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OFFICERS.

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W. J. MONTFORD, Ward's Mill, N. C	Moderator.
J. N. TOLAR, Beaufort, N. C	Clerk.
M. S. WEBB, Morehead City, N. C	Treasurer.
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EXECUTIVE BOARD.

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STANDING COMMITTEES.

- 1. Foreign Missions-A. H. Harnly, M. L. Davis, R. L. Paul.
- 2. Home Missions-A. W. Setzer, J. B. Holland, T. D. Webb.
- State and Associational Missions-H. C. Moore, M. E. Whitehurst, Sam Whitehurst.
- 4. Temperance-J. B. Olive, G. W. Ward, Gaston Smith.
- 5. Education-S. M. Brinson, Fred Mitchell, Richard Felton.
- 6. Orphanage-C. B. Paul, M. D. Heady, M. S. Webb.
- 7. Aged Ministers' Relief-J. N. Tolar, D. F. Aman, James Whitehurst.
- 8. Sunday Schools-C. C. Clark, Jr., L. L. Leary, A. S. Willis.
- 9. Periodicals-E. B. Simpson, J. C. Whitty, I. B. Willis.
- 10. Unrepresented Churches-Executive Board.

REGISTER OF PASTORS.

ADEN, JOSEPHBayboro,	N.	C.
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TOLAR, J. NBeaufort,		

CONSTITUTION.

REPRESENTATION.

Atlantic-Represented by C. B. Paul. Bayboro-Joseph Aden. Bay Creek-By letter alone. Bear Creek-C. B. Paul. Beaufort-M. Leslie Davis, George Harrell. Capernaum-By letter alone. *Christian Hope—Isaac Ramsey, R. W. Green, W. K. Ramsey. Cool Spring-By letter alone Davis Shore-O. F. Davis, R. L. Paul. Enon Chapel-Luke Littleton, Seth Waters, Gaston Smith, Cane Smith, W. J. Montford. Marshallberg-Mrs. Jane L. Harker, M. T. Lewis. Maysville-Not represented. Moore's Chapel-W. S. Eaton, Kilby Oglesby. Morehead City-I. B. Willis, Jas. Willis, T. C. Willis, L. L. Leary, M. S. Webb, T. J. Webb, U. S. G. Bell, Mrs. W. T. Jones, Mrs. Julia W. Bell. New Bern, First Church-M. B. Smith, C. C. Clark, Jr., S. M. Brinson, J. S. Wallace, Robert Vinson, J. C. Johnson. New Bern, Tabernacle-Emmet Whitehurst, M. E. Whitehurst, T. J. Mitchell, W. H. Morning. Oregon-Not represented. Oriental-Represented by letter alone. Piney Grove-R. J. Jones. *Smyrna-Isaiah Davis, William Wade. Swansboro-Major Russell, J. B. Olive, G. W. Ward. Truitt-By letter alone. Vandemere-Richard Lincoln. Woodvile-E. B. Simpson. *Not sure that these delegates were present.

1. This Association shall be known as the "Atlantic Baptist Association."

2. It shall be composed of the pastors and of the delegates elected by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates, unless the membership shall exceed fifty, and then there shall be an additional delegate for every twenty-five members. Every church having a Ladies' Missionary Society shall be entitled to one additional female delegate to represent it on the Woman's Central Committee.

3. Its object shall be the promotion of the Redeemer's Kingdom by securing the co-operation of its churches for their edification and for the spread of the gospel according to our faith and order.

4. The "New Hampshire Declaration of Faith" shall be the summary of Divine Truth for determining questions of faith or order in this body; and churches desiring to be received must signify their acquaintance with it, in substance, together with the covenant herewith submitted, and this Constitution.

5. This Association shall not annul the discipline of a church, or exercise authority over it. But it may advise, and it may sever from its connection any church that neglects to preserve gospel order, or that treats with contempt the objects or advice of the Association.

6. Each church shall send to the Association, at its annual session, a statement of (1) its locality; (2) the name of its pastor, clerk, clerk's post office, delegates and ministers other than the pastor; (3) Sunday or Sundays of regular service; (4) the church statistics; (5) Sunday School statistics; (6) contributions to (a) Associational Missions, (b) State Missions, (c) Home Missions, (d) Foreign Missions, (e) Education, (f) Colportage, (g) Sunday School Missions, (h) Orphanage, (i) Ministerial Relief, (j) Houses of Worship, (k) Minute Fund, (l) other objects.

7. Whenever a cnurch shall not represent itself at an annual session of the Association, either by delegate or letter, or whenever a church shall not report something contributed for missions inquiry shall be made for the cause; effort shall be made to revive the church and induce it to do its duty, and this effort shall be continued till the church be recovered or dropped from the Association.

8. The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk, a Historian, and a Treasurer, elected annually by ballot from among its members, to serve until their successors shall have been elected, and to perform the duties usual to such officers, the Moderator, in presiding, the Clerk in recording and preserving minutes and other papers belonging to the body, and the Treasurer in receiving and disbursing according to its will all funds belonging to or entrusted to the body, the Historian in keeping a record of the work and progress of the Association, and report at each annual session.

9. The Association shall appoint annually an Executive Board of five, to whom shall be entrusted the prosecution of the Associational Missions, and any other work which this body may refer to them, and who shall, as far as practicable, co-operate with the State Mission Board in supplying the destitution in our territory, and between the meetings of the Association take such action as may seem to them advisable for the advancement of its objects. The Board shall present to the Association at its annual meeting a report of all its proceedings with the Treasurer's report of all receipts and dis-

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bursements, and with the names of its missionaries, time of service and details of their work.

10. The annual session of the Association shall begin on Wednesday morning after second Sunday in September, at such place as may be chosen, and an Introductory Sermon shall be delivered on the first day of the session. Representatives from a majority of the churches shall constitute a quorum.

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

BY-LAWS.

1. The daily sessions of the Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. Delegates shall be recognized by letters from their churches designating them as such.

3. The Moderator shall recognize corresponding messengers or the delegates of newly received churches by extending to them his right hand.

4. The Clerk shall provide blank letters for the use of the churches of the Association previous to the meeting of the Association, superintend the publication and distribution of the minutes, preserve a file of them and have it present at each annual session, read the proceedings of the preceding session at the beginning of each morning session, and the last day's proceedings at the close of the annual session.

5. Members desiring to speak shall first rise and address the Moderator; shall use the term 'brother," in speaking to each other; shall not speak on the same subject more than twice without permission, and shall observe the courtesy that becomes Christians.

6. Members shall not absent themselves from the session without permission.

7. The roll of members shall be called at least once, and absentees marked.

8. Corresponding messengers and visiting brethren shall be invited to seats, with privilege of speaking but not of voting.

9. A copy of the Minutes shall be sent to the Secretary of the State Mission Board, also one copy to the Secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention, and one to the American Baptist Publication Society, 1420 Chestnut street, Philadelphia, and one to the Field Secretary for Sunday Schools in North Carolina.

10. All questions of order not herein provided shall be decided by "Kerfoot's Parliamentary Law."

11. The report of the Executive Board and the missionary work of the Association, shall take precedence of all other business during the morning session of the second day of the annual session.

12. The general order of business shall be:

(1) Reading church letters and enrollment of delegates.

(2) Election of officers.

(3) Petitionary letters.

(4) Appointment of committees for this session.

(5) Appointment of standing committees.

(6) Report of committees on churches delinquent at the previous session.

(7) Reports of standing committees.

(8) Reports of other committees.

(9) Miscellaneous business.

Morehead City, N. C., October 18, 1900. The Atlantic Baptist Association met in its seventeenth annual

session with the Morehead City Baptist Church at 7 p. m. Introductory sermon preached by A. H. Harnly, New Bern, N. C., from John 12:21: "Sir, we would see Jesus."

In absence of a Moderator A. H. Harnly, Chairman Ex. Com., called Association to order.

The following officers were elected: Moderator, W. J. Montford; Clerk, J. N. Tolar; Treasurer, M. S. Webb; Historian, S. M. Brinson.

Appropriate remarks of welcome by pastor Setzer. Response by O. L. Stringfield.

Moderator recognized visiting brethren N. B. Broughton, of the Recorder; O. L. Stringfield, representing Baptist Female University; J. H. Rich, representing N. C. Baptist, and welcomed them to seats in the body.

Moderator appointed following committees: Religious Exercises —Pastor and deacons of Morehead City Baptist Church. Order of Business—H. C. Moore and Pastor and deacons Baptist Church.

Committee on Order of Business made following report for tomorrow: 9 a. m., Devotional Exercises—Joseph Aden; 9:30, Reports of Ex. Com. and State Missions; 11, Report on Periodicals; 12, Adjournment.

Association then adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9 a.m. Benediction by C. B. Paul.

SECOND DAY-Morning Session.

Morehead City, N. C., October 19, 1900. Devotional exercises (were) conducted by Joseph Aden. Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Moderator appointed following committees:

Finance-S. M. Brinson, T. J. Mitchell and L. L. Leary.

Obituaries—H. C. Moore, M. E. Whitehurst, Emmet Whitehurst. To Nominate Delegates to State and Southern Baptist Conventions—J. B. Olive, M. L. Davis.

Constitutional Amendment-A. W. Setzer, A. H. Harnly, C. C. Clark, Jr.

To Nominate Ex. Committee-C. B. Paul, L. L. Leary, W. H. Morning.

Place and Preacher—T. J. Mitchell, I. B. Willis, Joseph Aden. The Moderator corrected list of standing committees as follows: Foreign Missions—A. W. Setzer, W. H. Dodd, E. B. Simpson. Home Missions—R. D. Carroll, R. L. Paul, H. C. Lockhart. State Missions—A. H. Harnly, J. B. Holland, I. B. Willis. Temperance—Joseph Aden, D. F. Aman, Geo. A. Odum. Education—C. B. Paul, L. L. Leary, S. W. Hancock. Orphanage—H. C. Moore, W. S. Riggs, D. F. Holton. Ministerial Relief—E. B. Simpson, M. E. Eubanks, R. L. Paul.

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Sunday Schools—C. C. Clark, Jr., M. L. Davis, Richard Felton, Periodicals—S. M. Brinson, U. C. Holton, W. L. Ramsey, Unrepresented Churches—J. B. Olive, J. C. Whitty, J. B. Holland.

A. N. Harnly presented report of Executive Committee as follows:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The office of the Executive Committee, as at present constituted, is largely a perfunctory one, and therefore the committee, so far as its own work is concerned, has very little to report. During the year three missionaries under appointment of the State Board have labored within the bounds of the Association: Bro. Joseph Aden (has occupied) on the Pamlico field; Bro. R. D. Carroll, the Carteret field, and Bro. C. B. Paul, the Onslow field. Faithful and effective work has been done on all these fields. Special meetings have been held in many of the churches and substantial progress has been made during the year. For a detailed account of their work the committee refers the Association to the reports of the missionaries themselves. Moore's Chapel is at present supplied by Bro. E. B. Simpson. In Onslow County Bro. J. B. Olive, recently ordained, has taken the pastoral charge of three churches and will, in addition, supply one or more mission stations. An appropriation should be asked of the State Board for this field. The one condition which most impresses itself upon your committee is the large amount of territory which remains uncultivated . If the ministerial force of the Association were doubled the field could not be covered as it should be. If it were possible to make the necessary arrangements for his support, we believe it would be wise to put an associational missionary into the field, who should have no regular appointment but should devote himself entirely to mission and evangelistic work in these destitute places. It has been suggested also that a closer relation should exist between this committee and the Association's missionaries, that they should be appointed by the committee subject to the endorsement of the State Board and that pledges be taken and money be raised by the churches directly for Associational missions, such money to be expended by the committee in distinctly Associational work. The Committee submits this suggestion to the Association for consideration.

During the year more or less enquiry has been made into the advisability of establishing an associational school. Definite steps have not yet been taken looking toward that end. Your Committee would recommend the appointment of a permanent committee to whom this matter may be referred for action. It is with sincere regret that we report the resignation of two of our pastors. Bro. Aden resigns the Pamlico field, upon which he has labored faithfully, earnestly, and effectively. This field presents many problems. It is probably the most difficult field in the Association, and it is hoped that a man strong in the Lord and in the power of his might may be found to succeed Bro. Aden. Bro. R. D. Carroll also resigns the Carteret county field, where he has done noble work for the Master. This is a very important field and we trust the Lord will soon send the man who can continue the good work begun there.

It seems to your Committee that the supreme need of the hour is a fuller realization on the part of the churches themselves of the responsibilities which rest upon them and of the opportunities for fruitful missionary work which lies right at their doors. This need not long remain a destitute field, if only in the name and the fear of the Lord we will dare to undertake great things.

A. H. HARNLY, W. J. MONTFORD.

Remarks (were made) by A. H. Harnly, N. B. Broughton, H. C. Moore, A. W. Setzer, and R. D. Carroll. Report adopted. Report on State Missions read by A. H. Harnly, as follows:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The Baptist cause in North Carolina, is largely what it is, and the Baptists occupy the position they do, through the work of the State Mission Board. Many of the churches which are now strongest and contribute most freely to the various interests of the Convention, were, in their early history, fostered and largely supported by the State Board. Hundreds of weak churches are now dependent upon it for help and with this help many will soon be able to stand alone and support others. It is of the utmost importance, therefore, that the work of the State Board should be liberally supported. Last year about \$21,000 were appropriated, and then many deserving calls for help had to be refused. New fields of work are constantly opening and new demands on the Board being made. There must, therefore, be no decrease in contributions, but on the contrary there should be a very material increase.

A. H. HARNLY, For Committee.

Missonaries reported as follows: A. H. Harnly from Tabernacle, New Bern; Josepn Aden from Pamlico field; C. B. Paul from Onslow field; and R. D. Carroll from Carteret field. Report adopted. Pledges (were) taken for State Missions amounting to \$317.50 (see table). Time for adjournment extended half hour.

Church letters read. H. C. Moore and A. H. Harnly, reading clerks.

S. M. Brinson (next) read the report on Periodicals as follows:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

As Baptists, we have occasion to rejoice in the excellence of our Church and Sunday School literature and their unyielding loyalty to the distinctive principles of our church.

Their influence is wholesome and inspiring and every Baptist home should be supplied with these effective instrumentalities for good.

For over half a century "The Biblical Recorder" has vigorously contended for the faith which we profess and zealously aided every denominational enterprise.

In addition to this—the organ of our denomination—we recomend "The Atlantic Messenger," which is our associational organ, "North Carolina Baptist," "Charity and Children," "Foreign Mission Journal," "Our Home Field," and the literature handled by the Baptist Book Store, Raleigh, N. C.

Respectfully submitted, S. M. BRINSON, For Committee,

Remarks (were made) by S. M. Brinson, N. B. Broughton of Bibli-

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cal Recorder, J. H. Rich for N. C. Baptist, H. C. Moore, A. W. Setzer. Report adopted.

H. C. Moore announced meeting of Ladies' Missionary Society in Methodist Church at 2:30 p. m., O. L. Stringfield to address the Society at 3:15 p.m.

Association adjourned to meet at 2 p. m. Benediction by C. B. Paul.

SECOND DAY-Afternoon Session.

Song, "More Love to Thee, O Christ!" Prayer by R. D. Carroll. Committee on Home Missions not being prepared to report at this hour, on motion report on Sunday Schools was made, the Home Mission report to be made later.

C. C. Clark, Jr., read Sunday School report as follows:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Sunday School is the Church at work in the special study and teaching of the Scriptures. It is one of the mightiest agencies for the spread of the truth and for the establishment of the Kingdom of our Lord. There is, or should be, in every church a live, energetic Sunday School beating at its very heart.

We are glad to learn that there has been some progress in the Sunday Schools of our Association, and we hope it is only the beginning of yet larger work in the near future. There are, however, a few church letters reporting no Sunday School statistics, and the supposition is that they are without Sunday School organizations. It is to be hoped that not only every Church shall have an evergreen Sunday School for its own benefit, but also that several neighboring points may be so occupied. For the Sunday School is a forerunner of churches as well as their indispensable ally.

Your committee would also most heartily commend to the pravers and liberality of our churches the splendid work being done by Rev. B. W. Spillman, the Field Secretary of our Baptist Sunday Schools in the State.

> Respectfully submitted, C. C. CLARK, Jr., M. L. DAVIS.

Remarks made by C. C. Clark, Jr., N. B. Broughton, and H. C. Moore. Report adopted.

R. D. Carroll read report on Home Missions as follows:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has undertaken to supply all the destitution in the Southern States with the gospel of Jesus Christ. The number of missionaries employed this year is about 675, and about \$7,2,000 is needed to pay the salaries of these men. There have been about 7,000 baptisms on the field this year. God in his providence is opening new doors and laying new responsibilities upon us. The frontier mission field

of the Home Mission Board begins at the Kansas line and extends to the Rio Grande and on to the Gulf of Mexico. This territory is a thousand miles long. The Board has done work in all of the Southern States. A number of missionaries in North Carolina have been helped by this Board. To support Home Missions means to support the Gospel any where in all the unoccupied territory of the Southern Baptist Convention and in Cuba. Your Committee would recommend that this Association raise at least \$150 for this object during the coming year.

Respectfully, R. D. CARROLL.

Remarks (made) by J. H. Rich, A. W. Setzer, A. H. Harnly, and O. L. Stringfield. Report adopted.

Pledges (were) taken for Home Missions amounting to \$146.50. (See table.)

Association adjourned to meet at 7 p.m. Benediction by A. H. Harnly.

SECOND DAY-Evening Session.

Prayer by Pastor Setzer.

H. C. Moore made following announcements: Saturday, Oct. 20--9:00 a. m., Devotional Exercises by J. B. Olive. 9:30 a.m., Miscellaneous Business. 10:15 a. m., Ministers Relief. 10:45 a. m., Unrepresented Churches. 11:00 a. m., Orphanage. 2:00 p. m., Temperance. 2:45 p. m., Miscellaneous Business. Sunday, 7:00 p. m., Foreign Mission with closing exercises. H. C. Moore introduced the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, The Atlantic Association adopted Rev. C. B. Paul as its beneficiary on Board of Education at Wake Forest College, furnishing the means for his support during a period of five years; and WHEREAS, Bro. Paul has shown himself most worthy of the Association's beneficence by his earnest, faithful, effective, and self-denying labors as a missionary in our bounds; therefore,

Resolved, that we request the Board of Education to cancel the notes given by Bro. Paul to the Board for a period of three and a half years, amounting in all to about \$250.

This Resolution was unanimously adopted and the Clerk instructed to correspond with Board of Education.

Report on Education read by C. B. Paul as follows:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee on Education submits the following report: We believe that the public school system of our State should receive the hearty support of every member of this body. First, beause in some instances our public schools furnish the only opportunity for the instruction of many of the children of our State. Second, because

as a denomination we feel it our duty to aid our State in every worthy enterprise.

The necessity for increased interest in our public schools it seems to us is more urgent, if possible, than ever before, because of the recent amendment to our State constitution whreby in a few years the privilege to vote will be tested in some instances by an educational qualification. We are also of opinion that the length of the school terms should be increased. If this can be done in no other way, we feel that the influence of this body should be exerted toward the gradual withdrawal of appropriations now made by the State to higher education, and the amount withdrawn turned into the public school fund. We also recommend increased interest in secondary education. By this we mean high schools and academies which occupy the middle ground between the public schools and our colleges. We feel that we should exert ourselvs to the utmost to establish a school of high grade within the bounds of this Association, said school to be owned and controlled by the Association. Until this is done, we recommend to the brethren and sisters of this Association the school recently established by the brethren of the Neuse Association. In regard to higher education we rejoice in the fact that we have in Wake Forest College a school for our boys second to none in all the South. In cheapness, in morality, in wholesome Christian influence, as well as in thoroughness of instruction. Wake Forest College has but few equals in all the land, and we earnestly urge upon every young man, who has in him a desire to make the most of life, to avail himself of the opportunities offered by this noble institution. Its influence upon the Baptist ministry of North Carolina can be seen in every section of the State and we recommend to the churches that they continue their contributions to ministerial education.

To our girls we recommend the Chowan Baptist Institute, Oxford Seminary, and especially the Baptist Female University located at Raleigh. This noble institution, as well as Wake Forest College, has been established amid the prayers and tears of our Baptist fathers and mothers, and its bright future causes our hearts to swell with thanksgiving to the Giver of all good.

> C. B. PAUL, L. L. LEARY. Committee.

Excellent addresses by C. B. Paul, N. B. Broughton, and O. L. Stringfield. Cash and pledges, mostly individual, amounted to \$215 for Baptist Female University. Report was adopted. On motion Church Pledges for Education were made the same as for last year (see table).

Committee on Place and Preacher recommended Beaufort with H. C. Moore to preach the Introductory sermon. Recommendation (was) accepted.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9 a.m. Benediction by O. L. Stringfield.

THIRD DAY-Morning Session.

Morehead City, N. C., October 20th, 1900. Devotional exercises conducted by J. B. Olive. Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Committee on Constitutional Amendment made following report:

REPORT ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

Constitution: Sec. 4, line 4-change "of" to "with".

Sec. 6, line 5-Insert "Associational Missions" before "State Missions".

Sec. 9, line 2-change "seven" to "five" and strike out "of whom the Treasurer shall be one".

Sec. 10, line 2-change time of meeting, from Thursday before third Sunday in October to Wednesday morning before third Sunday in September.

By-Laws: Sec. 4, line 6-change "whole" to "last day's".

Sec. 10, line 2-Strike out "Mell's Parliamentary Practice" and insert "Kerfoot's Parliamentary Law."

The Association adopted these suggested changes in Constitution and By-Laws.

Committee to nominate Executive Committee made the following nominations which were approved by Association: H. C. Moore, T. J. Mitchell, M. S. Webb, W. J. Montford and A. S. Willis.

Historian's report made by S. M. Brinson. Motion passed to publish this report in Minutes (see table).

Committee to nominate delegates to State and Southern Baptist Conventions made the following nominations: State Convention-C. B. Paul, A. H. Harnly, A. W. Setzer. Southern Baptist Conven-tion-J. N. Tolar with H. C. Moore alternate.

The Moderator appointed Associational Executive Committee to nominate Associational representative of the State Executive Committee.

Committee on Religious Exercises made following announcements: 7 p. m., Sermon by C. B. Paul. Sunday School and Young Peoples' Meeting to-morrow at 3 p. m., conducted by J. H. Rich, A.

H. Harnly, and J. N. Tolar. Report on Ministerial Relief read by E. B. Simpson as follows:

This Board is located at Durham, N. C., with W. C. Tyree as its President and J. F. McDuffle as its Corresponding Secretary. Its work was begun under the auspices of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, May 3, 1890. So far as the Committee can learn there has been no change in the Board or beneficiaries during the past year. Your Committee recommends that this Association urge upon the churches composing this body to contribute as liberally as possible to the support of this Board.

Respectfully submitted,

E. B. SIMPSON.

Remarks (made) by E. B. Simpson, C. B. Paul, J N Tolar. Re-

Bro. Cowder of M. E. Church was recognized at this point by Modport was adopted.

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Pledges for Min. Relief (were) made, amounting \$81.00. A. W. Setzer (was) nominated by committee to be Associational

member of State Executive Committee. Committee on Unrepresented Churches made following report:

REPORT ON UNREPRESENTED CHURCHES.

Your Committee finds that the Oregon and Maysville Churches are not represented, but finds no reason why this is true, unless it be

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for lack of interest in the Master's cause. These churches were not . represented a year ago. Your committee recommends that the Executive Committee of this Association take the Maysville Church into consideration, and learn why it has not been represented for the past two years and whether the church is in full fellowship and sympathy of this Association or not. And if it finds that it is not convenient for the church to co-operate (and work) with our Associaciation recommends that the cnurch apply for a letter of dismission from our body and join the Neuse Association from which it has to be supplied with preaching.

The committee recommends that the Oregon church be treated in the same way as the Maysville Church by the Executive Committee, except that this church be urged to co-operate with whatever Association is most accessible.

J. B. OLIVE.

For Committee.

Remarks (were made) by C. B. Paul, A. H. Harnly, H. C. Moore and others. The report was then adopted.

Fifty dollars in pledges were raised to lift one-third of indebtedness of the Maysville Church on the condition that the Neuse Association agree to pay a similar amount, and the Maysville Church the balance of \$50.

Report on Orphanage postponed until the afternoon session, immediately following the report on Temperance.

The Moderator appointed as Associational School Committee: H. C. Moore, C. B. Paul, A. W. Setzer.

Association adjourned until 2 p. m. Benediction by R. D. Carroll.

THIRD DAY-Afternoon Session.

Prayer by Joseph Aden. Report on Temperance read by Joseph Aden as follows:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance respectfully beg leave to submit the following report. We, the children of the Most High, whose souls have been cleansed by the precious blood of Jesus and now enjoy the happy privilege of following our blessed Redeemer, do sincerely believe that one of our high achievements in this world's failures, triumphs, and joys, is the great art of holy living. Knowing therefore that intemperance is a great curse to humanity, a sin against God, and a dangerous temptation to the coming generation, we humbly recommend that all who have taken up the responsibilities of church members (should) absolutely abstain from the intoxication of strong drink, the use of opium, e'c., and thus present their bodies a living sacrifice unto the Lord Jesus Christ. The soul that is cast upon this sea of conflict and passion will be shipwrecked even in a calm. We hope that the ministers and pastors who in a peculiar way have been called to be leaders of the churches will preach against one great sin of intemperance and the sale of intoxicating drink, and lead all people into fuller and sweeter harmony

of God's love. We ask the members of our churches to seek help from God to exterminate the use and sale of intoxicating drink and live a holy and consecrated life before God and our fellowmen. Respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH ADEN.

Remarks (were made) by Joseph Aden, J. B. Olive, C. B. Paul, A. H. Harnly, A. W. Setzer and S. M. Brinson. Quite a spirited discussion by several brethren. Report was adopted.

H. C. Moore next read the report on Urphanage as follows:

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

Your committee would call attention to the following facts as given by an Orphanage representative: We have 180 children under the care of the Orhanage at the present time. By the end of the year the number will probably be increased to 200. The Orphanage is run with the strictest economy. The total cost of maintaining a child (and this includes the salaries of the employees and all other expenses) is a little less than \$5.00 a month. The work done at the Orphanage is thorough and practical. Half the day is spent in the school room and the other half in useful labor. The children are taught that it is not only honorable but necessary to work with their hands.

There is a body of land containing 318 acres connected with the Orphanage; corn, wheat, potatoes, vegetables, oats, and hay are raised on the farm.

The boys do a large share of the farm work, the girls are taught domestic duties, and all are required to work. The property of the Orphanage is estimated to be worth \$30,000. A splendid new building for children from 5 to 8 years of age has just been completed. This building cost \$2,200, and most of the money was provided by our noble family—the late Dr. R. D. Fleming of Warrenton, and his wife.

About ten thousand dollars are required to meet the present expenses of the Institution, and there are hundreds of Orphans in North Carolina without shelter and bread.

We have only one source of revenue-the Baptist people of North Carolina. We would urge our churches to increase their contributions to meet the enlarged demands of the work, and would especially recommend that each of our churches hold a Thanksgiving service and take a collection for the Orphanage.

We would also call attention to the reduced rates at which "Charity and Children" is offered to Sunday Schools and commend the paper for its real worth, and also for the revenue it brings to the Institution. Special contributions are now being taken and solicited for the erection of the Mills Memorial Building which is designed to give the children industrial education. We commend this object to the liberality of all our churches, and urge that we do our part toward the erection of this most suitable monument to the father of Orphan work in North Carolina.

HIGHT C. MOORE, For Committee.

Report discussed briefly by H. C. Moore and adopted. Pledges made the same as for last year by vote of Association (see table).

These countries represent hundreds of millions of human beingsmen and women as we are-that in the darkness of superstition and ignorance of God are going down to eternal death. Do you stop to ask how does God regard the situation? The answer is to be found in John 3:16: "For God so loved the World, that he gave his only begotten Son, that every one who believes on him should not perish but have eternal life." The love of God was not one of mere sentiment which bemourned the lost condition of men without attempting to supply a remedy; it was an active, energetic, self-sacrificing, love one that failed not of its purpose though assailed by the combined powers of earth and hell.

There are now in the employment of the Foreign Mission Board 98 men and women. Is it not time we were praying the Lord of the harvest that He thrust forth laborers into His harvest? Listen to the words of the Master: "As the Father hath sent me, even so send I you." And again, "Go ye into all the world and preach my Gospel to every creature." Have we gone? Can we lay claim to faithful obedience to this command of our Lord? Will God hold that church or individual guiltless who fails in effort to preach His Gospel to the starving, perishing millions who have no Christ and know no Christ?

The churches that now compose the Atlantic Association, with a membership of one thousand five hundred, gave last year the meagre sum of \$136.67 to Foreign Missions-less than one-third necessary to support our missionary. The average contribution, according to the above figures, is less than nine cents.

Notwitnstanding, the indifference and stupidity of some. God is signally blessing the effort of His people to give the gospel to the world. The last report of the Foreign Mission Board showed that more than one thousand converts in heathen lands had been baptized at the hands of our missionaries. New men and women had been sent out to occupy new stations and to strengthen the old ones. Our God is most certainly leading us into larger things. The two greatest needs of the hour are a larger knowledge of and deeper interst in, the work of preaching the Gospel to the world. Let us stretch our arms across the sea and press the cup of salvation to the lips of eartn's perishing millions. A. W. SETZER.

For Committee.

J. N. Tolar, J. H. Rich, Joseph Aden, and H. C. Moore spoke to this report, after which it was adopted.

On motion pledges for Foreign Missions were made the same as for last year (See table) Many delegates not being present to

The Moderator appointed the standing committees for the ensuing pledge.

year. (See first page of Minutes). J. H. Rich offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That we the delegates and visitors to the Atlantic Association, held in Morehead City, thank the good people of this city by the sea for so hospitably opening the doors of their city, their homes, their hearts, and their churches; and that we hereby pray God's blessings on them and theirs.

A. H. Harnly made motion that provision be made in future for doctrinal sermon at each session of the Association. Remarks by C. B. Paul and A. W. Setzer. Motion (was) adopted and A. H. Harnly (was) appointed to preach doctrinal sermon before Association at Beaufort.

Minutes of the

Report on Obituaries read by H. C. Moore as follows:

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

Your committee finds by reference to the various church letters that during the past year nine of our churches were unvisited by bereavement. Ten churches lost one member each, while two churches report three deaths each. So in all there have been sixteen of our number summoned into the presence of the Lord. It is fitting that special mention should be made of Bro. H. B. Duffie, of the Tabernacle, New Bern. On the 12th day of last April he passed away at the age of 42, in the apparent noon tide of his life and in the midst of a most active career. He was a man of immense energy, of thorough devotion to his church, and of influence in the councils of his denomination. At the time of his death he was trustee of W. F. College and of the Baptist Female University. The Association joins his family and church in mourning his departure.

H. C. MOORE.

Report was adopted.

The follownig resolution by H. C. Moore was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of three, consisting of A. H. Harnly, A. W. Setzer, and C. B. Paul be appointed to arrange for the Fifth Sunday meetings and to secure the fullest possible representation

A. H. Harnly presented the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That the member of the State Board from this Association be requested to make with that Board an arrangement whereby the funds raised for State Missions in our territory be expended for the Executive Committee on the field.

Pastor Setzer made announcements for Sunday.

Benediction by A. H. Harnly.

7 p. m. Rev. C. B. Paul preached an excellent sermon to-night from John 14:1.

FOURTH DAY-Evening Session.

Morehead City, N. C., October 21, 1900. Song-"All nail the Power of Jesus' Name."

Prayer by C. B. Paul.

Association met to-night at 7, according to adjournment last night. H. C. Moore preached at 11 to-day in Baptist Church. J. N. Tolar preached at the same hour in Methodist Church. A Sunday School and Young People's Union was conducted in Baptist Church at 3 p. m. by J. H. Rich, A. H. Harnly and others. Report on Foreign Missions read by A. W. Setzer as follows:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Southern Baptists, through their great Missionary Society, the Southern Baptist Convention, are engaged in world-wide mission enterprises. We need have mission stations in Northern, Southern, and Central China, Africa, Italy, Brazil, Mexico and Japan.

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On motion, the Clerk was allowed usual fee of ten dollars for his services

Executive Committee announced next Union meeting to be held with the Swansboro Church the 5th Sunday in December, beginning Friday before.

H. C. Moore announced meeting of Executive Committee regularly in future at every Union meeting.

On motion, Association adjourned to meet at Beaufort at 10 o'clock, a. m., on Wednesday before the Second Sunday in Septem-

Benediction by A. H. Harnly.

J. N. TOLAR, CLERK.

W. J. MONTFORD. MODERATOR.

WOMAN'S MEETING.

The third annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Societies was held in the Methodist Church, Morehead City, Friday afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock, October 19th, 1900.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Hight C. Moore. Mrs. Wm. Webb was requested to act as Secretary.

The reports were then heard from a few of the societies.

Miss Williams, representing the Tabernacle Society, New Bern, gave a verbal report of the work her Society had done during the

The First Church, New Bern, gave the following report: State Missions

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Miss Lillie Webb read the Associational letter from Miss Heck. Miss Williams gave us a very helpful talk on "How to interest the members of the Society."

Mrs. Jones read an interesting paper.

The Vice-President then gave a talk on the "Prospect and Retrospect of our Associational work." We now have five societies in our Association, those at Swansboro and Morehead having been organized this year.

Rev. A. L. Stringfield then addressed the societies on the subject of "Woman's Influence," which was greatly enjoyed.

The names of those interested in the formation of societies was then requested.

After singing a hymn we were dismissed, feeling it was good to have been there.

MRS. HIGHT C. MOORE,

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

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