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OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

MODERATOR:

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

CLERK:

OLIVER BLACKBURN,.....Ingold, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

D. J. Middleton,	F. A. Fennell,	J. T. Bland,
L. R. Carroll,	L. R. Highsmith,	D. J. Corbett,
L. M. Cooper,	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, D. D.,	Wilmington, N. C.
R. E. PEELE,	Wilmington, "
J. H. HILDRETH,	Wilmington, "
M. C. WALTON,	Wilmington, "
S. D. SWAIM,	Wilmington, "
J. B. BARLOW,	Sloop Point, "
W. M. KENNEDY,	Warsaw, "
G. S. BEST,	Kenansville, "
J. T. ALBRITTON,	Mt. Olive, "
W. E. CROCKER,	Mt. Olive, "
C. W. HOPPER,	Mt. Olive, "
F. R. UNDERWOOD,	Autryville, "
J. L. BRITT,	Turkey, "
O. P. MEEKS,	Clinton, "
J. L. STEWART,	Clinton, "
HENRY DUNCAN,	Clinton, "
H. M. CROOM,	Wallace, "
W. A. MELVIN,	Harrell's Store, "
R. C. SANDLING,	Harrell's Store, "
F. T. WOOTEN,	Keith, "
W. L. BILBRO,	Magnolia, "
T. S. BAKER,	Ft. Barnwell, "
JOHN W. SMITH,	Byrdville, "
D. C. RODGERS,	Owensville, "

PROCEEDINGS.

The Eastern Association met in its 48th Annual Session with the Church at Dobson's Chapel Tuesday, October 6th, 1891.

Morning lesson read by Rev. J. L. Stewart from 3rd chapter of John.

Introductory Sermon by Rev. O. P. Meeks, from Gallatians, 6, 14: "God forbid that I should glory save in the cross of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ," &c.

Recess for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After devotional exercises the Association was called to order by Rev. J. L. Stewart, Moderator of last session.

By motion, brethren C. E. Daniel, M. C. Walton and F. M. Southerland were appointed Finance Committee; and F. A. Fennell and A. D. Ward, Reading Clerks.

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

BARLOW CHAPEL—
 BETHEL—F. W. Herring, J. H. Tyler.
 BEULAH—L. N. Parker, B. A. Parker.
 BOYKIN'S CHAPEL—O. L. Herring, W. W. Hobbs, Willie Peterson.
 BEREAS—J. A. Southerland, H. B. Stallings, Joseph Brooks.
 BEAR BRANCH—By letter.
 BETHLEHEM—A. Pridgen, D. Croom, W. C. Keith.
 BEAR MARSH—D. B. Brown, R. J. Walker.
 BURGAW—J. T. Bland.
 BROOKLYN—T. H. Rogers.
 CLINTON—J. L. Stewart, H. J. Duncan, Jas. Moore.
 CONCORD—W. M. Drew, R. H. Wells.
 CORRINTH—I. J. Johnson, E. H. Benton, D. W. Fussell.
 COLVIN'S CREEK—By letter.
 CAINTUCK CHAPEL—Christine Moore.
 CAPERNAUM—
 CASWELL—William Glissen.
 CATHERINE LAKE—By letter.
 DOBSON'S CHAPEL—T. G. Dobson, W. B. Hawes, Zach Jones.
 EBENEZER—
 EMMAS CHAPEL—W. S. Cox, R. Cavanaugh, W. M. Barbee.
 FAISONS—

HALLSVILLE—E. W. Farrior, W. M. Morton, S. S. Bostick.
 HAW BLUFF—By letter.
 HERMON—
 ISLAND CREEK—C. Harrell, E. Heldt, J. M. Wallace.
 JOHNSONS—D. J. Middleton, A. Phillips, J. P. Brice.
 JACKSONVILLE—T. J. Jarman.
 KENANSVILLE—Thad. Jones, Jr., Jas. Stokes, A. D. Ward.
 LONG CREEK—G. A. Herring, E. A. B. Croom, Edgar Pigford.
 LISBON—By letter.
 MAPLE HILL—
 MARY'S CHAPEL—F. M. Southerland, G. G. Best, G. W. McGowan.
 MASONBORO—A. Hewlet, R. Hewlet.
 MOORE'S CREEK—Eli Larkens, Austen Moore.
 MT. GILLEAD—H. E. Peterson, A. C. Peterson, B. Matthis.
 MT. OLIVE—O. Summerlin, Geo. Albritton.
 MT. HOLLY—B. Carroll, I. Carroll.
 MAGNOLIA—J. W. Swinson, G. W. Carroll, K. Hollingsworth.
 MT. ZION—F. F. Newton.
 NEW HOPE—C. E. Daniel, R. F. Pollock.
 OLIVE BRANCH—M. C. Walton.
 POPLAR GROVE—B. L. Scott.
 PINEY GROVE—L. J. Wilson, S. H. Hare.
 ROSE HILL—D. N. Page, W. P. Kelly.
 RILEYS CREEK—G. W. Walker, J. T. Walker.
 SHARON—W. D. Brock, J. F. Wallace, L. L. Sheffield.
 SALEM—By letter.
 SHILOH—A. T. Herring, H. Moore.
 SILOAM—Love Jones, F. A. Fennell.
 SPRING VALE—O. Blackburn, K. Vann.
 TEACHEY—F. Savage, J. W. Batts.
 WARSAW—L. R. Carroll, S. M. Carlton, A. F. Gavin.
 WELLS CHAPEL—L. R. Highsmith, S. H. Calwell, Rev. F. T. Wooten.
 WILMINGTON—J. R. Marshall, D. L. Gore, J. L. Breckenridge.
 WILLARD—H. Powers, G. F. Dempsy.

By motion, the letters from Emma's Chapel and Salem were laid on the table.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

By motion of Rev. J. T. Albritton, brother B. Matthis cast the vote of the Association for Rev. J. L. Stewart for Moderator, for Oliver Blackburn for Clerk, and for S. M. Carlton for Treasurer of the Association.

By motion of Rev. T. H. Pritchard, D. D., J. T. Bland, A. D. Ward and F. A. Fennell were made a committee on church letters.

By motion of Rev. T. H. Pritchard, D. D., L. R. Carroll, Rev. O. P. Meeks and C. E. Daniel were appointed as an "Associational Centennial Committee" to co-operate with the State and General Committees in

celebrating the hundredth anniversary of Modern Missions.

The following committees were appointed, viz :

State Missions—Rev. R. C. Sandling, I. J. Johnson, Wells Taylor.
Foreign Missions—Rev. O. P. Meeks, J. W. Swinson, H. B. Stallings.
Ministerial Education—Rev. J. H. Hildreth, E. Heldt, J. D. Newton.
Periodicals—Rev. T. H. Pritchard, D. D., L. R. Highsmith, G. W. McGowan.
Sunday Schools—Rev. M. L. Kesler, L. R. Carroll, W. M. Barbee.
Temperance—Rev. G. S. Best, S. B. Anders, E. Pigford.
Requests—F. T. Wooten, B. Carroll.
Home Missions—Rev. S. D. Swaim, A. Phillips, I. Carroll.
Obituaries—Rev. J. T. Albritton, J. B. Barlow.
Nominate Executive Committee—Eli Larkins, E. W. Farrior.
Baptist Orphanage—Rev. R. E. Peele, Rev. C. W. Hopper, J. T. Walker.
Audit Treasurer's Account—T. J. Jarman, Thad Jones.
Nominate Preachers for Next Session—W. S. Cox, B. Matthis, K. Vann.
Ministers Relief—F. F. Newton, Thos. Dobson.
Committee of Arrangements—Pastor and Deacons of this church and G. A. Herring and J. R. Marshall.

Committee of Arrangements report as follows :
 Preaching at stand by Rev. R. C. Sandling 2:30 p. m.
 Association meet at 9:30 a. m. to-morrow. Religious exercises to be conducted by L. R. Carroll. Missionary Sermon at 11 a. m. by Rev. T. H. Pritchard, D. D.
 Preaching at stand by Rev. M. L. Kesler at 2 o'clock, p. m.

Visitors invited to seats in the body and the following brethren reported, viz : Rev. E. J. Edwards of the North Carolina Baptist. Rev. M. L. Kesler in behalf of Sunday Schools. Rev. J. D. Newton to represent Baptist Orphanage and Charity and Children. Bro. L. R. Carroll for Biblical Recorder.

The following brethren were appointed to visit the following named Associations, viz : Rev. T. H. Pritchard, D. D., the Robeson Association ; Bro. J. R. Marshall, the Atlantic Association ; Bro. D. L. Gore, the Cape Fear Association.

By motion any brother of this Association who should visit any other Association is made a delegate to the same.

Motion to adjourn to meet at 9:30 o'clock to-morrow by Rev. T. H. Pritchard, D. D.

Prayer by Rev. M. L. Kesler.

Hymn, "Praise God," &c.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, OCT. 7, 1891.

Services were commenced by singing. Prayer by Bro. J. L. Boykin. 34 Psalm read by Bro. L. R. Carroll. Song. Prayer by Bro. C. E. Daniel. Song. Prayer by Rev. M. L. Kesler.

The hour having arrived, the Moderator called the Association to order.

Roll of the churches called and other delegates enrolled. Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Pending, a motion to adopt the report of the Executive Committee and report on State Missions, interesting speeches were made by Rev. T. H. Pritchard, D. D., Rev. O. P. Meeks, Rev. R. C. Sandling, Rev. R. E. Peele, Rev. J. T. Albritton, brethren D. L. Gore and J. T. Bland.

By motion, the previous question was called for, and the reports as handed in and read were adopted.

By motion, the roll of the churches was called and pledges were made, also individual pledges. (See list of pledges.)

By motion, "State Missions" in the report of committee on State Missions is to be construed as equivalent to mission work in our own bounds.

By motion, the Association repaired to the stand to hear the Missionary Sermon to be preached by Rev. T. H. Pritchard, D. D., from Isaiah 54, 2-3:—"Enlarge the place of thy tent," &c.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The report of the committee to nominate executive committee was read and adopted.

Committee to select preachers for the stated sermons at the next session of the Association, report as follows:

Introductory sermon by Rev. J. L. Stewart.

Missionary sermon by Rev. R. E. Peele.

W. S. COX, B. MATTHIS, K. VANN, Committee.

Committee on Church made a partial report, which was adopted.

By motion, the report was referred to committee to be completed and handed in to-morrow morning.

The report of committee on Baptist Orphanage was read and adopted. By motion, the report was reconsidered and discussed by Rev. J. D. Newton. Report adopted.

The following brethren were excused, viz: Wm. Glissen, J. T. Walker, J. P. Brice, W. M. Drew, J. R. Marshall, C. E. Daniel, G. A. Herring, A. D. Ward.

Report on Sunday Schools was read and after being discussed by Rev. M. L. Kesler, was adopted.

Report on Periodicals was read and after being discussed by Rev. T. H. Pritchard, D. D., was adopted.

Cash Collection for Baptist Orphanage was taken up. Amount \$14.32.

Committee of arrangements report:

Religious exercises to-morrow at 9:30 a. m., to be conducted by Rev. J. T. Albritton. Preaching at 11 a. m., by Rev. C. Durham, D. D.

Report adopted.

Report on Foreign Missions was read and made a special order to-morrow at 10 a. m.

Report on Centennial Missions was read, and after being discussed by Rev. T. H. Pritchard, D. D., was adopted.

Report on Obituaries was read, and after being discussed by Rev. T. H. Pritchard, D. D., was adopted.

Report on Ministerial Education was read, and after being discussed by Rev. T. H. Pritchard, D. D., was adopted.

Motion by Rev. J. T. Albritton to strike out the clause "two collections during the year." Motion carried.

Motion by Bro. J. T. Bland, that the Treasurer be authorized to pay out the several amounts in his hands to the persons entitled to the same and that the clerk be allowed fifteen dollars for his services.

Report on Temperance was read and adopted.

Report on Requests was read and adopted.

Report of the Treasurer was read and referred to the Auditing committee.

By motion the Association adjourned to meet to-mor-

row at 9:30 a. m. Song. "All hail" &c.
Dismissed by Rev. R. E. Peele.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

THURSDAY, OCT. 8th, 1891.

Religious exercises were commenced by singing. Prayer by Rev. M. C. Walton. Scriptures read by Rev. J. T. Albritton. Prayer by Rev. O. P. Meeks. Song. Prayer by Rev. S. D. Swaim. Association was called to order by Moderator. Roll called. Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Report on Foreign Missions was read by Rev. O. P. Meeks. Pending, a motion to adopt, remarks were made by Rev. O. P. Meeks, Rev. C. Durham, D. D., and Rev. R. E. Peele.

Pledges from the churches were made. Report adopted.

At 11 a. m., Rev. M. L. Kesler preached at the stand instead of Rev. C. Durham, D. D.

Report on Ministerial Relief was read and adopted.

Pending, a motion to adopt the report on Church Letters, remarks were made by Rev. T. H. Pritchard, D. D., Rev. C. Durham, D. D. Report adopted but ordered not to be put in minutes.

Report of committee to audit Treasurer's account was read and adopted.

Pending, a motion to adopt the report on Home Missions, touching remarks were made by Rev. C. Durham, D. D., after which pledges were taken and report adopted.

Report of Finance Committee was read and adopted.

By motion the Association adjourned to meet at Emma's Chapel, Oct. 4th, 1892.

Prayer by Rev. C. Durham, D. D. Song, "Praise God." &c.

Benediction by the Moderator.

J. L. STEWART, MODERATOR.

O. BLACKBURN, CLERK.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due and are hereby tendered to this church and the community for the unbounded hospitality in providing for the Association.
L. R. HIGHSMITH.

REPORTS AS ADOPTED.

PLACE OF NEXT ASSOCIATION.

Your Committee recommend that the next session meet with the church at Emma's Chapel Tuesday after the first Sunday in October, 1892.

F. T. WOOTEN,	} Committee.
J. L. BOYKIN,	
B. CARROLL,	

HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission Board, located at Atlanta, Ga., has under its supervision the territory of the Southern States, the Indian Territory, and also the Island of Cuba. Its aim is to supply the destitution found more especially in the larger cities of the South. During the past year the work has been more encouraging than ever before—more conversions, more additions to the church, more churches organized and more new churches built. The work done by Bro. Dias in Cuba has abundantly rewarded us for every dollar spent by this Board.

Your Committee recommends that our Sunday-schools buy their supplies from the Nashville Publishing House. We also earnestly ask all the Pastors of the Association to take at least one collection during the year for this object.

S. D. SWAIM,	} Committee.
A. PHILLIPS,	
I. CARROLL,	

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

The education of our people is a positive duty, and especially is it our duty to educate young men called of God to preach the Gospel. There are now 40 ministers at Wake Forest College who have been approved, and are being aided by the Board. If they continue at College, they must be sustained by the contributions of the denomination. We recommend that each church take two collections for this object during the Associational year.

J. D. NEWTON,	} Committee.
J. H. HILDRETH,	
E. HELDT.	

TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee beg leave to report a strong and increasing sentiment in favor of Temperance. The entire Association seems to be permeated by

the Spirit, and we feel that no distant day, the blighting curse of the liquor traffic will be driven out of our midst. We would recommend to the churches that they take courage and press forward in the good work with the assurance of Divine help and certain victory. COMMITTEE.

CENTENARY MISSIONS.

The Committee on Centenary Missions beg leave to recommend that the last day of the Association next year be given to a special programme on Centenary Missions to be arranged by this committee hereafter. That two meetings in the interest of said Centenary be held during the year at times and places hereafter designated through the Biblical Recorder. We also recommend that special emphasis be given to this object in all the discussions and collections of our unions on missions and that our churches endeavor to raise a special centenary fund for missions during the next year.

L. R. CARROLL, }
O. P. MEEKS, } Committee.
C. E. DANIEL, }

BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

There are now 125 orphans at Thomasville, all dependent on the voluntary contributions of the Lord's people. The Orphanage is the property of the Baptists of N. C., and the children must be clothed and fed by the contributions of the churches and Sunday-schools. The work we do for Orphans we do for Christ, for He said "In as much as ye did it unto one of these least, ye did it unto me." We recommend that the churches, each, take one collection a year for the Orphans and that the Sunday-schools make monthly contributions to this worthy object.

R. E. PEELE, }
J. T. WALKER, } Committee.
C. W. HOPPER, }

NOMINATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Committee recommend the following: D. J. Middleton, F. A. Fennell, J. T. Bland, L. R. Carroll, L. R. Highsmith, D. J. Corbett, L. M. Cooper, C. E. Daniel, D. L. Gore.

ELI LARKINS, }
E. W. FARRIOR, } Committee.

STATE MISSIONS.

As there is yet great destitution in our State and as the Lord has greatly blessed our efforts in this direction, and as the cry is coming up to us from many points of interest, therefore we recommend, that every church in this Association do all that it can this year for this object. Also that the churches make pledges for this purpose.

R. C. SANDLING, }
I. J. JOHNSON, } Committee.
WELLS TAYLOR, }

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Whereas, the work of Foreign Missions is the great enterprise committed to the church by her risen Lord, and in view of the fact that God's special blessing has rested upon this work in response to the earnest self sacrifice

of his people and acknowledging with deepest gratitude the wonderful success already attained, we most earnestly recommend that in the inauguration of the new Centenary we expect "still greater things of God and attempt greater things for God." We recommend that individuals and churches become better informed and more consecrated to this great work, that we take special offerings for the Centenary fund recommended by our Southern Baptist Convention, and that in the near future our Association take up and support at least one Foreign Missionary. Committee.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

In the Southern States there are said to be 12,000 churches without Sunday schools, over 4,000 of these are in our own State. There are more than 1,000 schools already organized that must be stimulated into more efficiency or the rank and file of the denomination will still remain ciphers in the work they are expected to do. The first need is the more thorough organization of the Sunday school forces. By means of a well organized Sunday school association, new schools can be organized and the old ones improved. But organization without something definite to do is worse than no organization at all. Let this organization take upon itself the work of supplying the people with good literature. The Sunday school and Colporteur work will then be closely connected and this body will have a definite aim and end in view. Here is a vast field for good that lies, so far, almost untouched. The day has come for us to use this engine of power. Committee.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Lord of the harvest seems to have regarded the efforts of your committee and missionaries during the past year with peculiar favor. The reports from all of our fields and mission stations are such as should cause thanksgiving and inspire renewed courage in the hearts of all the Lord's people. But while these results show the divine approval of our labors they seem to bid us to put forth yet greater efforts for the spread of the Master's Kingdom in the destitution within our bounds. The missionaries employed by us are as follows. Rev. R. E. Peele in Wilmington at Brooklyn. S. D. Swaim at Burgaw. J. H. Hildreth at Willard and Teachey. A. T. Howell on the Onslow field, and W. L. Bilbro at Sharon and Hallsville. Our policy has been so far as practicable to group our mission points into fields with a view to developing them into self sustaining pastorates and locating pastors on them. There have been added to the membership of our mission points more than 150 members, and at the other churches occupied by our missionaries at least 150 more and the interest at all our missions increasing. Bro. Howell served only nine months on the Onslow field when he was compelled to leave on account of failure of his health, his beloved wife having died on the field. This leaves that field now vacant and we are trying to secure a suitable man to fill the place. For the last two months brother M. C. Walton has rendered very efficient service as Colporteur and preaching wherever the way opened up to him. The good hand of the Lord seems to have been with him. We cordially recommend this brother and his work to the churches and Sunday schools of the Association. We respectfully recommend that the money raised by the churches for State or Associational missions be paid over to the Treasurer of the Executive Committee so as to enable the committee to better advance their work. We recommend that our churches try to raise

\$1,250.00 during the coming year to be used in supplying the vast destitution within our bounds.
J. T. BLAND *for Committee.*

OBITUARIES.

We have to chronicle the death of several of our brethren since the last session of this body. W. H. Best, member of Johnston's church, died Sept. 27th, 1891, at an advanced age. His pastor speaks of him as a "man of splendid christian character."

Daniel Williams, of Hallsville church, died Nov. 30, '90, in his 83rd year. His christian life having extended over a period of more than 50 years.

W. P. Dobson, of Dobson's Chapel, died Aug. 31st, '91. He was born Feb. 14th, 1849, made a profession of religion about 1863 and during the last few days of his life developed rapidly in spirituality and usefulness. He contributed liberally towards the erection of the new house of worship in which this body holds its present session, and was the efficient Superintendent of his church Sunday school at the time of his death.

Kedar Bryan, of Kenansville church, died August 19th, 1891. He was born April 28th, 1851, and was baptized in his 16th year by Rev. J. N. Stallings. He was the great-grand-son of Rev. Francis Oliver, and brother to Rev. R. T. Bryan, missionary to China. Mrs. Kate Bryan, his step-mother, under whose pious training he grew up from early childhood to man's estate, says of him: "He was a true christian, and as a child, a boy, and a man, none knew him but to love him, he was so kind and loving to all. He died of consumption, suffering long and greatly, with more patience and resignation than any one I ever saw. In dying he pointed upwards exclaiming, Jesus! We feel like our boy is with his Savior."

Alfred Hollingsworth, of the Magnolia church, died January 14, 1891, at the advanced age of 70 years, 10 months and three days. His death was a great loss to the church of which he was a highly esteemed member.

James K. Williams, of Corinth church, died Oct. 23, 1890, in his 81st year. He had, for more than 50 years, been a consistent, useful member of the church. He was for many years before his death, confined to his home by afflictions, yet, notwithstanding, he felt a deep interest in the prosperity of Zion to the end of his life.

It is cause of profound gratitude, that we do not have to record the death of any of our ministerial brethren.

Respectfully submitted,
Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PERIODICALS.

It is impossible to overestimate the value of the Religious Press. It is an affective means of educating the people, mentally, morally and spiritually, it seems to unite the churches in doctrine and feeling, it imparts information as to the progress of the Master's Kingdom in all parts of the world and it not only tells what has been done, but how it has been done, and thus stimulates those who read to new and more active and earnest efforts to promote the cause of piety. All these good ends have been subserved by the Biblical Recorder, which has been an incalculable blessing to the Baptists of North Carolina for more than fifty years. It has been the means of preserving our people from hurtful heresies; it has been the best collecting agency we have ever had in the field for the support of all our enterprises of benevolence and it is earnestly commended to the confidence and support of the Baptists of the State as worthy of their patronage. If the Recorder had five times as many subscribers as it now has your com-

mittee are persuaded that it would be an easy matter to raise five times as much money for all causes as we do now. It is hence to the highest interest of the pastors and churches to put forth constant and bountiful efforts to increase the circulation of this the Baptist State organ.

Your committee would also recommend our people to take Charity and Children, the organ of our Orphanage, and Kind Words—series of Sunday School helps, the Home Field, the organ of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Georgia, and the Foreign Mission Journal, the organ of our Board at Richmond, Va. We are approaching the centennial year of missions, and it is eminently desirable that our people should become acquainted with the marvelous and inspiring facts of this great enterprise.

T. H. PRITCHARD,
L. R. HIGHSMITH,
G. W. McGOWAN, } *Committee.*

REPORT ON MINISTER'S RELIEF SOCIETY.

Two years ago the Baptist State Convention appointed a Board to receive and disburse funds for the relief of aged and disabled Baptist ministers in the State, and located at Wilmington, N. C. At the last session of the Convention this Board was transferred to Durham because it is a more central location, and Rev. C. A. Woodsen was made Corresponding Secretary. Strange to say, while this Board represents a most worthy cause and one which especially concerns the pastors, but few of them have brought the matter before their churches or manifested any interest in the enterprise. This Association passed an order at its last session requiring the insertion of this cause on the face of church letters as one of the regular objects of the body. If this has not been done, your committee would respectfully insist that the clerk be required to have new blanks printed which shall include this Board.

The statistics of the Board are as follows:

Total Receipts for the year.....	\$353 01
Reserved Fund for investment.....	117 67
Paid to Beneficiaries.....	142 75
Printing and Postage.....	13 48
Balance in hand	79 11

The Board has on its list 9 beneficiaries, one of whom is a member of this body.

Bro. A. C. Meeks of Lumberton left property said to be worth the sum of \$6,000.00 to this object but it will probably be some years before the Board can realize this money. It will be sure that as the amount of money appropriated, \$142.75 was given to 9 persons—but very little, only about \$15 has been the average donation to each person. The sum reported by the church letters for this object this year is \$137.98, which is a good beginning for us and better, we suppose, than any other Association in the State has done.

J. D. NEWTON,
J. H. DOBSON,
F. F. NEWTON, } *Committee.*

REPORT OF TREASURER AND AUDITING COMMITTEE.

S. M. Carlton, Treasurer of the Eastern Association, in account 1890.
To amount received from all sources,\$598 21

CREDITOR.

By amount forwarded to State Treasurer, Boushal,
For State Missions,\$168 22
For Foreign Missions, 165 81
For Home Missions, 64 93
For Education, 81 66
For Orphanage, 46 99
For Ministerial Relief Fund, 9 05
For Minute Fund, (J. T. Bland) 51 39
For Church at Catherine Lake (John Marshburn).... 10 16

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Respectfully Submitted, S. M. CARLTON.

We, the Committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's account, report that we have received the account and compared the vouchers and find the same correct.

J. T. BLAND,
THAD JONES, JR. } Committee
THOS. J. JARMAN, }

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Total amount sent up with letters,\$770 59
Appropriated as follows:

State Missions,\$300 00
Home Missions, 71 62
Foreign Missions, 129 98
Ministerial Education, 68 25
Sunday School Board, 50
Baptist Orphanage, 62 50
Minute Fund, 52 30
Colportage, 1 25
Ministers Relief Fund, 84 19

Total,\$770 59

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\$1427 71

Hat Collection for Orphanage, 14 32
Hat Collection for Foreign Missions, 6 13

C. E. DANIEL,
M. C. WALTON, } Comm.
F. M. SOUTHERLAND }

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL OBJECTS.

CHURCHES.	Ministerial Education.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Baptist Orphanage.	Minute Fund.	Pastor's Salary.	Church Expenses	Woman's Missionary Society.	Other Objects.	Ministers Relief.	Total.
How Chapel.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chel.	.....	\$15 00	.....	.....	.....	\$1 00	\$100 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$123 08
alah.	\$2 04	7 00	\$2 05	.....	.....	1 5	75 00	.....	.....	\$7 08	.....	113 25
Ykin's Chapel	3 00	9 50	1 00	.....	.....	1 00	100 00	.....	.....	25 66	.....	116 50
ea.	1 70	3 85	.....	.....	\$2 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$2 55	14 80
ar Branch.	.....	75	.....	.....	2 20	4	50 00	\$25 00	.....	.....	.....	76 15
hlehem	4 00	8 00	12 00	4 00	6 50	1 50	100 00	10 00	.....	.....	.....	145 50
ar Marsh	3 25	6 50	.....	.....	.....	1 00	83 00	.....	.....	.....	2 00	45 75
rgaw	3 00	10 00	75	1 00	1 00	1 00	100 00	50 00	.....	65 00	1 00	232 75
ooklyn.	5 00	9 00	.....	.....	.....	1 50	720 00	827 68	.....	150 00	20 00	1733 18
nton	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
acord.	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	125 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	130 00
rinth.	.....	.....	1 23	7 50	2 80	65	75 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	82 18
lvin's Creek	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	59	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 50
intuck Chapl	3 00	19 00	4 00	2 00	3 00	1 50	100 00	34 00	.....	.....	14 00	180 50
pernaum.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
swell	50	.....	2 00	2 00	1 00	5	30 00	1 40	.....	28 01	1 00	66 41
tharine Lake	.....	75	75	.....	2 00	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 85
hsons Chapel	3 00	10 00	2 50	3 00	2 15	1 0	100 00	225 00	.....	.....	2 00	348 65
enezer.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
ama's Chapel	2 00	10 05	.....	.....	.....	1 00	100 00	25 00	.....	.....	.....	138 05
ison.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
llsville.	1 00	3 00	1 50	1 50	1 25	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50	10 75
w Bluff.	87	4 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	50	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	8 67
rmon.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
and Creek.	3 00	10 00	5 12	3 00	3 63	2 00	100 00	250 00	9 12	.....	2 00	387 87
inson.	2 50	12 00	8 00	2 50	2 50	1 10	150 00	1000 00	.....	.....	2 00	1180 60
cksonville	.....	.....	1 50	4 00	1 00	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 00
nansville	5 00	10 00	10 00	.....	.....	1 00	100 00	234 60	6 68	.....	.....	267 28
ng Creek	1 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	1 42	1 00	75 00	10 00	.....	.....	2 00	95 42
bon.	5 00	5 73	6 05	2 00	4 76	90	125 00	23 95	.....	.....	.....	173 39
ple Hill.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
ry's Chapel.	.....	5 00	3 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 00
sonboro.	2 50	10 00	2 00	.....	5 00	1 50	100 00	40 00	.....	1 30	.....	162 30
ore's Creek.	2 00	3 00	1 75	.....	.....	1 00	100 00	3 50	.....	28 60	3 50	143 35
Gilead.	1 98	9 03	5 57	5 08	5 12	1 50	150 00	1 00	15 30	7 39	7 39	209 36
Olive.	.....	.....	10 59	8 43	.....	.....	200 00	125 00	.....	.....	.....	344 02
Holly.	2 00	7 00	2 42	.....	5 85	1 25	76 00	3 00	2 00	.....	1 00	100 52
gnolia.	.....	7 50	3 00	3 00	2 50	1 00	100 00	20 00	.....	58 00	.....	195 00
Zion.	1 00	1 00	1 20	1 00	7 70	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 30
w Hope.	5 00	6 00	6 00	4 00	4 00	1 50	125 00	47 03	.....	.....	.....	198 53
ve Branch.	1 50	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	75 00	.....	.....	24 99	2 20	109 69
ey Grove.	.....	10 00	1 00	.....	.....	1 15	100 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	112 15
piar Grove.	.....	.....	.....	1 83	.....	50	75 00	100 00	.....	.....	.....	117 33
se Hill.	.....	.....	1 50	2 00	55	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 55
ey's Creek.	3 00	12 50	.....	.....	.....	1 50	125 00	.....	.....	.....	4 38	146 38
aron.	1 50	5 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	.....	70 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	80 50
tem.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	68	.....	38 00	.....	21 89	.....	60 57
Roh.	2 25	10 00	5 00	3 25	4 00	1 50	100 00	2 60	.....	.....	2 50	131 10
oam	3 00	10 00	.....	.....	5 29	1 50	125 00	175 00	.....	.....	5 00	324 79
ring Vale.	3 00	10 00	1 79	2 85	1 16	1 25	100 00	80 00	.....	.....	1 00	201 05
achey's.	1 25	5 00	3 00	3 00	2 50	1 50	100 00	113 00	.....	7 25	.....	236 50
arsaw.	7 60	25 00	14 10	.....	12 00	1 50	3 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	360 20
ell's Chapel.	14 00	5 00	29 00	20 00	10 00	1 50	151 0	.....	.....	5 00	5 00	239 50
lmington.	75 00	250 00	118 00	30 00	96 00	4 00	25 0 00	924 42	.....	3485 60	80 00	7563 02
liard.	3 55	8 14	3 54	.....	5 00	1 00	75 00	.....	.....	.....	3 55	99 78
Total.	182 79	560 10	275 31	125 14	206 68	52 63	7099 00	4389 18	33 10	3916 27	165 57	17006 57

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	ADDITIONS.			LOSSES.		Membership				TIME OF MEETING.
	Baptized. By Letter.	Restored.	By Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	White Males.	White Females.	Colored.	Total.	
Barlow Chapel.	2	1	1	1	1	46	73	118	118	4th Sunday.
Bethel.	15	4	4	1	2	56	61	117	117	1st Sunday.
Boykin's Chapel	4	1	1	1	1	49	93	142	142	1st Sunday.
Berea.	9	7	2	1	1	37	52	90	90	2nd Sunday.
Bear Branch.	3	2	2	1	1	28	24	52	52	2nd Sunday.
Bethlehem.	11	2	3	1	1	73	82	155	155	3rd Sunday.
Bear Marsh.	6	4	1	2	4	94	94	188	188	3rd Sunday.
Burgaw.	24	6	4	2	3	33	39	72	72	4th Sunday.
Brooklyn.	48	36	9	1	1	117	155	272	272	2 times each Sunday.
Clinton.	99	9	4	1	1	243	243	486	486	2 times each month.
Concord.	3	2	2	2	4	43	66	109	109	1st Sunday.
Corinth.	25	1	1	1	1	59	61	120	120	3rd Sunday.
Colvin's Creek.	10	5	1	2	1	38	59	97	97	4th Sunday.
Caintuck Chap'l	2	1	2	1	1	35	44	79	79	3rd Sunday.
Capernaum.	3	4	1	2	4	31	77	108	108	1st Sunday.
Caswell.	8	3	2	2	1	57	85	142	142	2nd Sunday.
Catharine Lake	9	1	5	5	1	56	100	156	156	3rd Sunday.
Dobsons Chapel.	16	10	1	2	1	54	78	132	132	1st Sunday.
Ebenezer.	1	3	3	2	1	29	48	77	77	1st Sunday.
Emma's Chapel	3	2	7	1	3	48	87	135	135	2nd Sunday.
Faison.	1	1	4	1	1	39	48	87	87	1st Sunday.
Hallsville.	18	1	5	6	2	34	58	92	92	4th Sunday.
Haw Bluff.	4	1	2	1	2	30	46	76	76	1st Sunday.
Hermion.	38	7	4	6	2	78	118	196	196	3rd Sunday.
Island Creek.	8	2	1	1	2	44	87	131	131	4th Sunday.
Johnson.	23	4	11	7	1	69	79	148	148	2nd Sunday.
Jacksonville.	6	7	6	3	2	57	115	172	172	4th Sunday.
Kenansville.	14	1	2	2	2	63	110	173	173	1st Sunday.
Long Creek.	22	4	4	12	1	34	44	78	78	2nd Sunday.
Lisbon.	9	2	2	3	3	49	70	119	119	2nd Sunday.
Maple Hill.	17	1	1	1	1	57	51	108	108	3rd Sunday.
Mary's Chapel.	7	2	1	1	1	6	18	24	24	2nd Sunday.
Masonboro.	40	5	10	5	1	95	145	240	240	3rd Sunday.
Moore's Creek.	9	2	2	1	1	23	34	57	57	2nd Sunday.
Mt. Gilead.	13	1	1	1	1	12	20	32	32	3rd Sunday.
Mt. Olive.	11	1	11	1	3	84	120	204	204	3rd Sunday.
Mt. Holly.	17	14	5	2	2	54	59	113	113	3rd Sunday.
Magnolia.	3	2	2	2	3	38	51	89	89	2nd Sunday.
Mt. Zion.	26	3	4	2	2	37	40	77	77	4th Sunday.
New Hope.	20	1	6	4	5	81	152	233	233	2 times each month.
Olive Branch.	17	5	1	1	1	110	129	239	239	2nd Sunday.
Piney Grove.	14	14	3	18	20	5	159	275	436	2 times each Sunday.
Poplar Grove.	33	9	5	4	5	57	46	103	103	1st Sunday.
Rose Hill.	660	201	76	158	86	62	2302	3410	12518	132
Riley's Creek.	40	5	10	5	1	95	145	240	240	3rd Sunday.
Sharon.	9	2	2	1	1	23	34	57	57	2nd Sunday.
Salem.	13	1	1	1	1	12	20	32	32	3rd Sunday.
Shiloh.	11	1	11	1	3	84	120	204	204	3rd Sunday.
Siloam.	17	14	5	2	2	54	59	113	113	3rd Sunday.
Spring Vale.	3	2	2	2	3	38	51	89	89	2nd Sunday.
Teachey's.	26	3	4	2	2	37	40	77	77	4th Sunday.
Warsaw.	20	1	6	4	5	81	152	233	233	2 times each month.
Well's Chapel.	17	5	1	1	1	110	129	239	239	2nd Sunday.
Wilmington.	14	14	3	18	20	5	159	275	436	2 times each Sunday.
Willard.	33	9	5	4	5	57	46	103	103	1st Sunday.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.	Teachers and Officers				
		Teachers.	Scholars.	Number Volumes in Library.	Average Attendance	Number of months School kept open.
Barlow Chapel.	Ira D. Alderman, Taylor's Bridge.	6	45	15	15	5
Bethel.	F. J. Faison, Turkey.	5	15	15	15	5
Beulah.	W. W. Hobbs, Maitland.	3	40	25	25	5
Boykin's Chapel.	Joseph Brooks, Wallace.	7	73	100	45	12
Berea.	W. R. Brinson, Currie.	7	50	30	30	12
Bear Branch.	W. C. Keith, Keith.	7	50	40	40	12
Bethlehem.	L. D. Swinson, Mount Olive.	5	50	40	40	12
Bear Marsh.	J. T. Bland, Burgaw.	19	150	115	101	12
Burgaw.	T. H. McDougal, Wilmington.	4	69	40	40	9
Brooklyn.	Henry Hines, Clinton.	9	79	150	55	12
Clinton.	O. R. Middleton, Warsaw.	5	60	40	40	12
Concord.	I. J. Johnson, Rose Hill.	8	55	42	20	10
Corinth.	W. G. Harrell, Atkinson.	4	26	46	46	12
Colvin's Creek.	D. J. Corbett, Nat Moore.	6	55	46	46	12
Caintuck Chap'l	Wm. Malpass, Point Caswell.	10	100	100	100	12
Capernaum.	John Dobson, Kenansville.	6	41	30	35	12
Caswell.	R. Highsmith, Coharie.	6	59	35	35	12
Catharine Lake	W. M. Barbee, Richlands.	5	27	30	20	12
Dobsons Chapel.	Thad Jones, Jr., Kenansville.	7	85	50	12	12
Ebenezer.	Margaret E. Herring, Long Creek.	9	71	20	12	12
Emma's Chapel	D. L. Herring, Lisbon.	4	16	12	12	12
Faison.	G. G. Best, Kenansville.	7	85	50	12	12
Hallsville.	E. Hewlet, Wilmington.	5	35	12	12	12
Haw Bluff.	Austen Moore, Currie.	15	130	36	12	12
Hermion.	G. W. Mosley, Taylor's Bridge.	10	67	35	12	12
Island Creek.	J. F. Oliver, Mount Olive.	7	55	35	12	12
Johnson.	A. Carroll, South Washington.	8	60	40	12	12
Jacksonville.	Miss Bertha Johnson, Magnolia.	12	100	12	12	12
Kenansville.	C. E. Daniel, Turkey.	9	50	12	12	12
Long Creek.	H. E. Brewer, Hobton.	4	70	20	10	12
Lisbon.	J. H. Darden, Faison.	5	75	100	50	12
Maple Hill.	W. W. Larkins, Long Creek.	4	25	19	12	12
Mary's Chapel.	M. T. Horne, Cavanaugh.	5	44	20	6	12
Masonboro.	J. D. Congleton, Sneeds Ferry.	4	75	100	12	12
Moore's Creek.	H. A. Bland, Moore's Creek.	7	62	50	12	12
Mt. Gilead.	J. F. Lewis, Harrell's Store.	6	40	25	12	12
Mt. Olive.	A. F. Robinson, Ingold.	5	20	50	12	12
Mt. Holly.	F. Savage, Teachey's.	10	50	45	12	12
Magnolia.	S. M. Carlton, Warsaw.	9	125	100	12	12
Mt. Zion.	L. R. Highsmith, Harrell's Store.	35	270	200	225	12
New Hope.	S. G. Hall, Wilmington.	4	35	12	12	12
Olive Branch.	W. F. Powers, Willard.	4	35	12	12	12
Piney Grove.						
Poplar Grove.						
Rose Hill.						
Riley's Creek.						
Sharon.						
Salem.						
Shiloh.						
Siloam.						
Spring Vale.						
Teachey's.						
Warsaw.						
Well's Chapel.						
Wilmington.						
Willard.						

PASTORS, CLERKS AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.	CLERKS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.
Barlow Chapel.....	F. T. Wooten, Keith.....	Maury Ward, Joford.....
Bethel.....	J. L. Britt, Turkey.....	C. I. Thomson, Turkey.....
Beulah.....	R. C. Sandling, Harrell's Store.....	L. M. Boykin, Clinton.....
Boykin's Chapel.....		J. A. Southerland, Wallace.....
Berea.....	J. W. Smith, Byrdsville.....	W. R. Brinson, Currie.....
Bear Branch.....	F. T. Wooten, Keith.....	W. C. Keith, Keith.....
Bethlehem.....	Bear Marsh.....	S. D. Swain, Mount Olive.....
Bear Marsh.....	S. D. Swain, Wilmington.....	J. D. Hocut, Ashton.....
Burgaw.....	R. E. Peele, Wilmington.....	J. L. Yopp, Wilmington.....
Brooklyn.....	O. P. Meeks, Clinton.....	B. S. Peterson, Clinton.....
Clinton.....	C. G. Wells, Warsaw.....	W. A. Moore, Magnolia.....
Concord.....	J. L. Britt, Turkey.....	I. J. Johnson, Rose Hill.....
Corinth.....	R. M. Hilburn.....	W. G. Harrell, Atkinson.....
Colvin's Creek.....	S. D. Swain, Wilmington.....	D. J. Corbett, Natmore.....
Caintuck Chapel.....		
Capernaum.....	F. T. Wooten, Keith.....	J. G. Parker, Point Caswell.....
Caswell.....	J. H. Dobson, Warsaw.....	John Marshburn, Richlands.....
Catharine Lake.....	W. L. Bilbro, Magnolia.....	John Dobson, Kenansville.....
Dobson's Chapel.....	R. C. Sandling, Harrell's Store.....	R. Highsmith, Coharie.....
Ebenezer.....		G. M. Barbee.....
Emma's Chapel.....		
Faison.....	W. L. Bilbro, Magnolia.....	J. D. Brown, Cavanaugh.....
Hallsville.....	R. M. Hilburn.....	N. R. Croon, Colly.....
Haw Bluff.....		
Hermion.....	J. T. Albritton, Mt. Olive.....	J. M. Wallace, Cavanaugh.....
Island Creek.....	W. L. Bilbro, Magnolia.....	L. Middleton, Warsaw.....
Johnson's.....		H. J. Jarman, Jacksonville.....
Jacksonville.....	C. W. Hopper, Mount Olive.....	A. D. Ward, Kenansville.....
Kenansville.....	J. B. Barlow, Sloop Point.....	G. A. Herring, Long Creek.....
Long Creek.....	M. C. Walton, Wilmington.....	W. B. Lamb, Lisbon.....
Lisbon.....		
Maple Hill.....	J. L. Britt, Turkey.....	F. M. Southerland, Kenansville.....
Mary's Chapel.....	S. D. Swain, Wilmington.....	R. S. Montford, Wilmington.....
Masonboro.....	J. H. Hildreth.....	Austen Moore, Currie.....
Moore's Creek.....	C. W. Hopper, Mount Olive.....	H. E. Peterson, Clinton.....
Mount Gilead.....	C. W. Hopper, Mount Olive.....	A. Jones, Mount Olive.....
Mount Olive.....	J. H. Hildreth, Wilmington.....	J. D. Ramsey, Bannerman.....
Mount Holly.....	W. L. Bilbro, Magnolia.....	Levi Moore, Warsaw.....
Magnolia.....	M. C. Walton, Wilmington.....	D. Leonard, Kerr's.....
Mount Zion.....	J. L. Stewart, Clinton.....	J. T. Kennedy, Six Runs.....
New Hope.....	M. C. Walton, Wilmington.....	L. Sneeden, Wilmington.....
Olive Branch.....	J. T. Albritton, Mount Olive.....	H. E. Brewer, Hobton.....
Piney Grove.....	J. O. Lew, Clinton.....	W. D. Stevens, Clinton.....
Poplar Branch.....	J. H. Dobson.....	D. N. Page, Tar Landing.....
Rose Hill.....	S. D. Swain.....	J. T. Larkins, Long Creek.....
Riley's Creek.....	W. L. Bilbro, Magnolia.....	J. D. Brock, Cavanaugh.....
Riley's Creek.....		J. D. Congleton, Sneed's Ferry.....
Salem.....		S. B. Coster, Moore's Creek.....
Shiloh.....	F. T. Wooten, Keith.....	N. F.....
Siloam.....	J. H. Hildreth, Wilmington.....	J. M. Marshburn, Taylor's Bridge.....
Spring Vale.....	R. C. Sandling, Harrell's Store.....	M. W. Teachey, Teachey's.....
Teachey.....	R. E. Peele, Wilmington.....	O. P. Middleton, Warsaw.....
Warsaw.....	O. P. Meeks, Clinton.....	L. D. Highsmith, Bland.....
Wells Chapel.....	F. T. Wooten, Keith.....	J. W. Collins, Wilmington.....
Wilmington.....	T. H. Pritchard, Wilmington.....	G. W. Woodcock, Willard.....
Willard.....	J. H. Hildreth, Wilmington.....	

PLEDGES.

PLEDGES OF INDIVIDUALS FOR STATE MISSIONS.	PLEDGES OF CHURCHES.	Ministerial Education.	State or Association Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Ministers Relief.	Total.
B. L. Scott.....\$5 00	Barlow Chapel.....	\$2 50	\$15 00	\$5 00	\$1 00	\$23 50	
O. P. Meeks.....5 00	Bethel.....	10 00	10 00			10 00	
D. N. Page.....5 00	Beulah.....	2 50	10 00	2 50	1 00	17 00	
W. H. Murray.....5 00	Boykin's Chapel.....	1 00	1 00	1 00	50	4 00	
H. R. Kornegay pd.....5 00	Berea.....						
W. P. Kelly.....2 50	Bear Branch.....		7 00	2 00		9 00	
D. L. Gore.....25 00	Bethlehem.....	2 00	6 50	5 00	2 5	2 00	18 00
T. J. Jarman.....2 50	Bear Marsh.....	3 00	12 50	7 50	1 00	2 00	26 00
T. W. Britt paid.....1 50	Burgaw.....	5 00	75 00	25 00	10 00	2 00	135 00
F. T. Wooten.....5 00	Brooklyn.....	5 00	25 00	15 00	5 00	5 00	55 00
O. W. Carter.....5 00	Clinton.....	2 00	8 00	2 00		50	12 50
A. D. Ward.....5 00	Concord.....	1 50	7 50	2 00	1 00	1 00	13 00
Thad Jones, Jr.....5 00	Corinth.....		3 00				3 00
J. R. Marshall.....5 00	Colvin's Creek.....	1 00	18 00	5 00	1 00	4 00	29 00
L. M. Cooper.....5 00	Caintuck Chap'l.....						
C. E. Daniel.....5 00	Capernaum.....		10 00	5 00			15 00
J. T. Bland.....5 00	Caswell.....			2 50			2 50
J. T. Albritton.....5 00	Catharine Lake.....	5 00	15 00	5 00	2 00	3 00	30 00
J. L. Boykin paid.....2 50	Dobson's Chapel.....		5 00	2 50			7 50
G. D. Demsey.....2 00	Ebenezer.....		10 00	3 00			13 00
C. Harrell.....2 00	Emma's Chapel.....						
G. A. Herring.....2 00	Faison.....	1 00	5 00	3 00			9 00
J. A. Powell.....10 00	Hallsville.....		1 00				1 00
D. J. Middleton paid.....25 00	Haw Bluff.....			2 00			2 00
J. L. Stewart.....2 00	Hermion.....	3 00	12 00	8 00	2 00	2 00	27 00
R. H. Heldt.....1 00	Island Creek.....	5 00	15 00	10 00	2 50	2 50	35 00
Mrs. D. Brown.....5 00	Johnson.....		2 50	3 00			5 50
Mrs. A. E. Johnson.....1 00	Jacksonville.....	5 00	12 50	10 00	2 00	3 00	32 50
Mrs. Bland Wallace.....1 00	Kenansville.....		5 00	5 00			10 00
Mrs. Samuel Register.....	Long Creek.....		15 00	10 00			25 00
	Lisbon.....						
Total.....\$159 00	Maple Hill.....	1 00	9 00	3 00			13 00
	Mary's Chapel.....	2 00	12 50	5 00	1 00	1 00	21 50
	Masonboro.....	1 00	5 00	4 00	1 00		12 00
	Moore's Creek.....	10 00	15 00	10 00		5 00	40 00
	Mt. Gilead.....	5 00	10 00	5 00	1 00	2 00	23 00
	Mt. Olive.....	2 00	10 00	5 00	1 00	1 00	19 00
	Mt. Holly.....	1 00	10 00	10 00	3 00		24 00
	Magnolia.....	1 00	5 00	3 00			9 00
	Mt. Zion.....	5 00	15 00	10 00		2 00	32 00
	New Hope.....		5 00	3 00			8 00
	Olive Branch.....	1 00		5 00	1 00		7 00
	PoplarGrove.....		8 00	5 00			13 00
	Piney Grove.....			5 00			5 00
	Rose Hill.....	3 00	10 00	2 00	2 00	1 50	18 50
	Riley's Creek.....	1 00	7 00	2 00	1 00		11 00
	Sharon.....		10 00				10 00
	Salem.....		10 00	5 00	3 00	2 50	20 50
	Shiloh.....	3 00	15 00	10 00	3 00	5 00	36 00
	Siloam.....	2 50	7 50	2 50	1 00	1 00	14 50
	Spring Vale.....	1 50	8 00	3 00	2 00	1 50	16 00
	Teachey's.....	10 00	25 00	25 00	5 00	5 00	70 00
	Warsaw.....	10 00	15 00	25 00			50 00
	Wells Chapel.....	75 00	25 00	200 00	50 00	50 00	625 00
	Wilmington.....	1 00	5 00	8 00	1 00		11 00
	Willard.....			8 50		25 00	33 50
	D. L. Gore.....						
Individual	Total.....	180 50	773 50	502 00	106 50	157 00	1717 50

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 preceeding 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 BAPTIST 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 ministers who are members or pastors of churches of this body, and three delegates from each church chosen from her membership assembled in conference.

ART. 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, communicating information relative to the state of the church: *Provided, however,* That when any church has prepared a letter, and through 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.



