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W. B. Wingate.

EDUCATION.

H. C. Moore, R. D. Carroll,
John D. Davis.

ORPHANAGE:

James Long, J. W. Rose,
S. D. Byrd.

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J. M. Alderman, A. M. Prince,
Daniel J. Hood.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS:

E. B. Lewis, G. W. Parker,
T. C. Willis.

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H. H. Mashburn, James Long,
John Lewis.

MINISTERIAL REGISTER.

Alderman, J. M.	Lima, N. C.
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Meeks, O. P.	Clinton, N. C.
Moore, Hight C.	Newbern, N. C.
Nelson, C. J.	Goldsboro, N. C.
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Taylor, A. J.	Kenansville, N. C.
Ward, Benjamin	Marines, N. C.
Webster, G. B.	Beaufort, N. C.

LIST OF MESSENGERS.

Antioch—G. W. Parker, O. H. Jackson, W. B. Wingate.
Beaufort—G. B. Webster, John D. Davis, J. S. Willis.
Davis Shore—E. Willis, T. D. Wade, W. A. Davis, G. W. Babbitt, Luther Paul.
Enon Chapel—W. J. Montford, E. T. Canaday.
Falling Creek—J. R. Hood, D. J. Hood, Albert Grantham.
Goldsboro, First—James Long, H. T. Jones, Mrs. H. L. Grant.
Goldsboro, Second—A. M. Prince.
Kinston—C. W. Blanchard, E. B. Lewis, Miss A. E. Draughan, Miss Lena Spain.
LaGrange—J. W. Rose.
Morehead City—John Lewis, T. B. Willis, T. C. Willis, James Willis, M. S. Webb, Misses Bettie Wade, Lizzie Willis, Julia Phillips, Bettie Davis.
Moore's Chapel—Kilby Oglesby, Henry C. Lockhart.
New Hope—J. J. Croom, Miss Mary S. Sutton, Mrs. F. Grady, Miss Olive Taylor.
Newbern, Middle Street—Hight C. Moore, Laura M. Moore.
Newbern, Tabernacle—H. H. Mashburn.
Pollocksville—C. A. Bell, C. H. Holland, N. A. White.
Piny Grove, Jones—A. P. Barrow, Paul McDaniel, Zeb. Parker.
Piny Grove, Onslow—Mrs. Mary Stanley, Miss Alice Stanley.
Seven Springs—S. D. Byrd.
Swansboro—J. B. Olive, George Odum, J. T. Riggs, Miss Rosa Moore, Miss Carrie Stanley.
Spring Garden—J. M. Alderman.
Smyrna—Martin T. Lewis, H. B. Bell.
Truitt—A. E. Purefoy, G. A. Gaskins.
Woodville—S. S. Lupton, E. B. Simpson, Miss Nannie B. Gillikey.

PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY--TUESDAY EVENING.

The Atlantic Baptist Association met in its fifteenth annual session with the Davis Shore Church at 6.30 p. m., October 11, 1898. The Introductory Sermon was preached by John E. White, of Raleigh. Text, II. Tim. 2: 3.

In the absence of the Moderator, C. W. Blanchard, Chairman of Executive Committee, called the body to order.

E. B. Lewis and James Long were appointed a Committee on Enrollment. They reported sixty messengers present.

On motion of J. W. Rose, Hight C. Moore cast the vote of the body for C. W. Blanchard for Moderator.

On motion of James Long, the Moderator cast the ballot of the body for Hight C. Moore for Clerk.

On motion of J. W. Rose, R. D. Carroll cast the ballot for M. S. Webb for Treasurer.

On motion of J. W. Rose, James Long was reelected Historian.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

Finance—John D. Davis, A. M. Prince and L. F. Elliott.

Petitionary Letters—H. H. Mashburn, James Long and John Lewis.

Order of Business—R. D. Carroll, W. C. Jackson and H. T. Jones.

Constitutional Amendment—E. B. Lewis and John Lewis.

Obituaries—W. J. Montford, J. B. Olive and John D. Davis.

To Nominate Executive Committee—W. L. Bilbro, J. M. Alderman and I. B. Willis.

To Nominate Delegates to State and Southern Baptist Conventions—C. B. Paul, G. B. Webster and S. D. Byrd.

Standing committees were read and deficiencies supplied by the Moderator.

R. D. Carroll, for Committee on Order of Business, made partial report, as follows.

Meet at 9.30 for devotional service, conducted by W. L. Bilbro; 10, reports of committees; 10.30, report of Ministerial Relief Board; 11, report on State Missions; 12, adjourn.

John E. White, Corresponding Secretary of the Baptist State Convention, was welcomed to a seat in the body.

Welcome on the part of the church and community was then extended by pastor R. D. Carroll. Response on the part of the Association was made by James Long.

The Moderator extended the hand of welcome to the following new pastors in the Association: John Lewis, G. B. Webster, W. L. Bilbro and Hight C. Moore.

After announcements, the Association adjourned with benediction by W. L. Bilbro.

SECOND DAY—WEDNESDAY MORNING.

The Association met at 9.30 o'clock. Devotional exercises were conducted by W. L. Bilbro, who read Psalms 95 and 96.

The Moderator appointed the following Committee on Place and Preacher: G. B. Webster, A. P. Barrow and E. B. Lewis.

Minutes of yesterday evening were read and approved.

List of churches and messengers was read and corrected.

C. W. Blanchard read the report of the Executive Committee. Remarks were made by C. W. Blanchard on the work in general; R. D. Carroll on the East Carteret field; J. B. Olive, W. J. Montford and B. H. Matthews on the Onslow field; James Long and C. B. Paul on the Pamlico field; H. C. Lockhart on Moore's Chapel; J. M. Alderman on the field in Jones and Craven counties; W. L. Bilbro and E. B. Lewis on the Pitt County field; J. W. Rose on the Wayne, Greene and Lenoir field; H. H. Mashburn on the Newbern Tabernacle. The report was then adopted.

R. D. Carroll made report on order of business, as follows:

Meet at 2 o'clock for miscellaneous business; 2.15, report on State Missions; 3.15, report on Orphanage; adjourn at 4. Meet at 6.30 to hear report on Education; 7.30, report on Periodicals; 8.15, miscellaneous business; adjourn at will.

After announcements, the Association adjourned, with benediction by John E. White.

SECOND DAY—WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

The Association reassembled at the hour appointed, and was led in prayer by John Lewis.

H. H. Mashburn made the report on Petitionary Letters, which was adopted. The right hand of fellowship to the messengers of the six new churches was extended by the Moderator.

On motion of W. J. Montford, the name of Enon Church, now non-existent through dissolution to form two other churches, was stricken from our roll.

The Moderator appointed the Committee on Petitionary Letters to investigate and report next year concerning delinquent churches.

Hight C. Moore read the report on State Missions, which was spoken to by John E. White. A cash collection of \$9.81 was taken for State Missions. Church pledges were taken (see table) and the following individual pledges made: A. P. Barrow, \$3; G. B. Webster, \$5; John E. White, \$5 (paid); S. S. Lufton, \$1; H. C. Lockhart, \$1; E. B. Simpson, \$1; Mrs. Hight C. Moore, \$2; Mrs. Frank Grady, \$1; Misses Nora and Flora Grady, \$2; S. A. Oglesby, \$1; J. B. Olive, \$1; W. L. Bilbro, \$2; Mrs. H. L. Grant, \$2; Mrs. W. C. Jackson, \$1; H. H. Mashburn, \$5; W. J. Montford, \$5; C. B. Paul and wife, \$5; J. R. Willis, \$1; Kilby Oglesby, \$1.

James Long read a report from the Woman's Central Committee of Missions.

The report on State Missions was then adopted.

J. M. Alderman read the report on the Orphanage. Remarks by J. M. Alderman, H. H. Mashburn, G. B. Webster, J. W. Rose, C. W. Blanchard and James Long. Pledges were then taken for the Orphanage (see table).

James Long presented the following resolution, which, as an amendment, was adopted with the report:

Resolved, That we urge every Sunday School in the Atlantic Association to take at least one collection per month for our Orphanage at Thomasville.

W. L. Bilbro, for the Committee to Nominate Executive Board, submitted their report, which was adopted. (See names under head of "Officers.")

John D. Davis, for the Finance Committee, reported the following amounts received from the churches, and turned over to the Treasurer:

State Missions, \$103.71; Home Missions, \$15.34; Foreign Missions, \$9.37; Education, \$31.84; Orphanage, \$7.98; Ministerial Relief Board, \$18 10; Minutes, \$33.25; Church at Atlantic, \$5; Colportage, \$1. Total, \$225.59.

Adjourned, with benediction by J. W. Rose.

SECOND DAY—WEDNESDAY EVENING.

The Moderator called the Association to order at 6.30 p. m. G. B. Webster led in prayer.

John Lewis read the report on Education. Remarks by H. H. Mashburn, Hight C. Moore and C. W. Blanchard. Pledges were taken for Ministerial Education (see table) and the report adopted.

J. W. Rose presented the report on Temperance. Remarks by J. W. Rose and J. B. Olive. Adopted.

W. J. Montford, for Committee on Obituaries, submitted an article from the Biblical Recorder on the late George D. Styron. It was received and ordered printed in the Minutes.

On motion, R. D. Carroll offered the report on Ministerial Relief Board, which, after remarks by James Long, was adopted.

The report on Home Missions was presented by James Long. After remarks by James Long, G. B. Webster and J. W. Rose, pledges were taken (see table) and the report adopted.

James Long presented a petition regarding the division of the Association, which was laid upon the table by a vote of 23 to 17.

E. B. Lewis made report of the Committee on Constitutional Amendment. That part of the report recommending a change in the time of meeting of the Association was rejected. The first part of the report was recommitted for certain amendments.

R. D. Carroll reported for Committee on Order of Business, as follows:

At 9.30, devotional service, conducted by John Lewis; 10, Foreign Missions; 10.30, Periodicals.

Adjourned with benediction by W. L. Bilbro.

THIRD DAY—THURSDAY MORNING.

The Association met at 9.30. Devotional exercises were conducted by John Lewis.

The Association was called to order by H. H. Mashburn. Minutes of yesterday were read by E. B. Lewis, and approved.

The Moderator, assuming the chair, announced the standing committees for the coming year (see list).

On motion, a Committee on Sunday Schools was appointed, as follows: E. B. Lewis, G. W. Parker, T. C. Willis.

S. D. Byrd, for Committee to Nominate Delegates to State and Southern Baptist Conventions, made the following report, which was adopted:

To State Convention: J. M. Alderman, G. B. Webster, E. B. Lewis; alternates, M. S. Webb, H. T. Jones and H. H. Mashburn.

To Southern Baptist Convention: Hight C. Moore, with R. D. Carroll alternate.

The following were appointed a Committee to Nominate Associational Member of State Board of Missions: R. D. Carroll, James Long and J. M. Alderman. The Committee reported the name of C. W. Blanchard, who was unanimously elected.

G. B. Webster, for Committee on Place and Preacher, reported as follows, which was adopted:

Your Committee recommend Tabernacle Church, Newbern, as the place; Tuesday after the second Sunday in October, the time; and Rev. John Lewis, of Morehead City, to preach the Introductory Sermon, James Long alternate.

E. B. Lewis read the report on Foreign Missions. Remarks by E. B. Lewis and C. W. Blanchard. Pledges were taken and the report adopted. One member in each church was appointed to represent the cause of Foreign Missions the coming year. (See list annexed to table of Pledges.)

C. B. Paul presented the report on Periodicals. Remarks by J. W. Rose, E. B. Lewis, R. D. Carroll, H. H. Mashburn, C. W. Blanchard and G. B. Webster. Report adopted.

On motion, the question of the division of the Association was taken from the table and remarks made by James Long, J. B. Olive, H. H. Mashburn and R. D. Carroll. The petition was then granted, as follows:

Whereas, We believe it to be to the best interest of the Master's cause in this Association, that there be a division of the territory of the Association, we, the undersigned, do petition the Atlantic Association the privilege of calling at Fort Barnwell, in Craven County, N. C., on Friday before the fifth Sunday in October, 1898, a convention of properly authorized and instructed representatives of the Missionary Baptist churches of Lenoir County, Jones County, Greene County, Wayne County and so much of Pitt as is in the Association, for the purpose of organizing a new association; and, if it seems wise and timely to the delegates there assembled, we petition the privilege of organizing a new association. Representation at the called meeting at Fort Barnwell to be on basis of representation in Atlantic Association.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES LONG.	J. W. ROSE.
C. W. BLANCHARD.	J. M. ALDERMAN.
W. C. JACKSON.	S. D. BYRD.
H. T. JONES.	L. F. ELLIOTT.
J. J. CROOM.	E. B. LEWIS.
A. M. PRINCE.	A. G. GRANTHAM.
O. H. JACKSON.	

H. H. Mashburn presented the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks and hearty appreciation of the delegates and visitors in this meeting are due and are hereby tendered to the people of Davis Shore for their kindness and genuine hospitality during our stay among them.

Resolved, That the Association express its thanks to the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad for reduced rates to this meeting.

On motion of J. W. Rose, the Clerk is instructed to supervise the printing and distribution of the Minutes, and to retain the usual fee of ten dollars for his services.

John Lewis made the following report on Constitutional amendment, which was adopted:

Add to Article II: Every church having a Ladies' Missionary Society shall be entitled to one additional female delegate to represent it on the Woman's Central Committee.

James Long presented his report as Historian. The report was ordered incorporated in the tables of the Minutes.

The Association then adjourned to meet with the Tabernacle at Newbern on Tuesday after the second Sunday in October, 1899.

C. W. BLANCHARD, Moderator.

HIGHT C. MOORE, Clerk.

REPORTS.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

With a territory covering so large an area as the Atlantic Association, and so much of it unoccupied by the Baptists, it has been a difficult task for your Committee to perform its duty satisfactory to itself. In the light of all the claims presented from this immense field of destitution, we have used every possible precaution, and as fairly disbursed the funds placed at our disposal as it was possible to do. The results at the close of the year have more fully justified the wisdom of our course than, in the beginning, we could have expected.

The Board of Missions of the Baptist State Convention put \$1,000 at our disposal, with the understanding that our contributions should all be made through the Board, and in lieu of the fact that \$803 was pledged by our churches at the last session of the Association for this purpose, the Board accepted applications for \$1,075, to be paid to our missionaries during 1898.

It can be said that a steady march of progress has been made in most of the territory under our supervision, which is highly gratifying.

A SUMMARY OF THE WORK.

Rev. R. D. Carroll was employed to occupy the field in Carteret County, comprising Smyrna, Davis and Woodville churches, with a mission at Marshallsburg. In addition to the work allotted to brother Carroll, he has preached at Harker's Island and Hog Island. On his field proper, the work has advanced equal to our expectations, and a hopeful outlook is now before him of organizing churches at Marshallsburg, Harker's Island and Hog Island. Adding to these points Atlantic, a point that was worked a year ago by Rev. Walter Johnson, who left us a house of worship there, and Piny Point, a place where the people are calling for some Baptist preaching, that has not been supplied, we have in Carteret County ample work for two men another year. It is not amiss to say that our work must suffer in this section if we do not give brother Carroll some help. The Board is helping this field to the amount of \$75 this year.

Rev. Geo. D. Styron was pastor of Moore's Chapel, Cool Springs and Swansboro churches in Craven and Onslow counties. At no place has better returns of good fruit followed the labor of a missionary than at Swansboro. A little more than a year ago this church was constituted with about fifteen members, but its roll

now has advanced beyond a hundred, and the work promises to be of great help to that section of the Association. To our sad loss and bereavement, on the 1st day of September, brother Styron laid down his work under our direction and entered into the labors of a higher calling above. For this reason we have no definite report from the other churches he was serving, but are satisfied that no work lagged under his care. The appropriation to brother Styron's support from the Board was \$75.

Rev. H. H. Mashburn is pastor of the Tabernacle Church at Newbern. He also preaches one week-night in each month at Cove. We have had no definite report from brother Mashburn's field, but are well satisfied that the work has not suffered under his care. On account of the heavy indebtedness of the Tabernacle and the struggle they would have in sustaining themselves in the noble mission work they were undertaking in Newbern, the State Board of Missions entered into a contract with them two years ago to give them \$1,000 help, \$400 of it in 1897, \$300 in 1898, \$200 in 1899, and \$100 in 1900. This agreement, however, was made by the State Board direct, and was not a part of the burden of the Executive Committee.

Rev. D. P. Harris agreed to serve Bayboro, Vandemere and Bay Creek churches in Pamlico County, and Oregon in Beaufort County. He also had two out-stations for once-a-month preaching. It is a source of grief that more favorable reports could not be given from this part of our Association. However, the failure is not to be attributed to the lack of effort on the part of brother Harris. Some time during the year—we are not informed when—brother Harris ceased to serve Oregon and Bay Creek, and has later entered the school-room at Vandemere. The Chairman of the Executive Committee recently paid a visit to the Beaufort County part of this field and arranged for Rev. J. N. Booth, of Washington, to serve Oregon Church and a mission at Auroia, without charge to the Board. There are two other points in Beaufort County that ought to have preaching at once. The Committee feels it a necessity to put a strong man of experience in Pamlico County, and assure him a living till the field is developed. We obligated to pay to brother Harris \$150 this year.

Rev. J. M. Alderman is pastor of Pollocksville, Maysville, Piny Grove and Trenton churches in Jones County, and Spring Garden and Fort Barnwell in Craven County. He also has done some preaching at a school house some four miles from Fort Barnwell in the direction of Dover. While there have been no marvellous out-breaks of prosperity on this field, we are gratified to see that one man in all this territory has been at all able to hold the work together. The work under brother Alderman's wise management and assiduous efforts has made steady advancement as a whole. This field, with an out-station or two, will furnish ample work for two men another year. It will doubtless be wise and economical for the Board to form a field in Jones County another year and one in Craven, and put two men to serve them in their growing demand for more personal work and preaching. This year the Board gave brother Alderman \$150 on this entire field.

Rev. W. L. Bilbro has charge of the work in Pitt County. Winterville and Ayden are his two churches, with two out-stations where he gives once-a-month preaching. At Ayden arrangements have been made for the completion of the house of worship, and at Winterville a new one built out and out. The Committee has not had a report of the work in particular, but is warranted that good progress has been made on this field. We were to help the Pitt County field at the rate of \$175 per year. The Board will need to give some aid to this field another year, but can make considerable

reduction inasmuch as there is no house of worship to build this year.

Rev. J. W. Rose has work in three counties. In Wayne County he has the Second Church in Goldsboro and Seven Springs; in Lenoir County he serves Union and LaGrange churches, and in Greene County Snow Hill and Castoria. Good reports will come to the Association from brother Rose's field. At Castoria he has organized a noble little band of workers that will begin an era of prosperity for the Baptists in that destitute county. There are two or three missions in Greene County that are now available, but are without preaching. There are six churches in Wayne County, two in Greene County and three in Lenoir County, eleven in all, that by all means ought to have the services of two men for all of their time. The Committee recommends the adding of another man to this field. This year we paid \$100 to brother Rose.

Rev. C. W. Blanchard has not been under the employment of the Board, nor received any pay for services from it, but to keep New Hope Church from being without preaching he has served that church once a month on Sunday afternoons and on Saturday mornings. A good meeting was held there and the outlook is good for our cause in the future. Besides this, at regular monthly appointments, he has preached at Falling Creek, near the station, near which place there will soon be the need of a Baptist church. He recently opened a mission at Dover, also, which speedily resulted in the organization of a church with ten members and an outlook for a good ingathering real soon. Within the next year a house of worship will be needed at Dover, and this point could go to make out a full field in Craven County. At Lousin Swamp, where he has preached several times, is open a fine and hopeful mission, and near Coahoma, southeast from Kinston about six miles, is another point that should be occupied at once.

Onslow County is ripe and ready for the Baptists to occupy. Brother B. H. Matthews, who succeeded so well there, has gone to western North Carolina.

If the churches in Onslow County will agree to employ a man between them, they will be able, by a little help, to secure a strong man that can push that work to a high state of development. This we most earnestly hope they will do, and then receive the cooperation of the next Executive Committee of the Association.

We have laid before you the work undertaken by us last year, and touched upon the results in general and as best we can, have outlined recommendations for the next year. To do what seems to be altogether necessary, another year will require the expenditure of at least \$1,750 from the State Board of Missions. We hope to get the endorsement of the Association in its present session in a plea for this amount from the State Board.

Under the direction of the Executive Committee, two series of Denominational Institutes were held last spring with the churches of Revs. J. W. Rose and J. M. Alderman. The good results of these institutes attest the wisdom of carrying out the plan of the Committee to hold one with each mission point in the Association. It is to be hoped that the several pastors of the Association will cooperate with the Committee another year, selecting the best season for the meetings and assure the success of this plan.

In consideration of the great need of the Atlantic Association to cover so much destitution in its own bounds, we most earnestly plead with all the churches to increase their liberality for the support of this work, and recommend that we cooperate as closely as possible with the State Board of Missions in our efforts.

C. W. BLANCHARD.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

The Baptist Orphanage, located at Thomasville, N. C., began operations in November, 1885. Since that time it has cared for 417 orphans. During the past year 42 were received, and the total enrollment is 196. The average attendance has been 161. The average cost of supporting them has been \$56. It is safe to say that this year \$5 per month has supported an orphan.

Although there were 110 cases of measles among them the past year, through the faithful ministrations and loving care of those in charge, 109 of them recovered. In the single case in which death occurred, it was more on account of heart-failure than measles. Only one other death—little Oscar Wasdon came sick from Washington and died in a few days. While we are sorry to report the death of these two, we are glad to say the general health of the children is excellent.

In addition to the 15 good brick buildings, the year closes with the completion of the General Manager's house. This will open to full use the Infirmary, and will require an employee for that position.

We are glad to report progress on all lines—Charity and Children is now printed in new quarters and on an improved press. The farm is being better tilled and with greater yields.

But it is painful to report that some of the friends of the Orphanage have died. This, however, is not without its good results, as at least two of them remembered the institution in their wills. Living, they loved the Orphanage; dying, they provided for its necessities.

J. M. ALDERMAN.
Respectfully submitted, PAUL McDANIEL.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Your Committee to report on State Missions begs leave to call attention to four points:

1. The Work. One of the primary objects of our State Convention is "to support the gospel in all the destitute sections of the State." To this end our fathers labored with fervor, and to-day hundreds of our strongest and most flourishing churches stand as monuments to their zeal and wisdom. But the field has not been covered. There is mission ground in every one of the forty-six associations united in our Convention. There are yet vast stretches of territory unoccupied by our forces. And to us with peculiar force comes the trumpet-call of duty to station ourselves at every outpost and thus capture North Carolina for Christ.

2. The Workers. We have this year 103 regular missionaries in the destitute fields of the State. With meagre support, and yet with unwavering fidelity, these men have labored in neglected spots with most satisfactory results. In addition, the members of the Volunteer Mission Corps, embracing 87 of our ablest and most honored pastors, have gone without any pay into the waste places and there proclaimed the gospel with efficiency and success. These 190 men have done and are doing well their work; and God has set upon their labors the seal of His approval.

3. The Means. The sacrifice of the workers and the success of their work are indeed gratifying; but the indifference and tardiness of their supporters are lamentable. Our work for this Conventional year was planned on a basis of \$15,000, as authorized at Oxford; yet last week, with the Greenville Convention only ten weeks off, Treasurer Boushall was able to report only \$4,385.31 received for State

Missions this year. Either there must be a speedy revival of liberality to this work, or we shall go to Greenville in debt to our faithful missionaries. Which shall it be? We can, in part, decide.

4. The Outlook. In this work there must be no retrogression. Never before has the State Mission work been so important as now, and never before has it been in greater need of abundant means and efficient laborers. The immense latent force in our churches must be developed; aggressive and dangerous heresies must be met; converts must be won from the haunts of darkness and the ranks of error; hundreds of churches are yet to be established and fortified against the Evil One. If we are negligent and miserly in this hour of need, only divine omniscience can foresee the darkness that will exist in the coming generation. But if we are faithful and liberal now, we may confidently anticipate the not distant day when our churches, loyal, efficient and aggressive, shall be found in every community—

“From Mitchell the pride of the mountains
To Hatteras the dread of the sea.”

HIGHT C. MOORE.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Home Missions is one department of the work of the Southern Baptist Convention. The Home Mission Board is located at Atlanta, Ga. The amount generally raised is about \$100,000 per year. It is partly expended in paying salaries of missionaries, and partly expended in building houses of worship, and also in sustaining schools in the out-districts of the South. Also, under the auspices of this Board, the Woman's Missionary Societies of the Southern Baptist Convention send many boxes to frontier missionaries of the Southwest. Its work is among the whites of the South, the negroes of the South, the Indians of the South and Indian Territory, also in Cuba.

JAMES LONG.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

It can be no longer a question of duty as to whether we should engage in world-wide missions. The ministry of the past one hundred years has practically demonstrated the logical force of the “great commission” to give the gospel of Christ to the entire world, by the successes that have followed it wherever it has loyally carried out the commission. The divine approval of the Foreign Mission enterprise has not more signally attended the efforts of those people who engage in them, on their foreign fields, than by the reflex influence which is seen in their real prosperity at home.

History affords no exception to the rule that a church or community's prosperity at home is exactly measured by its interest and sacrifice for the extension of the Master's Kingdom abroad. No people, therefore, in the light of truth and providence, can have any just claim for respect as loyal disciples who do not emphasize the obligation to give the world the gospel. The lessons of the past, and the open doors for the future, with the “Macedonian cry” for help from every known place of destitution, should urge us to deeper thought and effort for the world's speedy redemption.

What would seem to be a reasonable sacrifice on the part of the people of the Atlantic Association would quadruple their gifts to Foreign Missions and enable them to support a foreign missionary

in and of themselves—this would take less than one-fourth of a dollar per capita from our present membership. In consideration of the importance of the work, and the urgent calls from the field, we do not feel it extravagant to recommend that a systematic effort be encouraged in all our churches, by this body, to strive within the next year to make their contributions to Foreign Missions come up to this standard. To this end we believe it would be wise for a committee of one from each church to be appointed by this Association, whose duty will be to solicit for this object from their respective congregations, and keep all funds thus collected promptly forwarded to the Treasurer of the Baptist State Convention, and make a full report of the work done by them to the Association at its annual meetings.

C. W. BLANCHARD,
For Committee.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

There is nothing more important in Christian development than good Christian literature. No one can be an intelligent Baptist that does not keep himself supplied with good Baptist periodicals. We feel it indispensable to the spiritual growth of all Baptists that they should be constant readers of the Biblical Recorder, the authorized organ of our denomination, and the Foreign Mission Journal, the organ of the Foreign Mission Board. We also recommend the Exponent, published by C. W. Blanchard, Chairman of the Executive Board of our Association, North Carolina Baptist, Home Field, and Charity and Children. We further recommend the publications of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention to the Sunday Schools of our Association, which can be obtained through our Baptist Book Store, Raleigh, N. C., under the control of Rev. John E. White, Corresponding Secretary of the Baptist State Convention.

Respectfully submitted.

C. B. PAUL,
J. W. ROSE,
Committee.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF BOARD.

This Board is located at Durham, N. C., and is seven years old. It has a President and Secretary. Its work is to care for aged and wornout Baptist ministers who are poor and unable to take care of themselves. It also aids the widows of poor Baptist ministers who have been left destitute. The Board is dependent upon the voluntary contributions of the churches and brethren, and is growing in favor with the people, and so doing a larger work than ever before. The Board is now caring for about twenty persons, and there are others who need help. But not more than \$500 have been received since the last Convention.

Your Committee recommends that all the churches take at least one collection for this Board every year, and that the pastors present the claims of the Board to their people and give them all needed information about its work.

Respectfully submitted.

R. D. CARROLL.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

1. Primary Education.
We have noticed with pleasure the interest taken in the education of the people by our denominational press, especially by the

Biblical Recorder, and we heartily approve the efforts to remove the stigma of illiteracy from our fair State.

We also commend the efforts of those who seek to have the money that is now unjustly and unwisely used by the State for the higher education of a favored few applied to the education of the masses of the people. This is very desirable not only in view of the responsibilities of citizenship, but also in view of Christian work, especially that in our Sunday Schools.

2. Academic.

Wherever there are high schools and academies conducted by working Baptist teachers, we recommend that these schools be patronized by our people in preference to others.

We consider that Buie's Creek and Winterville Academies are worthy of the consideration of all young people struggling for an education.

3. Collegiate.

We rejoice to learn that the attendance at Wake Forest College was so large during the past year, and that the prospects for the present year are so bright. Since the character of the work done and the Christian spirit prevailing in the institution has been and is so excellent, we are sure that a school so deserving of the support of the people will receive it.

4. Female.

Considering that the home life is at the very foundation of all that is good in the world, and that the influence of woman in the home is so great, we recognize the great importance of female education, and would impress upon all our people the desirability and necessity of encouraging the same.

The Oxford Female Seminary and the Chowan Baptist Institute are deserving of our sympathy.

We also hope that the finances of our Baptist Female University at Raleigh will permit the completion of the buildings and the opening of the school before the close of the present Associational year.

5. Sunday Schools.

As the Sunday School is such an important Christian educational agency, we urge upon the churches the necessity of organizing and equipping Sunday Schools wherever and whenever there is an opportunity. Also the necessity of bringing the schools already in existence to the very highest point of efficiency. We moreover heartily approve the action of our State Convention in placing a Sunday School missionary on the field.

6. C. C. C. of the B. Y. P. U.

Wherever young people's societies have been organized in our churches, we recommend that they undertake the study of the C. C. Course of the B. Y. P. U., or some other course of study that will help our young people to become more intelligent Christians and workers in our Baptist churches.

7. Ministerial Education.

We consider that this department of our work is no longer an experiment, but has long ago proved its right to exist and have the sympathy and support of our people.

Since the salaries of our pastors in many if not most instances are still not such as to warrant them in contracting a debt to obtain the necessary education without aid, we urge that our churches will continue to contribute liberally toward ministerial education.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN LEWIS,
O. H. JACKSON,
J. B. OLIVE,
Committee.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Temperance is the correct schooling of our appetites, dispositions and aspirations. Our appetites, in abstaining from all intoxicating drinks as a beverage, and moderation in all things. Our dispositions, in cultivating congeniality in all our relations to mankind. Our aspirations, in not aspiring after the worldly and sinful things, ever cultivating a holy and upright desire for that which is only good.

There is nothing that will give more happiness and greater benefits than a thorough course in temperance. Let us ever cultivate the principles taught in this school, presided over by the Supreme Teacher of the universe.

Respectfully submitted

J. W. ROSE,
M. S. WEBB,
C. B. PAUL,
Committee.

REPORT ON PETITIONARY LETTERS.

Your Committee on Petitionary Letters begs leave to report that the following churches, organized since the last session of this body, in regular conference send letters in due form asking membership in the Association

1. Atlantic—represented by D. F. Aman and Long Marshall.
2. Bear Creek—represented by Hubert Ward and J. A. Phillips.
3. Castoria—represented by I. F. Elliott.
4. Enon's Chapel—represented by W. J. Montford, Edward Arthur and Ben. Smith.
5. Ayden—represented by J. B. Carroll, W. C. Jackson and J. A. Herrington.

Upon the authority of the statements of brethren Blanchard and Rose, who were present at the organization of the church at Dover, and who vouch for its having been organized in regular order, and assure us that a letter in due form was prepared petitioning membership in this Association, your Committee recommends that this church also be received into fellowship.

Respectfully submitted,

H. H. MASHBURN,
JAS. LONG,
JOHN LEWIS,
Committee.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

On Friday morning, September 2, 1898, the relatives and numerous friends of brother George D. Styron were shocked and saddened by a message from the home of Dr. Saunders, of Bogue, saying that he had fallen asleep the night before. Since the ingathering at Swansboro and other churches last spring our brother had been making his home at Swansboro, the most central part of his field. But the week before his death he was at Morehead City and took part in the prayer-meeting on Thursday night. He preached at Moore's Chapel on Sunday morning. On the night of his death he was preaching at Cool Springs. As he was about to close the service, he was struck speechless and unconscious. Friends carried him immediately to the home of Dr. Saunders, but in spite of all the efforts to restore him he passed away about twelve o'clock. It appears that the immediate cause of his death was apoplexy.

Our brother was born November 4, 1866, and was therefore about thirty-two years of age. He confessed Christ at a protracted meeting held in the Methodist church, by brother C. S. Cashwell, now of Waynesville, and became a member of the Baptist church March 20, 1882. After being licensed to preach and exercising his gifts for some time, he was ordained to the gospel ministry by a presbytery composed of brother J. T. Jenkins and brother R. D. Carroll, about December, 1896. His first pastorate was at Moore's Chapel, but at the time of his death he was serving the churches at Swansboro, Piny Grove, Cool Springs and Moore's Chapel. His heart had recently been cheered by large additions to the membership of more than one of these churches.

His membership was with the church in Morehead City, and whenever he was in town he was always at its prayer and conference meetings. At one of the last conference meetings, he made a motion for the selection of some new deacons. His friends were numerous; these, with his two brothers and five sisters, mourn after him. What is their loss is his gain. May the gracious Father comfort them and help them to follow him even as he followed Christ.

JOHN LEWIS.

WOMAN'S MEETING.

The Woman's Missionary Meeting of the Atlantic Association was held at Davis, N. C., Thursday morning, October 13, 1898. Miss A. E. Draughan, Vice-President for the Association, led in devotional exercises, and then called the meeting to order. Mrs. Hight C. Moore was asked to act as Secretary.

It was decided to form a permanent organization auxiliary to the Atlantic Association. "Workers together with God," was the motto adopted.

On motion of Mrs. H. L. Grant, a committee was appointed to frame a Constitution. The President appointed Mrs. H. L. Grant, Mrs. Hight C. Moore and Miss Lena Spain. Miss Draughan was added to the Committee as chairman.

The following was duly submitted for insertion in the Minutes:

The object of the Woman's auxiliary to the Atlantic Baptist Association is the diffusion of missionary information among our women, the consequent increase in and love for missions—Home, Foreign and State—the bringing together of the workers at the yearly associations for the discussion of methods of work that are found to be practical and up-building, the formation of new mission societies where none existed, and the enlisting of the young women and children in separate societies, or with the older women in work for the Master.

As Christ has said, "Go! work in My vineyard," we desire to answer with united heart and voice, "Lord, here am I"; and we have His promise, "Lo! I am with you even unto the end of the world."

In order to obtain the highest efficiency from our organization and ascertain what progress is made from year to year, it is desirable that each missionary society send a delegate, if possible, to the Association, with a report, verbal or written, of the year's work and prospects for the future. If no delegate can be present, each

Society should forward its written report to the Associational Vice-President, that it may be presented at the Woman's Meeting.

Miss Draughan then made an address emphasizing the need of mission work, the responsibility of the individual, and the ability of all to do something for Christ.

Letters from the various Societies were submitted. A summary herewith is given:

LaGrange—President, Miss Lula Whitfield: members, 28; contributions, \$19.50.

Goldsboro—First President, Mrs. R. E. Pipkin: contributions, \$108.30

Kinston—President, Mrs. R. H. Lewis: contributions, \$181.

Newbern, Middle Street—President, Miss Sarah Wilson: contributions, \$85.75.

Pollocksville—President, Mrs. Sarah Haywood: contributions, \$17.72.

New Hope—Contributions, \$1.55.

New Societies: Ayden, 12 members; Swansboro, 66 members; Winterville.

Reports from the following Ladies' Aid Societies were attached to the church letters:

Goldsboro, First Church, contributed \$54.35.

Goldsboro, Second Church—President, Mrs. R. J. Harderson: members, 21; contributions, \$20.

Newbern, Middle Street—President, Miss Fannie Holland; members, 37; contributions, \$78.05.

Union—President, Mrs. Roberta Fordham: contributions, \$11.

Newbern, Tabernacle, contributed \$7.85.

Reports were read from the following "Sunbeam" and "Willing Workers" Societies:

Goldsboro, First Church—Sunbeams contributed \$13; Girls' Mission Band, \$20.

Goldsboro, Second Church—Girl's Band: President, Miss Sallie Doughtry; contributions, \$7.

Kinston—Sunbeams contributed \$4.50; Willing Workers, \$29.86.

Newbern, Middle Street—Sunbeams: President, Miss Fannie Sneling; members, 35; contributions, \$20.

Swansboro—Sunbeams contributed \$8.25.

An appeal was made for the organization of new Societies.

Mrs. C. B. Paul then read a letter from Miss Heck, asking our prayers for missions. She also requested that each woman give \$1 for missions this year. Envelopes were distributed for this offering.

Mrs. H. L. Grant read a letter from Mrs. George W. Greene, relating to the work in South China.

Miss Draughan explained the different missions with the aid of a chart.

All united in singing, "To the work," and this closed a most interesting Woman's Missionary Meeting.

MISS A. E. DRAUGHAN, President.

MRS. HIGHT C. MOORE, Secretary.

PLEDGES.

Churches.	State Missions.	Orphan- age.	Education.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions	Foreign Mission Representative
Antioch	50	5	10	3	5	Miss Nannie Cox.
Atlantic	15	5	3	1	1	Mrs. O. Fonvelle.
Ayden	15	5	1	1	3	Mrs. W. C. Jackson.
Bayboro	2	2	1			Miss Bertheina Campon.
Bay Creek	15	2	1			Simon Martin
Bear Creek	5				5	Newton Sanders
Beaufort	5	25	5	10	5	Miss Lucy Davis.
Capernaum	5	2	2	2	2	R. M. Riggs.
Christian Hope	2					Miss Bettie Pittman.
Cool Spring						
Cove	5	1	1	1	1	Miss Hattie White.
Davis Shore	15	2 1/2	2 1/2	1	3	Miss Bettie Paul.
Dover	5	3	2	1	3	Miss Hattie Dawson.
Emmaus	2 1/2	1	1	1	1	Miss Edith Carter.
Enon Chapel	10	2	1	1	2	Miss Eliza Hyman.
Falling Creek	15	5	2 1/2	2	3	Miss Mary C. Hood.
Fort Barnwell	7 1/2	1	1	2	3	M. H. Carr.
Goldsboro—First	75	60	25	25	25	W. L. Edmondson.
Second	5	5	15	50	50	Miss Hattie Denmark.
Kinston	125	75	15	50	50	Miss Lenn Spain.
LaGrange	5	40	12	15	20	Miss Hattie Isler.
Morehead City	2	1	1	1	1	Mrs. C. E. Lewis.
Maysville	5	2	1	2	1	Miss Mattie Colburn.
Moore's Chapel	2	2	1	2	2	Miss Fannie Parker.
Mount Calvary	5					Mrs. S. S. Strother.
Mount Nelson	50	25	20	25	50	Miss Alice Smith.
Newbern—Middle Street	45	50	15	25	25	Mrs. T. J. Mitchell.
Tabernacle	15	5	1	3	1	Miss Olive Taylor.
New Hope	5	5	5	5	5	Miss Maud Kelly.
Oregon	10	4	5	5	5	Miss Lila Ward.
Pollocksville	5	3	5	1	3 1/2	Miss Ella McDaniel.
Piny Grove—Jones	5	2	1	1	1	Miss Alice Stanley.
Onslow	10	1	1	1	1	Miss Effie Broadhurst.
Seven Springs	5	2	1	1	2	Miss Pattie Lindsay.
Smyrna	10	1	1	1	1	Mrs. Ann Weathersby.
Snow Hill	5	2	2	1	2	Miss Emma Howland
Spring Garden	6	1	1	1	1	Mrs. C. C. Perry.
Swansboro	7 1/2	1	1	1	1	Miss Bessie Thomas
Trenton	4	1	1	1	1	Miss Nora Barwick.
Union	5	2	1	2	2	Miss Bertha Mews.
Vandemere	5	5	1	2	5	Miss Nannie Gilliken.
Woodville	10	1	1	1	1	

Atlantic Baptist Association.

STATISTICS.

Churches.	Pastors.*	Clerks, Names and Address.	Sabbath of Preach'g	Bap- tized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Re- stored.	Dis- m'd by Letter.	Ex- cluded.	Died	Present Mem- bership.
Antioch	W. L. Bilbro	J. D. Cox, Winterville	fourth	15			15	1	1	88
Atlantic	B. H. Matthews	Loney Marshall, Marines	second	5	5		1			22
Ayden	W. L. Bilbro	C. L. Tyson								21
Bayboro*	D. P. Harris	Bethane Campers, Bayboro.								48
Bay Creek*	D. P. Harris	W. D. Caravan, Mesc								27
Bear Creek	B. H. Matthews	F. Guthrie, Swansboro	fourth	18	4		1	0	1	48
Beaufort	G. B. Webster	John D. Davis, Beaufort	every	15	2		1			138
Capernaum*	Benj. Ward	W. H. Riggs, P. Latio								53
Castoria	J. W. Rose	W. E. Powell, Castoria								13
Christian Hope	B. H. Matthews	Isaac Ramsey, Quincy	third	4						45
Cool Spring†	H. H. Mashburn	R. L. Paul, Davis	2d & 4th	5			2	1		16
Davis Shore	R. D. Carroll	J. C. Edwards, Dudley	second	3			1	2		100
Emmaus	C. W. Blanchard	T. I. Sutton, Grantham	first	32	27					24
Enon Chapel	B. H. Matthews	J. W. Lane, Fort Barnwell	third	1			8			107
Falling Creek	O. P. Meeks	J. M. Hollowel, Goldsboro	every	4	10		11	1		75
Fort Barnwell	J. M. Alderman	Richard H. Lewis, Kinston	second	5	16		6	3	4	356
Goldsboro—First	James Long	W. H. Burk, LaGrange	every	32	15		1	2	2	186
Second	J. W. Rose	John H. Eaton, Morehead City	fourth	4	2		19	1	4	64
LaGrange	John Lewis	W. B. Smith, Maysville	every	1						201
Morehead City	J. M. Alderman	R. A. Parker, Goldsboro	first	1	4			4		29
Maysville*	O. P. Meeks	A. E. Strother, Fur-ka	every	7			1	3	5	15
Moore's Chapel	Mount Nelson	S. M. Brinson, Newbern	third	1	3		1	2	1	14
Mount Calvary	H. C. Moore	J. A. Patterson, Newbern	every	1	3		1	7	1	192
Mount Nelson	H. H. Mashburn	W. E. Sutton, Kinston	third	4						63
Newbern—Middle Street	C. W. Blanchard	T. A. Bell, Pollocksville	1st & 2d		1		5	3	2	59
Tabernacle	J. M. Alderman	H. A. Parker, Pollocksville	first	17			3	1	1	85
Oregon	J. M. Alderman	A. H. Morton, Swansboro	first	1	3		2	5	1	98
Pollocksville	J. M. Alderman	A. H. Dalry, Springs	first	1						28
Piny Grove—Jones*	J. W. Rose	M. T. Lewis, Marshallsberg	first	1						73
Ouslow	R. D. Carroll	J. B. Williams, Snow Hill	third	1						73
Seven Springs	J. W. Rose	O. H. Perry, P. Latio	fourth							16
Smyrna	R. D. Carroll	M. W. Head, Swansboro	third	55	7		1	2	1	100
Snow Hill	J. W. Rose	C. C. Perry, Trenton	first							30
Spring Garden	J. M. Alderman	G. A. Gaskins, Newbern	first							35
Swansboro	J. M. Alderman	W. W. Koose, Strabane	first							48
Trenton	J. M. Alderman	U. C. Holton, Vandemere	first							31
Truitt	C. B. Paul	J. S. W. Hellen, Beaufort	third							50
Union	J. W. Rose									
Vandemere*	D. P. Harris									
Woodville	R. D. Carroll									

*Reported in former minutes †Not reported.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Churches.	Pastor's Salary.	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Educa-tion.	Orphan-age.	Min-ister's Relief	Inciden-tals.	Poor Fund.	Minute Fund.	Other Objects.	Total.
Antioch	\$200.00		\$5.00	\$5.00	\$12.50	\$17.25		\$75.00	\$5.00	\$1.00	\$505.00	\$900.75
Atlantic	17.35							82.89		.45	20.00	121.24
Bayboro*												
Bay Creek*	25.00	9.56						2.00		.25		26.56
Beaufort	170.00	15.00	10.50	13.50				28.50	12.00	1.00	54.00	304.50
Capernaum*												
Castoria	15.00							279.08		.50		296.58
Christian Hope	28.50							1.00		.25	5.00	34.75
Cool Spring*												
Davis' Shore	150.00	10.00	1.00	2.40	2.50			5.00	10.00	1.00	12.00	27.40
Dover	10.00	1.50				.50				.55		192.50
Emmaus	100.00	1.00										
Falling Creek	75.00	15.00	5.00	5.00	2.50			1.00	17.50	1.00	3.55	16.05
Fort Barnwell	75.00	12.50	2.00	5.00	1.00						646.00	765.50
Goldsboro—First	985.00	84.00	121.70	50.25	25.00	3.00	\$1.00	3.50		1.00	22.50	118.50
Second	800.00	10.55	2.00	2.00	2.00	3.75	10.00	134.00	40.00	4.50	520.00	127.50
Kinston	800.00	135.00	90.00	63.00	10.00	10.49	5.00	11.41		1.00	1.97	1,986.15
LaGrange	125.00	6.00	2.00	20.00	2.00			30.00	65.00	4.00	46.21	1,137.00
Morehead City	600.00	35.38	18.00		12.00			85.00		2.00	45.00	1,068.00
Maysville*												
Moore's Chapel	25.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	7.00						36.00
Mount Calvary	30.00	10.00	2.50	2.50	1.00	2.00		5.00		.50	53.50	53.50
Mount Nelson	15.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	1.00			1.50	2.00	.25	1.00	23.75
Newbern—Middle Street	900.00	8.30	28.84	58.11	5.00	4.35		187.59	20.41	1.50	57.55	1,270.55
Tabernacle	403.27	65.38	25.10	56.36	15.00	3.11	16.00	199.49	38.00	1.00	355.95	1,384.30
New Hope	60.00	10.00	3.00	3.00	1.00							
Oregon*												
Pollocksville	100.00	1.45	1.73	1.85	1.65				1.83	.85	2.50	111.86
Piny Grove—Jones*												
Onslow												
Seven Springs	30.00	1.60	1.00	1.00	1.00							32.10
Smyrna	50.00	2.50	1.00	1.00	1.00			8.00		.50		45.00
Snow Hill*	75.00	10.00	2.50	2.50	1.50							
Spring Garden	90.28	5.00	2.00	2.00				1.50		1.25		94.25
Swansboro	50.00	6.79	1.14	2.10	1.22	1.03		1.50		.75	22.15	123.11
Trenton	50.00	6.00	1.00	1.00	1.00			6.35		.30		68.93
Truitt	11.10	2.04	.61				1.00	185.05	22.00	2.00	38.00	308.05
Union	41.00	31.55		1.30						.50		17.64
Vandemere*	50.00	5.00	2.00	2.00	1.00	2.65				.75	1.40	75.25
Woodville	75.00	1.50								.80		76.65
												77.30

*Not reported. NOTE.—B. Y. P. U. of Goldsboro, First, with 40 members, contributed \$15; that of Kinston, with 137 members, contributed \$27.37.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Schools.	Superintendents and Address.	Months Open	Scholars.	Officers and Teachers.	Lesson Helps.	Library.	Contribu-tions.
Antioch	A. G. Cox, Winterville	12	100	9	100		\$31.00
Atlantic*							
Ayden*							
Bayboro*							
Bay Creek*							
Beaufort	John D. Davis, Beaufort	12	96	19	120	150	48.50
Capernaum*							
Castoria*							
Christian Hope*							
Cool Spring*							
Cove*		12	72	14	70		20.50
Davis' Shore	R. L. Paul, Davis						
Dover*		12	51	8	50		5.08
Emmaus	J. W. Mozings, Goldsboro	12	32	8			2.22
Enon Chapel	W. J. Montford, Ward's Mill	12	66	4	55	50	6.00
Falling Creek	G. P. Britt, Grantham	12	64	5	18	24	5.00
Fort Barnwell	M. H. Carr, Fort Barnwell	12	225	24	225		107.00
Goldsboro—First	H. B. Parker, Goldsboro	12	128	13	175	89	25.35
Second	J. J. Robinson, Goldsboro	12	130	11	120		95.00
Kinston	C. W. Pridgen, Kinston	12	72	8	102		15.13
LaGrange	O. F. Hunter, LaGrange	12	28	18	225	100	145.00
Morehead City	A. S. Willis, Morehead City						
Maysville*		12	30	6	40		
Moore's Chapel	W. S. Eaton, Hollywood		28	3	38		6.00
Mount Calvary	R. A. Parker, Goldsboro		30	6	20		1.00
Mount Nelson	S. S. Strother, Eureka		111	15	100		109.00
Newbern—Middle Str. Tabernacle	C. C. Clark, Jr., Newbern	12	148	14	175		117.85
New Hope	D. G. Smaw, Newbern		45	6	60		6.00
Oregon*	Jesse Jackson, Kinston						
Pollocksville	E. B. Elliott, Pollocksville	12	67	10	88	21	14.68
Piny Grove—Jones*							
Onslow	J. F. Holland, Swansboro		58	5	36		1.72
Seven Springs	G. G. Quinn, Seven Springs	12	35	5	39		20.83
Smyrna	S. W. Hancock, Smyrna		55	12	20	40	7.75
Snow Hill*			15	4	15		
Spring Garden	Dock Dixon, Lima		146	11	173	36	58.42
Swansboro	J. B. Olive, Swansboro		21	1	24		5.00
Trenton	C. C. Perry, Trenton		30	5	25	25	4.00
Truitt	L. G. Thomas, Zorah		52	9	59		7.00
Union	T. E. Elmore, Strabame						
Vandemere*							
Woodville	L. F. Willis, Beaufort						

*Not reported

CONSTITUTION OF THE ATLANTIC BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION.

1. This Association shall be known as the "Atlantic Baptist Association."

2. It shall be composed of the pastors and of the delegates elected by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates, unless the membership shall exceed fifty, and then there shall be an additional delegate for every twenty-five members. Every church having a Ladies' Missionary Society shall be entitled to one additional female delegate to represent it on the Woman's Central Committee.

3. Its object shall be the promotion of the Redeemer's Kingdom, by securing the cooperation of its churches for their edification and for the spread of the gospel according to our faith and order.

4. The "New Hampshire Declaration of Faith" shall be the summary of Divine Truth for determining questions of faith or order in this body; and churches desiring to be received must signify their acquaintance of it, in substance, together with the covenant here-with submitted, and this Constitution.

5. This Association shall not annul the discipline of a church, or exercise authority over it. But it may advise, and it may sever from its connection any church that neglects to preserve gospel order, or that treats with contempt the objects or advice of the Association.

6. Each church shall send to the Association, at its annual session, a statement of (1) its locality; (2) the name of its pastor, clerk, clerk's postoffice, delegates and ministers other than the pastor; (3) Sunday or Sundays of regular service; (4) the church statistics; (5) Sunday School statistics; (6) contributions to pastor's salary, church expenses, Associational Missions, Home Missions, State Missions, Foreign Missions, Ministerial Education, Baptist Orphanage, Minute Fund and other objects.

7. Whenever a church shall not represent itself at an annual session of the Association, either by delegate or letter, or whenever a church shall not report something contributed for missions, inquiry shall be made for the cause; effort shall be made to revive the church and induce it to do its duty, and this effort shall be continued till the church be recovered or dropped from the Association.

8. The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk, a Historian, and a Treasurer, elected annually by ballot from among its members, and to serve until their successors shall have been elected, and to perform the duties usual to such officers, the Moderator in presiding, the Clerk in recording and preserving minutes and other papers belonging to the body, and the Treasurer in receiving and disbursing according to its will all funds belonging to or entrusted to the body, the Historian in keeping a record of the work and progress of the Association, and report at each annual session.

9. The Association shall appoint annually an Executive Board of seven, of whom the Treasurer shall be one, to whom shall be entrusted the prosecution of the Associational Missions, and any other work which this body may refer to them, and who shall, as far as practicable, cooperate with the State Mission Board in supplying the destitution in our territory, and between the meetings of the Association take such action as may seem to them advisable for the advancement of its objects. The Board shall present to the Association at its annual meeting a report of all its proceedings with the Treasurer's report of all receipts and disbursements, and with the names of its missionaries, time of service and details of their work.