note dated March 4th, 1874, for \$200.00. Collected on this note February 4th, 1876.....	\$ 100.00
	Interest from date of payment to this date.....	184.05
2.	Note dated March 18th, 1874, for \$4.00. Note on hand insolvent.	
3.	Note dated January 15th, 1875.....	128.50
	Interest on same to this date.....	235.15
4.	Note dated January 8th, 1875, for \$90.00. Note on hand. Principal insolvent. Surety refused to pay.	
5.	Note dated October 19th, 1876, for \$15.00. Note surrendered by order of the Trustees. See Clerk's notes at end of report—minutes 1875.	
6.	Note dated October 7th, 1869, said to have been in renewal of note No. 5, hence No. 5 surrendered. Interest on No. 6 to January 1st, 1876, paid July 28th, 1876.....	6.75
	And note for \$15.48 dated July 28th, 1876, given in renewal, on hand. Had the maker of this note lived, Treasurer thinks he would have paid, but he died soon after the above date. Interest on \$6.75 from date of payment to this date.....	12.86
7.	Note for \$32.15 renewed by note for \$44.15, dated July 13th, 1876. Renewal note now on hand. Party failed to pay. See his letter herewith filed. (This letter is on file with the original reports made by J. L. Stewart, of which this is a partial copy. This copy made to conform to motion passed at Association in session at Warsaw, October, 1908.	
8.	Note for \$10.00, dated October 7th, 1869. Party dead. Heirs offer to pay this and \$10.00 more, which Auditing Committee thinks fair. Hence accepted in full payment.....	20.00
9.	Note dated August 24th, 1874. Paid October 6th, 1880. (Partial payment).....	65.00
	Interest from date of payment to this date.....	101.40
	Note paid in full December 13th, 1880.....	54.92
	Interest from date of payment to this date.....	84.85
10.	Note dated August 1st, 1857, for \$38.25. Party died insolvent. Note on hand.	

11.	Note dated August 28th, 1875, for \$57.78. Party died insolvent. Note on hand.	
12.	Note dated June 16th, 1880, for \$79.25. Interest paid to April 19th, 1886.....	27.69
	Interest on this payment from its date to this date.....	34.00
	Note on hand with interest from April 19th, 1886.	
13.	Note dated October 6th, 1881, for \$100.00. Interest paid to April 19th, 1886.....	27.20
	Interest on said payment from its date to this date.....	33.38
	Note on hand with interest from April 19th, 1886.	
	Total.....	<u>\$1110.75</u>
	1875. July 30th.	
	Collection at Mount Gilead.....	\$13.95
	Collection at Boykin's Chapel.....	3.20
		<u>\$17.15</u>
	Amount paid Bro. Utley.....	\$ 6.00
	Amount paid Bro. Guy.....	10.00
		<u>\$16.00</u>
	Now on hand from that date.....	1.15
	Total.....	<u>\$1111.90</u>

Of the above total \$426.21 is principal and \$685.69 is interest.

J. L. Stewart's vouchers as Treasurer of the Union Relief Fund as follows:

1.	Paid Jacob Utley, January 2nd, 1878.....	\$ 6.00
	Interest to this date.....	10.35
2.	Paid Jacob Utley, July 10th, 1883.....	10.00
	Interest to this date.....	13.95
3.	Paid to G. W. Hufham, April 19th, 1886.....	50.00
	Interest to this date.....	61.42
4.	Paid G. W. Hufham, April 19th, 1886 (Kennedy).....	27.44
	Interest to this date.....	33.70
5.	Paid Alfred Guy's Widow, April 19th, 1886.....	27.44
	Interest to this date.....	33.70
6.	Paid Stewart & Hines, September 13th, 1887, for G. W. Hufham..	10.75
	Interest to this date.....	12.30
7.	Note	\$ 79.25
	Interest to this date.....	97.34
8.	Note	100.00
	Interest to this date.....	122.82— 399.41
	Cash on hand.....	1.90
	Total credits	<u>\$ 698.36</u>

Of the above total \$312.78 is principal and \$385.58 is interest.

Total receipts with interest, \$1,111.90; total disbursements with interest, \$698.36. Balance on hand, \$413.54.

Total receipts without interest, \$426.21; total disbursements without interest, \$312.78.

Paid to the Relief Board Baptist State Convention.....\$500.00

(Signed) J. L. STEWART.

