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J. L. BRITT, Warsaw.	T. J. BAKER, Magnolia.

## PROCEEDINGS.

MT. OLIVE, WAYNE COUNTY, N C., October 6th, 1885.

The Eastern Baptist Association met in its forty-first annual session in the Mt. Olive church.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder W. B. Pope. Adjourned to 2½ o'clock.

Association assembled at the appointed hour. In the absence of the former Moderator, who was kept away by sickness, Elder W. M. Kennedy was called to the chair *pro tem*.

Religious exercises conducted by the Moderator. Elder T. Carrick led in prayer

List of churches called and a majority found to be represented Brethren L. R. Carroll and J. T. Bland were appointed reading clerks.

On motion, a Finance Committee was appointed consisting of B. Matthews, J. C. Hines and E. D. Wells.

On motion, brother I. Carroll was recognized as a delegate from Mt. Holly. Committee of Arrangements was appointed, consisting of pastor and deacons of this church and J. T. Bland.

Letters from churches were read and delegates enrolled as follows:

*Bethel*—F. P. Alderman, L. W. Alderman.

*Beulah*—J. L. Britt, W. J. Moore, L. D. Rogers.

*Boykin's Chapel*—J. L. Boykin, C. D. Peterson, R. L. Lewis.

*Bear Marsh*—Allen King, F. Loftin, R. J. Walker.

*Burgaw*—J. T. Bland.

*Clinton*—H. B. Giddens, B. S. Peterson, J. W. Powell.

*Concord*—J. T. Kennedy, J. B. Heath, W. M. Drew.

*Corinth*—Jas. C. Williams, Jas. G. Boon, B. F. Fussell.

*Dobson's Chapel*—W. H. Murray, Thos. Kilpatrick.

*Emma's Chapel*—A. B. Cox, H. L. Cox.

*Hallsville*—C. C. Williams, C. F. Southerland.

*Island Creek*—E. Heldt, F. Savage, A. Rivenbark.

*Johnson's*—D. S. Kennedy, L. Middleton, J. H. Gillespie.

*Kenansville*—D. J. Middleton, K. Bryan.

*Long Creek*—G. A. Herring, W. Lewis.

*Lisbon*—O. Blackburn, E. C. Herring, A. B. Kelly.

*Mary's Chapel*—W. K. Southerland, F. M. Southerland, G. McGowan.

*Masonboro*—B. S. Montford, E. Hewlett.

*Moore's Creek*—Jno. Moore, H. S. Alderman.

*Mt. Gilead*—Stephen Peterson, E. Peterson, B. Matthews.

*Mt. Olive*—J. F. Olive, J. H. Loftin, W. T. Gresham.

*Mt. Holly*—I. Carroll.

*New Hope*—L. R. Carrol, C. E. Daniel.

*Olive Branch*—J. B. Barlow.

*Piny Grove*—J. C. Hobbs, J. C. Hines.

*Poplar Grove*—R. R. Bell, H. W. Darden.

*Rose Hill*—W. P. Kelly.

*Riley's Creek*—W. W. Larkins, S. Blossom, W. B. Hocut.

*Shiloh*—A. T. Herring.

*Warsaw*—A. M. Faison, W. M. Kennedy, E. D. Wells.

*Well's Chapel*—A. E. Colwell, J. F. Lewis, J. P. Faison.

*Wilmington*—J. M. Chasten, E. H. Freeman, A. Alderman.



*Willard*—F. A. Fennell.  
*Teachey*—H. M. Croom, M. W. Teachey.  
*Caswell*—H. M. Driver.

The following churches were represented by letter: Barlow Chapel, Berea, Bethlehem, Bear Branch, Colvin's Creek, Caintuck Chapel, Capernaum, Haw Bluff, Maple Hill and Salem.

Letters from Burgaw, Maple Hill, Salem and Barlow Chapel were referred to the Executive Committee.

Letters from Clinton and Mt. Gilead were laid on the table.

When the church at Magnolia was called two sets of delegates appeared, each bearing a letter; the matter was referred to a committee consisting of Elder Thos. Carrick, Jos. A. Taylor and A. M. Faison.

Association proceeded with next order of business, which was the election of officers for the ensuing year.

The following brethren were appointed tellers: For Moderator—B. S. Montford and Kedar Vann. For Clerk—C. E. Daniel and F. A. Fennell. For Treasurer—J. H. Loftin and E. C. Herring.

Result—Elder W. M. Kennedy was elected Moderator; Elder J. L. Britt re-elected Clerk; A. M. Faison re-elected Treasurer.

It was moved and carried that committees be appointed on the same subjects as last year.

Article 3 of the Constitution was changed so as to read as follows: "This Association shall be composed of all ordained ministers, members of churches of this body, and three delegates from each church, elected by the church in conference assembled."

Invitation extended to visiting brethren.

The following accepted the invitation: Elder J. W. Wildman, representative of Home Mission Board; Elder W. B. Pope, Elder D. C. Kelly, of Cape Fear Association; Kedar Vann, of the South River Association.

A letter from Capernaum, which had been inadvertently stricken from the roll of churches, was presented to the Association, and after statements in regard to the matter by Elder C. S. Cashwell, the letter was received and the church, by its own request, dismissed to join the Atlantic Association.

The Clerk was instructed to inform them of the action of the Association.

Petitionary letters were called for. Letters from Caswell and Teachey were presented and referred to a committee. Committee—J. T. Bland, O. Blackburn and B. S. Peterson.

On motion, committee on Home Missions was appointed. Committee—Elders J. W. Wildman, R. T. Bryan and F. A. Fennell, and made special order for to-morrow 10 o'clock.

Committee of Arrangements reported, as follows:

Preaching to-night at the Baptist church by Elder J. W. Wildman; at the Methodist church by Elder Thos. Carrick. Association meet to-morrow at 9 o'clock; Missionary Sermon at 11 o'clock, by Dr. T. H. Pritchard; adjourn at 12½ o'clock; meet again at 2 o'clock, and adjourn at will.

On motion, adjourned. Prayer by Elder R. T. Bryan.

## SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, October 7th, 1885.

Religious exercises conducted by Elder R. T. Vann.

Moderator called the Association to order.

Roll of delegates called.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats. Dr. T. Whitfield announced himself

present in the interest of Foreign Missions, Elder C. J. Nelson and Bro. J. E. Peterson as messengers from Atlantic Association; Elder R. T. Vann as representative of Board of Education; Bro. J. E. Ray as Corresponding Secretary of Baptist State Convention; Elder C. S. Farriss Associate Editor of BIBLICAL RECORDER; Elder W. R. Gwaltney as messenger from Beulah Association; Bro. J. B. Brewer as messenger from West Chowan Association and representative of Chowan Baptist Female Institute; Bro. M. M. Hargrove from Oxford Female Seminary; Bro. J. H. Mills as representative of Baptist Orphanage Association. All were cordially welcomed by the Moderator.

Committee to examine Petitionary Letters reported, as follows:

Your committee appointed to examine petitionary letters from Caswell and Teachey Baptist churches, beg leave to report that they have examined into the constitution of said churches and are satisfied that the organization of said churches is regular in all respects, having adopted the usual church covenant and the articles of faith taken from the New Hampshire confession. We therefore recommend that both of these churches be admitted.

J. T. BLAND,  
 B. S. PETERSON,  
 O. BLACKBURN,  
*Committee.*

Report adopted, and the Moderator extended right hand of fellowship to delegates from the above named churches.

Next order of business—appointment of committees—the following were appointed:

*Foreign Missions*—Elders R. T. Bryan, Theo. Whitfield and G. A. Herring.  
*Education*—Elders T. H. Pritchard, R. T. Vann and J. B. Brewer.  
*Periodicals*—Elder R. C. Sandling, B. S. Peterson and A. E. Colwell.  
*Sunday Schools*—D. S. Kennedy, E. Hewlett and I Carroll.  
*Temperance*—Elder J. P. Faison, J. F. Oliver and B. S. Montford.  
*Requests*—L. R. Carroll, E. Hewlett and W. B. Hocut.  
*Obituaries*—Elders T. H. Pritchard, J. B. Barlow and O. Blackburn.  
*To Nominate Executive Committee*—J. L. Boykin, W. W. Larkins and Jno. Moore.

*State Missions*—J. E. Ray, Dr. J. D. Roberts and R. R. Bell.

*Auditing Committee*—J. C. Hobbs, B. S. Peterson and J. W. Powell.

Foreign Missions was made special order immediately after Missionary Sermon.

Committee of Arrangements reported, as follows:

Preaching at the Presbyterian church at 11 o'clock by Elder R. T. Vann; preaching in the Methodist church at 3 o'clock P. M., by Elder W. R. Gwaltney; to-night in the Presbyterian church by Elder R. T. Bryan.

Special order was taken up. Report on Home Missions was read. Pending motion to adopt, the Association was addressed by Elder J. W. Wildman, and roll of churches called, and the following pledges made to Home Missions:

Barlow Chapel, 50c.; Bear Marsh, \$3.00; Berea, \$1.00; Bethel, \$3.00; Bethlehem, \$3.00; Beulah, \$2.50; Boykin's Chapel, \$2.50; Bear Branch, 50c.; Burgaw, \$1.00; Caintuck Chapel, \$1.00; Concord, \$2.50; Colvin's Creek, \$1.00; Corinth, \$2.50; Clinton, \$3.00; Dobson's Chapel, \$1.00; Emma's Chapel, \$1.00; Hallsville, \$2.00; Haw Bluff, \$2.00; Island Creek, \$3.00; Johnson's, \$3.00; Kenansville, \$3.00; Lisbon, \$3.00; Long Creek, \$2.00; Magnolia, \$2.00; Mary's Chapel, \$1.50; Masonboro, \$3.00; Maple Hill, 50c.; Moore's Creek, \$2.00; Mt. Gilead, \$2.50; Mt. Holly, \$2.50; Mt. Olive, \$3.00; New Hope, \$5.00; Piny Grove, \$3.00; Poplar Grove, \$1.00; Riley's Creek,



\$2.50; Rose Hill, \$1.00; Salem, 50c.; Shiloh, \$3.00; Warsaw, \$5.00; Wells' Chapel, \$4.00; Wilmington, \$50.00; Willard, \$2.00; Olive Branch, \$1.00; Teachey, \$1.50; Caswell, \$1.50.

#### REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention aims to preach the gospel in destitute places in the South and to the Indians, to furnish instruction to the colored ministry, and to aid in the building of houses of worship where they are needed. During last year the Board had employed 185 missionaries, who supplied 426 churches and stations; baptized 2,931; received 1,733 by letter and constituted 53 new churches. Of these missionaries there labored in Arkansas 21, Florida 34, Indian Territory 21, Louisiana 6, Texas 81, Western North Carolina 12, and in other States 10.

The Board received last year \$67,247.82, of which \$55,633.17 were spent in the support of missionaries, and about \$5,000.00 in church building. During the present year the Board has spent about \$15,000.00 in church building and has two hundred missionaries employed. This enlargement of work will require more money. The Board asks North Carolina for \$5,000.00, and asks the Eastern Association to contribute \$100.00 of the amount.

If we can raise from all sources this year \$100,000.00, the Board can pay its 200 missionaries now in the field, furnish instruction to the colored ministry in every State in the South, and induce the building of a hundred houses of worship. Houses of worship are needed. There are a thousand white Baptist churches in the South which have no houses of worship—many of these are places of great importance. Twenty-five county towns in Arkansas are without either Baptist churches or houses of worship. There is a pressing need for fifty missionaries in that State to-day. In Louisiana there are twenty-eight parishes or counties where there is not a Baptist preacher or house of worship.

The five thousand dollars expended in Florida "does not half supply the needs of the field. West Florida alone requires to supply her wants more than all the State receives." Then the mountain region of Georgia, Tennessee, Kentucky, Virginia and Western North Carolina is a vast field for missionary labor. The Secretary of the Board says: "The truth is that it would require five times the amount we ask to supply all the destitution which appeals to us for help."

In view of the needs of the work we recommend that the Eastern Association raise among the churches for this work at least one hundred dollars and forward it before next April to Bro. Briggs, and this amount be apportioned among the churches, and printed in the minutes with the name of some member in each church to whom Home Mission intelligence may be sent for distribution.

R. T. BRYAN,  
J. W. WILDMAN,  
F. A. FENNELL,  
*Committee.*

Adopted.

The Missionary Sermon was then preached by Dr. T. H. Pritchard. Amount of collection \$35.00.

Immediately after the sermon the report on Foreign Missions was read. Remarks were made by Dr. T. Whitfield and Elder R. T. Bryan. Bro. Bryan offered prayer at the close of his remarks.

Roll of churches called and the following pledges made to Foreign Missions: Bear Marsh, \$10.00; Bethel, \$5.00; Bethlehem, \$5.00; Beulah, \$8.50; Boykin's Chapel, \$7.50; Burgaw, \$5.00; Caintuck Chapel, \$5.00; Concord, \$10.00; Corinth, \$10.00; Clinton, \$10.00; Dobson's Chapel, \$10.00; Hallsville, \$3.00; Island Creek, \$10.00; Johnson's, \$10.00; Kenansville, \$15.00; Lisbon, \$2.00; Long Creek, \$10.00; Magnolia, \$10.00; Masonboro, \$13.50; Moore's Creek, \$9.00; Mt. Gilead, \$10.00; Mt. Holly, \$12.00; Mt. Olive, \$10.00; New Hope, \$40.00; Piny Grove, \$20.00; Poplar Grove, \$4.00; Riley's Creek, \$7.00; Rose

Hill, \$5.00; Shiloh, \$15.00; Warsaw, \$50.00; Well's Chapel, \$20.00; Wilmington, \$100.00; Willard, \$5.00; Olive Branch, \$2.50; Caswell, \$5.00; Teachey, \$5.00; J. A. Taylor for Brooklyn Sunday School, \$5.00; Mt. Gilead Sunday School, \$5.00; Harrell's Sunday School, \$5.00.

#### REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Christianity is a missionary religion. "If any man have not the spirit of Christ, he is none of his," Rom. 8:9. Christ was a foreign missionary, and his marching order is, "Go ye therefore and disciple all nations." His spirit is the missionary spirit. We are glad that Christians everywhere are growing in this spirit. The Southern Baptists are literally carrying out the command to teach all nations, for they have about fifty missionaries besides native assistants who are preaching in every grand division of the world. China in Asia, Italy in Europe, Brazil in South America, Mexico in North America and in Africa.

God is blessing our labors everywhere. We have fallen far short of our duty in this great work. God's never failing promises, his blessings upon our efforts, the millions of heathen whose sad cry is, "Come over into Macedonia and help us," God's direct command, and our sympathy for lost souls, all these urge us to increase our praying, our working and our giving. Great is our sin if we do not. God has given North Carolina three men for the field instead of one, and this calls upon us who remain at home to increase our efforts.

The Foreign Mission Board asks for \$100,000.00 from the South. North Carolina is asked to raise \$8,000.00 of this amount, which is only eight cents per member. Brethren, surely you are willing to raise and will raise the small amount of eight cents per member in your Association.

Your committee recommend that each church try to raise its proportionate of this sum. We also recommend that each church try to get the *Foreign Mission Journal* in every family.

THEO. WHITFIELD,  
G. A. HERRING,  
R. T. BRYAN,  
*Committee.*

Adopted.

On motion, the Clerk was instructed to have in the table of contributions for all objects, a separate column for contributions sent up by Ladies Missionary Societies.

Adjourned for dinner.

#### EVENING SESSION.

Moderator called Association to order. Prayer by Elder C. S. Farriss.

Committee to whom was referred the case of Magnolia church difficulty, reported as follows:

Your committee appointed to look into the matter of the two letters sent up from Magnolia church, beg leave to make the following report:

1. That upon examination we find neither letter nor set of delegates came up in regular form, but the letters were sent by two respective factions.

2. We recommend that this Association do not recognize either set of delegates.

3. We recommend the following statistical table, as agreed upon by both factions, to be inserted in the minutes of the Association: baptized, 1; received by letter, 6; dismissed by letter, 9; excluded, 2; died, 2; No. of males, 87; No. of females, 161. Whole number, 248. Pastor's salary, \$100.00; church expenses, \$12.00; minute fund, \$2.00. Church clerk, G. M. Swinson, P. O. Magnolia.

4. We would recommend that on Saturday before the third Sunday in October, that the good men of two factions of Magnolia Baptist church come to-



gether in regular conference, pay up the pastor, T. J. Baker, and ask for his resignation, and then unite on some man as pastor of the church.

5. We recommend that the brethren of Magnolia Baptist church lay aside all prejudice and personal feelings in this matter, and that with the pastor, whom the church shall call, that the church shall use such discipline as may be necessary to purge out all members who may not be living christian lives; *Provided, however,* that said discipline be not by some unbending rule, but that it be in accordance with the teachings of the New Testament.

THOS. CARRICK,  
A. M. FAISON,  
J. A. TAYLOR,  
*Committee.*

Report adopted.

Trustees of Warsaw High School reported, as follows:

At the last session of this body we reported, this school in a flourishing condition. Various needed improvements had recently been made upon the property, which added much to its general appearance, comfort and value. The prospects were truly gratifying. Hence it is with intensified regret that we now report the entire destruction of the school building by fire on the evening of the 21st February, 1885.

The indomitable courage and perseverance of the Principals, however, were equal to the emergency, and in less than three days other buildings were rented, and the school was progressing as before, but of course under less favorable circumstances.

The Principals have recently purchased and enlarged, at their own expense, certain other property adjoining the school property, and are making earnest efforts to establish such a school as will not only reflect credit upon themselves, but the entire Association.

Brethren, such effort, such zeal, such perseverance in support of such a cause, is worthy of our immediate recognition, and demands our warmest co-operation and support. Another building on the old site is absolutely necessary to make the school what it has been, what it ought to be, and what it will be if you so desire it. Do you desire it?

Respectfully submitted,

L. R. CARROLL,  
*Chairman Board of Trustees.*

Pending motion to adopt, remarks were made by a number of the brethren upon the subject of rebuilding and sustaining the school. The matter was referred to a committee of five, consisting of L. R. Carroll, O. P. Middleton, T. H. Pritchard, J. T. Bland and G. A. Herring.

Letters from Haw Bluff, Bear Marsh and Catharine Lake were presented and read. Letter from Catharine Lake was referred to the Executive Committee.

State Missions was made special order for to-morrow at 9½ o'clock.

Education was made special order for to-morrow at 10½ o'clock.

On motion, Bro. J. H. Mills was requested to address the Association upon the subject of the Baptist Orphanage of the State. He delivered an address of great power upon the subject of Charity, and raised for the Orphanage in cash \$46.80.

On motion, decided to hold a session of the Association to-night, and Associational Missions made special order.

Adjourned. Prayer by Bro. John E. Ray.

#### NIGHT SESSION.

Moderator mentions the fact that the former Moderator of this body, Elder J. L. Stewart, is kept away by sickness. Prayer is offered for him, led by Elder J. B. Barlow.

Associational Missions being special order, report of Executive Committee was read.

Pending motion to adopt, remarks were made by Elders D. C. Kelly, J. B. Barlow, W. M. Kennedy, and T. H. Pritchard, and brethren J. T. Bland, J. A. Taylor and W. W. Larkins.

Roll of churches called and following pledges made to Associational Missions:

Bethel, \$2.00; Beulah, \$2.00; Boykin's Chapel, \$7.50; Concord, \$2.50; Corinth, \$2.50; Clinton, \$5.00; Dobson's Chapel, \$2.00; Emma's Chapel, \$2.50; Hallsville, \$3.00; Island, \$5.00; Johnson's, \$10.00; Kenansville, \$5.00; Lisbon, \$10.00; Mary's Chapel, \$6.00; Masonboro, \$2.00; Mt. Gilead, \$10.00; Mt. Holly, \$5.00; Mt. Olive, \$5.00; New Hope, \$5.00; Olive Branch, \$1.00; Riley's Creek, \$10.00; Warsaw, \$10.00; Wells' Chapel, \$10.00; Wilmington, \$30.00; Willard, \$2.50; Teachey, \$2.00; Brooklyn Sunday School, \$5.00.

#### REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Dear brethren, at the beginning of the past associational year, the means at our disposal did not enable us to secure the services of a missionary for the whole of his time.

During the year we have had in our employ for a part of their time brethren C. S. Cashwell, J. P. Faison and W. M. Kennedy. Rev. C. S. Cashwell has preached regularly once a month since March at Rose Hill, and reports three baptisms. Rev. J. P. Faison has given one-fourth of his time since May to the church at Salem, at which place he, with the assistance of Rev. E. S. Alderman, held a series of meetings in which the church was much revived and a Sabbath school organized. He has also spent some time at Catharine Lake and other places lower down in Onslow. We also made a small appropriation to the churches at Hallsville and Chinquepin, which enabled them to secure the services of Rev. W. M. Kennedy, which resulted in twelve baptisms and several others awaiting baptism at Chinquepin.

Dear brethren, our destitution is indeed great and the cries which come up are numerous and urgent and as we of your committee have no strength of our own with which to help them, we are entirely dependent upon the strength which we receive from the churches. Brethren will you help them?

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. LANE, Chm'n, *pro tem.*

Committee to nominate Executive Committee reported.

On motion, report was re-committed. Adjourned.

#### THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

THURSDAY, October 8th, 1885.

Religious exercises conducted by Elder C. S. Farriss.

Moderator called the Association to order. Roll of delegates called. Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Invitation extended to visiting brethren: Bro. I. T. Newton reported himself as messenger from Cedar Creek Association.

9½ o'clock a. m., special order. Report of Committee on State Missions was read.

Pending motion to adopt, the Association was addressed by Bro. J. E. Ray.

Collection taken up for State Missions amounting to \$18.00

#### REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The object of the State Mission Board is to send the gospel into every portion of North Carolina which is destitute of Baptist preaching. For more than



fifty years this work has been prosecuted, and men have been sent into nearly every county in the State, carrying the glad news of salvation. God has wonderfully blessed the efforts put forth, and the Holy Spirit has accompanied the word, and the seeds sown produced bountiful harvests.

Within the past three years thirty-nine new churches have been organized, twenty-eight meeting-houses erected, and more than *three thousand souls* have professed faith, as the direct results of the labors of our missionaries alone.

The demands upon the State Board of Missions are continually increasing, and newer and wider and more inviting fields keep opening up to our Baptist people, until this year the Board has commissioned *seventy* men and sent them out to break the bread of life to the perishing souls who are so eagerly asking for it.

But "there remaineth yet much land to be possessed." There are six counties in the State in which there are only four Baptist churches, and six counties in which there is not one Baptist preacher. The Board of Missions is doing all it can to supply this destitution and is now crying to the churches for means to pay the men already sent out.

Brethren, let our motto be: "North Carolina for Jesus Christ," and not rest satisfied until there is a Baptist church in every town and neighborhood in the State.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN E. RAY,  
J. D. ROBERTS,  
R. R. BELL,  
*Committee.*

Bro. J. T. Bland introduced the following:

*Resolved*, That we will endeavor to raise as much money for State Missions during the next Associational year as we have during the past year.

Adopted.

Committee of Arrangements announced that Elder C. S. Cashwell would preach immediately at the Methodist church.

On motion, the Finance Committee was instructed to pay the monies in their hands to the treasurer.

Committee to nominate Executive Committee for next Associational year, reported the following: G. A. Herring, J. W. Lane, L. R. Highsmith, D. J. Middleton, F. A. Fennell, L. R. Carroll and J. T. Bland.

Report adopted.

10½ o'clock, special order, committee on Education reported.

Pending motion to adopt, the subject of education was discussed by brethren R. T. Vann and J. B. Brewer.

Roll of churches called and following pledges made to Education:

Barlow Chapel, \$1.00; Bethel, \$5.00; Bethlehem, \$2.50; Boykin's Chapel, \$5.00; Bear Branch, \$1.00; Burgaw, \$2.50; Caintuck Chapel, \$2.50; Concord, \$6.00; Clinton, \$10.00; Island Creek, \$3.00; Johnson's, \$5.00; Kenansville, \$5.00; Lisbon, \$10.00; Long Creek, \$2.50; Moore's Creek, \$2.00; Mount Gilead, \$10.00; Mt. Holly, \$2.50; Mt. Olive, \$10.00; New Hope, \$10.00; Piny Grove, \$5.00; Poplar Grove, \$1.00; Riley's Creek, \$5.00; Warsaw, \$10.00; Wells' Chapel, \$10.00; Wilmington, \$75.00; Willard, \$5.00.

#### REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The people of the State are to be congratulated on the increased interest generally manifested in the cause of education. The public school system of the State is gradually improving, while the private and denominational schools and colleges are rejoicing in a largely increased patronage. Wake Forest College opened the current session with a larger number of students than ever before in its history, and encouraging reports reach us of the attendance at the female seminaries at Murfreesboro, Oxford, Thomasville and Shelby, while our

own school at Warsaw, thanks to the energy and enterprise of the brethren Kennedy, Phoenix-like, has risen from the ashes and opened with good prospects of success.

There are thirty-one young men studying for the ministry at Wake Forest, twenty-eight of whom are aided by the Board of Education, and many more would be there, were the means at command to help them prepare for the work of the ministry.

Your committee would earnestly recommend the churches to pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth more laborers into the field, and to encourage in every legitimate way those among us who may feel called of God to preach the Gospel.

T. H. PRITCHARD,  
R. T. VANN,  
J. B. BREWER,

*Committee.*

Report of the Committee on Warsaw High School Property was submitted. Pending motion to adopt, the subject was discussed by brethren L. R. Carroll, D. S. Kennedy, and Elders W. M. Kennedy, R. C. Sanderling, T. H. Pritchard and R. T. Bryan.

#### REPORT.

The committee appointed to take into consideration the matter of the Warsaw High School property, respectfully recommend the building of another house for school purposes on the old site at as early a day as practicable. To this end we further recommend the appointment of one brother from each church whose duty it shall be to bring the matter before his church, urge its importance, secure all the money and pledges possible and report the same to the Trustees by the first day of January, 1886, and when a sufficient amount shall have been secured, the Trustees are hereby instructed to proceed at once to the erection of such a building as the means at their command will allow, and in their judgment they think best.

L. R. CARROLL,  
T. H. PRITCHARD,  
G. A. HERRING,  
J. T. BLAND,  
O. P. MIDDLETON,  
*Committee.*

On motion, the number of Trustees of Warsaw High School was reduced from twenty-eight to seven, consisting of the following brethren: O. P. Middleton, A. M. Faison, I. Brown, J. L. Stewart, T. H. Pritchard, C. H. Smith and L. R. Carroll.

Committee on Requests reported the following: "We recommend that the next session of this body be held with the church at Clinton." Adopted.

Report of Committee on Periodicals was read and made the special order for 3 o'clock p. m.

Adjourned for dinner.

#### EVENING SESSION.

Moderator called Association to order. Report of Committee on Sunday Schools was read. Remarks by brethren D. S. Kennedy and J. E. Ray.

#### REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sunday Schools has made a careful examination of the reports from the churches and find much that is encouraging. 43 churches have reported, and of this number 36 have Sunday schools, and some have mission schools; thus enabling us to report 43 schools, with 286 officers and teachers, and 2,465 pupils.

A large majority of the schools meet throughout the year. Some of our



churches have not reported schools, yet we know that many of them are laboring in union schools; we would urge upon them the importance of making their schools Baptist schools as soon as practicable.

From the statistics we are forced to the conclusion that but few of our church members are laboring in the Sunday schools; this is not as it should be, and we trust that, so far as they can, the pastors will see that all their members become active laborers in this great work.

We deem it advisable that the Association appoint a Sunday School Board to labor in the interest of this work within our bounds, and hope that you will consider this matter. Respectfully submitted,

D. S. KENNEDY,  
E. HEWLETT,  
I. CARROLL,

*Committee.*

Committee on Obituaries reported as follows:

It is a source of sorrow to us that during the past year so many of our aged and useful brethren have been called from the labors of earth to the rest of heaven.

Deacons Hardy Herring, of the Lisbon church, aged 85. J. D. Carroll, of the Magnolia church, 76; and Joseph Boon, of Corinth church, about 63, will no more appear in our earthly assemblies.

Bro. J. D. Carroll was baptized into the fellowship of Beaver Dam church in August, 1830, died March 23d. 1885. Was one of the first subscribers to the Baptist organ of the State and kept up his subscription regularly till his death.

Brethren L. Hocut, 65 years of age, of Burgaw church; W. R. Bell, 56, of Warsaw church, and W. A. Bordeaux, of Long Creek church, have also passed away.

Your Committee also deem it proper to make special mention of the death of Miss Minnie A. Kennedy, since no christian life was more beautiful, and no death more lamented than hers.

God be thanked for the blessed memories of these departed saints! May we emulate their example and live to God's glory, as the time is short.

T. H. PRITCHARD,  
J. B. BARLOW,  
O. BLACKBURN,

*Committee*

Bro. L. R. Carroll called attention of the Association to the fact that Bro. Claude Peterson, a young man in this Association, feels called to preach and desires to go to school but has not the means with which to defray his expenses.

On motion, brethren L. R. Carroll, J. L. Boykin and R. C. Sandling are appointed a committee to investigate and report some proposition or plan for the action of the Association in regard to Bro. Peterson.

Special order, 3 o'clock p. m. Pending motion to adopt report on Periodicals, remarks were made by Elders C. S. Farriss and T. H. Pritchard.

#### REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your Committee on Periodicals beg leave to make the following report:

WHEREAS, The efficiency of the church depends largely upon the intelligence of its members, and as religious newspapers give just the information we need: therefore,

*Resolved*, That each delegate be requested to consider himself a committee-man to try to introduce some good religious paper in every family.

*Resolved*, That the Bible first of all books be read, and then the BIBLICAL RECORDER.

*Resolved*, That we recommend Baptist literature in all our Sabbath Schools.

R. C. SANDLING,  
B. S. PETERSON,  
A. E. COLWELL,

*Committee.*

Adopted.

Committee appointed to investigate matters in regard to Bro. Claude Peterson, reported that arrangements will be made by which he can go to school without the aid of the Association.

Bro. F. A. Fennell introduced the following, which was adopted by a unanimous vote:

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this body are hereby tendered to the citizens of Mt. Olive and surrounding country for their kind and liberal hospitality, to the Wilmington & Weldon Rail Road for reduced fare extended to members and visitors attending this body, and also to the officers and members of the Methodist and Presbyterian denominations of Mt. Olive for the use of their houses of worship during this session of our body.

On motion, the sum of \$15.00 was allowed the clerk for his services, and he is instructed to have 1,000 copies of minutes printed for distribution, and one church letter for each church, and that the surplus minute fund be paid to the Treasurer of the Executive Committee.

On motion, Elders R. C. Sandling, H. M. Croom and Bro. I. Carroll were appointed to nominate preachers for next session.

On motion, the Treasurer was instructed to pay over the money in his hands to the proper persons entitled to receive them and take proper receipts for the same.

Committee to nominate Preachers for next session reported as follows: To preach Introductory Sermon, Elder J. B. Barlow; alternate, Elder G. S. Best. Missionary Sermon, Elder R. C. Sandling; alternate, Elder J. P. Faison.

Treasurer of Eastern Association reported as follows:

A. M. FAISON, *Treasurer*,

*In Account with the Eastern Association:*

	DR.	
Amount received by Treasurer	-----	\$812 82
	CR.	
Paid to Associational Fund	-----	\$364 43
" " Morehead church	-----	7 00
" " J. L. Britt, services as Clerk	-----	15 00
" " Minute Fund	-----	49 59
" " State Missions	-----	125 00
" " Foreign Missions	-----	100 00
" " Ministerial Education	-----	155 00
Total	-----	\$816 02
		812 82
Overpaid by Treasurer	-----	\$3 20
Examined and found correct.		

J. C. HOBBS,  
B. S. PETERSON,  
J. W. POWELL,  
*Auditing Committee.*



MOUNT OLIVE, N. C., October 8 1885.

D. J. MIDDLETON, *Treasurer of Executive Committee,*  
*In Account with Eastern Association :*

DR.	
To cash on hand at last Association .....	\$ 91
Collection at Union Meeting at Berea .....	5 32
Cash from Mrs. Caroline Malpass .....	50
Cash from Riley's Creek .....	2 50
Amount received from Treas. of Asso. at present session ..	195 66
Total .....	\$204 89
CR.	
By amount paid Bro. J. P. Faison .....	\$ 30 00
" " " Bro. C. S. Cashwell .....	25 00
" " " Bro. W. M. Kennedy .....	10 00
Total .....	\$ 65 00
Balance on hand .....	\$139 89

Examined and found correct.

J. C. HOBBS,  
 B. S. PETERSON,  
 J. W. POWELL,  
*Auditing Committee.*

The Committee on Temperance failed to report, but after the Association adjourned the report was handed the Clerk and is inserted, not as a part of the proceedings, but as a paper from the committee appointed on the subject of temperance:

Your Committee on Temperance beg leave to report :

To the most casual observer the abuse of intoxicating liquors is a crying and unmitigated evil ; this every day's experience verifies. Besides, profane and sacred history record the most detestible crimes of fallen humanity as the fruits of drunkenness.

Now as to the remedy against this evil : We appeal to the patriotic conscience of our legislators to abolish all bar-rooms ; to apply the most rigid chemical test as to all liquors put on sale, in regard to purity ; allow its sale as other goods, but never in any case or place allow its public use ; punish all drunkards by committing them either to the lunatic asylum or penitentiary, as the courts may determine.

J. P. FAISON,  
 J. F. OLIVER,  
 B. S. MONTFORD,  
*Committee.*

On motion, any brother attending the Baptist State Convention from among us was authorized to represent us.

## REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Received .....	\$730 06
Appropriated as follows :	
For Ministerial Education .....	\$ 75 46
For State Missions .....	27 53
For Foreign Missions .....	188 34
For Associational Missions .....	198 16
For Minute Fund .....	50 24
For Ladies' Missionary Society for State Missions .....	40 04
For Ladies' Missionary Society for Foreign Missions .....	43 32
For Sunday Schools .....	1 00
Public collection .....	58 12
For Baptist Orphanage .....	40 80
Total .....	\$723 01
Leaving a balance of .....	\$ 7 05

B. MATTHEWS,  
 J. C. HINES,  
 E. D. WELLS,  
*Finance Committee.*

Examined and found correct.

J. C. HOBBS,  
 J. W. POWELL,  
 B. S. PETERSON,  
*Auditing Committee.*

There being no further business, the brethren sing "In the Sweet Bye-and-Bye," while they extend to each other the parting hand.

Special prayer was offered, led by Dr. Pritchard, for the restoration to health of Elder J. L. Stewart, the former able Moderator of this body.

On motion, adjourned to meet in Clinton Tuesday after first Sunday in October, 1886. Benediction by the Moderator.

W. M. KENNEDY,  
 MODERATOR.

J. L. BRITT, *Clerk.*

## FOR NEXT SESSION.

PLACE OF MEETING—Clinton, Sampson county, North Carolina.

TIME—Tuesday after first Sunday in October, 1886.

INTRODUCTORY SERMON—Elder J. B. Barlow ; Alternate, G. S. Best.

MISSIONARY SERMON—R. C. Sandling ; Alternate, J. P. Faison.



# CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL OBJECTS.

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CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Church Expenses.	Ministerial Education.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Associational Missions.	Sunday School Board.	Home and Indian Missions.	Other Objects.	Minute Fund.	From Ladies Missionary Societies.	Total for all Objects.
Barlow Chapel	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Bethel	125 00	30 00	5 00		14 72					1 50		176 22
Beulah			4 00		5 00	2 00			1 28	1 05		12 05
Boykin's Chapel	75 00		5 00		5 60					1 50		87 10
Berea						1 30				60		1 90
Bear Marsh	107 00	11 00	5 00	2 00	6 00	2 00				1 50		134 50
Bethlehem	72 00		1 00	1 83	5 35	2 00				1 25		83 43
Bear Branch	39 00	10 00		1 15	5 50					60		51 25
Burgaw	25 60	1 40			3 50	3 50				62		34 62
Clinton	125 00	419 61	10 00		10 00	10 00				1 50		576 11
Concord	125 00		4 00		2 50	2 00				1 00	19 00	153 50
Corinth			2 00		5 00	5 00						12 00
Colvin's Creek										40		2 95
Caintuck Chapel	75 00	50 00		5 00	5 00		1 00			1 00		137 00
Capernaum	20 00											
Caswell	75 00	639 05	96	2 55	2 55					1 25		721 36
Dobson's Chapel	75 00	160 00			10 50					1 35		246 85
Emma's Chapel										1 20		1 20
Hallsville					5 21	5 00				46		10 67
Haw Bluff	72 00				1 00	5 00				35		78 35
Island Creek	100 00	45 00	5 00	5 00	5 00					2 35		162 35
Johnson's	100 00				11 50	11 50				55		123 55
Kenansville			5 00		15 35	6 40				1 30		28 05
Long Creek	75 00	15 00	2 00		2 40	3 00				1 50	8 00	98 95

MINUTES OF THE

Lisbon						10 00				75		10 75
Maple Hill	60 00		2 00		3 00					1 10		65 00
Mary's Chapel					1 00	10 00				2 00		12 10
Masonboro	100 00	40 00	3 00	5 00	4 00	3 00				1 38	7 25	157 00
Moore's Creek	75 00				7 25	7 75				1 50		98 63
Mt. Gilead	125 00		10 00	5 00	5 00							146 50
Mt. Olive	150 00	75 00	10 00			10 00				1 83		245 00
Mt. Holly	75 00	2 00			1 00	4 50				2 00		85 58
Magnolia	100 00	12 00								1 50		114 00
New Hope	125 00		5 00	10 00	38 12	10 00			4 00	1 00		193 00
Olive Branch	40 00	5 00								1 55		73 75
Piny Grove	100 00	100 00				14 00				75		215 55
Poplar Grove	75 00				4 50					50		80 25
Rose Hill	50 00				5 00					1 50		55 50
Riley's Creek	125 00				5 00	10 00				50		141 50
Salem	5 25	50				5 25	5 27			1 50		16 77
Shiloh	84 00		2 00		6 76	5 76				55		100 02
Teachey					2 35	1 35				15 00	2 00	4 25
Warsaw	120 00	1 00			13 00	15 00				2 00	50 00	216 00
Well's Chapel	175 00	15 00	10 00	10 00	15 00				60 00	1 50		286 75
Wilmington	2,500 00	781 72	25 00	50 00	80 00	30 00			70 00	4 00		4,159 72
Willard	125 00	10 00	5 00		7 50	2 50				75		150 75
Total	\$ 5,494 85	\$2423 00	\$ 120 96	\$ 97 53	\$ 314 16	\$ 197 81	\$ 6 27		\$ 150 28	\$50 99	\$84 25	\$ 8,940 10

Collection of Union Meeting at Lisbon, given to brethren D. W. Herring and R. T. Bryan, \$29.70.  
Whole amount paid during the year to State Missions, \$253.52.

EASTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

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## STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Additions.				Losses.			Membership.				TIME OF MEETING.
	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Experience.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	White Males.	White Females.	Colored.	Total.	
Barlow Chapel	6	3						46	73		119	4th Sunday.
Bethel	3	4						45	63		108	1st Sunday.
Beulah	10	1						54	89		143	2nd Sunday.
Boykins Chapel	16	1						21	37		58	2nd Sunday.
Berea	1	2						39	131		170	3rd Sunday.
Bear Marsh	1	3						37	66		103	2nd Sunday.
Bethlehem	1	3						16	17		33	4th Sunday.
Bear Branch								4	15		19	1st Sunday.
Burgaw								25	53		78	3rd Sunday.
Clinton								40	76		116	1st Sunday.
Concord								54	80		134	1st Sunday.
Corinth								26	52		78	1st Sunday.
Colvin's Creek								30	41		71	4th Sunday.
Caintuck Chapel								8	24		32	4th Sunday.
Capernaum								20	30		50	4th Sunday.
Caswell								27	41		68	2nd Sunday.
Dobson's Chapel								21	33		54	1st Sunday.
Emma's Chapel								1	35		36	
Hallsville								1	2		3	
Haw Bluff								1	2		3	
Island Creek								23	4		27	
Johnson's								5	4		9	
Kenansville								3	3		6	
Long Creek								5	3		8	
Lisbon								1	9		10	
Maple Hill								2	2		4	
Mary's Chapel								1	2		3	
Masonboro								2	3		5	
Moore's Creek								1	2		3	
Mt. Gilead								1	2		3	
Mt. Olive								1	2		3	
Mt. Holly								1	2		3	
Magnolia								1	2		3	
New Hope								1	2		3	
Olive Branch								1	2		3	
Piney Grove								1	2		3	
Poplar Grove								1	2		3	
Rose Hill								1	2		3	
Riley's Creek								1	2		3	
Salem								1	2		3	
Shiloh								1	2		3	
Teachey								1	2		3	
Warsaw								1	2		3	
Well's Chapel								1	2		3	
Wilmington								1	2		3	
Willard								1	2		3	
Total	319	224		80	202	71	72	2063	3224	14	5292	

## Pastors, Clerks, and their Post-Offices.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS AND THEIR P. O.	CLERKS AND THEIR P. O.
Barlow's Chapel	T. J. Baker, Magnolia	M. H. Oats, Taylor's Bridge.
Bethel	I. L. Britt, Warsaw	F. J. Faison, Warsaw.
Beulah	H. S. Spivey, Clinton	T. J. Blackburn, Clinton.
Boykin's Chapel	J. P. Faison, Harrell's Store	J. A. Southerland, Wallace.
Berea	R. C. Sandling, Mt. Olive	John King, Mt. Olive.
Bear Marsh	J. B. Downing, White Oak	W. C. Keith, Point Caswell.
Bethlehem	Jno. W. Smith, Byrdville.	W. R. Brinson, Jr., Pt Caswell
Bear Branch		A. E. Taylor, Burgaw.
Burgaw	J. L. Stewart, Clinton	W. B. Stewart, Clinton.
Clinton	R. C. Sandling, Mt. Olive	J. T. Kennedy, Magnolia.
Concord	R. C. Sandling, Mt. Olive	L. J. Johnson, Rose Hill.
Corinth	W. A. Melvin, Harrell's Str	W. G. Harrell, Pt. Caswell.
Colvin's Creek	J. B. Barlow, Wilmington	D. J. Corbett, Nat Moore.
Caintuck Chapel	D. F. Aman, Sneed's Ferry.	Geo. Riggs, Palalto.
Capernaum	W. M. Kennedy, Warsaw	J. G. Parker, Point Caswell.
Caswell	T. J. Baker, Magnolia	H. C. Stringfield, Kenansville
Dobson's Chapel	E. A. Best, Richlands	H. Marshburn, Richlands.
Emma's Chapel		J. D. Brown, Chinquepin.
Hallsville	J. B. Downing, White Oak	L. C. Boswell, Colly.
Haw Bluff	J. T. Albritton, Mt. Olive	H. T. Savage, Wallace.
Island Creek	T. J. Baker, Magnolia	L. Middleton, Warsaw.
Johnson's	T. J. Baker, Magnolia	D. J. Middleton, Warsaw.
Kenansville	J. B. Barlow, Wilmington	J. H. Brinson, Long Creek.
Long Creek	Wm. Brunt, White Oak	R. Herring, Clear Run.
Lisbon	H. M. Croom, Teachey's	A. E. Burton, Maple Hill.
Maple Hill	G. S. Best, Kenansville	F. M. Southerland, Kenansv.
Mary's Chapel	G. S. Best, Kenansville	B. S. Montford, Wilmington.
Masonboro	W. M. Kennedy, Warsaw	H. P. Woodcock, Pt. Caswell.
Moore's Creek	J. L. Stewart, Clinton	J. J. Vann, Clinton.
Mount Gilead	R. C. Sandling, Mt. Olive	W. T. Gresham, Mt. Olive.
Mount Olive	J. B. Barlow, Wilmington	I. Carroll, So. Washington.
Mount Holly	T. J. Baker, Magnolia	G. M. Swinson, Magnolia.
Magnolia	J. L. Stewart, Clinton	J. L. Carroll, Warsaw.
New Hope	J. B. Barlow, Wilmington	E. H. Garriss, Wilmington.
Olive Branch	J. L. Britt, Warsaw	G. W. Highsmith, Clinton.
Piney Grove	J. L. Britt, Warsaw	W. D. Stevens, Faison's.
Poplar Grove	C. Cashwell, Pollokville.	D. N. Page, Tar Landing.
Rose Hill	W. M. Kennedy, Warsaw	W. B. Hocut, Rocky Point.
Riley's Creek	J. P. Faison, Harrell's Store.	J. L. Congleton,
Salem	H. S. Spivey, Clinton	J. P. Stringfield, Moore's C'k.
Shiloh		M. W. Teachey, Teachey's.
Teachey		S. M. Carlton, Warsaw.
Warsaw	R. C. Sandling, Mt. Olive	N. F. Highsmith, Harrell's Str
Well's Chapel	T. H. Pritchard, Wilmington.	J. W. Collins, Wilmington.
Wilmington	R. C. Sandling, Mt. Olive	F. A. Fennell, Willard's.
Willard		



## SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	Teachers and Officers.	Scholars.	No. of Volumes in Library.	Average Attendance.	No. months in year School kept open.	No. or copies of Biblical Record taken.
Barlow Chapel							
Bethel	M. O. Oats	5	41		25	6	
Beulah	G. W. Marsh	6	16		10	12	2
Boykin's Chapel	J. C. Howard						3
Berea							
Bear Marsh	W. G. Stroud	5	40				6
Bethlehem	D. P. Bland	6	52	100	27	10	2
Bear Branch	W. R. Brinson, sr.	6	40		20	12	
Burgaw							
Clinton	W. B. Stewart	13	55		50	12	
Concord	W. A. Moore	5	25		20	12	
Colvin's Creek	W. J. Harrell	7	40	75	25	12	
Corinth	D. W. Fussell	5	60		60	12	4
Caintuck Chapel	D. J. Corbett	10	60	175	60	12	7
Capernaum	B. M. Riggs	4	30		20		
Caswell	H. M. Driver	8	59		25	12	2
Dobson's Chapel							22
Emma's Chapel	W. M. Barbee	12	80			12	2
Hallsville							
Haw Bluff	W. F. Brown	4	40		30	8	
Island Creek	C. Harrell	5	41		30	9	
Johnson's	L. Middleton	5	52		35	9	8
Kenansville	P. H. Kornegay						3
Long Creek	A. B. Croom	3	63	30	30		2
Lisbon	D. L. Herring	4	40				
Maple Hill							
Mary's Chapel	F. M. Southerland	5	38		25	12	
Masonboro	E. Hewlett	5	55		43	12	4
Moore's Creek							3
Mt. Gilead	B. Matthis	8			60	12	2
Mt. Olive	J. F. Oliver	11	109		90	12	10
Mt. Holly	O. W. Carter	5	25		20	9	3
Magnolia							
New Hope	L. R. Carroll	5	60			12	10
Olive Branch	J. T. Edens	6	50		40	12	1
Piny Grove	W. I. Lane	9	140		90	12	6
Poplar Grove	R. R. Bell	8	70	100	45	12	2
Rose Hill	J. H. Tyels	6	50		50	12	
Riley's Creek	J. T. Larkins	8	25		15	12	6
Salem	L. R. Cannady	5	47	72	12	12	1
Shiloh	J. P. Stangfield	5	99	100	60	12	4
Teachey	J. C. McMillan	7	40		30		2
Warsaw	I. Brown	6	70		45	12	8
Well's Chapel	L. R. Highsmith	12	150		100	12	20
Wilmington	J. S. Mitchell	45	405	600	325	12	60
Willard	B. F. Fennell	3	30		25	12	3
Total		261	2,307	1,047	1,555		208

## CHURCH COVENANT.

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour, and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we do now, in the presence of God, angels and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Ghost, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage; and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the Kingdom of our Saviour.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the 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 the 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 conducted 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 toward 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 of votes.

## CONSTITUTION OF THE EASTERN ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the Eastern Association.

ARTICLE 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.

ARTICLE 3. This Association shall be composed of all ordained ministers members of churches of this body, and three delegates from each church elected by the church in conference assembled.

ARTICLE 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.

ARTICLE 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.

ARTICLE 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve order, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under discussion after others have spoken, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

ARTICLE 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.

ARTICLE 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 disburse the same as ordered by the Association. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the treasury.

ARTICLE 9. The Association shall appoint an Executive Committee of seven members, which committee shall have the superintendence of Associational Missions and Colportage. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid by the Treasurer of the Association for the objects under their charge, and during intervals between the meetings of this body to receive and disburse funds for those objects, and to take such steps for their advancement as they shall deem advisable, and shall make an annual report to the Association of their doings.

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

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

ARTICLE 12. The annual session of this Association shall commence on Tuesday after the first Lord's Day in October, at such place as may be chosen.

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

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

## ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Reading Church Letters and Enrolling Delegates.
2. Election of Officers.
3. Call for Petitionary Letters.
4. Appointment of Committees.
5. Appointment of Corresponding Delegates.
6. Reports of Standing Committees.
7. Reports of Other Committees.
8. Report of Trustees of Ministers' Relief Society.
9. Report of Treasurer.
10. Miscellaneous Business.
11. Incidental and Routine Motions shall be in order at any time.
12. Adjournment.



EASTERN BATTLE

August 12. The battle was in the morning. The army of the North was defeated. The army of the South was victorious. The battle was fought in the morning. The army of the North was defeated. The army of the South was victorious.

ORDER OF BATTLE

1. Reading (North) and (South) (North)
2. Division of (North)
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