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OF THE

FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Eastern ♦ Baptist ♦ Association,

HELD WITH THE

Church at Riley's Creek, Pender Co., N. C.,

OCTOBER 7th, 8th and 9th, 1890.

FOR NEXT SESSION:

PLACE OF MEETING—Dobson's Chapel, Duplin County, N. C.

TIME—Tuesday after first Sunday in October, 1891.

INTRODUCTORY SERMON—Elder O. P. Meeks.

MISSIONARY SERMON—Rev. Dr. T. H. Pritchard, D. D.

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PROCEEDINGS.

The Eastern Association met in its *57th Annual Session with the church at Riley's Creek.

In the absence of Rev. O. P. Meeks, appointee of last session, at the request of the Moderator, Rev. C. A. Jenkins, of Oxford, N. C., preached the Introductory Sermon—Text: Acts 28:22.

Recess for dinner.

AFTERNOON.

After devotional exercises, the Association was called to order by Rev. J. L. Stewart, Moderator of last session, and on motion, J. T. Bland was elected Clerk *pro tem.*, Rev. J. L. Bitt, Clerk, being absent.

On motion brethren D. L. Gore, F. A. Fennell, and C. E. Daniel were appointed Finance Committee; and Revs. W. E. Crocker and H. M. Croom requested to act as Reading Clerks.

Roll of Churches called, letters read, and the following delegates enrolled:

Barlow Chapel—Rev. J. B. Barlow.

Bethel—W. J. Frazier.

Boykin's Chapel—L. M. Boykin, T. J. Blackburn, O. L. Herring.

Berea—T. W. Stallings.

Bear Branch—J. M. Malpass, F. J. Moore, O. B. Malpass.

Bethlehem—R. W. Pridgen, W. B. Hunt.

Burgaw—J. D. Hocut, J. W. Bowen, J. T. Bland.

Caswell—Wm. Malpass, A. B. Rooks, J. G. Parker.

Clinton—J. L. Stewart, A. D. Williamson.

Concord—J. C. Boon.

Calvin's Creek—I. Cane, J. L. Harrell.

Caintuck Chapel—F. P. Flynn.

Dobson Chapel—W. B. Hawes.

Ebenezer—W. R. Highsmith.

Island Creek—E. Heldt, D. J. Parker.

Johnson's—Leonidas Middleton.

Kenansville—D. J. Middleton.

Long Creek—G. A. Herring, C. H. Pigford, L. D. Cherry.

Lisbon—W. S. Johnson.

Mary's Chapel—J. H. Dobson, G. S. Best.

Masonboro—B. S. Montfort.

Mount Olive—W. E. Crocker, O. Summerlin.

Mount Gilead—B. Mathews, J. J. Vann, Erskine Williamson.

Mount Holly—B. Carroll, J. J. Brown, I. Carroll.

New Hope—C. E. Daniel.

Olive Branch—J. T. Hancock, Columbus Williamson.

Poplar Grove—Henry Herring.

Rose Hill—D. N. Page.

Riley's Creek—W. W. Larkins, W. B. Hocut, S. Blossom.

Sharon—W. D. Brock.

Shiloh—Boney Wells.

Siloam—F. A. Fennell, J. L. Jones.

Spring Vale—A. F. Robinson, J. C. Robinson, Kedar Vann.

Teachey's—M. W. Teachey, H. M. Croom.

*See second day's Proceeding

Warsaw—S. M. Carleton, D. L. Gavin.
Wells Chapel—L. R. Highsmith, J. W. Lee, F. T. Wooten.
Wilmington—S. G. Hall, P. B. Manning, D. L. Gore.
Willard—John E. Johnson.

The following Churches were represented by letter only: Beulah, Corinth, Emma's Chapel, Haw Bluff, Herman, Hallsville and Piney Grove.

The letter from Colvin's Creek, setting forth the death of her pastor Rev. J. P. Faison, and also the letters from Dobson's Chapel and Emma's Chapel inviting this body to meet with their churches, were on motion laid on the table.

On motion a committee of Arrangments was appointed, consisting of the deacons of Riley's Creek Church and brethren G. A. Herring and J. L. Boykin.

SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS—ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Result; Rev. J. L. Stewart, Moderator; J. T. Bland, Clerk, S. M. Carleton, Treasurer.

THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS—PETITIONARY LETTERS.

Letters from Catharine Lake and Jacksonville Churches were presented asking membership in the body. Letters read and on motion were referred to a special committee consisting of Rev. J. T. Albritton, Dr. T. H. Pritchard and S. G. Hall.

On motion the Moderator was requested to appoint a committee on the work of the Board for the relief of our superannuated ministers, in addition to the usual committee.

On motion the report of the committee on Foreign Missions was made special order for to-morrow morning immediately ensuing the hour for report on State Missions.

FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS—APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

The Moderator announced the following:

State Missions—Dr. C. Durham, W. B. Hawes, Erskine Williamson.
Foreign Missions—Dr. T. H. Pritchard, B. Matthews, G. A. Herring.
Ministerial Education—Rev. C. A. Jenkins, J. J. Vann, O. Summerlin.
Periodicals—Rev. J. T. Albritton, A. F. Robinson, L. R. Highsmith.
Sunday School—Rev. O. P. Meeks, S. M. Carleton, B. S. Montfort.
Temperance—Rev. J. B. Barlow, M. W. Teachey, Alfred Hollingsworth.
Requests—L. R. Highsmith, A. D. Williamson, John E. Johnson.
Home Missions—Rev. F. T. Wooten, S. G. Hall, W. J. Frazier.
Obituaries—Rev. G. S. Best, Rev. H. M. Croom, I. Carrol.
Nominate Executive Committee—J. L. Boykin, K. Vann, D. J. Middleton.
Baptist Orphanage—Rev. M. C. Walton, J. T. Hancock, D. N. Page.
Audit Treasurer's Account—B. F. Keith, Jr., W. W. Larkins, Henry Herring.
Nominate Preachers for Next Session—J. H. Dobson, L. M. Boykin, W. R. Highsmith.
Ministers' Relief—P. B. Manning, B. Carroll, Leonidas Middleton.

Committee of Arrangements report appointments as follows:

Association meet at 9:30 o'clock to-morrow morning. Religious exercises conducted by Bro. S. M. Carleton. Missionary sermon at 11 o'clock by Dr. C. Durham. Preaching at stand at 2 o'clock, p. m., by Rev. W. E. Crocker.

On motion adjourned until to-morrow morning. Prayer by Rev. M. C. Walton.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Association met pursuant to adjournment. Religious exercises conducted by Bro. S. M. Carleton.

Moderator called Association to order. Roll called and proceedings of yesterday read.

On motion of Rev. J. T. Albritton a correction was made in the numbering of the Annual Session of this body, this being the 47th session and the correction ordered.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats in the body by the Moderator. Rev. C. A. Jenkins of Flat River Association, Dr. C. Durham, Secretary of the State Mission Board, and Rev. J. T. Albritton of the Atlantic Association reported themselves.

Report on the Executive Committee being the first order of business was read by Bro. J. T. Bland, and in connection with it the report on State Missions, read by Dr. C. Durham.

Pending a motion to adopt the reports, effective speeches made by Rev. A. T. Howell, Dr. C. Durham, Rev. O. P. Meeks and Rev. R. E. Peele.

Rev. R. E. Peele offered an amendment to the report on State Missions as follows: That the Association request the Executive Committee to apportion the one thousand dollars recommended in the report among the churches of the Association and ask them to try and raise the amount. The report on State Missions as amended and the report of Executive Committee were adopted.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The work of State Missions within the bounds of our Association during the past year has been more encouraging than for several years past, but the needs are still great and pressing and the call is upon us for more enlarged efforts to supply the vast destitution.

During the year we have had four missionaries employed at least part of their time. At Burgaw Rev. D. C. Rodgers has been aided, and the interests at this point and in the surrounding country seems encouraging. Congregations are good and ten members have been added to the church by baptism. Rev. J. B. Barlow has been aided at Barlow Chapel and the good hand of the Lord seems to have been with him. Five members have been added by baptism.

Since March last Rev. A. T. Howell has been laboring on the Onslow field, preaching at Enon, Kellum's school house, Jacksonville, Rose Hill, Catharine Lake and Maple Hill. (Emma's Chapel has now come into this field.) He reports two churches organized, one at Jacksonville with thirteen members and one at Catharine Lake with nineteen members. He also reports twenty-one baptisms on the field and three houses of worship begun. At Catharine Lake they have a lot and lumber on the ground, and one hundred dollars raised for building. At Jacksonville they have sixty-five dollars, and at Maple Hill they have in cash and good pledges about two hundred dollars raised for building.

Rev. R. E. Peele has been laboring at Brooklyn in Wilmington and the reports are very encouraging. The church reports eighteen additions by baptism. At this point the work is so extensive that another man is an absolute necessity in order to do the work now needed.

We would recommend the employment of a Colporter to travel in the Association and to spend a large part of his time aiding Bro. Howell on the Onslow field.

D. J. MIDDLETON,
Chairman.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Our Convention in Henderson last November said to our Board of Missions that we ought to undertake greater things than ever before, and urged that we arrange our mission work this year on the financial basis of

\$15,000. The Board has therefore appointed a larger number of missionaries this year than ever before in our history. The Convention also asked the different Associations to try to secure this year for State Missions definite amounts. This Association was asked to try to secure \$700 for State Missions. According to the reports in the church letters read yesterday the Association has given for this work the past year \$433. The other Associations so far as heard from have come up to the amounts asked for by the Convention. What will this Association do with this \$267 yet lacking? We recommend that the Association try to secure this amount before the Convention. This can be easily done if each pastor and church will do what they can.

We recommend that this Association try to secure one thousand dollars for State Missions for the next year's work, and that the Association request the Executive Committee to apportion said amount among the churches and ask them to try to raise the amount.

C. DURHAM,
For Committee.

Special order. Report on Foreign Missions. Report read by Dr. T. H. Pritchard.

Pending a motion to adopt the Association repaired to the stand to hear the Missionary sermon preached by Dr. C. Durham. Text—Mat. 28: 18, 19, 20. At conclusion collection taken amounting to \$20.38. Report adopted.

On motion recess for dinner.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Our Missions are located in Mexico, North, Central and Southern China, Italy, Brazil and Japan, and also in Central Africa.

MEXICAN MISSIONS.

This is one of our most important, hopeful and successful missions. We have sixteen churches organized there and a number of promising stations. We have 18 missionaries, 8 native helpers and 3 colporters at work. There are 117 pupils reported in the schools. During the past year some 75 persons have been baptized and the present membership is about 600. This mission cost the Board during the past year \$29,479.86. Several thousand dollars were raised at the last session of the Southern Baptist Convention to build a church in Zocoticos, a city of 70,000 inhabitants. The great leader of this mission, the heroic Powell, is now taking a vacation in Europe and Palestine after years of arduous labor.

CHINA MISSIONS.

These are in South-east China, at Canton and vicinity; in Central China at Shanghai, where our own Herring is stationed, in Chin Kiong, Soo Chow where our own brother Bryan is located, and in North-east China, at Tung Chow, Pingtoo and the surrounding country. Missionaries, native and foreign, number 69. churches and stations, 28; baptisms, 79; members, 753; schools, 12 with 250 pupils; contributions, \$840.57. This mission cost during the year \$23,918.23.

ITALIAN MISSIONS.

There are at present connected with this work sixteen missionaries. There are twelve stations, with a membership of about 400. The total cost of sustaining this mission during the past year was \$15,688.92.

BRAZILIAN MISSIONS.

During the past year there were thirty-seven baptisms on the field; the membership is 229; churches, 4; contributions, \$1,375.00; native helpers, 5. The board expended \$18,972.00. Last year a church at Bahia was purchased at a cost of \$1,400.00, \$1,000 of which was given by the poor saints

at this place. A good church is much needed at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil is fully opened to the preaching of the gospel and our Board is the only Baptist organization at work there.

AFRICAN MISSIONS.

One in every respect qualified to judge. Rev. Edward Judson, D. D., says "the Goveban Mission of the Southern Baptist Convention is the most successful one ever organized in Africa." The following statistics will show the present condition of the field: Churches and stations, 5; missionaries, 13; baptisms, 6; members, 79; pupils 165. Expended on this field last year, \$7,637.25.

JAPAN MISSIONS.

The empire of Japan comprising a group of four thousand islands with a population of 30,000,000 people, offers a most promising field of labor. There are many things to aid the Missionary in that country. The people are anxious to hear the Gospel. The Bible has been translated for them, and the people are progressive, having adopted many customs of Western nations. Our Board has appointed two young men to this field, J. W. McCallum of Alabama and J. A. Branson of South Carolina. These men and their wives and are now on the field and should have our sympathies and prayers. The Board has appointed within the past year and a half forty additional missionaries, and it is a fact that should excite our prayers and stimulate our liberality that there are more laborers in the foreign field from North Carolina than any other Southern State.

The report of the Board showed receipts for the past year amounting to about \$100,000.00. The enlargement of the work calls for enlarged expenditures and the Board asks the churches for \$150,000 for the current year.

Your committee is glad to note the increased interest in this great enterprise on the part of other denominations, notably the Methodists and Presbyterians who by their liberality are setting us an example worthy of imitation.

In view of the above considerations the Committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. That all of our pastors be requested to preach one sermon at least each year on Foreign Missions.
2. That they encourage the formation of Women's Missionary Societies.
3. That we attempt to secure in pledges to be paid during the year at least six hundred dollars for this cause.

T. H. PRITCHARD,
GEO. A. HERRING,
B. MATHEWS,
Committee.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Letter of Bear Marsh Church read and delegate R. J. Walker enrolled.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PETITIONARY LETTERS.

The Committee appointed to consider the applications of the churches at Jacksonville and Catharine Lake beg leave to report that they find that the churches were properly organized, and recommend their reception as constituent members of this body.

T. H. PRITCHARD,
J. T. ALBRITTON,
S. G. HALL,
Committee.

Report adopted and the Moderator, on behalf of the body, extends to the delegates of the churches the right hand of fellowship and the names of the delegates enrolled.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Your committee to nominate Executive Committee recommend the appointment of the following members:

For Eastern Division—D. J. Middleton, L. R. Carroll, J. A. Powell.
For Western Division—F. A. Fennell, L. R. Highsmith, C. E. Daniel.
For Southern Division—J. T. Bland, D. J. Corbett, D. L. Gore.

J. L. BOYKIN,
K. VANN,
D. J. MIDDLETON.
Committee.

Report adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION

We rejoice in the increased interest our people are taking both in ministerial and general education, and yet we deplore the fact that many of our churches are practically indifferent to the educational needs of the day. As the prosperity of the Baptists of North Carolina is due, in no small degree, to the culture of our ministers, it is a cause of gratitude to the Master that our own Wake Forest has opened its present session with a larger number of students than ever before in its history. Nearly 200 have matriculated and out of this number some thirty-five or forty are asking aid of the Education Board. Inasmuch as God, in his providence, usually calls poor young men to the ministry, it becomes us to contribute liberally and regularly to their support.

Your committee beg leave to submit the following resolutions:

Resolved 1st. That this Association try to secure \$2,000 towards the enlarged endowment of Wake Forest College on the Bostwick proposition.

Resolved 2nd. That a committee of five, viz: Dr. T. H. Pritchard, brethren J. T. Bland, D. L. Gore, O. P. Meeks and F. T. Wooten be appointed to aid Dr. C. E. Taylor in securing the above amount.

C. A. JENKINS,
O. SUMMERLIN,
J. J. VANN,
Committee.

Pending a motion to adopt remarks are made by Revs. C. A. Jenkins, C. Durham, R. E. Peele and T. H. Pritchard.

On motion roll of churches is called and the following pledges made to Ministerial Education: Bethel, \$4.00; Boykin's Chapel, \$3.00; Bethlehem, \$3.00; Bear Marsh, \$3.25; Burgaw, \$3.00; Brooklyn, \$5.00; Clinton, \$6.00; Concord, \$4.00; Caintuck Chapel, \$3.00; Caswell, \$1.25; Dobson's Chapel, \$3.00; Emma's Chapel, \$2.00; Island Creek, \$3.00; Johnson's, \$3.00; Lisbon, \$5.00; Mary's Chapel, \$3.50; Masonboro, \$2.50; Mt. Gilead, \$1.00; Mt. Olive, \$5.00; Mt. Holly, \$2.00; New Hope, \$4.00; Poplar Grove, \$1.00; Riley's Creek, \$3.00; Sharon, \$1.50; Siloam, \$3.00; Teachey's, \$1.25; Warsaw, \$10.00; Wells Chapel, \$10.00; Wilmington, \$75.00; Willard, \$1.00; Ebenezer, \$1.00; Spring Vale, \$3.00; Kenansville, \$5.00; Long Creek, \$2.00; Berea, \$1.00; Olive Branch, \$2.00; Colvin's Creek, \$1.00. Total, \$198.75.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee report that in their judgment, a sound, conservative sentiment on the temperance question prevails more generally within the bounds of this Association to-day than at any period of its former history. For this we are profoundly grateful to the Head of the church.

We do earnestly recommend to the several churches belonging to this Association that they have read to their people the Church Covenant in

which they solemnly engage to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage.

J. B. BARLOW,
M. W. TEACHEY,
ALFRED HOLLINGSWORTH,
Committee.

Adopted.

On motion letters from Dobson's Chapel and Emma's Chapel were taken from the table and referred to the committee on Requests, also the letter from Colvin's Creek taken from the table and referred to committee on Obituaries.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your committee on Sunday Schools beg leave to report that in accordance with the instruction of your body to the committee designated last year a meeting was called at Clinton on 2nd Friday in April and an organization of the Eastern Baptist Sunday School Association was duly effected. This Sunday School Association thus starts out under favorable auspices and with due sanction from you. It is to meet annually on 2nd Friday in April. In accordance with the instruction of your body the Colporter work and Orphanage support has specially been undertaken by the Sunday Schools of our churches. The Sunday School Association has employed Bro. J. H. Dobson under sanction of State Mission Board as Colporter within our bounds. He is to begin work among us at once, at a salary of \$18.00 per month to be raised by our Sunday Schools, in addition to commissions on sale of books allowed him by the State Board of Missions and Sunday Schools.

O. P. MEEKS,
S. M. CARLETON,
B. S. MONTFORD,
Committee.

Adopted.

Permanent leave of absence granted brethren D. L. Gore, W. R. Highsmith, J. W. Malpass, O. P. Meeks and J. W. Lee.

Report of committee on Baptist Orphanage read and on motion made special order for first hour to-morrow morning.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Any family or church that does not patronize its own denominational literature is evidently at great disadvantage. Without this literature they can neither be well informed concerning their denominational enterprises or distinctive principles, nor creditably interested in their advancement.

We know of no better means for increasing interest and effort in our general work than the wider circulation of the *Biblical Recorder*, *The Foreign Missions Journal*, *Charity and Children* and *Our Home Field*. We recommend to our Sunday Schools the *Kind Words* publications, as good as any published.

JNO. T. ALBRITTON,
L. R. HIGHSMITH,
A. F. ROBINSON,
Committee.

Discussed by Dr. Pritchard and adopted.

Committee of Arrangement's reports. Religious exercises at 9:30 o'clock a. m., conducted by Rev. G. S. Best. Preaching at stand at 11 o'clock by Rev. R. E. Peele to-morrow.

Moderator appoints corresponding delegates as follows: To South River Association, Rev. G. S. Best. To Cape Fear Association, Dr. T. H. Pritchard, Rev. F. T. Wooten.

On motion the Treasurer is instructed to pay over to the Clerk the entire minute fund and that the Clerk be allowed \$15.00 for his services.
On motion adjourned. Prayer by Rev. F. T. Wooten.

THIRD DAY.

Association met pursuant to adjournment. Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. G. S. Best. Roll called and minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Invitation to visiting brethren. Rev. H. B. Humphrey, of Cedar Creek Association, reported himself and was welcomed by the Moderator.

SPECIAL ORDER—BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

The committee on the Orphanage at Thomasville beg leave to report progress. There are now 130 orphan children being cared for at this institution. They have just finished their new building for small children and will soon finish other buildings. We are glad to state that this institution is now out of debt so far as your committee can learn.

We heartily commend the work of the noble institution to the attention of our brethren everywhere in the bounds of the Association.

M. C. WALTON,
J. T. HANCOCK,
D. N. PAGE,
Committee.

Discussed by Dr. Pritchard and Rev. J. T. Albritton. Adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

Your committee on The Aged Minister's Relief Board make the following report.

For the first time in the history of the Baptist State Convention it has attempted to do something for aged ministers. There is a weighty responsibility resting upon us to do something, and what we do, to do well. We cannot let this duty—a debt of common gratitude—go longer unperformed. It is a debt we owe both to these ministers and God who raised them up, that peace and happiness should crown a life of usefulness. We cannot suffer want to come to God's aged servants. We recommend

1st. That in the preparation of the blanks for the reports of the churches an item shall be inserted providing for regular and systematic contributions from the churches for this object.

2nd. That each church shall appoint an active member, man or woman, who shall look after the raising of these funds and through whom the Board can communicate with the churches.

P. B. MANNING,
L. MIDDLETON,
I. CARROLL,
Committee.

Report discussed by brethren P. B. Manning, J. H. Dobson and Dr. T. H. Pritchard.

Pending a motion to adopt roll of churches is called and the following pledges are made for this object, and the name of a member of each church is given to the Corresponding Secretary to look after the work:

Bethel, \$2.50; Bethlehem, \$2.50; Bear Marsh, \$2.00; Brooklyn, \$20.00; Caintuck Chapel, \$4.00; Dobson's Chapel, \$2.00; Island Creek, \$2.00; Johnson's, \$2.00; Mary's Chapel, \$2.00; Mt. Holly, \$1.00; Poplar Grove, \$1.50; Riley's Creek, \$1.00; Siloam, \$5.00; Wells Chapel, \$5.00; Wilmington, \$81.51; Long Creek, \$2.00; Shiloh, \$2.50; Spring Vale, \$1.00. Total \$139.51.

On motion Brother Alfred Hollingsworth, delegate from Magnolia, is recognized and enrolled. The letter of the church having, by some oversight, failed to reach him.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Total amount sent up with letters	\$566.27
Appropriated as follows:	
For State Missions.	\$161.95
“ Foreign “	145.43
“ Home “	64.93
“ Education.	81.66
“ Baptist Orphanage	46.99
“ Minute Fund	51.39
“ Ministers Relief Fund	9.05
“ Sunday School Board	4.87
Total	\$566.27

We find that other amounts have been collected during the year and forwarded directly to the Treasurer of the Convention by the churches and reported in the Letters making a total of between \$850 and \$1,000, contributed by our churches to all the objects of the Convention during the year.

D. L. GORE,
F. A. FENNELL,
C. E. DANIEL,
Committee.

Rev. W. E. Crocker states that he has a letter from Rev. D. W. Herring, Missionary at Shanghai, China, to the Eastern Association. On motion the rules are suspended and the letter read by brother Crocker. On motion Dr. T. H. Pritchard is requested to answer the letter for and on behalf of the Association.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

S. M. Carlton, Treasurer Eastern Association, in account 1889-90:	
To amount received from Finance Committee, 1889.	\$578.09
Paid out for State Missions	\$234.98
“ “ “ Foreign “	150.00
“ “ “ Home “	30.00
“ “ “ Ministerial Education	75.00
“ “ “ S. S. Board	2.31
“ “ “ Minute Fund	43.82
“ “ “ North African Mission	5.02
“ “ “ Baptist Orphanage	36.93
Total	\$578.09

S. M. CARLTON, Treas. Eastern Association.

We your committee to audit the treasurer's accounts report that we have examined his accounts and vouchers and find the same correct.
Respectfully submitted,

B. F. KEITH, Jr.,
HENRY HERRING,
W. W. LARKINS,
Committee.

Leave of absence granted bro. R. J. Walker of Bear Marsh, and bro. Johnson of Lisbon. Preaching at stand by bro. Peele.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is located at Atlanta, Ga. The object of this Board is to do mission work in and adjacent to the Southern States. It is co-operating with the various State Boards in meeting the great destitution in our Southlands. It has work in Arkansas, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Maryland, Missouri, Western North Carolina, Texas, Tennessee, West Virginia, Virginia, and also in Indian Territory and Cuba. It has a force 328 missionaries whose labors are being gloriously blessed.

Conversions and newly organized churches and Sunday Schools are constantly being reported. The work in Cuba is worthy our attention. The outlook there was never so hopeful. The reports of bro. Diaz are encouraging and stimulating. All his labors seem to meet with divine favor. The *Home Field* is published in Atlanta under the direction of the Board and in connection with this the Board furnishes a line of Sunday School literature, and these we can commend to the churches.

In consideration of the growing importance of this work your committee recommends—

1. That this work be more carefully and prayerfully considered both by pastors and people.

2. That pastors bring the matter before their people and earnestly press upon them the importance of contributing to its needs.

Respectfully submitted,

F. T. WOOTEN,
S. G. HALL,
W. J. FRYAR,

Committee.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

During the past year the angel reaper with his silent, unerring footsteps has been among our churches and removed several of our much loved and useful brethren from the scenes and activities of this life to the eternity of rewards.

REV. JULIAN P. FAISON, for many years a sound, faithful and earnest exponent of gospel doctrine and pastor of churches belonging to this body departed this life July 3rd, 1890, in the comfortable hope of a blissful immortality. Between thirty and forty years he faithfully served his Master in preaching the everlasting gospel, through evil as well as good report, and often at great personal sacrifice, and when suffering great bodily afflictions, he faltered not but held high the banner of the cross. He was qualified for his life work by the intellectual training received at the State University and the spirit and grace of God. He was about sixty-three years of age. Your committee regrets that want of time and accurate data prevents them from giving a more extended sketch of his work.

Mount Holly Church mourns the loss of Deacon James Brown and sister R. J. Carroll, two of her useful, consistent and faithful members. Both had grown old in the Master's service and their beautiful consistent lives are a precious heritage to the Church, serving as beacon lights pointing to the better life.

Hermon church has been bereaved by the loss of that exceedingly liberal member and active Sunday School worker brother Giles Clute, who died August, 1890. For a long time during his last days he was a great sufferer and thereby prevented from active service; but he patiently and uncomplainingly endured his afflictions until the Lord's will concerning him was accomplished.

Belah church on June 10th, 1890, lost a valuable member and deacon in the death of bro. W. H. Faison. He was baptized by Elder David Thompson about forty years ago and during all this time he had been an earnest advocate of everything that had for its object the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom. He combined strong convictions with tender sympathies in his character and was ever ready to hear and help the needy to the extent of his ability.

Bro. W. L. Vann, a faithful, liberal and promising young member of Spring Vale church died June 28th, and thereby his church lost a valuable and hopeful member.

Respectfully submitted,

G. S. BEST,
H. M. CROOM,
I. CARROLL,

Committee.

Pending a motion to adopt Report on Obituaries,—some tender remarks on the life and character of Rev. J. P. Faison, were made by brethren T. H. Pritchard, F. T. Wooten, B. F. Keith, Jr., and H. M. Croom.

Committee on requests report, recommending Dobson's Chapel as the place for the next session of this body. Adopted.

Under the head of report of Trustees of Ministers' Relief Society, on motion a committee consisting of the Moderator, Rev. J. L. Stewart, Chairman, and L. R. Carroll and P. B. Manning is appointed to investigate and report at our next session the amount and present status of the fund.

On motion the Clerk is allowed \$15.00 for his services to be paid by Treasurer.

Committee to nominate preachers for the next session reports as follows: To preach Introductory sermon, Rev. O. P. Meeks; Missionary sermon, Dr. T. H. Pritchard.

On motion a standing committee on Obituaries for the ensuing year is appointed consisting of Revs. J. T. Albritton, L. R. Highsmith and R. J. Highsmith.

On motion collection is taken up to aid Catharine Lake church in building a house of worship. Amount \$9.50.

Collection at stand for State Missions reported \$6.27. Report of Executive Committee apportioning among the churches the \$1,000.00 for State Missions adopted and ordered to be incorporated in the Minutes.

Resolution of thanks to the church and community for hospitalities and courtesies. Adopted.

On motion Treasurer is ordered to pay over all moneys in his hands to the proper persons entitled to receive them.

On motion adjourned to meet at Dobson's Chapel on Tuesday after the first Sunday in October, 1891.

Song—"Hide Thou Me." Benediction by Moderator.

J. L. STEWART, *Moderator.*

J. T. BLAND, *Clerk.*

Report of Executive Committee apportioning among the churches the \$1,000.00 recommended in the report on State Missions and adopted. The committee hereby requests the churches to raise the amounts suggested in this report and more if possible:

Barlow Chapel, \$5.00; Bethel, \$15.00; Beulah, \$10.00; Boykins Chapel, \$12.50; Berea, \$3.00; Bear Branch, \$2.00; Bethlehem, \$15.00; Bear Marsh, \$7.50; Burgaw, \$10.00; Brooklyn, \$50.00; Clinton, \$25.00; Concord, \$12.50; Corinth, \$7.50; Colvins Creek, \$2.00; Caintuck Chapel, \$17.50; Caswell, \$7.50; Dobson's Chapel, \$10.00; Ebenezer, \$7.50; Emma's Chapel, \$10.00; Hallsville, \$3.00; Haw Bluff, \$10.00; Hermon, \$2.00; Island Creek, \$12.00; Johnson's, \$12.00; Kenansville, \$10.00; Long Creek, \$7.50; Lisbon, \$15.00; Maple Hill, \$2.50; Mary's Chapel, \$7.50; Masonboro, \$10.00; Moore's Creek, \$7.50; Mt. Gilead, \$15.00; Mt. Olive, \$20.00; Mt. Holly, \$7.50; Magnolia, \$7.50; Mt. Zion, \$2.50; New Hope, \$20.00; Olive Branch, \$3.00; Piney Grove, \$10.00; Poplar Grove, \$5.00; Rose Hill, \$5.00; Riley's Creek, \$12.50; Sharon, \$5.00; Salem, \$2.00; Shiloh, \$12.50; Siloam, \$10.00; Spring Vale, \$10.00; Teachey's, \$5.00; Warsaw, \$25.00; Wells Chapel, \$25.00; Wilmington, \$400.00; Willard, \$5.00; Jacksonville, \$2.50; Catharine Lake, \$5.00. Total from churches, \$943.50; from Union Meetings, at least, \$36.50. Total, \$1,000.00.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL OBJECTS.

CHURCHES.	Ministerial		Education		Missions.		Missions.		Missions.		Board		Orphanage		Fund.		Salary.		Church		Expenses		Woman's		Other		Objects.		Total.	
	State	Foreign	Home	S. School	Baptist	Minute	Pastor's	Church	Expenses	Woman's	Other	Objects.	Total.																	
Barlow Chapel	4 00	2 00	2 45	3 00	1 00	50 00	28 00	26 85	55 45																					
Bethel	5 00	4 00	3 00	3 00	1 00	100 00	75 00	88 50	172 85																					
Beulah	2 50	3 05	2 50	1 69	1 00	72 00	50 00	4 00	89 24																					
Boykin's Chapel	1 00	1 00	1 00			75 48 00			51 75																					
Berea	1 00	1 00	2 00			50 00			53 50																					
Bear Branch	7 00	5 00	10 00		5 65	1 50	100 00	10 00	139 10																					
Bear Marsh	4 00	5 00	5 00	2 50		1 50	100 00		118 00																					
Burgaw	5 00	2 50	2 50	2 50		1 25	100 00	30 03	16 00																					
Brooklyn	5 00	5 00	5 00			720 00	274 49		1014 49																					
Clinton	5 00	10 00	10 00	3 00		2 00	30 00		33 00																					
Concord	5 00	2 50	2 50	2 50	1 76	1 00	100 00		112 76																					
Corinth	1 50	2 00	3 00	1 50		1 64	50 00		80 14																					
Colvin's Creek		1 93					60 00		38 53																					
Caintuck Chapel	10 00	10 00	4 25	2 50	2 00	1 25	80 00		110 00																					
Capernaum																														
Caswell	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	62	1 00	75 60 00		66 37																					
Catharine Lake		3 00					50 00		3 50																					
Dobson's Chapel		3 00	3 00	3 00		3 68	1 00	150 00	2 00																					
Ebenezer	64	2 16	2 44	1 10		2 08	80 00	24 00	115 68																					
Emma's Chapel	2 00	3 00	2 00	1 00		1 00	100 00	5 00	114 00																					
Faison																														
Hallsville	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00		45 80	50 00		35 25																					
Haw Bluff	2 00	3 00	5 00	2 00		50 1 00	60 00	188 70	237 70																					
Hermon		1 00	1 00	1 00		1 00	3 00		4 30																					
Island Creek	5 00	8 00	11 20	2 00		2 16	2 00	100 00	369 00																					
Johnson's	2 74	7 50	7 50	2 60		3 85	1 50	100 00	490 36																					
Jacksonville									125 70																					
Kenansville	5 33	5 33	5 33			1 10	100 00		117 10																					
Long Creek		5 00	1 10				75 00		88 59																					
Lisbon	2 72	7 00	8 00	3 00		3 62	65 125 00	4 84	224 99																					
Maple Hill																														
Mary's Chapel		6 75	1 00			2 00	1 00		19 05																					
Masonboro	1 00	5 00	6 00	2 00	2 50	3 00	1 50	100 00	201 00																					
Moore's Creek																														
Mt. Gilead	10 00	10 00	5 00	5 00		2 20	1 50	125 00	1 00 18 60																					
Mt. Olive	2 73	4 00	8 00			1 25	260 00	24 00 12 00	311 98																					
Mt. Holly		3 00	1 00	1 00		2 00	1 10		8 10																					
Magnolia	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00		1 28	100 00	15 00	128 28																					
Mt. Zion																														
New Hope	4 00	6 00	14 00	4 00		1 50	125 00		162 50																					
Olive Branch	1 50	1 50	1 50	1 50	1 50	1 00	1 00	42 59	52 09																					
Piney Grove	2 00	4 00	4 00			1 14	100 00		111 14																					
Poplar Grove	1 00	2 50	2 00	2 50		50 00			8 50																					
Rose Hill		1 50	0 00				50 14 00		16 60																					
Riley's Creek	3 00	4 00	3 00	2 00		1 50	125 00		138 50																					
Sharon	1 00	2 00	2 00			1 00	70 00		76 00																					
Salem																														
Shiloh	4 00	5 00	5 29	4 00		3 31	1 00	100 00	15 00																					
Siloam	2 50	5 00	2 00	2 50		5 00	1 75	125 00	600 00																					
Spring Vale	3 90	5 00	2 00	2 07		1 42	1 40	100 00	75 00																					
Teachey	1 00	2 50	3 00	1 50		50 00	75 00	63 00	146 50																					
Warsaw		6 00	6 50			15 40	1 50	300 00	30 00																					
Wells Chapel	10 00	10 00	10 00	3 25 18 60		10 00	150 00	5 00	21 60																					
Wilmington	75 00	400 00	100 00	50 00		100 00	4 00	2500 00	3207 00																					
Willard	2 00	2 00	3 00	1 50			100 00		108 05																					
Total	197 57	591 17	282 62	138 62	23 22	176 36	51 17	7454 59	5110 36	30 60	4213 22	18269 50																		

CHURCHES.	Additions.		Losses.		Membership.			Total.	No. Copies Recorder taken.	TIME OF MEETING.
	Baptized.	By Letter.	Restored.	By Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	White Males.			
Barlow Chapel	5			1			25	38	63	3rd Sunday.
Bethel	2			3	1	3	47	71	118	4th "
Beulah	2			4	1	4	43	54	97	1st "
Boykin's Chapel	4	9		4			47	90	137	2nd "
Berea							27	45	72	2nd "
Bear Branch	2	1	2				25	22	47	4th "
Bethlehem				1		1	69	80	149	1st "
Bear Marsh	2	1	1		3	2	37	97	134	3rd "
Burgaw	10	1					19	33	52	4th "
Brooklyn	18	14	1	4	3	3	68	127	195	2 times each "
Clinton	1	10		2		2	57	78	135	1st and 3rd "
Concord							39	71	110	2nd "
Corinth		1		1	1	4	44	66	110	4th "
Colvin's Creek							24	26	50	
Caintuck Chapel				2			49	50	99	3rd "
Capernaum										
Caswell		3		4			22	31	53	4th "
Catharine Lake							4	14	18	
Dobson's Chapel				1	3	1	35	50	85	3rd "
Ebenezer		1		3	2		23	25	48	3rd "
Emma's Chapel	10	3		12		1	30	47	77	1st "
Faison										
Hallsville				3	2		31	76	107	4th "
Haw Bluff	17		1	2			53	75	128	3rd "
Hermon				4		2	18	23	41	
Island Creek	2			1	1	1	56	103	159	8 1st "
Johnson's							41	65	116	6 1st "
Jacksonville									13	
Kenansville				3	1		30	49	79	6 3rd "
Long Creek	12	3	4	8	26	1	43	84	127	3 1st "
Lisbon		2		2		2	41	49	90	10 1st "
Maple Hill										
Mary's Chapel				3	5	1	40	61	101	1 2nd "
Masonboro	14		1	4	1	1	48	87	136	2
Moore's Creek										
Mt. Gilead	5			7	1	2	61	101	162	12 4th "
Mt. Olive	2	1								

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.	Teachers and Officers.	Scholars.	No. Volumes in Library.	Average Attendance.	No months S. kept open.
Barlow Chapel.	James Andrews, Sloop Point.	7	45			
Bethel	I. D. Alderman, Taylor's Bridge.	6	45		39	13
Beulah.						
Boykin's Chapel	W. W. Hobbs, Maitland.	7	30			
Berea						
Bear Branch.						
Bethlehem	W. C. Keith, Keith.	10	78	100	50	12
Bear Marsh.	W. J. Walker, Mt. Olive.	8	35		25	12
Burgaw	J. T. Bland, Burgaw	5	50	24	45	12
Brooklyn	Z. E. Murrell, Wilmington.	15	125	115	85	12
Clinton	H. J. Hines, Clinton.	12	127	40	75	12
Concord						
Corinth	I. J. Johnson, Rose Hill.	6	60		40	12
Colvin's Creek.	W. G. Harrell, Atkinson.	5	35		25	12
Caintuck Chapel	D. J. Corbett, Not Moore.	9	79	150	55	12
Capernaum						
Caswell	Wm. Malpass, Pt. Caswell.	5	60		31	12
Catharine Lake						
Dobson's Chapel	W. B. Hawes, Cavenaugh.	7	63		38	12
Ebenezer	R. Highsmith, Coharie.	5	27		25	12
Emma's Chapel	W. M. Barbee, Richlands.	6	80		30	12
Faison						
Hallsville.						
Haw Bluff	W. F. Brown, Magruder.	6	75	40	50	12
Hermon	T. W. Brice, Clinton.	3	25			
Island Creek.	C. Harrel, Teachey.	6	38		19	6
Johnson's.	W. H. Middleton, Warsaw.	6	54		30	12
Jacksonville						
Kenansville.	A. D. Ward, Kenansville.	5	27	30	20	12
Long Creek.	Mrs. M. E. Herring, Long Creek.	5	50		25	12
Lisbon	D. L. Herring, Clear Run.	7	72		35	12
Maple Hill.						
Mary's Chapel.	F. M. Southerland, Kenansville.	6	31		18	12
Masonboro	Elijah Hewlett, Wilmington.	7	60		45	12
Moore's Creek.						
Mt. Gilead	L. A. Powell, Clinton.	7	40		28	12
Mt. Olive	J. F. Oliver, Mt. Olive.	15	86	75	60	12
Mt. Holly	Isaiah Carroll, South Washington.	5	25		20	9
Magnolia						
Mt. Zion						
New Hope.	C. E. Daniel, Turkey.	10	100		75	12
Olive Branch.	W. G. Rodgers, Greenville Sound.	4	30		25	
Piney Grove.	Nathan Weeks, Clinton.	4	39		30	6
Poplar Branch.	R. R. Bell, Faison.	6	66	30		
Rose Hill.						
Riley's Creek.	W. W. Larkins, Long Creek.	10	50		30	12
Sharon	J. F. Wallace, Cavenaugh.	4	41		26	10
Salem						
Shiloh.	H. A. Bland, Moore's Creek.	4	200		50	12
Siloam	F. A. Fennell, Harrell's Store.	8	70		65	12
Spring Vale	A. F. Robinson, Ingold.	4	45		25	12
Teachey.	J. C. McMillan, Teachey.	4	40		20	9
Warsaw	S. M. Carleton, Warsaw.	6	70		50	12
Wells Chapel.	L. R. Highsmith, Harrell's Store.	8	125	75	100	12
Wilmington.	S. G. Hall, Wilmington.	34	280		216	12
Willard.	Bryant Garriss, South Washington.	4	40		25	12

CHURCHES.	PASTORS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.	CLERKS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.
Beulah	J. L. Britt, Turkey	W. H. Thompson, Turkey.
Berea	W. A. Melvin, Harrell's Store	J. A. Southerland, Wallace.
Bear Marsh	J. T. Albritton, Mt. Olive.	J. E. Swinson, Mt. Olive.
Concord	" " " "	W. A. Moore, Magnolia.
Corinth	J. L. Britt, Turkey.	I. J. Johnson, Rose Hill.
Dobson's Chapel	W. T. Bilbro, Snow Hill.	I. Kilpatrick, Cavenaugh.
Faison		
Hallsville	W. A. Melvin, Harrell's Store	Jas. D. Brown, " "
Island Creek	J. T. Albritton, Mt. Olive.	J. M. Wallace, " "
Johnson's	W. L. Bilbro, Snow Hill.	L. Middleton, Warsaw.
Kenansville	W. E. Crocker, Mt. Olive.	D. J. " " "
Mary's Chapel.	W. M. Kennedy, Warsaw.	F. M. Southerland, Ken's v'e
Magnolia	W. L. Bilbro, Snow Hill.	Levi Moore, Warsaw.
Sharon	" " " "	W. D. Brock, Cavenaugh.
Teachey.	W. M. Kennedy, Warsaw.	M. W. Teachey, Teachey.
Warsaw	O. P. Meeks, Clinton	O. P. Middleton, Warsaw.
Brooklyn	R. E. Peele, Wilmington.	James L. Yopp, Wilmington
Masonboro	H. M. Croom, Wallace	B. S. Montford, " "
Olive Branch	M. C. Walton, Wilmington	Silas Sneed, " "
Wilmington	T. H. Pritchard, " "	James W. Collins, " "
Capernaum		
Catharine Lake	A. T. Howell, Jacksonville	John Marshburn, Richlands
Emma's Chapel	T. J. Baker, Fort Barnwell	G. M. Barbee, " "
Jacksonville	A. T. Howell, Jacksonville	H'n'r'ta Jarman, Jack's n'v'e
Rose Hill	" " " "	D. N. Page, Tar Landing.
Barlow Chapel.	J. B. Barlow, Sloop Point.	A. W. King, Sloop Point.
Bear Branch.	Jno. W. Smith, Byrdville.	W. R. Brinson, Jr., Pt. Casw'll
Bethlehem	F. T. Wooten, Keith.	W. C. Keith, Keith.
Burgaw	D. C. Rodgers, Owensville	J. D. Hocut, Ashton.
Colvins Creek.	" " " "	W. G. Harrell, Atkinson.
Caintuck Chap'l	" " " "	D. J. Corbett, Nat Moore.
Caswell	H. M. Croom, Wallace.	J. C. Parker, Pt. Caswell.
Haw Bluff	" " " "	N. R. Croom, Colly.
Long Creek	J. B. Barlow, Sloop Point.	L. D. Cherry, Long Creek.
Maple Hill.		
Moore's Creek.		
Mt. Holly		Isaiah Carroll, S. Washington
Riley's Creek.	W. M. Kennedy, Warsaw.	J. T. Larkins, Rocky Point.
Shiloh	F. T. Wooten, Keith.	S. B. Costin, Moores Creek.
Willard	W. M. Kennedy, Warsaw.	G. W. Woodcock, S. Wash.
Bethel	F. T. Wooten, Keith.	M. H. Oats, Taylor's Bridge.
Boykin's Chapel	T. M. Leary, Clinton.	W. H. Boykin, Clinton.
Clinton	O. P. Meeks, Clinton.	B. F. Fennell, Clinton.
Ebenezer		R. Highsmith, Coharie.
Hermon	J. L. Britt, Turkey	C. E. Shipp, Clinton.
Lisbon	R. C. Sandling, Harrell's S.	W. B. Lamb, Lisbon.
Mt. Gilead	J. L. Stewart, Clinton.	H. E. Peterson, Clinton.
Mt. Zion	" " " "	
New Hope	" " " "	J. T. Kennedy, Six Runs.
Piney Grove	F. B. Underwood, Gleenw'd	H. E. Brewer, Faison.
Poplar Grove		W. D. Stevens, Faison.
Salem		
Siloam	R. C. Sandling, Harrell's S	J. M. Faison, Harrell's Store
Spring Vale	" " " "	Oliver Blackburn, Garland.
Wells Chapel	F. T. Wooten, Keith	L. D. Highsmith, Bland.
Mt. Olive	W. E. Crocker, Mt. Olive.	Thad Jones, Jr., Mt. Olive.

CHURCH COVENANT.

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour, and on the profession of our faith having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we do now, in the presence of God, angels, and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

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

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances, to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings; faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage; and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the Kingdom of our Saviour.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling, and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of these rules of our Saviour, to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage, that when we remove from this place, we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church, where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant, and principles of God's Word.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. On the meeting of the Association, the Moderator of the preceding session shall preside until his successor is known. In case of his absence a chairman *pro tem.* shall be elected.

2. Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises, to be opened by whomsoever the presiding officer may name.

3. At each daily session, and previous to proceeding to business, the names of the delegates shall be called, and the proceedings of the previous daily session read.

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

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

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

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

8. No motion shall be withdrawn after discussion.

9. When a question is under discussion, no motion or proposition shall be received, except to adjourn, to amend, to commit, to postpone to a definite time, which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.

10. After a motion has been decided, any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.

11. No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association without permission of the presiding officer, and no one shall take final leave of absence without the permission of the Association; and if any shall do so, their absence shall be noted in the Minutes.

12. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

13. The Association shall have the right to decide what subjects shall be admitted to consideration.

14. The Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any session of the Association by a majority vote.

CONSTITUTION OF THE EASTERN ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the Eastern Association.

ART. 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men; and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity to the New Testament.

ART. 3. This Association shall be composed of all ordained minister, who are members or pastors of churches of this body, and three delegates from each church chosen from her membership assembled in conference.

ART. 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, communicating information relative to the state of the church: *Provided, however,* That when any church has prepared a letter, and through inadvertance the letter fails to be presented, her delegates may be received without its presentation.

ART. 5. The officers of this Association shall be, a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen annually from among its members, by ballot, by a majority of the members voting, and continue in office until their successors are elected.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve order, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under discussion, after others have spoken, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, and superintend their printing and distribution among the churches.

ART. 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the session of the body, and disburse the same, as ordered by the Association. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the treasury.

ART. 9. The Association shall appoint an executive committee of nine members, three from each of the Union Meetings, who shall co-operate with the State Board, so far as is practicable in the mission work within our bounds, and, during the intervals between the sessions of this body, take such steps as they may deem advisable for the advancement of the same, making annual reports of their work to the Association, which report, together with that on State Missions, shall be the first business of the second day of the session. Further, that our missionaries shall report their work quarterly to the Executive Committee, in order that said committee shall be prepared to make full report of their work to this body.

ART. 10. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches which neglect to preserve Gospel order.

ART. 11. The Association may invite visiting and corresponding brethren to seats, and extend to them the privileges of the body, except that of voting.

ART. 12. The annual session of this Association shall commence on Tuesday after the first Lord's Day in October, at such place as may be chosen.

ART. 13. By appointment of the Association there shall be an Introductory Sermon of a denominational character, and a Missionary Sermon.

ART. 14. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Reading Church Letters and Enrolling Delegates.
2. Election of Officers.
3. Call of Petitionary Letters.
4. Appointment of Committees.
5. Appointment of Corresponding Delegates.
6. Reports of Standing Committees.
7. Reports of other committees.
8. Report of Trustees of Ministers Relief Society.
9. Report of Treasurer.
10. Miscellaneous Business.
11. Incidental and Routine Motions shall be in order at any time.
12. Adjournment.

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

MODERATOR.

Elder J. L. STEWART, Clinton, N. C.

CLERK.

J. T. BLAND, Burgaw, N. C.

TREASURER.

S. M. CARLTON, Warsaw, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

D. J. MIDDLETON,	F. A. FENNEL,	J. T. BLAND,
L. R. CARROLL,	L. R. HIGHSMITH,	D. J. CORBETT,
J. A. POWELL,	C. E. DANIEL,	D. L. GORE.

TRUSTEES OF WARSAW HIGH SCHOOL.

O. P. MIDDLETON,	ISAAC BROWN,	JAS. K. SMITH,
S. M. CARLTON,	W. C. CARLTON,	J. L. STEWART.

MINISTERS.

T. H. PRITCHARD, Wilmington.	T. M. LEARY, Clinton.
R. E. PEELE, “	H. M. CROOM, Wallace.
J. H. HILDRETH, “	R. C. SANDLING, Harrell's Store.
M. C. WALTON, “	W. A. MELVIN, “
J. B. BARLOW, Sloop Point.	F. T. WOOTEN, Keith.
W. M. KENNEDY, Warsaw.	J. T. ALBRITTON, Mt. Olive.
G. S. BEST, Keenansville.	W. E. CROCKER, “
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