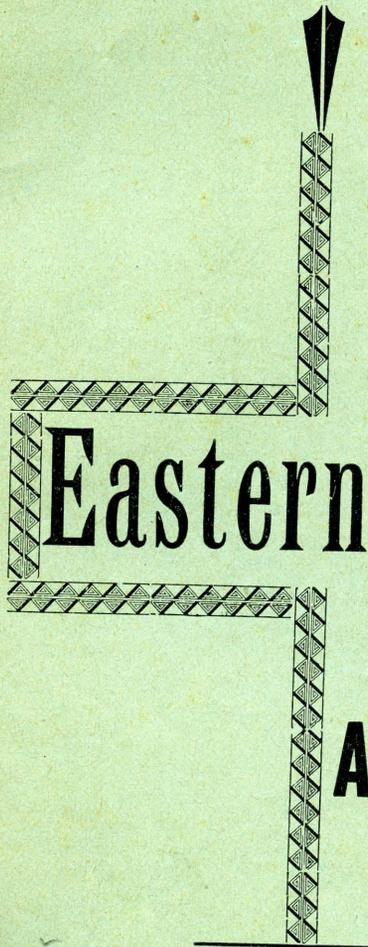


From *J. T. Alderman*
H. L. Stewart



Eastern

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1895.

J. J. Alderman

MINUTES

—OF THE—

Fifty-Second Annual Session,

—OF THE—

EASTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH THE

Church at Corinth,

DUPLIN COUNTY, N. C.,

OCTOBER 8TH, 9TH AND 10TH, 1895.

FOR NEXT SESSION:

PLACE OF MEETING, - Island Creek Duplin County, N. C.
TIME, - - - Tuesday after the First Sunday in October 1896.
INTRODUCTORY SERMON, - - - - Elder C. G. Wells.
ALTERNATE, - - - - - Elder L. R. Carroll.
MISSIONARY SERMON, - - - - Elder J. L. Stewart.
ALTERNATE, - - - - - Elder Will B. Oliver.

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PROCEEDINGS.

The Eastern Baptist Association met in its Fifty-second Annual Session, with Corinth church, in Duplin County, October 8th, 1895.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by A. A. Butler. Text Ex. 14, 15.

Recess for dinner.

Devotional exercises by C. Durham.

The Association was called to order by S. D. Swaim, Moderator.

The Moderator requested delegates to deposit their church letters with the Clerk. S. M. Carlton, D. L. Herring and W. B. Hocut appointed Committee on Finance. Reading Clerks F. A. Fennell and C. G. Wells. Church letters were read and delegates enrolled as follows:

Johnson's—D. C. Middleton, J. A. Powell, Wm. Stokes.

Bethlehem—D. P. Bland, Alonzo Pridgen,

Teachey's—T. H. Carter, A. F. Bland, T. B. Teachey.

Concord—J. W. Taylor, A. Hall, B. F. Kennedy.

Masonboro—M. C. Walton, Henry King.

Emma's Chapel—T. D. Shaw, W. F. Cox, Mattie Hill.

Corinth—J. F. Williams, B. F. Fussell, C. F. Matthews.

Magnolia—G. W. Carroll, H. S. Swinson, J. H. Swinson.

Long Creek—G. A. Herring, J. H. Brinson.

Jacksonville—M. C. Walton, — Kelly.

Bethel—A. McK. Herring, J. L. Register, Maury Ward.

Shiloh—J. P. Stringfield, — Marsburn.

Mt. Holly—J. S. Newton, James McMillan, Isaiah Carroll.

Kenansville—B. C. Barden, W. K. Kornegay, J. K. Bryan.

Piney Grove—W. I. Lane, L. C. Williams, F. J. Darden.

Providence—T. L. King.

Sharon—Z. Blanchard, John Sheffield, — Sheffield.

Spring Vale—O. Blackburn, A. J. Matthis, J. P. Parker, Jr.

Maple Hill K. F. Powers, F. B. Fisher, J. R. Jones.

New Hope M. J. Rivenbark, J. R. Wilson, J. T. Kennedy.

Berea—T. W. Stallings, Henry Jenkins, Joseph Rooks.

Boykin's Chapel L. M. Boykin, Rufus Hobbs, Lal. Rich.

Well's Chapel—L. R. Highsmith, L. K. Taylor, J. R. Newkirk.

Hallsville—D. W. Burton, W. J. Kennedy, J. S. Bostick.

Olivet—D. F. Hines, A. W. McAlister.

Caintuck Chapel D. J. Corbett, T. W. Marshall, Ch. Moore.
 Dobson Chapel S. C. Register, W. B. Hawes, W. H. Murray.
 Warsaw S. M. Carlton, L. R. Carroll, A. F. Gavin.
 Rose Hill - D. N. Pope.
 Riley's Creek—J. W. Keith, Wm. Holly, W. B. Hocut.
 Haw Bluff—L. C. Bunell, N. R. Croom, Frank Peterson.
 Burgaw—T. J. Vann, J. K. Brown, R. E. Peele.
 Lisbon—Francis Herring, D. L. Herring, W. S. Johnson.
 Ebenezer L. J. Rich, J. A. Tatum, O. K. Vann.
 Island Creek C. C. Teachey, C. Harrell, Boney Wells.
 Colvin's Creek—A. D. Harrell, T. H. Woodcock, J. P. Lewis.
 South Side—J. B. Harrell, J. S. Canady, R. B. Moore.
 Barlow Chapel—A. W. King, L. F. Batson, E. J. Hall.
 Clinton—B. S. Peterson, H. B. Giddens, Ed. Pigford.
 Siloam—N. F. Highsmith, Levi Johnson, W. H. Welvin.
 Salem—Murphy Jenkins, A. D. Moore, E. Z. Milton.
 Wilmington—Will B. Oliver, James Calder, Jas. H. Taylor.
 Mt Gilead—A. C. Peterson, L. J. Powell, B. Matthews.
 Willard—G. T. Demsey, E. F. English, T. B. Powers.
 Caswell—W. J. Hollingsworth, R. M. Bloodworth, A. B. Rooks.
 Bear Marsh—R. J. Walker, D. F. Brooks, D. B. Brown.
 Keer's—J. F. Pridgen, R. A. Thratt, F. F. Newton.
 Mary's Chapel—F. M. Southerland.
 Beulah—E. L. Parker.
 Poplar Grove--L. D. Rogers.
 Castle Hayne -
 Catharine Lake--
 Olive Branch--
 Bear Branch--
 Brooklyn--
 Mt. Olive—O. Sumerlin, George Albritton.
 Bowden's--G. A. Stokes, J. A. Komegay, L. S. Koonce.
 Ivanhoe--D. L. Gurganus, Willie Moore, I. F. Harrell.
 Cedar Grove--R. S. Murry, W. H. Mills.

By motion, letters from Jacksonville and Island Creek were laid on the table. Letters from Bowdens, Ivanhoe and Cedar Grove applied for membership. The Moderator announced that a majority of the churches are represented, and that it was now in order to elect the officers for the ensuing year.

Motion by B. S. Peterson, that the rules be suspended and that the Clerk cast the ballot of the Association for S. D. Swaim for Moderator, and that S. D. Swaim cast the ballot of the Association for A. R. Herring for Clerk, and that the Clerk cast the ballot of the Association for W. H. Middleton for Treasurer. S. D. Swaim elected for Moderator, A. R. Herring Clerk, W. H. Middleton Treasurer. Moderator appointed the following committees:

State Missions. C. Durham, D. D., D. C. Middleton, R. W. Harrell.

Foreign Missions. O. P. Meeks, Maury Ward, L. R. Highsmith.

Home Missions M. C. Walton, M. W. Teachey, A. A. Butler.
 Education C. G. Wells, D. S. Ray, L. R. Carroll.

Periodicals. J. C. Caddell, B. S. Peterson, J. B. Boone.

Temperance A. J. Taylor, J. S. Boone, O. Blackburn.

Orphanage J. B. Boone, W. S. Johnson, D. N. Page.

Time and Place G. A. Herring, J. C. Williams, R. B. Moore.

Nominating Committee. N. A. Shelly, M. C. Walton, L. R. Highsmith.

Devotional Pastor and Deacons of this church.

Resolutions Ed. L. Parker, T. L. King, J. H. Taylor.

Ministers' Relief. L. R. Carroll, F. A. Fennell, J. H. Swinson.

Credentials. O. P. Meeks, M. C. Walton, A. J. Taylor.

Nominate Preachers. Maury Ward, B. Matthews, J. T. Kennedy.

Sunday Schools. D. L. Herring, L. C. Boswell, C. F. Hopper.

The letters from Bowdens, Ivanhoe and Cedar Grove were referred to committee on credentials. An invitation was extended to visiting brethren and the following brethren responded: J. C. Caddell, in the interest of the *Recorder*; B. S. Peterson, for *N. C. Baptist*; Dr. C. Durham wanted to distribute Minutes of Baptist State Convention and other literature, and that he was here to help the Association to work for missions. Delegates were appointed to Baptist State Convention: B. S. Peterson, A. A. Butler. Delegates to S. B. Convention: A. J. Taylor, Will B. Oliver. Committee on devotional exercises reports. Prayer meeting at 9 a. m. Time of meeting of Association 9:30 a. m. Special order for State missions, 10 a. m. Report on periodicals to follow. By L. R. Carroll, motion to adjourn. Dismissed by M. C. Walton.

SECOND DAY---MORNING SESSION.

The Association was called to order by Moderator. Minutes of the 1st day read and approved. Roll call deferred until to-morrow morning. Resolution by L. R. Carroll:

Whereas, It is important that the sessions of our Association be businesslike, therefore,

Resolved, *That the churches be requested to send a list of the delegates to the Clerk, at least ONE WEEK before the meeting of the body*, and that the Clerk of the Association prepare and present on the meeting of the Association, a list of the delegates, and that the letters be presented to the Finance committee.

Resolved, That the Moderator be requested to appoint, at this Session, the committees on State, Home and Foreign missions, Education, Sunday schools, Ministers' relief, Order of business, Finance and the Orphanage, to report at the next annual meeting of the Association

On invitation to visiting brethren, Rev J B Boone responded in interest of Baptist Orphanage, D S Ray, from Yadkin Association, J B Brewer, from West Chowan, in interest of Murfreesboro Female Institute.

Reports of committees read and adopted as follows:
State Missions by C. Durham, D. D. Executive committee by L R Carroll, and pending the motion to adopt, remarks were made by C. Durham and L R Carroll Roll of churches called and pledges taken for next year. Time extended M. C. Walton spoke in the interest of Jacksonville church Resolution was offered by C Durham for a committee of three to be appointed to apportion the Jacksonville church debt Committee F A, Fennell, L R Carroll and A R Herring, to report at this session. The Moderator announced the hour for missionary sermon. O P. Meeks preached in the house from Acts 1, 8. M C. Walton preached at the stand. Collection for Foreign missions \$9 81. Recess for one hour.

EVENING SESSION.

Report on periodicals, by J. C Caddell Remarks by J. C. Caddell, B S Petersen and J. B. Boone Foreign missions by O P. Meeks Rev J. T Albritton objected to the words in the report "Baptism of the Holy Ghost," and suggested "Outpouring of the Holy Spirit."—Change accepted. Pledges taken for Foreign missions. Orphanage by J. B. Boone. In remarks by J. B. Boone, he requested that the churches and Sunday schools report to him the amount they would give to the orphans and how given, and that the pastors request their churches to meet on Thanksgiving Day and that contributions be sent to the orphans.

L. R. Carroll said that the Association loves Bro. Mills, but would now sustain Bro. Boone. Further remarks by Dr. Durham, after which, collection was taken amounting to \$18 31, which amount was ordered to be paid to Supt. J. B. Boone. Committee on credentials report—recommend that Bowden's, Ivanhoe and Cedar Grove churches be admitted into this Association. Committee on temperance by O. Blackburn. Report of finance committee by D. L. Herring. Motion that the finance committee pay to the Treasurer the money on hand. Report to nominate Ex. committee. Report of Treasurer. Res-

olution by O. Blackburn to change the constitution so as to change time of meeting, etc. Motion by C. G. Wells to table resolution until to-morrow. Leave of absence granted N. F. Highsmith and M. C. Walton. Committee on devotional exercises report. Prayer meeting to-morrow morning 9 a. m., by C. G. Wells. Adjourned. Dismissed by J. T. Albritton.

THIRD DAY---MORNING SESSION.

Report on time and place, read by G. A Herring. Motion's and amendments relative to change of time of meeting failed to pass. Time remains Tuesday after the 1st Sunday in October. R. W. Harrell asked that he be allowed to canvass the delegates in interest of Willard church. Reports on Home missions by A A Butler, J. T. Albritton and O. P. Meeks. Pledges taken for Home missions. Resolution by O Blackburn that this body return thanks to Rev J. T. Albritton for the information he has just given us in his speech on Home missions, and resolved further that this Association request him, at a suitable time at its next session, to preach a sermon for the benefit of the Association, on "The distinctive principles of Baptists and Baptist liberty." Motion by C. G. Wells that a committee of three be appointed to revise the list of the Board of Trustees of Warsaw High School Committee—L R. Carroll, S M Carlton, O P Meeks. Report of committee to apportion the Jacksonville church debt Report of trustees of Warsaw High School Remarks were made by C G Wells O P Meeks and J C Caddell. Committee to nominate preachers was read and approved Motion by F. A Fennell that the amount of money in hand of Treasurer not appropriated, be paid to Ex committee Report on Education by C. G. Wells Remarks by C G Wells, speaking of the necessity for the University for Girls, says "less than one-third of Baptist girls are in Baptist schools" W B Oliver for University said "What the coming century will be, depends to the Baptists on what we are now The character of any country depends on what the mother is" Also, remarks by L. R. Carroll Moderator appointed the committees of this session for the next session, on the various objects included in the resolution Report on resolution by T L King.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be tendered to the members of Corinth church, and all this community, for the very kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained this session of the Association Submitted

T. L. KING for Com.

Report on Ministers' relief not made, but the churches are requested to take ONE collection a year for this object.

Moderator requested the churches to forward their collections to the treasurer of the several boards.

Motion to adjourn by W. B. Oliver

Song, "God be with you" Dismissed by prayer by W. B. Oliver.

A. R. HERRING, Clerk

S. D. SWAIM, MODERATOR.

The following ministers were present at this session of Association: S. D. Swaim, O. P. Meeks, M. C. Walton, A. J. Taylor, W. B. Oliver, A. A. Butler, C. G. Wells, C. F. Hopper, N. A. Shelly, E. L. Parker, L. R. Carroll, R. W. Harrell.

REPORTS.

STATE MISSIONS

State missions is that department of our work in which all of the 45 Associations in our Convention unite in practical efforts to give the Gospel to every destitute place and neighborhood in the State. This year there are 92 Baptist preachers under appointment of the Board, who preach at about 400 places. Twenty-seven houses of worship have been built, and twenty-three churches have been organized. The Convention, at its last session, determined to secure, if possible, \$15,000 for this work this year. A little over one-third of this amount has been sent to the Treasurer, and it is confidently hoped that the entire amount will be secured by the time the Convention meets in December next.

While all of our work is important and is to be sustained, State missions have ever been the foundation of our denominational prosperity. It is only as we plant and sustain churches that we can hope for enlarged denominational prosperity in years to come.

C. DURHAM for Com

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

For want of support, Bro. M. C. Walton was compelled to retire from the work at Richlands', Catharine Lake and Tar Landing, soon after the last session of the Association, and at the request of the Board, one of your committee has again been visiting the field then left vacant since the first of March last. We have recently secured the services, however, of Rev. G. O. Tilly, who will enter regularly into the work at the beginning of the ensuing Associational year. Bro. Tilly is a graduate of the University of North Carolina, and has recently completed his course at our Theological Seminary. He is a young man of unspotted Christian character, and seems to be in many respects especially qualified for the work. Bro. Walton is still serving the churches at Jacksonville and Providence, Bro. Bilbro at Hallsville, and one of your committee at Chincquepin, all of which are asking for aid from your Ex. Board. Dear brethren, shall they ask in vain?

Respectfully submitted,

L. R. CARROLL.

PERIODICALS.

We believe, that as our people are informed concerning the work of our denomination, just in that proportion will their zeal be heightened and their contributions be enlarged. People are not interested about what they have no information. This being so, it is our duty to urge our people to take and read such literature as shall best fit them for intelligent and efficient work in their churches. To this end we would urge that all who can take the *Biblical Recorder*, which for sixty-one years has been the organ of our denomination. It has not only been the faithful exponent of Baptist principles and Baptist progress, but has led in every enterprise of our denomination. We also recommend the *North Carolina Baptist* and the *Mission Journal*. We note with pleasure the improvement in *Charity and Children*. We would heartily recommend that all of our people take this paper and learn more of the Orphanage and the work it is doing.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Foreign Missions beg leave to report : Whereas we claim to be Missionary Baptists, and to be guided by the Scriptures alone as our rule of faith and practice, and that Jesus' tests of the love of his disciples is their loyalty to His commands, and we are called upon to carry out His great commission under the immediate leadership and power of the Holy Spirit poured out on Pentecost. We acknowledge with shame that we have done so little to honor that Spirit in the great work of spreading the Gospel; therefore, we invoke a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon our hearts, and solemnly pledge greatly to enlarge our sympathies and contributions for the world's evangelization.

O. P. MEEKS,
L. R. HIGHSMITH,
MAURY WARD,
Committee.

HOME MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Home Missions desires to report the following:

This department of our work is under the direction of our Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. This Board has for its territory the States making up the Southern Baptist Convention, the Indian Territory and Cuba. The Board is doing for its territory what our State Board is doing for North Carolina. We regard this as an important work, and we there-

fore recommend : That each church in this Association take at least *one* collection during the year for this work.

M. C. WALTON,
M. W. TEACHEY,
A. A. BUTLER,
Committee.

ORPHANAGE:

The work of the Orphanage is more than ordinarily interesting by reason of the recent change of management. There are now at the Orphanage 112 orphans and about 30 applications. There are in charge of the Orphanage a new Manager, a new Treasurer and an editor of *Charity and Children*. Naturally some brethren regret the change in the management; but the friends of the Orphanage, and especially those who love the orphan work for pure charity sake, ought to bestir themselves now when the interest of some may wane on account of the removal of the former General Manager. Whatever we may think of any man connected with the institution, the institution itself is of more importance than any one man. The work of the Orphanage is going on encouragingly, and is entitled to the support of the brethren.

J. B. BOONE,
D. M. PAGE,
W. S. JOHNSON,
Committee.

WARSAW HIGH SCHOOL.

The Trustees of the Warsaw High School beg to report:

1st. That for two years past they have leased your vacant lot on the south side of College street, for a cash consideration of \$51 00 per year, and have applied the income thus derived to the improvement of the school building and to making additions to the equipment. That lot is now leased for a term of three years at \$30 00 per year. The school building is partially equipped with Andrew's patent desks and recitation benches, with globes, maps, charts, wall-blackboards, and with stoves.

2nd. That they have leased the lot on the north side of College street, including the building fixtures and equipment to C. G. Wells for a term of five years beginning Aug. 28, 1895, the lessee agreeing to conduct a school eight months in each year and to keep the building insured for the benefit of the Board of Trustees.

3rd. That instruction is now offered in English, Mathematics, and in Ancient Languages, in Telegraphy, Shorthand, Type-

writing, Music and Art, as cheaply as can be had at any institution in the State.

4th. That the number of students in attendance at the opening of the current term, exceeds the number in attendance at the corresponding time last year by sixty per cent. The total enrollment at present is fifty-two.

5th. That we call upon all to rally to the support of the school, believing as we do, that it can be made a feeder to our colleges and an honor to our Association.

Respectfully submitted,

O. P. MIDDLETON,
C. B. Trustees.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

Your Committee to nominate preachers for next session beg leave to report:

Introductory Sermon, Elder C. G. Wells; Alternate Elector, L. R. Carroll; Missionary Sermon, Elder J. L. Stewart; Alternate, W. B. Oliver.

Respectfully submitted,

MAURY WARD,
J. T. KENNEDY,
B. MATTHEWS,
Committee.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Believing that the inheritance of God's kingdom lies imbedded in the minds of the young men and women of our country, and believing that the future glory and independence of the religion of Christ will be guided by the efforts of the children who now sit at the altar of learning; therefore, we urge every parent in this Association to fill his household with pure literature and descriptive Bible scenes, so that the character of the prattling youth may be lifted to a higher, nobler life in Christ. We urge fathers and mothers and school committeemen in all our districts, to use the very greatest care in the selection of the teachers who shall instruct the young, always having selected those to teach whose lives have been sweetened by the influences of the Holy Spirit, thus purifying society, uplifting the fallen, and sweeping the great tide of human beings on toward the final goal of triumphant righteousness in Christ Jesus. We urge also every pastor in this Association to plead with the two-thirds of our membership who are failing to perform thier duty in this work. We recommend to all the Sunday schools the use of our

Southern Baptist literature, because we believe it to be the best and purest.

D. L. HERRING,
L. C. BOSWELL,
Committee.

EDUCATION.

Our educational institutions are not surpassed by any private schools in the State. The attendance of students at Wake Forest College is greater this year than at any previous time in its history. The work of raising the endowment of \$25,000 for the Royal Memorial Chair is going forward hopefully, and with promise of success. We earnestly commend this work as worthy of our best efforts.

The Board of Education is looking after the education of about forty young ministers, and deserves the hearty co-operation of all our churches. Work upon the building of the Baptist Female University, at Raleigh, is going forward. We believe the time is at hand when we should give the Board of Trustees our substantial help. Our churches need this school. The female schools at Murfreesboro and at Oxford report prosperous work and good patronage. We commend these schools as entirely worthy of the confidence and patronage of our people.

Our school at Warsaw has been re-organized and new courses of study added. With enlarged patronizing there is an era of prosperity before it.

C. G. WELLS,
D. S. RAY,
for Committee.

TEMPERANCE.

It would be a pleasure, it seems at first thought, for a committee to know that they are chosen to perform this work to be submitted to any body, historical or otherwise, and especially to any religious body as this, that it might be distributed over the land for the people to read, or supposed to be read at least by the members of the respective churches composing such bodies. But when they begin to seriously consider this all-important subject—for it is all important insomuch that the future happiness, the intelligence, the prosperity, as individuals, churches, countries and nations, and in fact the high calling for which man was created, depends on the manner in which this great factor (namely, Temperance as we look at it) is to be handled by the people, their minds run in a different channel. They are at a loss to find words and thoughts to put in such a

report. They generally use the most pleasant words they can consistently, as they think, to be presented in these reports. But it is sad to reflect upon when we take the statistics of the world, even our own beloved land, and begin to look over them and find the awful condition of things along the line of Temperance. To know that there are millions of bright little boys and girls, and mothers and wives, who are now suffering, and those who are to suffer on account of the effects of strong drink. How much are the professed Christians of this land to blame for this state of affairs? Whenever you hear the subject of the Liquor traffic under discussion, you can often hear this statement, "If the members of the church wont patronize bar-rooms they will have to close." We urge the laity, because it is their duty, to try to verify this statement as just quoted, and request the ministers to try to teach this more to their charges. Brethren, consecration of power is what we need along this line. It has been truly said that there was power enough in the last legislature of North Carolina, when assembled at Raleigh, to pass a wholesome liquor law for her. But it was not brought to bear. We commend Bro. J. A. Oates, Jr., of the *N. C. Baptist*, for the fight he is and has been making against this great evil, and bid him, and all others who are doing likewise, God speed in this work for the abolition of the Liquor Traffic. This committee feels sure of the fact, that if the influence of the combined efforts of the Christian denominations of North Carolina were put to work, that when her next legislature shall have adjourned that there will be a wholesome law on her statute book concerning the sale of this great "man destroyer."

Respectfully submitted,

O. BLACKBURN, for Com.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRUSTEES OF WARSAW HIGH SCHOOL.

Your Committee, appointed to revise the list of Trustees of Warsaw High School, report the following list:

O. P. Middleton, Esq., Chairman; Elder J. L. Stewart, Isaac Brown, Esq., S. M. Carlton, Esq., C. E. Daniel, Esq., Elder W. B. Oliver, Elder O. P. Meeks, W. C. Carlton, Esq., S. A. Strickland, Esq.

O. P. MEEKS,
S. M. CARLTON,
Committee.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Total amount sent with letters,	-	-	-	\$422 86
By amount for State Missions,	-	-	\$129 34	
“ “ Home Mission,	-	-	49 29	
“ “ Foreign Missions, (Board)	-	-	64 27	
“ “ Education,	-	-	26 08	
“ “ Gospel Missions,	-	-	20 14	
“ “ Ministers' Relief,	-	-	18 29	
“ “ Orphanage,	-	-	63 48	
“ “ Minute Fund,	-	-	40 57	
“ “ Colportage,	-	-	5 00	
“ “ Unappropriated,	-	-	6 40	
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D. L. HERRING,
S. M. CARLTON,
W. B. HOCUT.

Committee recommend to the churches a uniformity of church letters.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

W. H. Middleton in account with Eastern Association for 1894.:

To amount received from all sources;	-	-	-	\$337 72
“ “ money on hand,	-	-	-	4 58
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Disbursed as follows :				
Minute fund and Clerk fees,	-	-	-	30 52
Ministerial Education,	-	-	-	21 22
State Mission,	-	-	-	113 52
Home Missions,	-	-	-	44 67
Foreign Missions,	-	-	-	60 04
Gospel Plan,	-	-	-	16 56
Baptist Orphanage,	-	-	-	32 82
Ministers' Relief,	-	-	-	22 40
Express and Registration,	-	-	-	55
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W. H. MIDDLETON,
Treasurer.

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 tattling, backbiting and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage, and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our 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 Savior 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.

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 inadvertance the letter fails to be presented, her delegates may be received without its presentation.

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

ART. 6. It shall be the 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 the Executive Committee, in order that said committee shall be prepared to make full report of their work to this body.

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

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

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

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

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

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 absence a chairman *pro tem.* shall be elected.

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

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

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

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

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

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

8. No motion shall be withdrawn after discussion.

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

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

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

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

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

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

CHURCHES.	Pastors and Post Offices.	Clerks and Post Offices.	Superintend an t
Barlow's Chapel.....	S. D. Swaim, Wilmington..	A. W. King, Sloop Point...	James Andrews
Bethel.....	C. F. Hopper, Clinton.....	Manrv Ward, Jeford.....	.....
Beulab,.....	E. L. Parker, Lisbon.....	C. I. Thompson, Turkey.....	J. I. Britt, Tur
Boykin's Chapel.....	C. F. Hopper, Clinton.....	L. M. Boykin, Clinton.....	E. Williamson
Berea.....	N. A. Shelly, Burgaw.....	Joseph Brooks, Wallace....	J. C. Brevant, V
Bowden's.....	A. A. Butler, Mt. Olive....	W. S. Lofton.....	.....
Bear Marsh,.....	C. G. Wells, Warsaw.....	I. E. Swinson, Mt. Olive....	W. J. Walker
Bethlehem,.....	F. T. Wooten, Pt. Caswell..	W. C. Keith, Keith.....	W. C. Keith, B
Bear Branch.....	.....	.....	.....
Burgaw,.....	M. C. Walton, Wilmington..	J. D. Hocut, Ashton.....	J. T. Bland, B
Brooklyn.....	.....	.....	.....
Clinton,.....	O. P. Meeks, Clinton.....	H. J. Hines, Clinton.....	W. B. Stewart,
Concord,.....	A. A. Butler, Mt. Olive.....	W. A. Moore, Natural Wells	W. D. William
Corinth,.....	A. J. Taylor, Mt. Olive.....	I. J. Johnson, Rose Hill....	.....
Corvin's Creek,.....	C. D. Peterson, Dalila.....	B. C. Henry, Atkinson.....	W G Harrell, A
Caintuck Chapel,.....	S. D. Swaim, Wilmington..	D. J. Corbett, Natmore....	D J Corbet, N
Caswell,.....	F. T. Wooten, Pt. Caswell..	W. J. Hollingsworth, Carrie.	W D Malpass,
Catherine Lake,.....	.....	.....	.....
Castle Hayne,.....	.....	.....	.....
Cedar Grove,.....	.....	.....	.....
Dobson's Chapel,.....	W. L. Bilbro, Warsaw.....	J. M. Dobson, Kenansville..	W B Haws, X
Ebenezer,.....	R. C. Sandling, Clinton.....	R. Highsmith, Parkersburg..	R Highsmith, I
Emma's Chapel,.....	L. R. Carroll, Warsaw.....	W. M. Barbee, Richlands....	T A Marshbur
Hallsville,.....	W. L. Bilbro, Warsaw.....	J. D. Brown, Cavanaugh....	W J Sandling,
Haw Bluff,.....	W. A. Melvin, Harrell's Store.	N. R. Croom, Colly.....	W T Brown, M
Island Creek,.....	A. J. Taylor, Mt. Olive.....	J. M. Wallace, Cavanaugh..	E Heldt, Rose
Ivanhoe,.....	W. A. Melvin, Harrell's Store	D. L. Gurganus, Ivanhoe....	D L Gurganus,
Johnson's,.....	W. L. Bilbro, Warsaw.....	L. Middleton, Warsaw.....	W H Middleto
Jacksonville,.....	M. C. Walton, Wilmington..	I. E. Ketchum, Jacksonville.	M B Humphre
Kenansville,.....	W. L. Bilbro, Warsaw.....	J. A. Gavin, Kenansville....	A D Ward, K
Kerr's,.....	S. D. Swaim, Wilmington..	R. H. DeVane.....	.....
Long Creek,.....	R. W. Harrell, Burgaw.....	H. F. Briason, Daughton...	J P Herring, D
Lisbon,.....	S. D. Swaim, Wilmington..	W. B. Lamb, Ingold.....	D L Herring, C
Maple Hill,.....	N. A. Shelly, Burgaw.....	J. B. Marshburn, Maple Hill	.....
Mary's Chapel,.....	C. G. Wells, Warsaw.....	F. M. Southerland, Kenans'te	J B Houston, F
Masonboro,.....	M. C. Walton, Wilmington..	A. J. Hewlett, Wilmington..	Elijah Hewlett
Moore's Creek,.....	W. A. Melvin, Harrell's Store	E. R. Woodcock, Odessa....	.....
Mt. Gilead,.....	C. F. Hopper, Clinton.....	B. Matthews, Taylor's Bridge	H E Peterson,
Mt. Olive,.....	.....	J. F. Oliver, Mt. Olive....	.....
Mt. Holly,.....	R. W. Harrell, Burgaw.....	I. Carroll, So. Washington..	A Carroll, So
Magnolia,.....	O. P. Meeks, Clinton.....	G. W. Carroll, Magnolia....	C W Hollingsw
New Hope,.....	C. G. Wells, Warsaw.....	J. T. Kennedy, Six Runs....	C E Daniel, T
Olive Branch,.....	.....	.....	.....
Olivet,.....	N. A. Shelly, Burgaw.....	A. B. Cowan, Rocky Point..	A S Lanier, R
Piney Grove,.....	A. J. Taylor, Mt. Olive.....	G. W. Highsmith, Clinton...	W I Lane, Fai
Poplar Grove,.....	A. A. Butler, Mt. Olive.....	W. D. Stevens, Faisons.....	W D Stevens,
Providence,.....	M. C. Walton, Wilmington..	H. E. King, Peanut.....	J W Spicer, P
Rose Hill,.....	L. R. Carroll, Warsaw.....	D. N. Page, Tar Landing....	.....
Riley's Creek,.....	R. W. Harrell, Burgaw1....	J. D. Mahn, Rocky Point....	A J Harrelson,
Sharon,.....	.....	W. D. Brock, Cavanaugh....	.....
Siloam,.....	J. H. Hildreth, Wilmington.	N. F. Highsmith Harrels Store	w A Melvin, J
Shiloh,.....	F. T. Wooten, Pt. Caswell..	C. C. Woodcock, Moore Creek	H A Bland, M
Springvale,.....	R. C. Sandling, Clinton.....	A. F. Robinson, Ingold....	A F Robinson,
South Side,.....	J. B. Harrell, Wilmington..	J. F. Littleton, Wilmington..	J S Canady, V
Salem,.....	S. D. Swaim, Wilmington..	M. M. Capps, Sneeds Ferry..	E Z Milton, S
Teachey's.....	A. A. Butler, Mt. Olive.....	M. W. Teachy, Teachy's....	.....
Warsaw,.....	O. P. Meeks, Clinton.....	P. S. Carlton, Warsaw.....	S M Carlton,
Well's Chapel,.....	F. T. Wooten, Pt. Caswell..	L. D. Highsmith, Bland....	L R Highsmi
Wilmington,.....	W. B. Oliver, Wilmington..	G. E. Leftwich, Wilmington	James Calder,
Willard,.....	R. W. Harrell, Burgaw.....	W. F. Bowen, Willard.....	O car Powers,

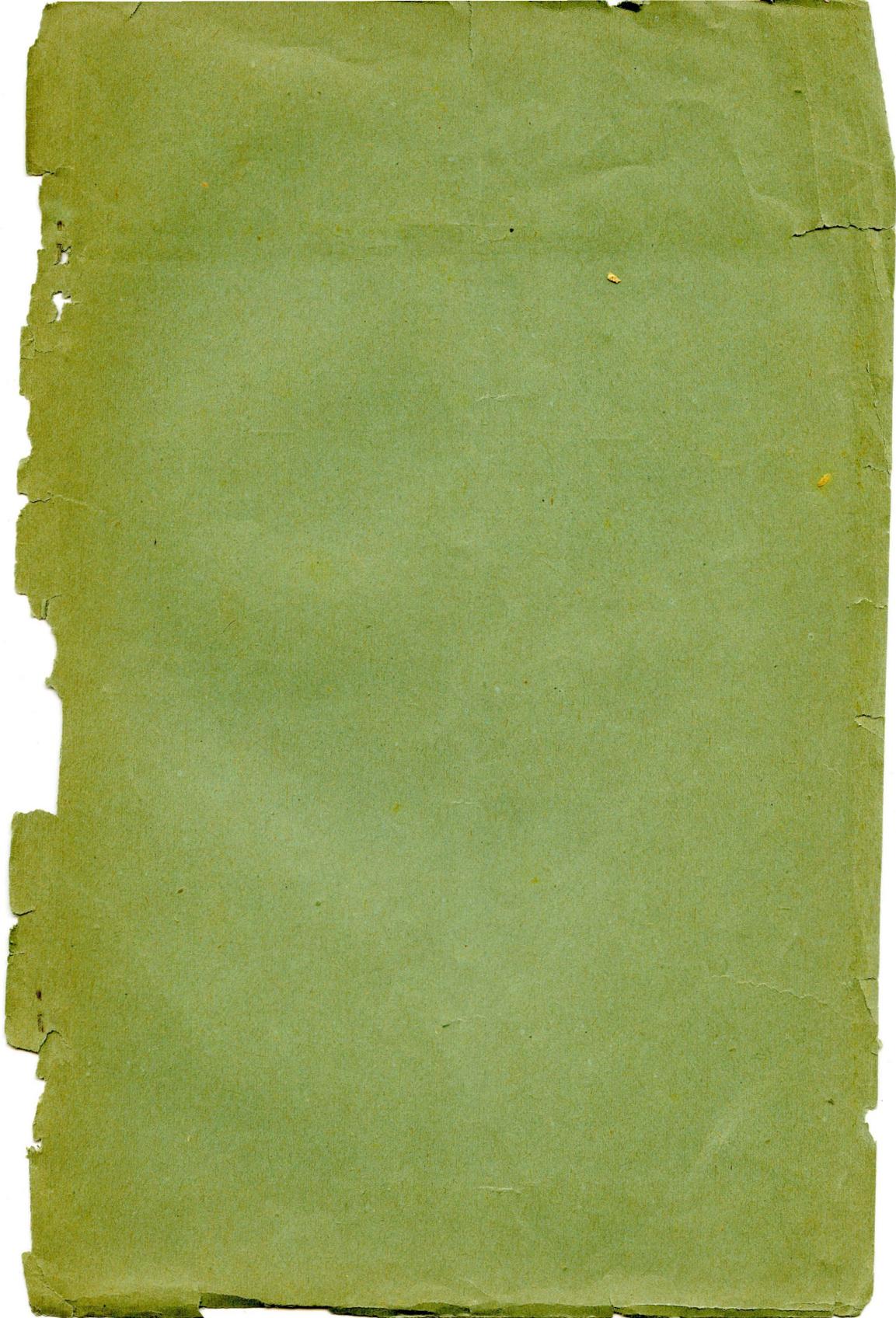
	No. of Schools	No. Officers and Teachers	No. of Scholars	Average Attendance	No. Volumes in Library	No. Papers taken	No. Months open	No. Baptist Teachers	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Total	Apportionment of the Jacksonville Church Debt
s. Sloop Point.	1	7	45			52			10 00	2 00	10 00	22 00	10 00
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Clinton.....	1	5	65	50		15	12		5 00			5 00	5 00
Wallace.....	1	6	90			200			2 00			2 00	2 50
Mt Olive.....	1	7	54						5 00	5 00	1 25	11 25	5 00
Keith.....	1	8	60		100	30			5 00			5 00	10 00
urgaw.....	1	6	40			40			3 00			3 00	2 50
Clinton.....	1	12	125	70		180	12	4	7 50	1 00		8 50	10 00
s, Nat'l Wells	1	5	20			36			20 00			20 00	25 00
Atkinson.....	1	4	30	20	50		12		10 00		10 00	25 00	15 00
atmore.....	1	10	91	47	150	8	12		5 00	2 00	1 00	8 00	5 00
Pt Caswell...	1	6	38			36			5 00	5 00	3 00	13 00	7 50
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Parkersburg..	1	6	30	18			9		10 00		5 00	15 00	10 00
n, Richlands.	1	6	73	41		1	12		1 00	1 00	1 00	3 00	1 00
Hallsville....	1	8	57			150			2 00		2 00	4 00	1 00
agruder.....	1	5	62	34	60		12		1 00		2 00	3 00	3 00
Hill.....	1	7	68			45			2 00	1 00	2 00	5 00	3 00
Ivanhoe.....	1	3		32		2	12		10 00	5 00	5 00	20 00	10 00
n, Warsaw....	1	8	48		67	77			2 00	2 00		2 00	1 00
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Clinton.....	1	6	40						10 00			10 00	7 50
	1	6	50		40	80			10 00		5 00	15 00	15 00
Washington..	1	5	35			12			5 00	2 00	2 00	9 00	3 00
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Rocky Pt. ...	1	5	25			25			10 00	2 00		12 00	10 00
									1 00			1 00	1 00
Harrell Store	1	5	55			55			5 00	3 00	5 00	13 00	10 00
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									3 00	3 00	2 00	8 00	5 00
Warsaw.....	1	8	70			80			10 00	10 00	10 00	30 00	15 00
t, Bland.....	1	6							10 00			10 00	15 00
Wilmington..	1	32	225		425	500			200 00	5 00	200 00	405 00	40 00
Willard.....	1	4	55	30			12		5 00			5 00	2 50

STATISTIC

CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	Baptized,	Received by letter,	Restored,	Dismissed by letter,	Excluded,	Died,	White males,	White females,	Total membership,	Time of meeting...
Barlow's Chapel	15	1			1	1	46	55	101	4th Sun.
Bethel	2	1		1	1		52	87	139	4th Sun. and Sat.
Beulah,	12	12	1		4	1	63	72	135	1st Sun.
Boyken's Chapel	1	1	2	4	1	6	47	79	126	1st Sun. and Sat.
Berea	2		2	4		2	18	40	58	3d Sun. and Sat.
Bowden's.	3	2							43	3d Sun.
Bear Marsh,			1		2	2	38	78	116	3d Sun. and Sat.
Bethlehem	16	3	2			1	87	94	181	1st Sun. and Sat.
Bear Branch,										
Burgaw.	11			2		1	41	45	86	4th Sun.
Brooklyn.										
Clinton,		1		6		3	93	113	206	1st and 3d Sun.
Concord,	3		1	2	1	1	34	39	73	1st Sun. and Sat.
Corinth,	11	1	2	1		2	60	81	141	3d Sun.
Colvin's Creek,	5				1		20	24	44	1st Sun.
Caintuck Chapel,		3	1	1	1	1	70	80	150	2d Sun.
Caswell,		3		2	2		34	52	86	4th Sun.
Catherine Lake,										
Castle Hayne,										
Cedar Grove,										
Dobson's Chapel,		2			1	2	50	58	108	3d Sun.
Ebenezer.		3	1	3		1	30	29	59	3d Sun.
Emma's Chapel,	2		4		1	1	26	40	66	1st Sun.
Hallsville.	5	1	2	2		4	42	85	127	4th Sun. and Sat.
Haw Bluff,	6	2	3	1		3	63	77	140	3d Sun.
Island Creek,	31	1	2	2		5	81	126	207	1st Sun. and Sat.
Ivanhoe,				2					11	4th Sun.
Johnson's.				1		1	59	75	134	1st Sun. and Sat.
Jacksonville,	26	6			4		31	35	66	3d Sun. a. m., p. m.
Kenansville,	6					1				2d Sun.
Kerr's,		1				2	12	16	28	1st Sun.
Long Creek,	3	2	1	3			46	81	127	1st Sun.
Lisbon.	2	2		3			49	54	103	1st Sun. and Sat.
Maple Hill,	9			2			14	13	27	2d Sun. and Sat.
Mary's Chapel,	1				1		25	41	66	
Masonboro.	7		1	6	1	2	60	94	154	1st Sun.
Moore's Creek,		2		6		2	21	28	49	
Mt. Gilead,		1		2	1	4	75	118	193	3d Sun.
Mt. Olive,						3	33	72	105	4th Sun.
Mt. Holly,			1	4	6	3	49	81	130	2d Sun. and Sat.
Magnolia,			1	3	3	3	48	90	138	4th Sun. and Sat.
New Hope,	9	3				2	75	118	193	2d Sun. and Sat.
Olive Branch,										
Olivet.	3	5	1		1	1	18	25	43	4th Sun. and Sat.
Piney Grove,	8	1	2	3		2	57	89	146	2d Sun. and Sat.
Poplar Grove,	3	6		1			41	57	98	3d Sun. and Sat.
Providence,	3	5		1	1		18	29	47	2d Sun.
Rose Hill,				1			4	12	16	No regular time.
Riley's Creek,				2	3	1	86	106	192	3d Sun. and Sat.
Sharon,						1			68	2d Sun. and Sat.
Siloam,	22	10	2	6	1	1	66	74	140	3d Sun. and Sat.
Shiloh,	13		1	7	4	1	91	130	221	3d Sun. and Sat.
Springdale,	14	2		1	3	1	45	66	111	2d Sun. and Sat.
South Side,	5	33		2		2	26	44	70	Twice each Sun.
Salem,				3	7	3	39	47	86	3d Sun.
Teachey's	7	6	2		8	2	61	60	121	2d Sun.
Warsaw,				3	2	3	70	117	187	2d Sun.
Well's Chapel.	15	1	2	5	5	1	113	136	249	2d Sun. and Sun.
Wilmington,	28	24	2	17	3	9	167	332	499	Twice each Sun.
Willard,		1		4	2	1	44	46	90	4th Sun.

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