

MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Atlantic Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

LaGRANGE, LENOIR CO., N. C.,

October 30th, November 1st, 1888.

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J. S. DILL	Goldsboro,	"
A. J. HIRES	Kinston,	"
T. J. LEARY	Harlowe,	"
C. J. NELSON	Goldsboro,	"
C. A. WOODSON	Morehead City,	"
BENJ. WARD		

PROCEEDINGS.

LAGRANGE, N. C., Tuesday October 30th, 1888.

The Atlantic Association met in its fifth annual session with the LaGrange church. The former Moderator being absent the Clerk of the previous session called the Association to order.

Rev. J. F. Love conducted devotional exercises, and on motion, Rev. A. J. Hires was elected Moderator, *pro tem*.
Rev. C. A. Woodson and J. C. Whitty were appointed Reading Clerks. Letters from the churches were read and delegates enrolled as follows :

Antioch—A. G. Cox, W. B. Wingate, H. B. Whitford, A. D. Cox.

Beaufort—Rev. C. A. Woodson.

Bayboro—By Letter.

Capernaum—By Letter.

Davis Shore—Samuel Babbit.

Enon—E. W. Ward, L. O. Fonvielle, Rev. Benj. Ward.

Fort Barnwell—J. W. Lane.

Falling Creek—M. E. Britt.

Goldsboro—Rev. J. S. Dill, Rev. C. J. Nelson, W. G. Britt, J. Y. Joyner, J. E. Peterson.

Kinston—Rev. A. J. Hires, J. M. Wooten, Dr. R. H. Lewis, J. A. Pridgen, S. T. Crossland.

LaGrange—C. W. Bizzell, J. W. Isler, C. S. Wooten, Simeon Wooten.

Morehead City—M. S. Webb.

Mount Calvary—A. M. Prince, E. H. Parker, Rev. J. T. Albritton.

Newberne—Rev. H. W. Battle, J. C. Whitty, F. W. Hancock.

Piney Grove (Jones)—Edgar Elliot.

Pollocksville—By Letter.

Snow Hill—J. B. Williams.

Woodville—By Letter.

Churches not represented : Piney Grove (Onslow), Smyrna, Union and Young Bethel.

On motion, the pastor and deacons of LaGrange church were appointed a committee on Religious Service.

The churches at Newberne and Piney Grove (Jones) having asked for the next session of the Association, on motion of Bro. J. M. Wooten, the letters from these churches were referred to the committee to be appointed on place of next meeting.

On motion, the Association adjourned until 2 o'clock with prayer by Dr. John Mitchell.

AETERNOON SESSION.

The Association met at the time appointed and prayer was offered by Rev. J. S. Dill.

The election of officers being in order, the Association proceeded to the election.

On motion, the election of all the officers was taken at the same ballot. Brethren J. F. Love and Benj. Ward were appointed tellers.

J. Y. Joyner was elected Moderator and W. G. Britt re-elected Clerk.

F. W. Hancock having declined a re-election, J. A. Pridgen was placed in nomination and elected Treasurer.

On motion, the Moderator extended an invitation to visiting brethren to seats. Dr. John Mitchell accepted the invitation as a representative of the Board of Education at Wake Forest College, and was welcomed by the Moderator.

On motion, the report on Education was made the special order for to-morrow at 2½ o'clock.

The committee on Religious Service made a report, which, after being amended, was adopted, as follows: That the Association meet to-morrow at 9½ o'clock, adjourn at 12, meet at 2 and 7 P. M. and adjourn at pleasure, and that the Introductory sermon be preached to-night; also, that Dr. Mitchell preach a Missionary Sermon to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

Petitionary letters were called for and none presented. On motion of Rev. A. J. Hires, Rev. J. S. Dill was placed on the committee on Home Missions in the place of Rev. W. J. Fulford, who was absent. Rev. H. W. Battle on the committee on Education in place of Rev. C. S. Cashwell, and Rev. J. F. Love on the committee on Temperance, in place of J. B. Turner.

The Moderator appointed the following committees to report at the present session:

On Place and Preacher for next Session—J. M. Wooten, J. W. Isler, C. J. Nelson.

On Delinquent Churches—Rev. A. J. Hires, A. M. Prince, M. S. Webb.
To Nominate an Executive Board—Rev. H. W. Battle, Rev. J. F. Love, J. C. Whitty.

On motion of Rev. J. S. Dill, the committee to nominate an Executive Board was also empowered to nominate a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention.

Rev. A. J. Hires of the committee on Delinquent churches, made a verbal report, and also some remarks in regard to Union church, and on motion, the report was laid on the table until the next day.

On motion of Rev. C. J. Woodson, it was ordered that the collection to-night be given to the Board of Education.

The report on State Missions was read by Rev. A. J. Hires, and on motion, it was laid on the table and made the special order for Thursday morning at 10 o'clock.

It was moved and carried that Rev. J. F. Love be invited to present the claims of Bayboro church Wednesday night.

The report of the committee on Foreign Missions was read by Rev. C. A. Woodson, and after being discussed by himself, Rev. H. W. Battle, Rev. J. S. Dill, Dr. Mitchell, Rev. J. T. Albritton and Rev. A. J. Hires, was adopted as follows:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Foreign Missions submit the following for your consideration:

By an unusual combination of circumstances, the cause of Foreign Missions has received a considerable impetus, in its forward course, during the past year. This has resulted partly from the fact that quite a number of godly men and women have gone to the foreign field since our last annual meeting; also in part from the fact that greater interest has been excited among our churches in the Foreign Mission work by the heroic death at the post of duty, of some of the faithful men and women sent to the foreign field—notably the veteran M. T. Yates. The Lord seems to be laying peculiar honor on North Carolina, in calling so many of her sons and daughters for the performance of this great work.

There is, consequently, no State within the bounds of our Convention that has greater cause to cultivate a deep and abiding interest in this work of sending the gospel to the heathen. This interest will be best shown by our sympathy, our prayers, and by our contributions.

Rev. R. T. Bryan, one of our younger missionaries at Chinking, China, in a recent letter published in the *Recorder*, earnestly recommends the plan of churches and Associations, assuming the support of missionaries. This is mentioned for your thoughtful consideration. The time may not have come for this body to assume such support; some may doubt the wisdom of the plan, but certainly no harm can result from a courteous discussion of plans suggested by our missionaries on the field, and a study of our available means, that we may know the better what we can or ought to do in the Master's service.

The fields occupied by our Board are as follows: Northern, Central and Southern China, Africa, Italy, Brazil and Mexico. That our people may be better informed as to the work on these fields, we earnestly recommend that they subscribe for and read the *Foreign Mission Journal*, published at Richmond, Va.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. WOODSON,
M. S. WEBB,

Committee.

Rev. J. S. Dill gave notice of a proposed amendment to the Constitution, to be voted upon at the next session of the Association, as follows: In Article II, the words "five delegates," be stricken out, and that for it be substituted "three delegates," unless the membership exceed 50, and then there shall be an additional delegate for every 25 members.

The following resolution in amendment of Constitution was presented by Rev. J. T. Albritton, to be voted upon at our next session:

Resolved, That Article X of the Constitution be amended by inserting after the word "chosen" the following words: And an Introductory Sermon shall be delivered on the first day of the session. And that Article XI be amended by striking out after the word "session" in the first line, all that follows and inserting the words, "by a vote of two-thirds of the members present."

On motion, the subject of Home Missions was made the special order for to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

Rev. H. W. Battle led in prayer, and on motion, the Association adjourned.

At night Rev. C. A. Woodson preached the Introductory Sermon from Songs of Solomon, 6th chapter and 3d verse, after which, Dr. Mitchell made some remarks in regard to the educational work at Wake Forest College, and a collection amounting to \$7.08 was taken for that object.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, October 31st, 1888.

The Association was called to order at 9½ o'clock and Rev. J. S. Dill led in prayer.

Proceedings of the previous day were read and approved. Rev. J. F. Love was welcomed by the Moderator as a messenger from the East Chowan Association.

The report of the committee on the Baptist Orphanage was read by Bro. J. M. Wooten, and on motion, was laid on the table until the arrival of the representative of the Orphanage.

The hour for the special order having arrived, Rev. J. S. Dill read the report on Home Missions, and after being discussed by Bro. Dill, Rev. H. W. Battle and Bro. J. M. Wooten, was adopted as follows:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is, during the present year, prosecuting its work with increasing zeal and success. Its important missions in the west, especially in Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas, have been wonderfully blessed of the Lord. An increased number of consecrated men are working under this board in all of our weaker States and territories. Good work is also being done in Florida and Western North Carolina.

The work in Cuba under Bro. Diaz, which has been committed to this Board, is one of the great wonders of modern missions. Now, in only its third year, the church in Havana numbers 1,000 members and great multitudes flock continually to hear the pure gospel. A prominent and highly educated priest of the Catholic church has joined the Baptist faith and is rendering valuable aid. A large tent has been provided for temporary use to accommodate the people, and an effort is being made to build a suitable church house in Havana. Aid for this work is especially needed at this critical period in the development of the pure gospel in the land of Cuba.

The Home Board has recently begun the publication of a paper called the *Home Field*, which is doing good service in giving information of the home work, and we earnestly commend it to the patronage of the Association.

The *Kind Words* series is gaining in favor and the Board is gratified by its reception among the majority of our Sunday Schools.

In view of the increased labors and efficiency of this Board, your committee would press it upon the notice of our churches and urge that every church in the Association give to it at least one collection during the year. The Home Board is located in Atlanta, Ga., with Dr. I. T. Tichenor as Secretary, but all contributions had better pass through the hands of our Association or State Convention Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. DILL,
Committee.

On motion the time for preaching was postponed for a few minutes, and the roll of churches was called and the following pledges made for Home and Foreign Missions:

	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.
Antioch.....	\$ 10 00	\$ 7 50
Beaufort.....	3 00	5 00
Bayboro.....	2 00	5 00
Davis' Shore.....	5 00	3 00
Enon.....	5 00	2 50
Falling Creek.....	2 50	2 50
Goldsboro.....	35 00	35 00
Kinston.....	25 00	25 00
LaGrange.....	5 00	5 00
Morehead City.....	5 00	10 00
Mt. Calvary.....	2 50	5 00
Newberne.....	25 00	35 00
Piny Grove (Jones).....	2 00	1 00
Fort Barnwell.....		3 00
Total.....	\$127 00	\$144 50

A letter was presented and read from the Bear Creek Association, (colored) and the messenger from that body was welcomed by the Moderator.

Dr. Mitchell preached at 11½ o'clock, after which the committee on Religious Service, made the following report: That Bro. Dill preach to-night, to be followed by a statement from Bro. Love in regard to the work at Bayboro.

On motion, the Association adjourned, with prayer by Rev. H. W. Battle.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 o'clock the Moderator called the Association to order, and prayer was offered by Rev. J. T. Albritton.

The report of the Committee on Education being the special order for this hour, the report was called for and read by Rev. H. W. Battle, and after an interesting discussion by Dr. Mitchell, Rev. C. A. Woodson, J. E. Peterson, J. C. Whitty, Rev. H. W. Battle, F. W. Hancock and Rev. A. J. Hires, was adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The cultivation of the mind is both a privilege and a duty. A privilege, because of the enjoyment realized from well disciplined faculties on the part of the individual; a duty—blended with privilege—because of vastly increased capacity for usefulness, thus attained in any legitimate sphere of life. But, like other mighty agencies for good, education *perverted* becomes a medium for the propagation of evil, an enemy to truth, and a curse to the race. It is, therefore, a matter well calculated to inspire gratitude to God, and confidence in our future as a denomination, that we have institutions of learning where all the lore of the schools is sanctified by the salutary influences of genuine and profound piety. Conspicuously prominent are Wake Forest College, and the female colleges located at Murfreesboro, Oxford and Thomasville. Too great emphasis cannot be given to that most important work, in which Wake Forest College is so nobly and successfully engaged—the education of young men who have been chosen to become the heralds of the Cross. There are now at Wake Forest about 40 ministerial students, 32 of whom are receiving aid from the Educational Board.

This Association is represented at the college by two young brethren who are being educated and supported preparatory to their life-work in the ministry, and we deem it of the greatest importance that there be generous and systematic contributions from the churches, that these brethren may be sustained and the good work carried on.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY W. BATTLE,
CHAS. WHITTY,
Committee.

The roll of churches was called and the following pledges were made for Ministerial Education:

Antioch, \$10.00; Beaufort, \$7.00; Bayboro, \$5.00; Davis Shore, \$2.00; Enon, \$5.00; Fort Barnwell, \$5.00; Goldsboro, \$35.00; Kinston, \$25.00; LaGrange, \$10.00; Morehead City, \$10.00; Mt. Calvary, \$5.00; Newberne, \$35.00; Piny Grove (Jones), \$1.00; Smyrna, \$5.00; Young Bethel, \$5.00; Davis Shore, \$5.00.

The following individual pledges were also made: J. B. Williams, \$5.00; J. E. Peterson, \$5.00; M. E. Britt, \$2.00; Mrs. G. W. Sanderlin, \$2.00; Mary E. Russell, \$1.00; Miss S. E. Bizzell, \$1.00; Mrs. John Woolard, \$2.00; Miss Alice Eason, \$1.00; Rev. H. W. Battle, \$5.00; Miss Dena Russell, \$1.00; Mrs. W. J. Andrews, (paid) \$2.00; Mrs. S. King, \$5.00; Miss Laura Wood, \$5.00; Miss Bettie Wood, \$1.00; Mrs. Laura Jones, \$25.00. Total, \$233.00.

The following resolutions offered by Rev. C. A. Woodson were adopted:
Resolved, 1st. That this Association adopt Bro. E. F. Rice, now at Wake Forest College, as a ministerial student.

2d. That the President of the Educational Board of this Association inform Bro. Rice of this action of the Association.

The committee appointed to name the place of meeting of the next Association, recommended Piny Grove (Jones), Rev. H. W. Battle to preach Introductory Sermon and Rev. J. T. Albritton, Alternate; which recommendation was adopted.

Rev. F. R. Howell, a colored brother, representing the American Baptist Home Mission Society of New York, was allowed to make a statement in regard to the work in Newberne, and permitted a collection for that object. Amount received, \$5.82.

Dr. R. H. Lewis gave notice of a proposed amendment to the Constitution to be acted upon at the next session of the Association, as follows:

The Association shall appoint annually an Education Board of five members, and to this Board shall be referred all applications for aid in ministerial education.

The report on Temperance was read and adopted, as follows:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The time was when not only the moderate use of intoxicating liquors, but also their manufacture and sale, were considered by many as no violation of God's law, and no barrier to Christian or church fellowship. But the fearful and growing evils of intemperance which have troubled us so much, both in and out of the church, have induced our people to give a more thorough and conscientious study to those parts of God's Word that bear on the temperance question. Hence, the sentiment of a large portion of our people in and out of the church, is that Bible temperance means the moderate use of what is lawful, and total abstinence from what is hurtful. The Bible teaches plainly that "wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." It produces woe, sorrow, contentions, babblings, wounds without cause, redness of eyes, and if persisted in will bring eternal ruin upon both soul and body.

Considering the destructive power and fearful influence of the liquor traffic, and the awful results of intemperance, we recommend and urge upon the Christians to abandon its use as a beverage, and stand squarely upon the Bible platform of temperance.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. LEARY,
 J. F. LOVE,
 Committee.

The report on Periodicals was read, and, on motion, was laid on the table until State Mission report should be passed to-morrow.

Brethren J. E. Peterson and A. G. Cox were granted leave of absence.

Rev. C. A. Woodson led the Association in prayer, and the body adjourned until 7 o'clock.

NIGHT SESSION.

At 7 o'clock Rev. J. S. Dill preached. After the sermon, according to previous arrangement, Bro. J. F. Love made an appeal in behalf of Bayboro church. Bro. Battle also spoke in behalf of this work, and the delegates pledged for their churches the following amounts:

Antioch, \$2.00; Beaufort, \$5.00; Davis Shore, \$2.00; Enon, \$2.00; Falling Creek, \$2.00; Goldsboro, \$10.00; Kinston, \$10.00; LaGrange, \$5.00;

Morehead City, \$5.00; Young Bethel, \$2.00; Mrs. Parrott, \$3.00; Dr. J. S. Bizzell, \$1.00, and J. C. Love, \$1.00. Cash collection, \$8.08. Total, \$58.08.

On motion, the report on Periodicals was taken from the table and discussed. Dr. C. T. Bailey, Editor of the *Biblical Recorder*, being present was welcomed by the Moderator and spoke upon the report. Bro. C. J. Nelson also made some remarks, and on motion, the report was adopted:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

One of the most potent factors in the education and progressiveness of the present age is its periodical literature. He who fails to recognize the potency of this factor must necessarily lag behind his wiser competitors, whatever may be the calling which engages the energies of his life. If a man should take a periodical devoted to his business, surely he should take a periodical devoted to his religion, for the simple reason that religion is of far greater importance than business. The Baptists of North Carolina should take first of all the *Biblical Recorder*, because it is the organ of the denomination in the State, the faithful exponent and defender of our distinctive principles, the medium of communication by which we become acquainted with one another and provoke one another to good works, and lastly, because of its earnest advocacy of the many enterprises which claim our attention and enlist our sympathy and aid.

We also commend to our brethren the *Gospel Herald*, published by the State Mission Board, at fifty cents a copy, one dollar for four copies, and fifteen dollars for one hundred copies; also *Charity and Children*, published at Thomasville, in the interest of the Baptist Orphanage at \$1.00 per year; also the *Foreign Mission Journal*, of Richmond, Va., the *Home Field*, of Atlanta, Ga., and the Baptist Sunday School papers and Lesson Helps, published at Atlanta and Philadelphia.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. ALBITTON,
 A. M. PRINCE,

Committee.

The committee to nominate an Executive Board and Delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention reported, recommending the following:

Executive Board—J. C. Whitty, Chairman; A. G. Cox, J. S. Bizzell, J. M. Wooten, C. J. Nelson, E. F. Cox, J. A. Pridgen.
Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention—Rev. A. J. Hires; Alternate, Rev. J. F. Love.

The report was adopted.
 On motion, adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9½ o'clock.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

THURSDAY, Nov. 1st, 1888.

Moderator called the Association to order at 9¼ o'clock, and Bro. J. M. Wooten led in prayer.

Minutes of the preceding day read and approved.
 It was moved by C. A. Woodson that the letter from the Bear Creek (colored) Association be referred to a committee of two. Motion carried, and J. T. Albritton and M. E. Britt were appointed.

The report of the Committee on Sunday Schools was read by J. S. Dill, and after remarks by C. J. Nelson, J. M. Wooten, J. S. Dill and J. B. Williams, was adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

On examination of the church letters, we find that there are fourteen churches maintaining regular Sunday schools, and eight without schools. We consider this encouraging, but would impress upon the churches without Sunday schools, the great importance of at once organizing them. It is next to impossible for a church to have vitality and continuous growth without this important aid to the training and development of the children.

Especially would we commend to churches not enjoying regular preaching every Sunday, that the Sunday school presents an excellent opportunity for bringing together the members of the church on every Lord's day for the study of God's Word.

J. Y. JOYNER,
C. J. NELSON,
Committee.

The Moderator announced the following standing committees :

Foreign Missions—H. W. Battle, Samuel Babbit and J. W. Isler.
Home Missions—J. S. Dill, J. B. Williams and Edgar Elliot.
State Missions—J. T. Albritton, M. S. Webb and M. E. Britt.
Sunday Schools—J. C. Whitty, Dr. E. W. Ward and C. W. Bizzell.
Temperance—F. W. Hancock, J. M. Wooten and A. M. Prince.
Education—C. A. Woodson, Simeon Wooten and L. O. Fonville.
Periodicals—T. J. Leary, J. W. Lane and A. D. Cox.
Baptist Orphanage—A. J. Hires, C. J. Nelson and J. E. Peterson.

The report on the Baptist Orphanage was taken from the table, and after discussion by J. M. Wooten, J. S. Dill, F. W. Hancock, C. A. Woodson, J. W. Oliver, C. T. Bailey and A. G. Cox, was adopted.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

Our Orphanage at Thomasville, N. C., is an institution of which every Baptist should feel proud, and feel a deep interest in the welfare of the little ones there. There are about 93 orphans sheltered and fed at that home. It requires much food and clothing for those that are to be cared for. When we remember that the children there gathered are our family, the children of the great Baptist Brotherhood of North Carolina, it brings them very near our hearts.

Now, we want something solid and substantial for the orphanage. While we feel thankful that the church letters show that the orphans have been remembered, yet the half has not been done that can and should be done. We would, therefore, recommend to all our churches to try to get each member to take *Charity and Children*. The paper is now 12 pages, and has increased from 500 to over 2,000 copies weekly, and costs only one dollar. Aside from the charity in the case, the paper is richly worth the money.

We would further recommend to all churches that do not have a regular system for the collection of funds, that they take up regular collections for the support of the orphans. We farther recommend that each Sabbath school in the Association set apart the first Sunday in each month as a day to take a collection for the orphans.

Brethren, we commend this work to you, feeling that it is our work as Baptists. Let us all pray God for His blessing on the work and He will give it.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. WOOTEN,
J. C. WHITTY,
Committee.

The Moderator welcomed to a seat in the Association Rev. C. Durham, Corresponding Secretary of the State Mission Board, and Bro. J. W. Oliver, agent of the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville.

On motion of Bro. H. W. Battle, in further discussions to-day, speeches were limited to five minutes, except visiting brethren representing special objects.

The committee on the communication from Bear Creek Association (colored), presented the following report, which was adopted :

We respectfully recommend that this body send a messenger to the next session of the above Association. While we heartily approve the efforts of our colored brethren to improve their intellectual condition, we earnestly advise that instead of wasting their strength in trying to build up new colleges for intellectual and theological training, they patronize the excellent school in Raleigh, known as Shaw University.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. ALBRITTON,
M. E. BRITT,
Committee.

The report of the Executive Board was read by Bro. Hires. The report on State Missions was also taken from the table, and both discussed together.

Rev. C. Durham ably represented the State Mission work, and upon his presentation of its claims, the following pledges were made for the coming year :

PLEDGES FOR STATE MISSIONS.

Antioch, \$7.50; Beaufort, \$10.00; Bayboro, \$12.00; Enon, \$5.00; Falling Creek, \$10.00; Goldsboro, \$100.00; Kinston, \$50.00; LaGrange, \$10.00; Morehead City, \$30.00; Mt. Calvary, \$10.00; Newberne, \$50.00; Piny Grove, \$2.00; Smyrna, \$5.00; Woodville, \$5.00; Young Bethel, \$5.00; Davis Shore, \$5.00. Cash collection, \$10.53. Total, \$327.03.

The Committee on Religious Service reported that Bro. C. A. Woodson would preach to-night.

On motion, the Association adjourned until 2½ o'clock. Benediction by Rev. C. Durham.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order at 2½ o'clock, and J. S. Dill led in prayer.

The report of the Executive Board and the report on State Missions were further discussed with special reference to the Colportage work. Remarks were made by F. W. Hancock, C. Durham, and Dr. C. T. Bailey, and both reports adopted.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The work of evangelizing our own State has lost none of its importance, nor of its binding claims upon our churches. Much has been done since this work was inaugurated; much remains to be done before it is completed.

The State Board is prosecuting the work aggressively and successfully. The Corresponding Secretary is untiring and the missionaries are faithful. Since the last meeting of the State Convention, 87 missionaries and 13 colporters have been commissioned. Five of these missionaries have labored within the bounds of the Atlantic Association, two of them

wholly, and the others partly. Let us do our full share of pressing on the work in hearty co-operation with the Board. "Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters."

A. J. HIRES,
RICHARD H. LEWIS,
J. P. JOYNER,
Committee.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Since the last report, the State Board, with our concurrence, re-appointed Bro. C. A. Woodson to the work at Morehead City and Beaufort, \$250.00; Bro. W. J. Fulford at Snow Hill and Greene county, \$350; Bro. C. S. Cashwell at Dover Station and French's School House, \$100; and also appointed Bro. J. F. Love at Bayboro, in addition to his work in the Tar River Association, \$100; and Bro. Benjamin Ward in Onslow county, \$25, making a total of \$825 appropriated in our Association.

After six months, Bro. Fulford resigned his work and removed to another Association, and much to our regret, no one has been found to occupy the field thus vacated.

Bro. T. J. Leary resigned his work at the beginning of the Association year. Considerable effort was made to find a missionary for that field, but all in vain. Later in the year, Bro. Leary reconsidered the matter and was willing again to take up the work. Then, however, the Board had appropriated as largely as they dared, and have not been willing since to increase their obligations. The result has been that Bro. Leary's ministry has been greatly hindered by the necessity of finding support for himself and family.

In view of the great destitution occasioned as above stated, your Board have desired, and made some effort to obtain a general missionary or evangelist, who would also do colportage work, but unavailingly.

Under existing circumstances, we see nothing that would better meet present necessity and save our weak churches from depletion, than to put the right kind of a laborer for this general work in the field, but where that kind of a man is to be obtained, we know not. That something should be done without delay to "strengthen the things that remain—that are ready to die," is distressingly evident. "Pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest, that He send forth laborers into the harvest."

A. J. HIRES,
Chairman.

On motion of Rev. J. S. Dill, the matter of employing a colporter was referred to the Executive Board.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved. (See pages 14 and 15.) The report of the Committee on Delinquent Churches was read and adopted, as follows:

The Committee on Delinquent Churches report, that Piney Grove (Onslow), Smyrna, Young Bethel and Union churches, have sent neither delegates nor letters at this meeting, and we recommend that the cause of this neglect be early inquired into by the Executive Board.

A. J. HIRES,
M. S. WEBB,
A. M. PRINCE,
Committee.

On motion, the Clerk was allowed ten dollars for his services.

On motion, the pastor of LaGrange Church was appointed as a messenger to the Bear Creek Association (colored).

The following, offered by Bro. Battle, was adopted by a rising vote:
Resolved, That we, the delegates and visitors to the Atlantic Association, appreciate the cordial hospitality extended to us by the good people

of LaGrange, and we thank them and pray that the blessing of Heaven may abide with them. We also extend thanks to the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad for reduction in rates.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet at Piney Grove (Jones) on Tuesday after the fourth Sunday in October, 1889.
Rev. T. J. Leary led the Association in prayer, and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. H. W. Battle.

J. Y. JOYNER,
MODERATOR.

W. G. BRITT,
Clerk.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The daily sessions of the Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. Delegates shall be recognized by letters from their churches, designating them as such.
3. The Moderator shall recognize corresponding messengers or the delegates of newly received churches by extending to them his right hand.
4. The Clerk shall have recorded and read the proceedings when called for, superintend the publication and distribution of the Minutes, preserve a file of them, and have it present at each annual session, and deliver to his successor all papers belonging to the body.
5. Members desiring to speak, shall first rise and address the Moderator; shall use the term "Brother," in speaking of each other; shall not speak on the same subject more than twice without permission, and shall observe the courtesy that becomes Christians.
6. Members shall not absent themselves from the session without permission.
7. The roll of members shall be called at least once, and absentees marked.
8. Corresponding messengers and visiting brethren shall be invited to seats, with privilege of speaking, but not voting.
9. A copy of the Minutes shall be sent to the Secretary of the State Mission Board, also one to the Secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention, and one to the American Publication Society, 1420 Chestnut street Philadelphia.
10. All questions of order not herein provided shall be decided by Mell's Parliamentary Practice.
11. The report of the Executive Board, and the missionary work of the Association, shall take precedence of all other business during the morning session of the second day of the annual session.
12. The General Order Business shall be:
 1. Reading church letters and enrollment of delegates.
 2. Election of officers.
 3. Petitionary letters.
 4. Appointment of committees for this session.
 5. Appointment of Standing Committees.
 6. Report of committees on churches delinquent at the previous session.
 7. Reports of Standing Committees.
 8. Reports of other committees.
 9. Miscellaneous business.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

F. W. HANCOCK, IN ACCOUNT WITH ATLANTIC BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

DATE.	WHERE RECEIVED FROM.	State or Asso- ciational Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Orphanage.	Minute Fund.	Miss & ry work at Newberne.	Bayboro Church.	Total.
1887										
Nov. 8th.	By amount from Newberne church	\$ 10 00								\$ 10 00
" 8th.	" " Bayboro church	4 50								4 50
" 8th.	" " Dr. W. J. Montford	1 00								1 00
Dec. 20th.	" " Davis Shore church	8 00	2 00		5 00					15 00
1888										
Jan. 15th.	" " Dr. J. D. Roberts			2 00	5 00					7 00
April 14th.	" " Bayboro church				5 00					5 00
May 20th.	" " Fort Barnwell church	5 00			5 00					10 00
July 16th.	" " Antioch church				2 25					2 25
Aug. 18th.	" " Union Meefg (Kinst'n)	7 53								7 53
Oct. 30th.	" " Antioch church	7 50	2 00		7 50		1 50			18 50
" "	" " Beaufort church	5 65	5 00	7 50			2 00			20 15
" "	" " Bayboro church	10 75		50			1 52			12 27
" "	" " Capernaum church	2 50					10			3 10
" "	" " Enon church	20 00		3 05	5 00					28 05
" "	" " Falling Creek church	12 50	2 90		3 00		1 25			19 65
" "	" " Fort Barnwell church	20 00			5 00		2 00			27 00
" "	" " Goldsboro church	100 00	7 25		14 90		5 00			127 15
" "	" " Kinston church	15 72	10 66	20 00	14 72		2 52			63 62
" "	" " LaGrange church				5 00		2 50			7 50
" "	" " Morehead City church				3 00		2 00			5 00
" "	" " Mt. Calvary church	10 00	5 00	2 10	3 00	4 50	1 00			25 60

MINUTES OF THE

ATLANTIC BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

DATE.	TO WHOM PAID.	What Object.	Total.	DATE.	TO WHOM PAID.	What Object.	Total.
1887				1888			
Nov. 8th.	To am't paid F. H. Briggs	Missions	\$ 15 50	Nov. 1st.	By am't paid F. H. Briggs	Missions	401 86
Apr'l 20th.	" " " " "	Missions	2 00	" "	" " " " "	Minist'l Ed	131 20
" "	" " " " "	Minist'l Ed	5 00	" "	" " " " "	Orphanage	7 48
May 21st.	" " " " "	" "	5 00	" "	" " " " "	Minutes	25 00
" "	" " " " "	Missions	5 00	" "	" " " " "	Clerk	10 00
Aug. 18th.	" " " " "	Minist'l Ed	2 25	" "	Rev. J. F. Love	Bayboro ch	8 08
" "	" " " " "	Missions	7 53	" "	Rev. F. Howell	Mis'ary w'rk	5 82
					(colored)	Newberne	
							\$ 631 72
Nov. 1st.			\$ 332 75	46 49	\$ 52 65	\$ 143 45	\$ 7 48
							\$ 8 08
							\$ 5 82
							\$ 8 08
							\$ 10 53
							\$ 2 81
							\$ 631 72

*F. W. Hancock pledge for Ministerial Education amount sent through Newberne Baptist Church.

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F. W. HANCOCK, TREASURER.

Statistical Table,

CHURCHES.	PASTORS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.	CLERKS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.	Baptized.	Recd. by lettr.	Restored.	Dis. by letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Antioch	C. S. Cashwell, Fort Barnwell.	John C. Cox, Greenville	1	1				1	17	27	44
Beaufort	C. A. Woodson, Beaufort	John D. Davis, Beaufort	16	7	1	4	1	1	59	80	139
Bayboro	J. F. Love, Bayboro	J. B. Turner, Bayboro	15						23	38	61
Capernaum	D. F. Aman, Pollard	G. F. Riggs, Palo Alto	4						14	23	37
Davis Shore		R. L. Paul, Davis							28	31	59
Enon	T. J. Baker, Tar Landing	E. L. Provov, Pollard	2	2					38	50	88
Falling Creek		J. A. Stevens, McClammy							23	43	66
Fort Barnwell	C. S. Cashwell, Fort Barnwell.	Joseph Kinsey, Fort Barnwell	12	4	1	1	1	1	30	41	71
Goldsboro	J. S. Dill, Goldsboro	E. M. Freeman, Goldsboro	51	30	11	4	2	93	162	255	
Kinston	A. J. Hires, Kinston	Jas. F. Hill, Kinston	1	3	3	15	1	40	60	100	
LaGrange	A. J. Hires, Kinston	J. P. Joyner, LaGrange		2	2	1	5	23	36	59	
Morehead City	C. A. Woodson, Morehead City	G. Arthur, Morehead City	24	2	2	1	2	62	87	149	
Mount Calvary	J. T. Albritton, Mt. Olive	R. A. Parker, Goldsboro						6	9	15	
Newberne	H. W. Battle, Newberne	W. G. Brinson, Newberne	27	9	1	9	2	94	157	251	
*Piny Grove (Onslow)								27	46	73	
Piny Grove (Jones)	C. S. Cashwell, Fort Barnwell.	Edgar Elliot, Oliver's	1	1			1	1	25	40	65
Pollocksville	C. S. Cashwell, Fort Barnwell	T. A. Bell, Pollocksville.		2	1	1	1	2	9	22	31
Snow Hill		J. B. Williams, Snow Hill	2	8			2	2	17	20	37
*Smyrna									23	64	87
*Union									8	21	29
Woodville									11	19	30
*Young Bethel	D. F. Arthur, Beaufort							2	12	12	24
Total			155	54	12	46	36	31	682	1088	1770

*Taken from Minutes of 1887.

Contributions to all Objects,

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Church Expenses.	Ministerial Education.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Baptist Orphanage.	Minute Fund.	Other Objects.	Total.
Antioch	100 00	10 00	7 50	18 21	19 97	10 00		1 50		167 10
Beaufort	150 00	33 30	3 50	15 00	5 00	7 50		2 00	13 90	230 20
Bayboro	42 57		5 00	23 53	2 00	2 00		1 52	665 41	739 93
Capernaum	15 00	20 00	5 00	2 50	50	2 00		50		38 10
Davis Shore				2 00		3 05				9 50
Enon	100 00		5 00	20 00	5 00	2 00		1 25		138 05
Falling Creek	120 00		3 00	12 50	2 00	3 05		1 25		143 75
Fort Barnwell	125 00		10 00	25 00	5 00	2 00	10 00	1 80		171 80
Goldsboro	1,000 00	103 82	85 00	117 50	25 00	25 00	63 59	5 00	683 15	2,004 50
Kinston	475 00	50 00	14 72	60 00	25 00	20 00	26 00	2 50	30 00	739 83
LaGrange	132 50	20 00	5 00	10 00	5 00	5 00		2 50		175 00
Morehead City	200 00	128 12	6 00	40 00	10 00	5 00		2 00	55 87	445 90
Mount Calvary	50 00		3 00	10 00	5 00	2 10	4 50	1 00		75 00
Newberne	1,000 00	443 09	25 00	50 00	31 25	16 00	26 00	5 00	509 53	2,105 87
Piny Grove (Jones)	60 00		2 00	2 57	1 00			1 75		67 32
Pollocksville	65 00		4 00	12 00	2 00		7 00	2 00		92 00
Snow Hill	50 00		5 00	10 00	1 00			1 05		67 05
Woodville										
Total										7,401 59

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	Contributed by School for all Objects.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Average Attendance.	No. Volumes in Library.	Kind Words Taken.	Other Papers Taken.	Months School Kept Open.
Antioch	J. B. Carrol		9	70	50	90		3	12
Beaufort	John D. Davis		17	114	70	150		75	12
Capernaum			6	25	15				5
Bayboro	J. B. Turner		6	30	25			24	12
Falling Creek	W. H. Hood		8	50	30	50		27	12
Fort Barnwell	R. McGlohon		4	40	30				
Goldsboro	H. L. Grant		17	175	130		160	50	12
Kinston	E. F. Cox		11	76	51		85	50	12
LaGrange	D. M. Stanton		9	40	30	100		35	12
Morehead City	A. S. Willis		19	124	90	70		125	12
Newberne	J. B. Holland		18	200	105	185		410	12
Piny Gr'Ve (Jon's)	D. W. Harper		8	25					6
Pollocksville	Chas. Whitty	14 00	5	38	28			5	12
Total		\$14 00	137	1007	654	645	245	804	

