

Minutes of the Eighteenth Annual Session
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Baptist Association
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The next session will be held at Pritchard Memorial Church, Charlotte, N. C., beginning Thursday before the second Sunday in September, at 11 o'clock, a. m. Introductory sermon by Rev. J. E. Smith, Concord, N. C. Alternate, Rev. D. F. Helms, Charlotte, N.C.

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OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

MODERATOR.

T. J. Renfrow, Matthews, N. C.

CLERK,

W. M. Lyles, Charlotte, N. C.

ASSISTANT CLERK,

W. B. Renfrow, Matthews, N. C.

MEMBER STATE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

W. M. Lyles, Charlotte, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Rev. L. R. Pruett, Charlotte, N. C.
Rev. J. Q. Adams, Charlotte, N. C.
Rev. D. M. Austin, Charlotte, N. C.
W. M. Lyles, Charlotte, N. C.
J. A. Durham, Charlotte, N. C.

DELEGATE TO SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION,

T. J. Renfrow, Matthews, N. C.

ALTERNATE,

V. O. Willis, Charlotte, N. C.

DELEGATES TO STATE CONVENTION.

Rev. A. C. Barron, D. D., Charlotte, N. C.
Rev. D. M. Austin, Charlotte, N. C.
Rev. L. R. Pruett, Charlotte, N. C.
Rev. J. Q. Adams, Charlotte, N. C.
Rev. J. E. Smith, Concord, N. C.
E. J. Funderburk, Matthews, N. C.
F. M. Hinson, Arlington, N. C.
J. A. Durham, Charlotte, N. C.
W. M. Lyles, Charlotte, N. C.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

J. W. Abernathy,	Matthews, N. C.
J. Q. Adams,	Charlotte, N. C.
D. M. Austin,	Charlotte, N. C.
A. C. Barron, D. D.,	Charlotte, N. C.
S. F. Conrad,	Charlotte, N. C.
J. F. Davis,	Charlotte, N. C.
D. F. Helms,	Charlotte, N. C.
J. J. McLendon,	Indian Trail, N. C.
L. R. Pruett,	Charlotte, N. C.
J. E. Smith,	Concord, N. C.
W. T. Talbirt,	Concord, N. C.

REPORT OF ASSOCIATION.

Arlington, N. C., Thursday, August 20th, 1903.

The eighteenth annual session of the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association called to order at 11 o'clock a. m., by the Moderator, T. J. Renfrow, and after singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," and Prayer by Rev. S. F. Conrad, the moderator announced that the introductory sermon would be preached by Rev. J. Q. Adams, who chose as his text John 21:17.

Prayer by Rev. J. E. Smith, and motion made and carried to adjourn until 2 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association called to order by moderator and prayer by Rev. L. R. Pruett. Roll call of churches made, and following responded, and messengers enrolled:

Arlington—E. H. Hinson, E. H. Williams, W. R. Massey, J. H. Connell.

Chaney's Hill—C. P. Sossamon, T. A. Clontz, T. J. Faulk.

Clear Creek—R. H. McManus, M. A. Helms, J. S. Raider, H. W. Pigg.

Cold Water—J. W. Austin, T. V. Talbirt, Wm. Tucker, J. D. Smith, J. W. Connell.

First Church, Concord—Frank Smith, A. W. Morgan, Floyd Corzine.

Friendship—Not represented.

Hopewell—A. P. Sweet, G. M. Winecoff, John Williams, C. A. Hedgepeth.

Howells—T. D. Joyner, J. W. Honeycutt, W. McCurdy, Geo. Austin, L. E. Dorton.

Independence Hill—Not represented.

Long Creek—F. T. Beaty.

Louise—Not represented.

Matthews—E. J. Funderburk, T. A. Newell, T. J. Renfrow.

Newell—W. E. Hull, W. C. Sutton, L. E. Barbee.

Phaniel—J. M. Funderburk, Henry Denny, B. T. Funderburk, H. Heilig.

Pleasant Plain—J. J. McLendon, H. E. Helms, J. E. Broom, J. M. Paxton.

Pritchard Memorial—D. M. Austin, V. O. Willis, W. F. Dowd, J. J. Ezell.

Rock Hill, A. D. Crisco, J. W. Snyder.

Second Church, Concord—J. K. Gurley, D. M. Hawkins, Thos. Anderson.

Tryon Street—A. C. Barron, W. C. Dowd, J. A. Durham.

Twelfth Street—L. R. Pruett, S. F. Conrad, D. W. Fink, R. J. Royd, W. M. Lyles.

Wilson's Grove—W. G. Stegall, E. S. Rushen, W. T. Mullis, A. L. Pigg.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The moderator announced that the next thing in order would be the election of officers and same entered into, and resulted as follows:

Moderator—T. J. Renfrow, Matthews.

Clerk—W. M. Lyles, Charlotte.

Assistant Clerk—W. B. Renfrow, Matthews.

Treasurer—D. W. Fink, Charlotte.

The following committees appointed by the moderator:

Order of Business—L. R. Pruett, J. Q. Adams, F. M. Hinson.

Finance—E. H. Williams, T. A. Newell, E. H. Hinson.

Time, Place and Preacher—W. T. Talbirt, A. W. Morgan, D. W. Fink.

Religious Exercises—The pastor and deacons of Arlington Church.

The Moderator recognized Prof. Gorrell, of Wake Forest, and Rev. J. M. Bridges, of King's Mountain Association, who spoke words of encouragement to the association.

Motion made by S. F. Conrad, and carried, that a committee of three be appointed to make a report on "Church Letters," and following named as this committee: S. F. Conrad, D. M. Austin, J. W. Snyder.

The committee on order of business announced that they were ready to report and submitted the following, and same adopted:

Thursday, 3:00 p. m.—Report on Temperance. Adjournment at will.

Friday, 9:00 a. m.—Devotional Exercise.

Friday, 10:00 a. m.—Report on Home Missions.

Friday, 11:00 a. m.—Report on Education.

Friday, 12:30 p. m.—Report on Periodicals.

Friday, 1 p. m.—Adjournment.

Friday, 2:00 p. m.—Report on State Missions.

Friday, 3:00 p. m.—Report on Orphanage.

Friday—Adjourn at will.

Saturday 9:30 a. m.—Devotional Exercises.

Saturday, 10:00 a. m.—Report on Foreign Missions.

Saturday, 11:00 a. m. Report on Ministerial Relief.

Saturday, 2:00 p. m. Adjourn at will.

Saturday, 2:30 p. m.—Report on Sunday Schools.

Miscellaneous business. Adjournment.

Bro. E. H. Hinson was recognized by the Moderator, and spoke encouragingly of the work at Arlington church, and of the splendid meeting just closed.

The hour having arrived for the report on temperance, Rev. S. F. Conrad submitted following report, and same received:

“The cause of temperance was never in as good form as now. More towns and whole counties are without the open and licensed sale of liquor than ever before.

“The temperance sentiment has wonderfully grown within the last several years, and more especially in this State since the elimination of the negro as a controlling factor in the politics of the State.

“The Watts Bill, while strictly speaking, is not a temperance measure, has rid the State of nearly 500 distilleries, which gives absolute prohibition to a large majority of the counties.

“The organization of the ‘Anti-Saloon League’ has been an important factor in temperance reform, and is doing much to stop the licensed sale of liquor in both towns and counties.

“We will note that this great reform movement is equally as manifest in other Southern States. The evils of the liquor traffic, and its relation to crime and pauperism and taxation are now being considered as never before. We urge our people to put themselves in opposition to the liquor traffic, and when it is practicable to organize against it.”

Respectfully submitted,

S. F. CONRAD.

The report was discussed by the following brethren: S. F. Conrad, J. E. Smith, W. M. Lyles, J. M. Bridges, J. Q. Adams, after which it was adopted by a rising vote.

At this time the messengers from Phaniel church were reconized, and came forward and were duly enrolled. At 4:30 p. m. motion made and carried to adjourn. Long metre doxology sung, and benediction by Rev. J. W. Snyder, and association stood adjourned until 9:30 Friday morning.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Session called to order, and devotional exercises conducted by Rev. J. M. Bridges, after which the Moderator announced that the regular order of business would be taken up. Minutes of previous session read and approved.

Messengers from Clear Creek, Newell, Pleasant Plains and Wilson's Grove were recognized and were duly enrolled. At this time, Rev. J. E. Smith made report on Home Missions, as follows, and same received:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

"Another year has passed and we have to report gracious blessings from the Lord. Our boards undertook great things and our churches responded nobly. Over \$100,000.00 was raised, 17,000 persons brought into the churches through the efforts of our missionaries. This sum is insignificant, compared to the great and imperative need everywhere. There are hundreds of cities in the South of more than 5,000 inhabitants that have only one, if any Baptist church. Thousands are congregating in our cities, and they are coming from all parts of the world to obtain employment in our mills and factories. What will become of them, and our own people, if we neglect their salvation? Fifteen hundred churches in the State of Texas are homeless and simliar condition prevails in many other points. The field is certainly white unto the harvest. Shall we go in and reap for the Master? As we are faithful at home, we shall be more successful in foreign fields. The Lord expects every one of His children to do his duty."

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. SMITH.

The report was ably discussed by J. E. Smith and Dr. Barron, after which same was adopted.

The hour having arrived for the report on education, Rev. J. Q. Adams announced his readiness to make the report, but upon motion this report was deferred until the afternoon session, and the report upon periodicals was made by W. C. Dowd, as follows, and same received:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

"There can be no intelligent or active co-operation on the part of Baptists in their denominational work without information as to the work being undertaken.

"This information cannot be received except through the de-

nominal papers. This being true, we earnestly recommend that the pastors of this Association urge all of their members to become subscribers to one or more of our papers.

We recommend to all Baptists, as worthy of their support, The Biblical Recorder, the North Carolina Baptist, Charity and Children, and the periodicals of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

"In order that greater interest may be aroused in the question of missions, we urge all Baptists to become subscribers to the Home Field and Foreign Mission Journal."

Respectfully submitted.

W. C. DOWD.

The report was discussed by the following brethren: S. F. Conrad, W. C. Dowd, L. R. Pruett, and an amendment offered by Rev. J. Q. Adams, that the periodicals of the Baptist Sunday School Board be included, and the report adopted as amended.

Motion made and carried to adjourn until 2 o'clock. Benediction by Rev. D. M. Austin.

AFTERNOON SESSION, FRIDAY.

Association called to order at 2 o'clock. Hymn, "Nearer my God to Thee," sung, and prayer by Rev. D. M. Austin. The Moderator recognized the messenger from Long Creek Church, and he was duly enrolled.

The hour having arrived for the report on education, Rev. J. Q. Adams submitted the following, and same received:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

"The importance of the subject of Education cannot be over-estimated. We need better educated preachers and better educated deacons and Sunday school teachers. Indeed, the crying need of our churches today is not greater numbers, or greater wealth, or even greater piety, or more religion, but a cultured, educated and well trained and efficient church membership.

The usefulness of many a pious man has been curtailed for the want of an education. Many a pastor has been handicapped in his work for the want of efficient educated men and women in his church to carry out his well laid plans for extending his Master's kingdom.

"Nor is it possible to estimate the value of even one educated, consecrated man to any church or community. Place such a man in the average Baptist church and with tact and common sense he

will acquire an influence, in the course of time, that will enable him to work a revolution in the affairs of the church.

"We are glad to note the tidal wave of interest in the subject of education that has been sweeping over the State from the mountains to the sea. The people are clamoring for better schools and longer terms of service. We should never cease the agitation of this subject until we secure a free school term in our common schools of nine months for all children of school age.

"But while favoring free education in our common schools, we declare ourselves **UTTERLY AND UNALTERABLY OPPOSED TO STATE AID FOR HIGHER EDUCATION.**

"To our boys seeking higher education, we recommend Wake Forest College as equal to any school in the State, and for Baptist boys as superior to any other. The moral and religious character of our sons are as safe at Wake Forest as at our homes.

"The Baptist Female University, at Raleigh, is intended to give to our girls the same advantages for higher education that Wake Forest offers to our boys, and we are glad to report that it is fully meeting this long felt want. In our judgement, this school is superior to any other school of like character in the State.

Our Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, located at Louisville, Ky., for the education of young preachers, is too well and favorably known to need commendation in this report. Let our young preachers avail themselves of the superior advantages offered at this institution for Theological education.

"We are glad to report that since the last session of this body our Associational School, which has been much talked of for the last few years, has been successfully established at Arlington on a lot adjoining the one on which the Arlington church is located. The committee having this school in charge will make full report to this body concerning the school, and we need not speak of it, save to commend it to the support and patronage of the churches of our Association.

And finally: Let Christian parents educate their children under Christian influence. Let Baptist parents patronize Baptist institutions, and let all stand together for the **VOLUNTARY SYSTEM** in higher education."

Respectfully submitted,

J. Q. ADAMS.

The report received, but before discussion of same, the report on our Associational School was made by W. C. Dowd, and same discussed by Bro. Dowd, who explained that it was necessary to have at least \$150.00 pledged to support the school and the following pledges made:

T. J. Renfrow, Matthews,	\$10.00.
F. M. Hinson, Arlington,.....	20.00.
W. F. Dowd, Charlotte,	10.00.
W. C. Dowd, Charlotte,	10.00.
A. W. Crabtree, Arlington,	10.00.
D. M. Austin, Charlotte,	10.00.
J. E. Sustare, Matthews,	10.00.
J. J. Ezell, Charlotte,	10.00.
W. S. Paxton, Matthews,	10.00.
Dr. A. C. Barron, Charlotte,	10.00.
V. O. Willis, Charlotte,	10.00.
A. W. McManus, Clear Creek,	10.00.
R. H. McManus, Clear Creek,	5.00.
W. M. Lyles, Charlotte,	5.00.
B. B. Estridge, Arlington,	5.00.
J. Brafford, Arlington,	5.00.
Total.....	\$150.00.

After these pledges were taken, the report submitted by Rev. J. Q. Adams was ably discussed by Prof. Gorrell, of Wake Forest, J. Q. Adams, D. M. Austin, A. W. Crabtree and F. M. Hinson. The report unanimously adopted.

Motion made by W. C. Dowd, and seconded, that a committee of three be appointed to report back to the Association in reference to changing our mode of pledges for the various objects, and, after some discussion, following committee named: Dr. A. C. Barron, J. Q. Adams, J. E. Smith.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TIME PLACE AND PREACHER.

The committee on "Time, place and preacher" announced their readiness to report.

Amendment offered by Rev. J. Q. Adams, changing time from

that reported by committee to Thursday before second Sunday in September, and same carried as amended.

The report as adopted is as follows:

Time—11 o'clock, Thursday before second Sunday in September, 1904.

Place—Pritchard Memorial church, Charlotte, N. C.

Preacher—Rev. J. E. Smith, Concord, N. C.

Alternate—Rev. D. F. Helms, Charlotte, N. C.

A request came from Howells and Daniels churches for letters of dismission, the former to become a member of the Stanly Association, the latter to join the South Yadkin, and same granted, and letters ordered drawn.

Motion made to adjourn. Benediction by Dr. Barron.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

Religious exercises conducted by Rev. S. F. Conrad, beginning at 10 o'clock. Moderator called the Association to order at 10:30 o'clock, and the messengers from Chaney's Hill were recognized, and they were duly enrolled. This church asked for a letter of dismission to become a member of the Stanly Association, and same granted, and letter ordered drawn.

In the absence of Rev. D. F. Helms, who was to make the report on Sunday schools, the Moderator named Rev. L. R. Pruett to do this work.

The time having arrived for the report on State Missions, Rev. L. R. Pruett made following report and same received:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

"The work of the State Mission Board is more important than ever before in the history of our convention. There are new and uncultivated fields that ought to be occupied at once. There are many towns and cities in North Carolina growing in commercial interest and population. Such a concentration of business and civic life open up the way for missionary effort in the State.

"In the many fields now occupied there are marks of progress, and there are many reasons for taking courage and going forward. In looking at a summary of last year's work we see how wonderfully God has blessed the labors of our missionaries throughout the State. There were about 100 missionaries employed by the board: 8,304 sermons preached, 2,222 conversions reported and 1,176 baptisms during the year.

"The work is laid out this year on a \$25,000 basis. If all the fields were occupied, more than double this amount would be ap-

propriated. Much of this destitution is within the bounds of our own Association: We need at least three more men in the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association.

"There should be an increase in the contributions from our churches during the coming year.

The Master says, "LIFT UP YOUR EYES, AND LOOK ON THE FIELDS; THEY ARE WHITE ALREADY TO HARVEST."

Respectfully submitted,

L. R. PRUETT.

The report was ably discussed by L. R. Pruett, S. F. Conrad, J. J. McLendon and D. M. Austin, and same unanimously adopted.

APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

Upon motion of D. M. Austin, it was ordered that a special committee, consisting of five (5) members, be appointed by the Moderator, whose duty shall consist in canvassing the willingness of the churches of this Association as to the advisability of employing a good and able man to labor in the bounds of the Association. This committee to report to the executive committee at their earliest conveniences. This committee consists of the following brethren: J. E. Smith, Concord, N. C.; F. M. Hinson, Arlington, N. C.; S. F. Conrad, Charlotte, N. C.; V. O. Willis, Charlotte, N. C.; T. J. Renfrow, Matthews, N. C.

APPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE.

The following resolution offered by Rev. J. Q. Adams, and same unanimously carried:

"Resolved, That the executive committee be instructed to make an apportionment of amounts to be raised for the objects of the convention among the churches of the Association, and that a committee of three (3) be appointed in each church to look after the raising of the amounts apportioned."

The hour having arrived for the report on Foreign Missions, Dr. A. C. Barron submitted following, and same received:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

It was very evident at the last session of the Southern Baptist Convention, held last May in Savannah, that we are in the midst of a great foreign mission revival. The year previous, the convention called on the churches of the convention to raise \$200,000.

At Savannah, the Foreign Mission Board reported \$218,000 raised; that is \$18,000 more than was hoped for. Under the inspiration of this announcement the convention authorized the board to call for the sum of \$300,000 for the current year, and it is confidently expected that the churches will respond promptly to this call.

North Carolina is asked to raise at least \$25,000 of this amount. The churches of this Association ought to esteem it a favor to aid in this great endeavor of the Southern Baptist Convention to give the gospel to the world. Your committee earnestly urge the delegates to increase their pledges to this cause for the coming year.

Reports and letters from missionaries in the field show that God is greatly blessing their labors. Attendance upon worship is increasing, and converts are being multiplied, and the outlook is most promising.

Let us every one share in the good work by our prayers and gifts.

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. BARRON.

Report discussed by Dr. Barron and same unanimously adopted.

Motion made and carried that the Moderator appoint a committee of four (4) to name the executive committee for ensuing year, and following named as such committee: S. F. Conrad, E. J. Funderburk, F. M. Hinson, W. M. Lyles.

A special collection amounting to \$9.00 was taken and allowed the clerk for services rendered. Motion made and carried to adjourn. Benediction by Dr. A. C. Barron.

EVENING SESSION (SATURDAY).

The Association called to order at 2 o'clock by the Moderator, and prayer by Rev. L. R. Pruett. The Moderator made following appointments for next Association:

- Report on Foreign Missions, J. E. Smith, Concord.
- Report on State Missions, A. C. Barron, Charlotte.
- Report on Home Missions, D. M. Austin, Charlotte.
- Orphanage, J. Q. Adams, Charlotte.
- Periodicals, F. S. Conrad, Charlotte, Charlotte.
- Ministerial Relief, L. R. Pruett, Charlotte.
- Sunday Schools, W. D. Adams, Charlotte.
- Education, W. C. Dowd, Charlotte.
- Temperance, W. M. Lyles, Charlotte.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

The report on Orphanage was made by W. D. Adams, as follows:

"The Baptist hosts of our State have always regarded the Orphanage at Thomasville with a very tender love. Above all other objects, it is the denomination's especial care. Ever since its organization, as it has struggled onward and upward, it has occupied a warm place in the hearts of the Baptist people of our State.

The spirit of true benevolence moved our fathers to establish our orphanage, and the good that it has accomplished has been inestimable.

Motherless and fatherless children from every community in the State having been taken in and given a Christian education enabling them to become ideal citizens in our Christian Commonwealth.

There are now in our orphanage more than 260 children, who are reared under the best home influences. We can gain no conception of the glorious work being done by our denomination. Many shall rise up and call us blessed when the last day shall come.

We commend the management as having been remarkably satisfactory and economical. J. B. Boone is a director of rare qualities. *Charity and Children*, the organ of the orphanage, with Archibald Johnson as editor, is an ideal Christian publication. It is an exceedingly interesting religious journal, and gives to us a deep insight into the work of the orphanage,

Every church in the Association, through its Sunday school, should secure clubs to "*Charity and Children*," and when distributed should insist that each copy be carefully read.

Let us rally about our orphanage and remember it in our monthly contributions.

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. ADAMS.

The report received, and discussed by W. D. Adams, after which it was unanimously adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

Some years ago our State Convention appointed a board, consisting of ten members, to relieve the necessities of our destitute and aged ministers. This board is located at Durham. C.

J. Thompson is president and J. F. McDuffie corresponding secretary.

Last year twenty-three were aided by this board. The sums allowed individuals range from \$10.00 to \$85.00, aggregating \$1,110.00.

To aid our needy brethren should be esteemed a privilege. It should be a work of love.

Matthew 25:40—"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Then let all our churches contribute freely to this object.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. McLENDON.

Report received, and discussed by J. J. McLendon, and same unanimously adopted.

The special committee named to recommend the Executive Committee announced their readiness to report, and submitted following:

We, your committee named to recommend an Executive Committee, beg to recommend as follows: L. R. Pruett, J. Q. Adams, D. M. Austin, W. M. Lyles, J. A. Durham.

Respectfully submitted,

S. F. CONRAD,

E. J. FUNDERBURK,

F. M. HINSON,

W. M. LYLES,

Committee.

REPORT ON CHURCH LETTERS.

The special committee named to make a report on church letters announced their readiness to make report, and submitted the following:

"Your committee has found it difficult to offer satisfactory report because of a lack of having all the letters from the churches. Also to give any comparative statistics, because of the many inaccuracies in last year's minutes.

"We find the figures wholly unreliable and untrustworthy for comparison. For instance: Pleasant Plains is reported as paying their pastor \$555.00 and Pritchard Memorial paying only \$20.00.

"We also find a number of church letters gotten up in bad form, some of them being written in a bad hand, upon slips of paper, and inaccurate in their statistics as compared with last year's work.

"From the letters we learn that ten of the churches report no gain, while five of them report an actual loss of 27 members. Ten others report a gain of 185.

"We note that some of our best churches are making practically no numerical advance. The church at Matthews reports a loss of five, while the First Church of Concord reports a net gain of only four.

"Seven churches report nothing contributed to home missions, while four others report the pitiful sum of \$1.00 each. We find eleven churches of this Association paying their pastors an average of less than \$55.00, while seven of this number pay less than this amount.

"From the letters, we are led to believe that this Association, outside of the city churches, is neglecting the rural districts, and that our work is poorly and unsatisfactorily done.

We desire to submit the following recommendations: 1st. That the churches, through our clerk, procure a blank letter to fill out for the Association.

2nd. That these letters be sent in at least ten days before the meeting of the body, so as to enable the clerk to do much of the needed work before the body meets.

3rd. That this Association take a new departure as to its methods of Associational work; That we endeavor to secure live, active pastors, and that all of the churches be supplied with preaching.

Respectfully submitted,

S. F. CONRAD,
D. M. AUSTIN,
Committee.

The report received, and discussed by S. F. Conrad and J. Q. Adams, and same adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Rev. L. R. Pruett made following report on Sunday schools, and same received:

The Sunday school work commends itself to the people of the State. The most of our converts come from our Sunday school ranks, and our best church workers are trained in the Sunday schools. Your committee would, therefore, recommend that our churches wake up in the Sunday school work.

Respectfully submitted,

L. R. PRUETT.

The report discussed by J. J. McLendon and J. Q. Adams, and unanimously adopted.

Election of delegates to Southern Baptist Convention and to State Convention was gone into and resulted as follows:

Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention: T. J. Renfrow, Matthews; alternate, V. O. Willis, Charlotte.

Delegates to State Convention: Dr. A. C. Barron, D. M. Austin, L. R. Pruett, J. Q. Adams, J. E. Smith, E. J. Funderburk, J. A. Durham, W. M. Lyles.

W. M. Lyles was re-elected as a member of the State Board of Missions.

The Finance Committee made following report, and same adopted:

Received for following causes:	
Foreign Missions,	\$25.00.
Home Missions,	9.73.
State Missions,	11.85.
Orphanage,	13.25.
Education,	1.00
Old Ministers,	2.00.
Minutes,	29.55.
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Total.....	\$92.38.

The retiring treasurer, Bro. J. A. Durham made following report, and same adopted:

Received for following causes:	
Foreign Missions,	\$ 4.00.
Home Missions,	7.00.
State Missions,	12.00.
Orphanage,	3.00.
B. F. University,	37.21.
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Total.....	\$63.91.

VOTE OF THANKS.

Upon motion of L. R. Pruett, a vote of thanks was tendered the good people of Arlington and vicinity for their kindness and hospitality. The moderator called for a standing vote upon this motion, and same was unanimously carried.

Feeling remarks made by Bro. F. M. Hinson, T. J. Renfrow,

and others. The business of the Association having been finished, a motion made by Rev. J. Q. Adams, and carried, to adjourn, and after singing that old familiar hymn, "Am I a Soldier of the Cross," and prayer by Rev. J. Q. Adams, and the entire congregation joining in a hearty handshake, the 18th annual session of the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association stood adjourned to meet with Pritchard Memorial Church, Charlotte, N. C., at 11 o'clock a. m., Thursday before the second Sunday in September, 1904.

T. J. RENFROW, Moderator.

W. M. LYLES, Clerk.

W. B. RENFROW, Ass't Clerk.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTORS AND THEIR ADDRESSES	CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES	Baptized	Received by Letter	Restored	Total	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Total	Male Membership	Female Membership	Total Membership	Seating Capacity of Church
Arlington.....	J. F. Davis, Charlotte.	W. A. Connell, Arlington..	82	4	3	89	5	9	0	14	108	115	223	700
Clear Creek.....	J. E. Smith, Concord....	L. S. Pigg, Brief.....	11	.....	.....	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	39	61	100	300
Cold Water.....	J. E. Smith, Concord....	T. V. Talbirt, Concord....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	38	40	78	300
1st Church, Concord.....	D. W. Thomson, Belmont..	J. E. Wright.....	14	25	.....	39	6	25	3	34	133	201	384	.....
Friendsip.....	W. J. Wyatt, Fearth.....	H. Winecoff, Davidson....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	15	19	34	.....
Hopewell.....	Wm. Walters, Monroe....	C. S. Davis, Croft.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24	25	50	200
Independence Hill.....	C. M. Murchison, Penelope..	J. S. Underwood, Sandifer..	.....	7	.....	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	27	42	300
Long Creek.....	D. F. Helms, Charlotte....	J. C. M. Robinson, Charlotte..	17	24	.....	41	11	.....	.....	.....	14	23	37	300
Louise.....	D. M. Austin.....	T. J. Renfrow, Matthews....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	40	67	107	600
Matthews.....	.....	W. E. Hull, Newells.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	57	84	141	400
Newells.....	.....	W. S. Walters, Trades le, S.C.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11	20	31	200
Pleasant Plains.....	J. Q. Adams, Charlotte....	F. D. Lethco, Charlotte....	7	3	.....	10	3	.....	.....	.....	32	51	83	350
Pritchard Memorial.....	J. W. Snyder, Concord....	A. D. Crisco, Concord....	11	25	3	39	8	.....	.....	.....	34	66	100	300
Rock Hill.....	W. T. Talbirt.....	W. F. Stegall.....	.....	45	.....	45	61	.....	.....	.....	5	7	12	200
2nd Church, Concord.....	A. C. Barron, Charlotte....	J. A. Durham, Charlotte....	16	.....	.....	16	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	52	55	500
Fryon Street.....	L. R. Pruett.....	W. M. Lyles.....	14	60	3	77	18	.....	.....	.....	37	263	300	500
12th Street.....	D. F. Helms.....	W. T. Mullis, Hornet.....	11	30	2	43	17	.....	.....	.....	22	88	174	202
Wilson's Grove.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	20	38	58	400
Total.....	.....	.....	133	224	11	368	88	38	21	147	893	2234	3127	6200

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENTS AND THEIR ADDRESSES	SECRETARIES AND THEIR ADDRESSES	No. of Teachers	No. of Scholars	Total	Average Attendance	Baptisms from School	Quartermen Taken	Volumes in Library	Contributions	Expenses	Months Kept Open
Arlington	F. M. Hinson, Arlington.	F. A. Hamilton, Arlington.	70	70	77	59	6	75	.....	.....	\$ 9 00	11
Clear Creek	L. S. Pigg, Brief.	Reece Hagler, Arlington.	7	50	57	35	.....	50	.....	.....	3 50	9
Cold Water	T. V. Talbirt, Concord.	W. H. Bradford, Concord.	6	38	44	27	.....	38	.....	.....	5 20	9
1st Church, Concord.	W. Hopkins, Concord.	W. Kirk, Concord.	10	238	181	181	4	300	100	\$ 95 00	55 00	12
Friendship	S. Q. Garrison, Shopton.	W. N. Mitchell, Charlotte.	7	32	29	26	.....	38	.....	.....	16 00	11
Hopewell	A. P. Sweet, Cornelius.	W. L. Archey, Caldwell.	6	35	41	30	.....	38	.....	.....	2 26	6
Independence Hill	J. R. Atkins, Croft.	C. S. Davis, Croft.	5	35	40	30	.....	40	.....	.....	.....	9
Long Creek	J. A. White, Sandifer.	D. R. Beatty, Sandifer.	6	40	46	33	.....	50	.....	.....	2 50	6
Louise	C. M. Robinson, Charlotte.	J. A. Newby, Charlotte.	10	155	165	76	6	581	.....	7 75	49 76	12
Mathews	T. J. Renfro, Mathews.	E. A. Funderburk, Mathews.	7	100	109	60	.....	130	.....	41 00	10 00	12
Newell	W. E. Hill, Newell.	L. A. Harbee, Newell.	7	31	38	20	.....	132	.....	.....	7 64	12
Pleasant Plains	W. S. Paxton, Mathews.	Peat, Helms, Mathews.	10	60	70	40	7	460	.....	.....	10 00	12
Pritchard Memorial.	W. F. Dowd, Charlotte.	E. E. Poote, Charlotte.	10	115	125	87	8	150	.....	145 60	66 00	12
Rock Hill	J. R. Haney, Concord.	D. M. Hawkins, Concord.	10	210	220	100	8	307	.....	.....	28 71	12
2nd Church, Concord.	T. S. Franklin, Charlotte.	R. W. Barnett, Charlotte.	54	465	479	275	.....	300	100	.....	241 40	12
Tryon Street	W. M. Lyles, Charlotte.	J. H. Fidler, Charlotte.	16	165	181	110	9	330	.....	38 00	27 15	12
12th Street	W. E. Small, Charlotte.	W. T. Mullis, Hornet.	5	72	77	.....	.....	83	.....	.....	3 19	6
Wilson's Grove	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

FINANCIAL TABLE--MONEY PAID IN.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Incidental Expenses.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	State Missions.	Orphanage.	Ministerial Education.	Ministers Relief.	Poor Fund.	Minutes.	Other Objects.	Total Contributions.
Arlington.....	\$ 75 00	\$ 2 00	\$ 5 00	\$ 5 00	\$ 10 00	\$ 10 00	\$ 10 00	\$ 1 00	\$	\$ 2 00	\$ 310 00	\$ 420 00
Chaney's Hill.....	25 00				1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00		1 20		28 00
Clear Creek.....	50 00	10 25	4 00	3 40	5 75	5 00	5 00	1 00		1 30	5 30	80 60
Cold Water.....	50 00		4 00	4 00	8 00	2 50			8 00	2 00	190 00	1 553 00
1st Church Concord.....	900 00	335 00	20 00	20 00	50 00	40 00	5 00			88	110 00	284 35
Friendship.....	71 00	50 00	5 00	7 00	5 00	5 00		1 00		75		81 75
Hopewell.....	50 00	25 00	3 00	1 00		13 50						94 50
Howells.....	75 00		3 00		3 00							94 50
Independence Hill.....	60 00	2 00	4 00		4 00	6 30				1 00	1 00	78 30
Long Creek.....	60 00	202 17	4 00	1 50	5 00	7 75			1 00	1 10	176 87	539 94
Louis.....	163 53	25 00	2 00	7 00	18 00	10 00	5 00	5 00	1 00	2 00		315 00
Mathews.....	225 00	4 66	10 00	7 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	2 77	25	200 00	184 00
Newell.....	50 00	70 00	1 00		1 00	1 00	1 00			1 00		253 95
Pleasant Plains.....	75 00	305 69	1 00	1 00	1 00	52 1 00	9 10		11 87	3 50	2 712 03	80 50
Pritchard Memorial.....	40 00	11 85	1 00	72 10	27 45	1 25				75		55 85
Rock Hill.....	100 00	86 03	1 00	1 00	5 00	2 00			2 50	2 00	29 50	230 05
2nd Church Concord.....	1 800 00	1 000 00	50 00	350 00	151 10	140 74	65 00		293 13	7 50	1 910 58	6 204 55
Tryon Street.....	583 47	187 85	5 50	5 00	5 00	33 40			8 12	3 00	83 80	919 74
23d Street.....	100 00		2 00	2 00	2 00	1 00						107 00
Wilson's Grove.....												
Total.....	\$ 5 362 06	\$ 2 248 70	\$ 7236 04	\$ 4481 00	\$ 303 70	\$ 3316 12	\$ 890 10	\$ 99 00	\$ 313 39	\$ 30 70	\$ 5 540 11	\$ 15 390 02

APPORTIONMENT TABLE

CHURCHES	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	State Missions.	Orphanage.	Ministerial Education.	Ministers Relief.	Total
Arlington.....	\$ 10 00	\$ 5 00	\$ 10 00	\$ 10 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 38 00
Clear Creek.....	7 50	5 00	7 50	5 00	1 00	1 00	27 00
Cold Water.....	7 50	5 00	10 00	6 00	1 00	2 00	32 50
1st Church, Concord.....	50 00	25 00	50 00	40 00	5 00	5 00	175 00
Friendship.....	10 00	5 00	10 00	5 00	1 00	1 00	36 00
Hopewell.....	10 00	5 00	10 00	5 00	1 00	1 00	37 00
Independence Hill.....	7 50	5 00	5 00	5 00	1 00	1 00	24 50
Long Creek.....	10 00	5 00	10 00	5 00	1 00	1 00	33 00
Louise.....	10 00	5 00	10 00	5 00	1 00	1 00	32 00
Matthews.....	25 00	10 00	20 00	20 00	5 00	2 00	82 00
Newells.....	7 50	5 00	10 00	5 00	1 00	1 00	29 50
Pleasant Plains.....	10 00	5 00	10 00	5 00	1 00	1 00	29 50
Pritchard Memorial.....	50 00	40 00	40 00	25 00	5 00	1 00	161 00
Rock Hill.....	5 00	2 50	3 50	3 00	1 00	1 00	16 00
2nd Church, Concord.....	7 50	5 00	5 00	5 00	1 00	1 00	24 50
Tryon Street.....	500 00	150 00	200 00	100 00	25 00	10 00	985 00
12th Street.....	20 00	10 00	15 00	36 00	5 00	1 00	87 00
Wilson's Grove.....	7 50	5 00	15 00	5 00	1 00	1 00	24 50
Total.....	\$ 755 00	\$ 297 50	\$ 428 57	\$ 290 00	\$ 59 00	\$ 64 00	\$1864 50

SUGGESTIONS.

- 1st. Let each church appoint a committee of one or more, on each of the above objects, and require them to report quarterly to the church the amounts raised.
- 2nd. Let the pastors preach at least quarterly on the objects of the Convention, and keep them constantly before the churches.
- 3rd. With the pastors and deacons rests largely the responsibility of raising the above amounts. Brethren, do your duty. The eye of the Master is upon you.



