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FOR NEXT SESSION:

Place of Meeting: Siloam, Sampson County.

Time: Tuesday, After 1st Sunday in Oct., 1898.

Inductory Sermon: Rev. F. H. Farrington.

Missionary Sermon: Rev. J. J. Douglas.

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CONSTITUTION.

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 and communicating information relative to the state of the church; Provided, however, that when any church has prepared a Letter, and through inadvertence 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 its members voting, and continue in office until their successors are elected.

ART. 6.—It shall be the business 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 this body, and distribute 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 five members, who shall co-operate with the State Board so far as practicable in the mission work within our bounds, and during the interval 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 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 observe Gospel Order.

ART. 11.—The Association may invite visiting and corresponding brethren to seats, and extend to them the privilege 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.



CHURCH COVENANT.

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior, 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 Spirit, 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 talking, 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 Savior.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love, to remember each other in prayer, to aid each other in sickness or 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 lay on the table, 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.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

- 1—Calling the Roll of Churches 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 Treasurer.
- 9—Miscellaneous Business.
- 10—Incidental and routine motions shall be in order at any time.
- 11—Adjournment.

PROCEEDINGS.

KENANSVILLE, N. C., Oct. 5, 1897.

The Eastern Association met this day in its fifty-fourth session, in the meeting house of the Kenansville Baptist Church. The Introductory Sermon was preached by J. B. Boon, (Orphanage,) text Matt. 25:34. After the sermon a recess was taken for dinner.

AFTERNOON.

At 1.30 p. m. the Association was called to order by J. L. Stewart, the Moderator of the previous session, who read the 19th Psalm. O. P. Meeks led in prayer.

The roll of Delegates was ordered to be called. On motion of J. T. Albritton the Letters to this session of the Association was read by S. G. Hall and G. W. Carroll, Reading Clerks.

On motion of J. T. Albritton the Moderator appointed a Committee on Finance, as follows: G. E. Leftwich, W. H. Murray, and J. A. Powell.

On motion of J. T. Albritton the Moderator appointed the Pastor and Deacons of this church and Geo. A. Herring a Committee on Devotional Exercises.

The Delegates were enrolled, as follows:

Barlow's Chapel—Represented by Letter.
Bethel—C. C. Johnson, Maury Ward.
Beulah—N. C. Faison, W. J. Moore, G. W. Best.
Boykin's Chapel—O. L. Herring.
Berea—T. W. Stallings, D. W. Murray.
Bowden's—G. A. Stokes, J. A. Cornegay, C. D. Hightower.
Bear Marsh—J. T. Albritton, W. H. Brown, R. J. Walker.
Bethlehem—By Letter.
Bear Branch—By Letter.
Burgaw—J. T. Bland.
Brooklyn—D. L. Gore, J. W. Kramer, J. H. Hildreth.
Clinton—J. L. Stewart, George Tatum,
Concord—J. C. Boon, W. J. Matthews.
Carrith—D. W. Fussell, L. Matthews, I. J. Johnson.
Calvin's Creek—
Caintuck Chapel—T. W. Marshall.
Caswell—W. J. Hollingsworth, R. M. Bloodworth.
Catherine Lake—John Marshburn.
Castle Haynes—S. Blossom.
Cedar Grove—
Dobson's Chapel—W. H. Murray, T. G. Dobson, S. C. Register.
Ebenezer—J. E. Highsmith, J. L. Highsmith, Seavy Highsmith.
Emma's Chapel—A. Hoffman, E. X. Cox.
Hallsville—J. D. Brown, W. J. Kennedy, D. W. Burton.
Haw Bluff—N. R. Croom.
Island Creek—E. Heldt, C. C. Teachey, Boney Wells.

Ivanhoe—C. R. Corbett.
 Johnson's—J. A. Powell, C. M. Middleton, H. S. Boyette.
 Jacksonville—R. L. Burton, T. J. Jarmon, W. P. Kelly.
 Kenansville—Thad Jones, W. B. Cooper, Henry Dail.
 Kerr's—
 Long Creek—G. A. Herring.
 Lisbon—W. S. Johnson, Francis Herring, A. B. Kelly.
 Maple Hill—K. F. Powers, J. R. Marshburn, T. B. Fisher.
 Mary's Chapel—J. H. McGowen, F. M. Southerland, A. B. Winders.
 Masonboro—J. P. Walton, Alonzo Hewlett.
 Moore's Creek—By Letter.
 Mt. Gilead—A. C. Peterson, B. Matthews.
 Mt. Olive—D. A. Thompson, Ben. Summerlin, A. Albritton.
 Mt. Holly—W. T. Hodggers, Laban Carroll.
 Magnolia—J. W. Swinson, H. M. Swinson, G. W. Carroll.
 New Hope—Frank Best, Frank Pollock.
 Olive Branch—
 Olivet—E. D. Walker, F. E. Shepard.
 Piney Grove—Edgar King, J. C. Hines.
 Poplar Grove—L. D. Rogers.
 Providence—J. H. Hildreth.
 Rose Hill—D. N. Page.
 Riley's Creek—M. C. Walton, Wm. Holly.
 Sharon—W. H. Blanchard.
 Siloam—Love Jones, J. B. Highsmith.
 Shiloh—A. T. Herring.
 Spring Vale—S. M. Sanderson, E. F. Register.
 Southside—F. H. Farrington, J. B. Harrell, R. B. Moore.
 Salem—Benj. Ward.
 Teachey's—A. E. Croom.
 Warsaw—S. M. Carlton, H. G. Owen, S. A. Strickland,
 Wells' Chapel—J. E. Page.
 Wilmington—W. B. Oliver, G. E. Leftwich, Sam'l G. Hall, B. F. Keith.
 Willard—J. W. Nobles, E. F. English.

The Letters from Clinton, Mt. Olive, and Siloam, on motion, laid on the table.

The election of officers being in order, on motion of J. T. Albritton, the Clerk cast the vote of the Association for J. L. Stewart, who was chosen Moderator. On motion E. J. Edwards cast the vote for A. R. Herring, Clerk. On motion the Clerk cast the vote of the Association for W. H. Middleton for Treasurer.

The courtesies of the Association was extended to the Pastors of the Presbyterian and Methodist churches, of this place, by the Moderator.

W. L. Bilbro read a paper giving some of the history of the organization of the Eastern Association, and a welcome to the members of this session. After which J. T. Albritton read the Minutes, Roll of Delegates and Ministers present at this place when this body was organized. "The ministers had all passed over the river," said Dr. Mitchell. There were two delegates appointed to this session who were delegates in the organization. One present, N. C. Faison.

Petitionary Letters called for—there was no response.

By direction of the Association the Moderator announced the following committees:

State Missions—J. T. Albritton, J. C. Boon, W. H. Brown.
 Foreign Missions—O. P. Meeks, D. D. Wells, J. C. Carroll.
 Home Missions—J. W. Kramer, I. J. Johnson, E. Heldt.
 Education—S. D. Swaim, L. Carroll, W. M. Holly.
 Periodicals—R. H. Gilbert, J. H. Swinson, Frank Pollock.
 Sunday Schools—L. R. Carroll, W. S. Johnson, J. H. Swinson.
 Minister's Relief—R. C. Sandlin, B. Matthews, D. A. Thomson.
 Orphanage—J. B. Harrell, J. H. Murray, M. C. Walton.

By motion of R. C. Sandlin, the Moderator appointed a Committee on Order of Business for this session.

Committee.—R. C. Sandlin, J. J. Douglass, O. P. Meeks.

A motion was made by O. P. Meeks that the roll of churches be called but once to take pledges for the several objects, and that this call be made at the conclusion of the consideration of the report on Education. Adopted.

The following visiting brethren were welcomed to seats in the body: J. C. Cadell, for Biblical Recorder; Dr. John Mitchel, from the Central Association, in the interest of the Board of Education; J. B. Boone, the Thomasville Orphanage. E. J. Edwards, for N. C. Baptist; O. J. Peterson, from Pilot Mountain Association.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises made a partial report: Prayer meeting to-morrow morning at 9:30, led by Joseph Aden. Association meet at 10 a. m., adjourn at pleasure. Missionary Sermon, at 11 a. m., by S. D. Swaim. Preaching to-night, by J. J. Douglas.

The Association adjourned after prayer by J. J. Douglass.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

After devotional exercises, led by Joseph Aden, the Association was called to order at 10 a. m., by the Moderator.

The Roll of Delegates was called, the minutes of previous day was read and confirmed.

The special order: The report of the Executive Committee together with the Report on State Missions were taken up. The Report of Executive Committee was read by L. R. Carroll, as follows:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee beg leave to report, That during the year we have been aiding brethren G. V. Tilley, at Richlands, Tar Landing, and Catherine Lake; J. H. Hildreth, at Providence; Benjamin Ward, at Maple Hill; N. A. Shelly, at Olivet; W. L. Bilbro, at Hallsville and Chinquepin; and Joseph Aden, at Antioch, Prospect, Woodland, Beulahville, and Muddy Creek. These brethren report favorably from each of the bounds aforesaid, and we respectfully suggest more liberal pledges and contributions from the churches for the greater enlargement and more efficient prosecution of the work.

L. R. CARROLL,
 For Committee.

J. T. Albritton read the report of Committee on State Missions, as follows:

STATE MISSIONS.

In the work of State Missions God has richly blessed North Carolina Baptists. From 1870 to 1880 we nearly doubled our white membership, going from 40,000 to 75,000. From 1880 to 1896 we more than doubled our numerical strength. During this time twenty one new Associations were organized, mainly made necessary by enlargements through our State Mission work. In the last twenty years our missionaries have preached the Gospel in more than three thousand destitute places, and have organized over five hundred mission churches; four hundred of which are now self-supporting and contributing churches. Surely since the days of the Apostles on earth no work has been more successful in giving the Gospel to the people.

North Carolina is still a great harvest field for missionary effort. There are over one million people in the State out of Christ, according to the last census. More unsaved men and women in North Carolina to-day than ever before in all her history.

We have this year ninety missionaries working in forty-five counties and supplying three hundred destitute points with Gospel preaching. God has abundantly blessed their labors.

They had, up to August the 1st, been blessed with one thousand converts, and have organized sixty-nine new Sunday Schools on mission territory. For their faithful labors they have not been paid.

We recommend to the Churches of the Eastern Association that November be made by them all, State Mission month, and that each church take a collection for State Missions during the month of November, in order that our missionaries may be paid, a debt be avoided, and the work encouraged.

In the Minutes of this body at the date of its organization fifty-three years ago, occurs the following language, to which time and experience give additional emphasis: "In order to accomplish any grand and important undertaking it is necessary that there should be a union and co-operation of effort; and in all ages of the world men cherishing unanimity of sentiment have associated themselves in order to attain the objects which they may have had in view. Every contemplative mind must necessarily be led to the conclusion that this is right, and if right in one department or amongst one class of persons, it must be so amongst all."

Your committee recommend the appointment of Rev. L. R. Carroll as the Associational member of the State Mission Board.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. ALBRITTON,
W. H. BROWN,
J. C. BOONE,
Committee.

The Association was then addressed by Jno. E. White, after which a cash collection was taken amounting to \$26.89. The reports were further spoken to by J. T. Albritton, Joseph Aden, and G. V. Tilley.

Announcement: W. B. Oliver will preach in a few minutes in the Methodist Church.

After this announcement, brethren Benj. Ward, M. C. Walton, and N. A. Shelly spoke to the report of Executive Committee.

The reports as submitted were adopted.

The Committee on Order of Business submitted their report as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Report on State and Associational Missions, provided by Constitution, Morning at 10 o'clock.

Missionary Sermon at 11 o'clock.

At conclusion of Sermon, Report on Periodicals.

Adjourn 12:30 for dinner.

Report on Foreign Missions, 1:30.

Report on Orphanage, 2:30.

Report on Home Missions, 3:30.

Thursday—Report on Education, 10 a. m.

Report on Ministers' Relief, 11.

Report on Sunday Schools, 11:30.

We recommend 10 minutes as time for all except opening speeches.

R. C. SANDLIN,

O. P. MEEKS,

J. J. DOUGLAS.

The report was adopted.

On motion of J. T. Bland the Roll of Churches was called requesting the Delegates to say if the churches had or would pay the amount apportioned to their respective churches for the payment of the Jacksonville church debt. Adopted.

Barlow's Chapel—Paid.

Bethel—Paid.

Beulah—Will pay.

Boykin's Chapel—Will pay.

Berea—Will pay.

Bowden's—Paid.

Bear Marsh—Paid.

Bethlehem—Will pay.

Bear Branch—Will pay.

Burgaw—Paid.

Brooklyn—Will pay balance due.

Clinton—Will pay balance due.

Concord—Will pay balance due.

Corinth—Will pay.

Colvin's Creek—

Canetuck Chapel—Paid.

Caswell—Paid.

Catherine Lake—Will pay.

Castle Haynes—Paid.

Cedar Grove—Paid.

Dobson's Chapel—Will pay.

Ebenezer—Will pay.

Emma's Chapel—Will pay.

Hallsville—Will pay.

Haw Bluff—Paid.

Island Creek—Paid.

Ivanhoe—Have or will pay.

Johnson's—Paid.

Jacksonville—Will pay.

Kenansville—Paid.

Kerr's—

Long Creek—Paid.

Lisbon—Paid.

Maple Hill—

Mary's Chapel—

Masonboro—Have or will pay.

Moore's Creek—

Mt Gilead—Will not pay.

Mt. Olive—

Mt. Holly—Paid.

Magnolia—Paid.

New Hope—Paid.

Olive Branch—

Olivet—Paid.

Piney Grove—Paid.

Poplar Grove—Will pay.

Providence—Paid.

Rose Hill—Will pay.

Riley's Creek—Paid.

Sharon—

Siloam—Will pay.

Shiloh—Will pay balance.

Spring Vale—Will pay.

Southside—Will pay.

Salem—Paid.

Teachey's—Paid.

Warsaw—Paid.

Wells' Chapel—Will pay.

Wilmington—Will pay balance due.

Willard—Paid.

S. G. Hall moved that the amounts of the unpaid apportionment of the Jacksonville church debt due by the several churches be ascertained by the Clerk, and that the same appear in the minutes. Carried.

On motion of R. C. Sandlin, Missionary Sermon was postponed till 8 o'clock to-night.

The Association adjourned till 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON.

The Association re-assembled, 2 p. m.

Report of Committee on Foreign Missions was submitted and read by O. P. Meeks.

Announcement—J. E. White will preach in Methodist church at 3 o'clock.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Recognizing the fundamental principle that our Lord made it the express object of his churches to send the Gospel abroad: Your committee find a remarkable falling off of contributions from our Association for this most important branch of our organized work. With sixty churches composing our body, it ought to awaken the most serious reflection that our churches this year report less than \$200 for our Foreign Mission Board, as well as a great falling off of contributions for the other departments of our organized work. This tendency if persisted in will result in the disruption of all co operate effort. When this result is reached then we shall see the end of all co-operation in Associational, State, Home, and Foreign work; and the very end for which this Association and our Baptist State Convention were organized will be defeated. Therefore we see that our Lord Jesus Christ has chosen the race of humanity as his Israel, and as our Saviour did all His work systematically, we feel that all the great results thus far attained are by following in our Master's footsteps.

O. P. MEEKS,
F. H. FARRINGTON,
Committee.

The Association was then addressed by O. P. Meeks, J. E. White and W. B. Oliver, and the report was adopted.

J. B. Harrell read report of Committee on the Orphanage, as follows:

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

The Baptist Orphanage, located at Thomasville, N. C., is designed to care for the indigent orphans of the State. It is supported by the Baptists of the State, but takes orphans without regard to denominational connection.

There are now 156 orphans in the institution. During the 12 years of its history it has enrolled 374 orphans from 69 counties in the State and 9 from South Carolina. The central building has been completed and was occupied the 7th of last June. There remains, however, about \$600 of debt on it, which is in bank and due the first of November next.

The health of the orphans is almost perfect. The crops this year are good, and the Orphanage is in better favor with our people than ever before.

J. B. HARRELL,
J. H. MURRAY,
M. C. WALTON,
Committee.

The Association was then addressed by J. B. Harrell, J. B. Boone. At the close of J. B. Boone's address a cash collection was taken for the Orphanage, and the report was adopted.

On motion of J. T. Bland the Moderator appointed a committee to nominate an Executive Committee.

Committee—J. C. Hines, S. M. Carlton, E. Heldt.

The Report of Committee on Home Missions was read by J. W. Kra-

mer. J. W. Kramer moved to make the Report on Home Missions special order for 10 a. m. to-morrow. W. B. Oliver moved to amend so as to make the report special order for 8 o'clock to night. Adopted.

Motion by J. T. Bland to instruct the Treasurer to pay funds sent up with Letters for State and Associational Missions to Treasurer of Executive Committee.

Substitute offered by J. B. Harrell, that this matter be referred to delegates to decide.

On motion both propositions were tabled.

Motion by S. G. Hall that the amount of the contributions to State Missions be reported to the Corresponding Secretary of the State Mission Board with the request that he give the Treasurer of the Executive Committee an order for the same. After discussion, S. G. Hall asked to withdraw his motion; objected to by J. T. Albritton.

On motion of G. E. Leftwich the motion of S. G. Hall was tabled.

J. T. Albritton moved that a committee of five be appointed to take the matter of finance under advisement.

On division the above financial question was allowed to rest, on the statement by the Corresponding Secretary that he would, in case the funds sent under the item of State Missions should be sent to him, turn over to the Treasurer of the Executive Committee such part thereof as any church sending such fund would so request.

Final leave of absence was granted J. C. Boone and W. J. Hollingsworth.

Committee on Devotional Exercises report; Preaching in this church to-night at 7:30 by J. W. Kramer. Prayer meeting to-morrow at 9:30 a. m., led by O. J. Peterson. By W. B. Oliver, a motion to strike out so much of the report as refers to preaching. After the striking out, the report was accepted.

After singing the Association adjourned till 8 o'clock to-night.

EVENING SESSION.

After song by choir and prayer by S. D. Swaim the Association was called to order by Moderator.

The special order, Report of Committee on Home Missions was taken up. The report was read by J. W. Kramer.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

More and more we know this work is the work of God and must succeed. Superior intelligence has caused it to blossom as the rose and advance with astonishing progress. This work has been greatly and often neglected by a great many of our country and city churches to our immortal shame. We have had our "State Mission Days," "Foreign Mission Days," but very few "Home Mission Days." Are not the souls in Louisiana, Cuba, Indian Territory, worth as much as the souls in North Carolina? Did not The Christ give his life for them, and now desires His blood to fresco their hearts? The work under the excellent direction of

our venerable brother Dr. Tichenor, has been blessed as never before. We trust the day is not far distant when these Roman Catholics, Indians, Negroes will be humanized and sing the story of Calvary at the foot of the Cross. This Association gave last year to Foreign Missions \$233.70; to Associational and State Missions \$446.96; to Home Missions \$166.09. Your committee would recommend that we look after the interests of Home Missions immediately.

JAMES W. KRAMER,
For Committee.

Pending its adoption the Association was addressed by J. W. Kramer, W. B. Oliver, J. B. Harrell, J. T. Albritton, O. P. Meeks, and Joseph Aden. Report was then adopted.

Resolution regarding Dr. Whitsitt was introduced by W. B. Oliver and adopted without discussion.

RESOLUTION REGARDING DR. WHITSITT.

Resolved, That we believe that the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary does and must suffer in consequence of Dr. Whitsitt's connection with it.

Resolved, therefore, That the delegates to the approaching Baptist State Convention from this body, and from the churches within our territory, be requested to act in the interest of Dr. Whitsitt's removal from the positions of President of and Professor of Church History in our Seminary.

WILL B. OLIVER.
J. T. ALBRITTON.

After a song by the choir, prayer and benediction by W. B. Oliver, the Association adjourned.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

At 9:30 a. m. Prayer Service by O. J. Peterson.

The Association was called to order by Moderator at 10 o'clock.

Invitation extended by Moderator to visiting brethren.

Report on Education was submitted by S. D. Swaim, one of the committee and read by E. W. Sikes.

EDUCATION.

I. We rejoice that our Baptist people manifest so much interest in education, and that they are supporting various schools throughout the State. We realize that under present conditions, the great majority of the children are dependant upon the State for the rudiments of an education. We favor the maintenance of primary schools by taxation for the instruction of all the people, and encourage every honorable effort to increase their efficiency.

VOLUNTARY PRINCIPLE IN THE HIGHER EDUCATION.

II. The future of American civilization depends largely upon the extent to which Christian education shall prevail. Education, so far as it is distinctively Christian must be furnished on the voluntary principle or not at all. We are unalterably opposed to the provision of the higher education by the State. It is not required by the State Constitution; it expends the money of the whole people to supply a luxury; it is public extravagance, for the voluntary principle will do the same work as well; it tends to debase the manhood of our citizens, teaching them to rely

upon the State for what they might secure by personal effort; it imperils the dearly won principle of religious liberty; or it secularizes education, depriving the young men and women of the State, during the most critical period of life, of positive Christian influence. We believe it to be our duty as citizens, and our privilege as Christians, to resist the further extension of this evil policy so long as the necessity for assistance shall continue. In the future as in the past, our protest and resistance shall be manly and Christian in spirit and in method."

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

III. We firmly believe that the leaders in religious thought ought to be educated, but many "young men called of God and approved by the churches to which they belong," are unable to meet the expenses of a course of study in college. To assist such needy young men the Board of Education was created by the Baptist State Convention; by means of this Board many of our best missionaries have secured the advantages of collegiate training. The extent of the work of this Board depends upon the contribution of Christian people. Whether the work shall languish or go forward depends upon the churches.

BAPTIST FEMALE UNIVERSITY.

IV. The Baptist Female University is a necessity. We believe in the education of our girls under Baptist influence, that they may become more efficient workers in our denomination. The exterior of the elegant building in course of erection is nearing completion. We urge our people to give liberally toward the erection of this building. We trust that its doors may be open by next September for the reception of our daughters.

ENDOWED ACADEMIES.

V. Our Association should foster academies of learning. To bring them to their highest efficiency, an endowment fund should be created. We believe that this is the best means of giving secondary education to our people. We favor affiliation between these academies and Wake Forest College.

WAKE FOREST COLLEGE.

VI. Article 2 of the Constitution of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention declares in part: The primary objects of the Convention shall be to encourage and support Wake Forest College to encourage education among the people of the State. The Eastern Association is in full accord with this utterance. We recognize that Wake Forest College has been a most potent factor in our denominational growth and in the educational development of our State. We look with pride upon its continued prosperity, despite competition into which it is forced. Wake Forest College is the property of the Baptists of North Carolina, and as such, looks to them for support. A positive Christian atmosphere has been maintained during the last year. The prevalence of the Christian spirit and work does not antagonise the spirit of progress, study, and research.

Pending the adoption of the report, it was spoken to by E. W. Sikes, D. L. Gore, G. V. Tilley, and Dr. John Mitchell. Report was adopted.

Roll of churches was then called to secure pledges. [See table.]

The report on Minister's Relief was submitted and read, as follows:

REPORT ON MINISTERS' RELIEF.

The Minister's Relief Board of the Baptist State Convention was raised about six years ago. During the years past they have assisted many of our worthy but aged and disabled ministers. They aided last year twenty or more of these brethren. We are sorry that the Board

cannot do more in this direction. We heartily commend the work of this Board to our churches as worthy of their liberal support. Let not God's servants, whose lives have been devoted to the great work of preaching the Gospel, end their days in abject poverty and suffering.

The report was spoken to by D. L. Gore and R. C. Sandlin. Adopted.

By request of L. R. Carroll the roll of churches was called for pledges to be paid in 30 days, to relieve the Executive Committee of present indebtedness. He was also allowed to take individual pledges and a cash collection for the same. The accounts of which are in his hands.

Your Committee to Nominate Executive Committee for Eastern Association beg leave to report the following named brethren: W. L. Bilbro, F. A. Fennell, L. Middleton, A. R. Herring, and G. E. Leftwich.

Signed,

S. M. CARLTON,
J. C. HINES,
E. HELDT.

Adopted.

The Finance Committee reported as follows:

FINANCE REPORT.

Total amount sent by Letters:

For State Missions	84.65
“ Home Missions	41.08
“ Foreign Missions	57.49
“ Orphanage	69.75
“ Minute Fund	46.21
“ Gospel Missions	16.90
“ Ministerial Education	47.88
“ Ministers' Relief	32.53
“ Jacksonville Church	8.50
“ Associational Missions	68.68

473.67

Respectfully submitted,

G. E. LEFTWICH,
J. A. POWELL,
W. H. MURRAY.

Adopted.

Read by R. H. Gilbert:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

To be thoroughly awake to all the interests of our denomination we must be a reading people. There ought to be great care taken in selecting literature. Some one has said “When I walk in the sun, though I walk for another purpose, yet my skin is changed.” So it is with the literature we read. It is impossible for us to read without being affected by what we read.

The Baptists of North Carolina ought to take the periodicals of their own State first. We are thoroughly convinced that our State papers have not broad enough circulation.

Your committee heartily recommend to our people “The Biblical Recorder,” “North Carolina Baptist,” “Foreign Mission Journal,” “Our Home Field,” “Charity and Children,” and the Sunday School literature for the Southern Baptist Convention.

R. H. GILBERT,
Chairman.

J. W. Kramer moved to amend report so as to include the Series of the American Baptist Publication Society. Adopted.

The report as amended was adopted.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

S. G. Hall moved to appoint a Committee on Place of Meeting, and preachers of stated sermons at our next annual meeting.

Substitutes and amendments were offered naming Clinton, Siloam, Mt. Olive as the place

Siloam was elected the place.

The Treasurer's Report was submitted, as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

W. H. MIDDLETON in account with Eastern Association, for 1896:

To amount received from Finance Committee	566.33
Collection for Foreign Missions	15.28
From Sunday School Association	9.35
	<hr/> 590.96

Disbursed as follows:

State Missions	186.45
Home Missions	76.86
Foreign Missions	106.19
Gospel Missions	8.15
Orphanage	76.89
Minute Fund	40.28
Ministerial Education	23.96
Ministers' Relief	23.57
Jacksnville Church	48.33
Money on hand	28
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Adopted.

On motion of J. T. Albritton, F. H. Farrington was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon, and J. J. Douglas the Missionary Sermon at our next annual meeting.

On motion of J. T. Albritton, W. B. Oliver, L. R. Carroll, W. L. Bilbro, and J. L. Stewart were appointed delegates to Baptist State Convention.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Resolved, That the Association hereby expresses its grateful appreciation of the generous hospitality of the Kenansville Baptist Church, and the other Christian congregations, and of the good people of this community generally.

Adopted by unanimous vote.

On motion the Treasurer was instructed to pay all funds in his hands to the objects for which they were sent up.

J. T. Albritton moved that the Treasurer be ordered to pay the Minute Fund to the Clerk, and that he be instructed to print and distribute

1,000 copies of the Minutes. The balance of the Minute Fund in his hands shall be to compensate him for his services. Adopted.

The business of the Association having been completed, the Moderator asked Dr. John Mitchell to take charge of the closing exercises, who, after the singing of "God be with you," offered prayer, and the Association was adjourned to meet at Siloam, Sampson county, on Tuesday after the first Sunday in October, 1898.

J. L. STEWART,
Moderator.

A. R. HERRING,
Clerk.

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PLEDGES.

CHURCHES.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	State Missions.	Assoc'nl Missions.	Minister' Educat'n.	Total Contrib's.
Barlow's Chapel...	20.00	5.00	....	5.00	3.00	33.00
Bethel	2 50	2.00	....	7.00	2.00	13.50
Beulah	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	5.00
Boykin's Chapel...	.....	1.00	1.00	5.00	1.00	8.00
Berea .....	.....	1.00	1.00	1.00	....	3.00
Bowden's	1.00	2.00	....	....	....	3.00
Bear Marsh	4.00	2.00	....	3.00	2.00	11.00
Bethlehem .....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....
Bear Branch .....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....
Burgaw .....	.....	....	....	10.00	3.00	13.00
Brooklyn	15.00	10.00	....	20.00	....	45.00
Clinton	5.00	5.00	5.00	10.00	....	25.00
Concord .....	.....	1.00	5.00	2.00	1.00	9.00
Corinth	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	2.00	18.00
Colvin's Creek .....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....
Caintuck Chapel ..	20.00	3.00	....	5.00	3.00	31.00
Caswell .....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....
Catherine Lake .....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....
Castle Haynes	1.00	1.00	1.00	4.00	1.00	8.00
Cedar Grove .....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....
Dobson's Chapel ..	5.00	5.00	....	10.00	2.50	22.50
Ebenezer ..	1.00	1.00	1.00	2.00	....	5.00
Emma's Chapel .....	.....	....	....	7.50	....	7.50
Hallsville	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	5.00
Haw Bluff	1.00	1.00	....	2.00	....	4.00
Island Creek	8.00	10.00	12.00	5.00	....	35.00
Ivanhoe	5.00	2.00	....	5.00	1.00	13.00
Johnson's ..	10.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	1.00	26.00
Jacksonville	1.00	1.00	....	1.00	1.00	4.00
Kenansville	10.00	3.00	5.00	5.00	2.00	25.00
Kerr's ..	.....	.....	....	....	....	....
Long Creek .....	.....	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	4.00
Lisbon ..	5.00	5.00	....	10.00	2.00	22.00
Maple Hill	2.00	....	3.00	....	2.00	7.00
Mary's Chapel ..	.....	.....	....	....	....	....
Masonboro .....	...	....	....	10.00	..	10.00
Moore's Creek .....	.....	....	....	....	....	....
Mt. Gilead .....	.....	2.00	1.00	3.00	....	6.00
Mt. Olive ..	7.00	6.00	5.00	10.00	1.00	29.00
Mt. Holly .....	.....	....	....	4.00	....	4.00
Magnolia	3.00	3.00	3.00	90	1.00	10.90
New Hope .....	.....	2.50	....	5.00	2.00	9 50
Olive Branch .....	.....	....	....	....	....	....
Olivet .....	.....	....	....	2.00	50	2.50
Piney Grove	5.00	2.00	....	5.00	2.00	14.00
Poplar Grove	1.00	1.00	1.00	2.50	1.00	6.50
Providence	1.00	1.00	....	1.00	1.00	4.00
Rose Hill .....	.....	....	....	2.00	....	2.00
Riley's Creek .....	.....	5.00	....	5.00	5.00	15.00
Sharon .....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....
Siloam	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	1.00	9.00
Shiloh .....	.....	....	....	5.00	....	5.00
Spring Vale	3.00	2.00	3.00	2.00	1.00	11.00
Southside	10.00	5.00	15.00	...	2.50	32.50
Salem	5.00	3.00	4.00	5.00	2.00	19.00
Teachey's	2.00	....	....	4.00	....	6.00
Warsaw	5.00	5.00	10.00	10.00	5.00	35.00
Well's Chapel	2.00	2.00	....	4.00	2.00	10.00
Wilmington .....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....
Willard .....	.....	1.00	....	2.00	2.00	5.00
Total	168.50	11 5.50	30.00	215.90	61.50	651.40

FINANCIAL.

CHURCHES.	Foreign Missions.	Gospel Missions.	Home Missions.	State Missions.	Association Missions.	Ministers' Relief.	Ministerial Education.	Orphanage.	Jacksonville Lebt.	Poor.	Other Objects.	Minute Fund.	Pastor's Salary.	Improvements.	Other Church Expenses.	Total.	Present Indebtedness.	Value Church Property.
Barlow's Chapel	21.70		3.00	5.00		4.00	4.00	5.00				50	150.00		23.00	216.20		1,000.00
Bethel	8.29	10.62	5.00	1.49	13.35	66	1.45	1.20			2.90	75	60.00			105.71		400.00
Beulah	84			6.00				2.22				1.13				10.19		800.00
Boykin's Chapel				4.99			2.00					75				7.74		300.00
Berea	1.00	1.50		1.00		1.64		2.27				50	75.00		15.00	97.91		300.00
Bowden's					4.00							40				4.40		250.00
Bear Marsh	4.00		3.00		4.00		2.50	1.84				1.50				16.84		
Bethlehem	1.04	20.75	1.00	5.00	1.00			1.29			8.19	1.25	72.00			111.52		800.00
Bear Branch			3.00					72					18.00			21.72		
Burgaw	3.15	31.13			10.00		1.96	1.98				50	100.00			148.72		400.00
Brooklyn		84.96	3.30	15.00	5.00	15.00	5.00	43.10			27.25	2.00	700.00		189.28	1089.89		
Clinton		5.95	3.44	7.50			5.00	7.44			31.46	2.18	260.00	25.00	106.00	453.97	100.00	500.00
Conco	40	6.25	1.00	1.90	3.10		2.00	1.76				75	100.00			117.16		600.00
Corinth.	9.44		4.00	4.31	1.71	1.00	1.00	4.00			25.83	1.00	100.00			152.39		750.00
Colvin's Creek																		
Caintuck Chapel	13.12	4.50	2.00		5.00	2.00	3.00	5.00				1.40	125.00			161.02		150.00
Caswell	3.75	3.00	1.00	6.02	1.00		1.03	7.50				50	100.00		2.25	126.05		1,000.00
Catherina Lake				25								25	25.00			25.25		1,000.00
Castle Haynes	1.00		1.00									50	30.00			32.50		1,000.00
Cedar Grove																		
Dobson's Chapel	10.00		5.00	10.00	3.51	1.70		3.41				67	90.00			124.29		400.00
Ebenezer	2.50		1.00	1.40								30	50.00			55.20		
Emma's Chapel			1.16									50	50.00			51.66		600.00
Hallsville	3.48			1.68	2.00		3.00	2.00				1.00	60.00			73.16		400.00
Haw Bluff	6.69		1.50	5.14	2.31	1.00	13.35	3.35			2.78	1.00	60.00		1.46	98.58		450.00
Island Creek	12.21		6.50	6.31	7.10	2.79		5.00	5.00			1.60	110.00			146.51		400.00

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Ivanhoe	1.55			2.00				3.73				50	60.00	150.00		226.78		500.00
Johnson's	18.00	9.95	6.36	1.77	13.10	2.50	1.00	18.75	3.50			1.50	125.00		25.00	226.43		1,000.00
Jacksonville	90		90	90		90		90				50	75.00		78.47	158.47	280.00	1,500.00
Kenansville	7.18	2.50			11.00		4.00	2.50	5.00				125.00	200.00	15.00	372.18		1,000.00
Kerr's																		
Long Creek		10.40	2.04	4.22		96	1.37	1.23				50	75.00			95.32		275.00
Lisbon	7.40	13.34	4.00		16.00	1.07	2.00	4.96				75	125.00			174.52		600.00
Maple Hill	1.75		3.00				2.00					25				7.00		
Mary's Chapel	3.50			3.50								45				7.45		
Masonboro		10.00		11.65		2.00	1.00	3.05		10.00		1.00	100.00		25.00	163.70		600.00
Moore's Creek	50		55	50								50	60.00		10.00	62.05		
Mt. Gilead		60.00	74	1.64				2.18							52.26	120.82		1,200.00
Mt. Olive	26.52		7.65		8.62	2.00	2.00	2.50				1.50				50.79		800.00
Mt. Holly		8.00	1.31	1.47								75	60.00			71.53	25.00	900.00
Magnolia	8.06		5.00	1.21	5.00					7.00		1.50	100.00			127.77		800.00
New Hope	1.56	1.56	1.75	2.06		2.49	1.73	4.82				1.00	100.00			116.97		800.00
Olive Branch																		
Olivet		2.26		1.41		30		1.00			1.00	50	40.00	10.00	3.67	60.14		400.00
Piney Grove					4.86			87				1.00	75.00			81.73		
Poplar Grove	1.63	20.00	90	1.00	2.00							1.00	75.00		5.00	106.53		300.00
Providence	1.15		75		5.00	1.00	1.00					50	75.00			84.40		300.00
Rose Hill	25		25		25			25					22.58			23.58		
Riley's Creek	45	4.55		4.02		1.88	2.14	3.16	1.50			1.75	100.00		6.23	125.68		400.00
Sharon				2.35								50	60.00			62.85		400.00
Siloam	1.82		2.31	2.00	2.00	1.80	2.00	1.90				80	100.00	60.00		174.63		1,000.00
Shiloh	3.11	15.00	3.14		2.80	2.55	12.02	90				52	100.00			139.04		200.00
Spring Vale	1.00		88	4.21	5.00		1.28	12.56				1.00	75.00			100.93		600.00
Southside	10.25	2.65	4.67	15.00		5.75	1.75	1.00			4.00	1.50	251.34	2.25	4.43	304.59		
Salem	5.00		2.00	5.88		2.00	1.15	3.50			3.04	50	79.15		1.55	703.77	6.06	300.00
Teachey's	2.00	6.00	2.00	3.00	3.00	1.00		4.00				1.00	75.00	160.00		257.00	45.00	1,000.00
Warsaw	14.48		27.08	14.40		3.00	5.00	8.10				60	125.00		20.00	217.66		1,000.00
Wells' Chapel		401.56	2.88	6.31		3.85	1.92	8.91			27.39	1.00				453.82		600.00
Wilmington		37.10							80.44			2.00	1600.00	1035.00	704.00	3337.00		40,000.00
Willard				5.06			2.00	2.00				50				9.56		
	220.27	810.00	125.06	178.65	141.71	63.94	90.62	191.85	13.50	88.94		46.30						

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PASTORS AND CLERKS.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS AND POST OFFICES.	CLERKS AND POST OFFICES.	TIME OF MEETING.
Barlow's Chapel,	S. D. Swaim, Wilmington . . .	A. W. King, Sloop Point.	4th Sunday.
Bethel	C. G. Wells, Warsaw	Maury Ward, Joford	1st Sunday.
Beulah	J. J. Douglass, Clinton	C. I. Thomson, Turkey	4th Sunday.
Boykin's Chapel.	J. W. Nobles, Willard	L. M. Boykin, Clinton	3d Sunday.
Berea	L. R. Carroll, Warsaw	Joseph Brooks, Wallace	3d Sunday.
Bowden's	N. A. Shelly, Point Caswell	W. S. Loftin, Bowden's	3d Sunday.
Bear Branch	R. C. Sandlin, Clinton	W. R. Brinson, Currie	2d Sunday.
Bear Marsh	N. A. Shelly, Point Caswell	J. E. Swinson, Mt. Olive	3d Sunday.
Bethlehem	M. C. Walton, Burgaw	W. C. Keith, Keith	2d Sunday.
Burgaw	J. W. Kramer, Wilmington	J. D. Hocut, Ashton	Every Sunday.
Brooklyn	J. J. Douglass, Clinton	W. J. T. Keen, Wilmington	1st and 3d Sunday.
Clinton	R. H. Gilbert, Harrell's Store,	C. S. Boyette, Clinton	1st Sunday.
Concord	A. J. Taylor, Chinquepin	W. D. Wilkins, Natural Wells	3d Sunday.
Corinth	S. D. Swaim, Wilmington	I. J. Johnson, Rose Hill	2d Sunday.
Colvin's Creek	M. C. Walton, Burgaw	D. J. Corbett, Sr., Natmore	4th Sunday.
Caintuck Chapel,	G. V. Tilley, Richlands	W. J. Hollingsworth, Currie	3d Sunday.
Caswell	W. J. Tart, Wilmington	John Marshburn, Catherine Lake,	4th Sunday.
Catherine Lake	W. L. Bilbro, Warsaw	Mrs. Cora Fonville, Castle Haynes,	3d Sunday.
Castle Haynes	J. J. Douglass, Clinton	J. M. Dobson, Kenansville	2d Sunday.
Cedar Grove	G. V. Tilley, Richlands	R. Highsmith, Parkersburg	1st Sunday.
Dobson's Chapel,	W. L. Bilbro, Warsaw	W. M. Barbee, Richlands	4th Sunday.
Ebenezer	L. R. Carroll, Warsaw	Jno. D. Brown, Cavanaugh	2d Sunday.
Emma's Chapel	S. D. Swaim, Wilmington	N. R. Croom, Colly	E. M. Teachey, Rose Hill
Hallsville	W. L. Bilbro, Warsaw	C. R. Corbett, Ivanhoe	1st Sunday.
Haw Bluff	W. L. Bilbro, Warsaw	L. Middleton, Warsaw	1st Sunday.
Island Creek			
Ivanhoe			
Johnson's			

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Jacksonville	J. H. Hildreth, Wilmington	R. T. Burton, Tar Landing	3d Sunday.
Kenansville	W. L. Bilbro, Warsaw	Jno. A. Gavin, Kenansville	2d Sunday.
Kerr's	J. W. Nobles, Willard	J. S. DeVane, Daughton	1st Sunday.
Long Creek	S. D. Swaim, Wilmington	W. B. Lamb, Ingold	1st Sunday.
Lisbon	Benj. Ward, Marines	J. R. Marshburn, Catherine Lake	3d Sunday.
Maple Hill	R. W. Grizzard, Wallace	F. M. Southerland, Kenansville	4th Sunday.
Mary's Chapel	W. S. Ballard, Southport	Add. Hewlett, Wilmington	Twice each first Sunday.
Masonboro	N. B. Cobb, Harrell's Store	F. B. Orr, Currie	1st Sunday.
Moore's Creek	C. F. Hopper, Clinton	B. Matthew, Taylor's Bridge	3d Sunday.
Mt. Gilead	L. R. Carroll, Warsaw	J. F. Oliver, Mt. Olive	4th Sunday.
Mt. Olive	M. C. Walton, Burgaw	Isaiah Carroll, South Washington	2d Sunday.
Mt. Holly	O. P. Meeks, Clinton	G. W. Carroll, Magnolia	4th Sunday.
Magnolia	C. G. Wells, Warsaw	J. T. Kennedy, Clinton	2d Sunday.
New Hope	N. A. Shelly, Point Caswell	J. A. Hine, Rocky Point	1st Sunday.
Olive Branch	R. C. Sandlin, Clinton	S. H. Hare, Keener	2d Sunday.
Olivet	L. R. Carroll, Warsaw	W. D. Stevens, Faison	3d Sunday.
Piney Grove	J. H. Hildreth, Wilmington	J. M. Bishop, Holly Ridge	2d Sunday.
Poplar Grove	G. V. Tilley, Richlands	D. N. Page, Tar Landing	4th Sunday.
Providence	M. C. Walton, Burgaw	J. D. Mahn, Rocky Point	3d Sunday.
Rose Hill	R. H. Gilbert, Harrell's Store,	W. D. Brock, Cavanaugh	2d Sunday.
Riley's Creek	M. C. Walton, Burgaw	N. T. Highsmith, Harrell's Store	3d Sunday.
Sharon	R. C. Sandlin, Clinton	C. C. Woodcock, Moore's Creek	3d Sunday.
Siloam	F. H. Farrington, Wilmington,	A. T. Robinson, Ingold	1st Sunday.
Shiloh	S. D. Swaim, Wilmington	J. F. Littleton, Wilmington	Twice each Sunday.
Spring Vale	R. W. Grizzard, Wallace	D. D. Walker, Sneed's Ferry	3d Sunday.
Southside	O. P. Meeks, Clinton	M. W. Teachey, Teachey's	2d Sunday.
Salem	J. W. Nobles, Willard	M. E. Gavin, Warsaw	Two Sundays in a month.
Teachey's	W. B. Oliver, Wilmington	J. L. Highsmith, Harrell's Store	2d Sunday.
Warsaw	J. W. Nobles, Willard	F. L. Huggins, Wilmington	2d Sunday.
Well's Chapel	W. L. Bilbro, Warsaw	W. F. Bowen, Willard	Twice every Sunday.
Wilmington			4th Sunday.
Willard			

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DENOMINATIONAL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	ADDITIONS.			LOSSES.			MEMBERSHIP.			ORDAINED MINISTERS.	LICENTIATES.
	Baptisms.	Letter.	Restored.	Excluded.	Died.	Letter.	Male.	Female.	Total.		
Barlow's Chapel.....				3			4	55	95		
Bethel.....	13	2	1	1	2	4	56	83	139	W. N. Johnson.	
Beulah.....		3	1	12	1	2	49	68	117	J. L. Britt.	
Boykin's Chapel.....			1	7		3	48	76	124		
Berea.....	13	4	1		2	2	38	42	80		
Bowden's.....											
Bear Marsh.....	14	5			1	1	36	87	123		
Bethlehem.....	6	1	1	10	2	3	71	93	164		
Bear Branch.....	4	1		4			31	20	51		
Burgaw.....		3		6	1	3	35	37	72		J. D. Hocut.
Brooklyn.....	17	20	4	17	2	6	143	187	330		
Clinton.....	21	13	11	5	4	14	92	123	215	J. L. Stewart, O. P. Meeks.	
Concord.....	1				1	2	29	35	64		
Corinth.....	14		1	1	1		72	85	157	A. J. Taylor.	
Colvin's Creek.....											
Caintuck Chapel.....	3	4		1	3		68	81	149		
Caswell.....		3		4	1	8	32	57	89	J. D. Larkins.	
Catherine Lake.....		1				3	5	11	16		
Castle Haynes.....							8	10	18		
Cedar Grove.....											
Dobson's Chapel.....	5			5	1	2	45	53	98		
Ebenezer.....						2	29	22	51		
Emma's Chapel.....				7	3	1	23	36	59		
Hallsville.....	3	1			1	4	37	81	118		D. W. Burton.
Haw Bluff.....	7	7		2	1	4	63	80	140		
Island Creek.....	4	3	2		3	1	83	122	205		

Ivanhoe.....		1				2	18	19	47		
Johnson's.....	1	2		1	1		61	71	132	W. L. Bilbro.	
Jacksonville.....	7	3	1	3		8	26	32	58		
Kenansville.....		3				6	26	45	71		
Kerr's.....											
Long Creek.....	5	4	2	19	1	10	55	66	121		
Lisbon.....	8	1		4			55	52	107		
Maple Hill.....	9						16	21	37		
Mary's Chapel.....	6	2		1	3	2	22	42	64	J. H. Dobson.	
Masonboro.....			2		2	7	44	69	113		
Moore's Creek.....		12			1		21	23	44		R. H. Hewlett.
Mt. Gilead.....	27	2	4	18	5		67	102	179		
Mt. Olive.....	6					2	60	90	150		
Mt. Holly.....	4	7		5	1	4	41	82	123		
Magnolia.....	3	1	2			9	38	107	145		
New Hope.....	20				2	2	83	118	201		
Olive Branch.....											
Olivet.....	2			2		1	22	30	52	N. A. Shelly.	
Piney Grove.....	3	8		3		2	51	86	137		
Poplar Grove.....		1		1		8	45	54	99		
Providence.....	3	2		2			19	38	57		
Rose Hill.....						1	4	10	14		
Riley's Creek.....	14	1	1	2		3					
Sharon.....				1		2	28	46	74		
Siloam.....	1			2	2		64	70	134		
Shiloh.....	14	1				4	80	61	141		
Spring Vale.....	2			3	1	1	41	59	100		
Southside.....	6	18	1	3		5	45	67	112	F. H. Farrington, J. B. Harrell.	
Salem.....		1		2	2	3	36	44	80	Benjamin Ward.	
Teachey's.....	10	3	3	3		4	59	63	122		
Warsaw.....	8	3	1		1	2	76	114	190	L. B. Boney, F. Savage.	
Wells' Chapel.....	3	3	1		5	1	103	132	235	L. R. Carroll, C. G. Wells.	
Wilmington.....	4	20		4	2	13			382	W. B. Oliver, S. D. Swaim.	J. R. Marshall A. T. King.
Willard.....	4	3				6	1	49	50		
	295	173	31	170	60	168	2262	2807	5069		

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	ENROLLMENT.					CONTRIBUTIONS.		
		No. Schools.	No. Teachers and Officers.	No. Pupils.	Average Attendance	No. Months Open.	Other Objects.	Orphanage.	Expenses.
Barlow's Chapel.....	Jas. Andrews, Sloop Point.....	1	8	45	35	12			
Bethel.....	W. L. Moore, Harrell's Store.....	1	5	35					
Beulah.....	J. L. Britt.....	1	3	25		4			
Boykin's Chapel.....	Tate Tew.....	1				12			10.00
Berea.....		1	5	30		4			
Bowden's.....	G. A. Stokes, Bowden's.....	1	3		20	12			3.26
Bear Marsh.....	D. W. Brown, Mt. Olive.....	1	4	30					
Bethlehem.....	W. C. Keith, Keith.....								
Bear Branch.....	J. H. Foyles, Currie.....								
Burgaw.....	J. T. Bland, Burgaw.....	1	5	30		12			6.00
Brooklyn.....	Jno. H. McDougall.....	1	27	235	188	12			196.65
Clinton.....	W. B. Stewart, Clinton.....	1	12	110		12			15.00
Concord.....									
Corinth.....	D. W. Fussell.....								
Colvin's Creek.....						12			
Caintuck Chapel.....	D. J. Corbett, Sr., Natmore.....					12			9.00
Caswell.....	W. D. Malpass, Point Caswell.....	1	6	40		12			5.41
Catherine Lake.....	G. W. Taylor, Catherine Lake.....	1	7	32		12			6.00
Castle Haynes.....									
Cedar Grove.....									
Dobson Chapel.....	W. H. Murray.....	1	4	32		12		2.22	2.94
Ebenezer.....	R. Highsmith, Parkersburg.....	1	4	23					1.20
Emma's Chapel.....	W. M. Barbee, Richlands.....	1	4	75		12			10.00
Hallsville.....	O. W. Scott, Hallsville.....	1	3	30		12			
Haw Bluff.....	W. F. Brown, Magruder.....	1	7	105		12			
Island Creek.....									

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Ivanhoe.....	J. F. Lewis, Ivanhoe.....	1	5	36		12			3.50
Johnson's.....	W. H. Middleton, Warsaw.....	1	7	35		12			25.50
Jacksonville.....	M. B. Humphrey, Jacksonville.....	1	7	45		12			21.91
Kenansville.....	Jno. A. Gavin, Kenansville.....	1	3	28		12			
Kerr's.....									
Long Creek.....	J. P. Herring.....	1	9	50		12			
Lisbon.....	D. L. Herring, Clear Run.....	1	8	50		12		2.81	10.00
Maple Hill.....									
Mary's Chapel.....									
Masonboro.....	Elijah Hewlett, Wilmington.....	1	1	9					15.00
Moore's Creek.....	W. L. Nundlee, Currie.....	4	10	91	55	12			
Mt. Gilead.....	E. L. Croom, Taylor's Bridge.....	2	4	26		12			
Mt. Olive.....									
Mt. Holly.....	A. Carroll.....	1	4	25		9			
Magnolia.....	C. W. Hollingsworth, Magnolia.....	1	7	40		12			
New Hope.....	C. E. Daniel.....	1	4	81					
Olive Branch.....									
Olivet.....	A. S. Lanier, Rocky Point.....	1	5	31		12			1.75
Piney Grove.....	J. C. Howard.....	1	7	36		12			
Poplar Grove.....	J. H. Darden.....	1	6	40		10			2.50
Providence.....									
Rose Hill.....	D. N. Page, Tar Landing.....	1	5	31		12			28.55
Riley's Creek.....	S. W. Bayner.....					12			
Sharon.....									
Siloam.....	H. J. Ward.....	1	3	57	45	12			8.70
Shiloh.....	H. A. Bland.....	2	4	40		12			
Spring Vale.....	A. F. Robinson, Ingold.....	1	5	68		9			2.50
Southside.....	J. S. Canady, Wilmington.....	1	11	80		12			32.61
Salem.....	E. Z. Milton, Sneeds Ferry.....	1	4	25		12			14.33
Teachey's.....	A. F. Bland.....	1	2	15					3.00
Warsaw.....	S. M. Carlton, Warsaw.....	1	9	75				26.41	16.40
Wells Chapel.....	L. R. Highsmith, Harrell's Store.....						37.80	35.50	70.00
Wilmington.....	G. E. Leftwich, Wilmington.....	1	24	225		12		34.00	
Willard.....	R. T. Rivenbark, Willard.....	1	3	45	30	12			
		47	264	2,181			37.80	65.94	527.71

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JACKSONVILLE CHURCH DEBT.

CHURCHES.	APPORTION- MENT.	AMOUNT PAID.	AM'T DUE.
Barlow's Chapel.	10.00	10.00	
Bethel	7.50	7.50	
Beulah	5.00	.....	5.00
Boykin's Chapel.	5.00	.....	5.00
Berea	2.50	.....	2.50
Bowden's.	1.00	1.00	
Bear Marsh	5.00	5.00	
Bethlehem	10.00	.....	10.00
Bear Branch	2.50	.....	2.50
Burgaw	10.00	10.00	
Brooklyn	25.00	13.00	12.00
Clinton	15.00	4.50	10.50
Concord	5.00	2.10	2.90
Corinth	7.50	6.63	.87
Colvin's Creek ..	1.00	.....	1.00
Caintuck Chapel.	10.00	10.00	
Caswell	5.00	5.00	
Catherine Lake ..	1.00	.....	1.00
Castle Haynes	1.00	.....	1.00
Cedar Grove	5.00	5.00	
Dobson's Chapel.	10.00	.....	10.00
Ebenezer	1.00	.....	1.00
Emma's Chapel ..	1.00	.....	1.00
Hallsville	3.00	.....	3.00
Haw Bluff	3.00	3.00	
Island Creek	10.00	5.00	5.00
Ivanhoe	1.00	.....	1.00
Johnson's	15.00	8.50	6.50
Jacksonville	100.00	.....	100.00
Kenansville	10.00	6.80	3.20
Kerr's	1.00	1.00	
Long Creek	2.00	2.00	
Lisbon	15.00	15.00	
Maple Hill	1.00	.....	1.00
Mary's Chapel	2.00	.....	2.00
Masonboro	15.00	.....	15.00
Moore's Creek	1.00	.....	1.00
Mt. Gilead	7.50	.....	7.50
Mt. Olive	15.00	.....	15.00
Mt. Holly	3.00	3.00	
Magnolia	5.00	5.00	
New Hope	10.00	10.00	
Olive Branch	2.00	.....	2.00
Olivet	1.00	.....	1.00
Piney Grove	5.00	5.00	
Poplar Grove	5.00	.....	5.00
Providence	5.00	5.00	
Rose Hill	1.00	.....	1.00
Riley's Creek	10.00	10.00	
Sharon	1.00	.....	1.00
Siloam	10.00	3.50	6.50
Shiloh	10.00	4.49	5.51
Spring Vale	5.00	.....	5.00
Southside	5.00	.....	5.00
Salem	10.00	10.00	
Teachey's	5.00	5.00	
Warsaw	15.00	15.00	
Well's Chapel	15.00	15.00
Wilmington	40.00	40.00
Willard	2.50	2.50	

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