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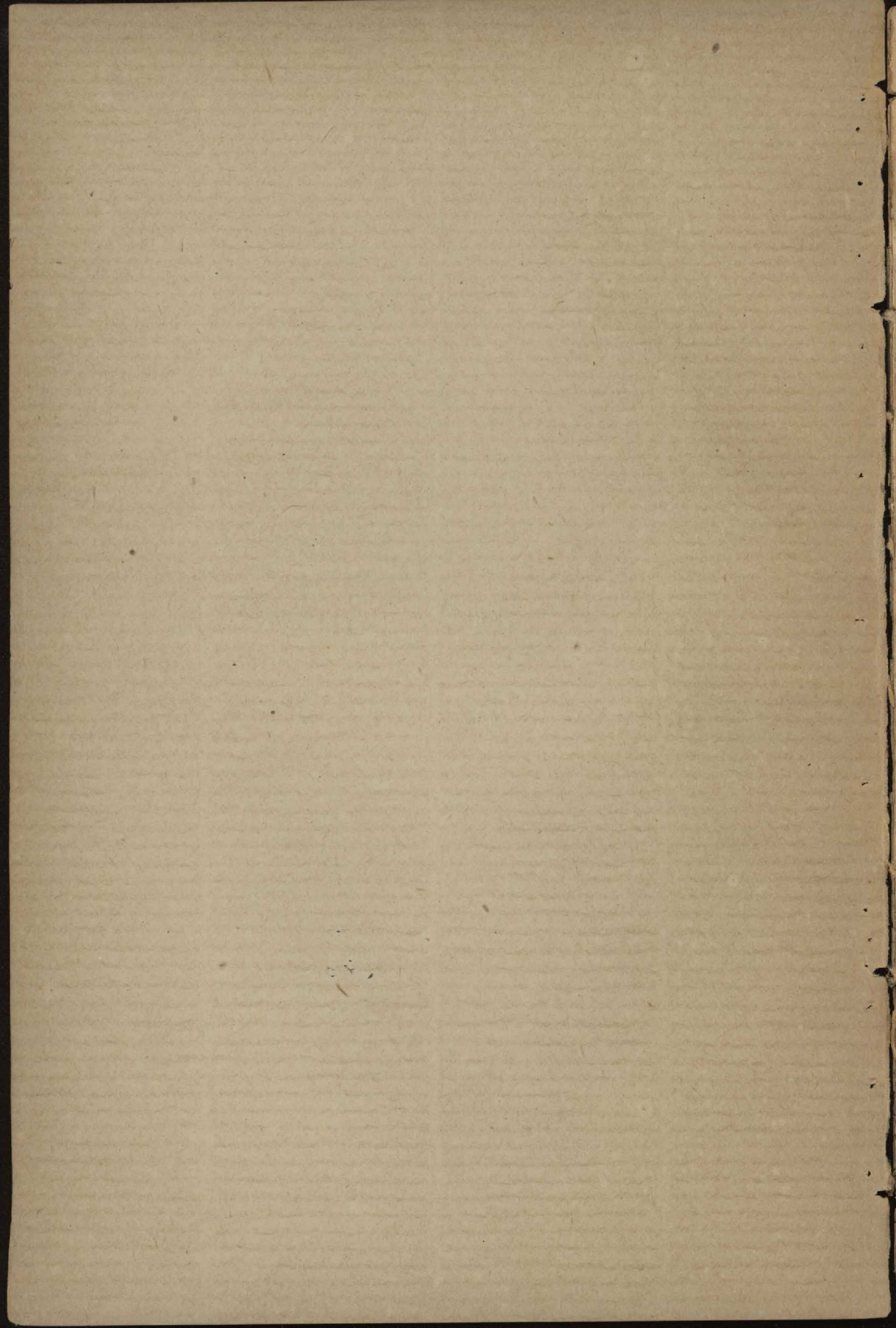
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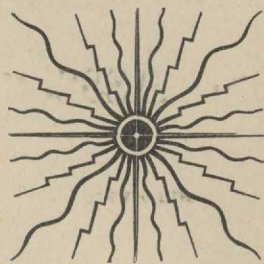
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THE MECKLENBURG AND CABARRUS BAPTIST ASSOCIATION met in its Seventh Annual Session and was called to order by the Moderator, S. P. Smith. After devotional exercises the letters from the Churches were read and delegates enrolled as follows:

ARLINGTON—E. H. Hinson, W. M. Connell, E. H. Williams, Daniel Hill.

CHARLOTTE TRYON STREET—S. P. Smith, I. W. Durham.

CLEAR CREEK—R. H. McManns, W. J. Estridge, H. W. Pigg.

COLD WATER—J. W. Springer, T. V. Tolbert.

CONCORD—W. J. Black, F. P. Smith, J. M. Calaway.

CHANEY'S HILL—C. P. Sorsoman, J. L. Keyser, J. S. Keyser.

HOPEWELL—G. M. Winecoff, Andrew Barnette.

HOWELLS—J. R. McCurdy, G. H. Garmon, H. T. Stowe.

INDEPENDENCE HILL—A. N. Hinson, J. L. Cashion, J. C. Black, J. L.

Hinson.

MATTHEWS—Rev. W. M. Johnson, Rev. J. W. Abernathy.

OLIVET—C. Gresham, J. K. Purefoy.

PROSPECT—T. S. Carter, W. A. Marks, Rev. B. H. Carter.

WILSON'S GROVE—H. L. Helms.

OAK GROVE—H. M. Monson, J. W. Whittington, J. C. Smith.

The following officers were elected: S. P. Smith, Moderator; I. W. Durham, Clerk; C. Gresham, Treasurer.

The Chair appointed the following committees, on application of Oak Grove Church: Revs. D. M. Anstin, W. M. Johnston, J. A. Hoyle on order of business. Rev. A. W. Crabtree, J. R. McCurdy, C. Gresham. On motion adjourned for one hour.

FIRST DAY—Afternoon Session.

After devotional exercises the Chair welcomed to the privileges of the Association Revs. J. N. Stallings, R. H. James and J. A. Hoyle from sister Associations. Letter was read from Oak Grove Baptist Church asking for admission, and on recommendation of Committee was admitted into this Association.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Report on Education at 2.30 by Rev. J. O. Alderman.
 Report on Home Missions 3.30 by Rev. J. A. Hoyle.
 Report on State Missions 10 a. m. Friday by Rev. D. M. Austin.
 Report on Foreign Missions 11 a. m. Friday by Rev. A. W. Crabtree.
 Report on Sunday Schools 1.30 p. m. Friday by I. W. Durham.
 Report on Orphanage 2.30 p. m. Friday by Rev. T. J. James.
 Report on Periodicals 10 a. m. Saturday by J. C. Cadell.
 Miscellaneous business. Adopted.

Chair appointed the following Committees:

On Finance—J. R. McCurday, J. K. Purefoy, E. H. Williams, C. Gresham.

Religious Exercises—Pastor and Deacons of this Church.

Requests and Queries—E. H. Hinson, F. P. Smith, J. L. Keyser.

Obituaries—Rev. W. M. Johnson, J. L. Cashion, H. L. Helms.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

In the beginning God created man in his own image and constituted him Lord of the Universe, a high and excellent position. Hence man owes himself a duty. He should approach as near as possible Him in whose image he was made, and fit himself as nearly as possible for the office of lord of creation.

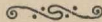
This requires knowledge; hence education demands of him a welcome. Man owes his family a duty; ignorance is a greater curse than poverty. Man owes his country a duty. Education gives strength both physical and moral. But a country is educated only as its citizens are educated. Man owes his religion a duty. For him to get the benefit of his religion, and his religion to get the benefit of his service, that service must be intelligent. Hence a more general and thorough education would add much to a man's religion. Lastly, a minister especially owes a duty. "If the blind lead the blind, they shall both fall into the ditch." While education cannot make a minister, its absence cannot. And especially does the Church owe it to herself to make her minister—her leader—as capable and effective as possible.

J. O. ALDERMAN.

Discussed by Rev. J. N. Stallings, J. O. Alderman, C. Gresham, A. W. Crabtree, S. P. Smith, J. A. Hoyle and D. M. Austin. Adopted. The following individual pledges were made to Ministerial Education: J. D. Smith \$1.00, J. W. Springer \$1.00, W. T. Tolbert \$1.00, E. H. Hinson paid \$1.00, S. P. Smith paid \$5.00.

Sermon to-night by Rev. D. M. Austin.

Adjourned until 9 a. m. tomorrow.



SECOND DAY—Morning Session.

Devotional exercises by Rev. A. W. Crabtree. Minutes read and approved. Chair welcomed Rev. J. F. Hodges from Stanley Association.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

That department of the mission work of the Churches co-operative with the Southern Baptist Convention known as "Home Missions" is in charge of the

Home Mission Board located at Atlanta, Ga., and has for its object the supplying of the gospel as Baptists believe it, and preach it, as follows :

1st. To our native white people in the States and Territories within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention in those sections in which no Association or other state organization is operating, and of aiding those organizations too weak to fully perform the work within their own bounds.

2nd. To the foreign population immigrating to said bounds, in their own languages.

3rd. To the Indians within said bounds.

4th. To the negroes within said bounds.

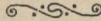
5th. To the Island of Cuba.

Your Committee recommends that the pastors bring this matter before the Churches and get as many members as possible to subscribe for "Our Home Field," a monthly published by said Board, at Atlanta, at 25 cents a year. Brethren, let us all get all the information possible, then fully perform our duty.

J. N. STALLINGS.

Discussed by J. N. Stallings, C. Gresham, J. A. Hoyle, W. M. Johnson, A. W. Crabtree and J. F. Hodges. Adopted.

Adjourned for one hour.



SECOND DAY—Afternoon Session.

On motion the following Committee was appointed on time and place of next meeting. Rev. W. M. Johnson, J. W. Springer, I. W. Durham.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

This feature of our work, as we believe, is largely the foundation for all of our other Mission interests. State Missions has as its first object the preaching of the gospel, as Baptists believe it in every country district, village, town and city in North Carolina. Through the influence of this Board it is possible for us to reach the masses of the people in every section of our grand old State.

For this Conventional year the Board has in its employ one hundred Missionaries; they are the Lord's servants preaching in destitute sections, and largely to the poor of the land. The Board is instructed to expend \$15,000 this year in this work.

Respectfully submitted,

D. M. AUSTIN.

Discussed by Rev. D. M. Austin and Rev. R. H. James. Adopted. Rev. Jas. Snyder was welcomed to the privileges of the Association.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

It is impossible to estimate the importance of this department of Church work. It is here we received, and our children may receive, the earliest impressions for a life of service for God, it was here the pure word of God, that is able to make us wise unto salvation, first found lodgment in our young heart and mind, and which remain with us through life. It was there we memorized the "Sermon on the Mount" and much other scripture. The Word, memorized in youth, is not apt to be mis-quoted and perverted, as is often done.

As the twig is bent the tree is inclined, so is the future usefulness of the child shaped, and its destiny largely determined. The future of the Church depends to a very great extent, on the work done in our Sunday Schools. Let this department of Church work lag, and in the same proportion will the cause of Christ suffer in our hands.

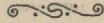
Respectfully submitted,

I. W. DURHAM.

Discussed by I. W. Durham, Rev. J. N. Stallings, Rev. J. O. Alderman, Rev. J. F. Hodges, Rev. Jas. Snyder, Rev. J. A. Hoyle. Adopted.

Committee on time and place of next meeting recommended Olivet Church, Charlotte. Adopted. Services to-night by Rev. J. A. Hoyle.

Adjourned until tomorrow A. M.



THIRD DAY—Morning Session.

Religious exercises conducted by Rev. J. F. Hodges. Association called to order by the moderator. Brethren J. C. Caddell and J. H. Edwards of the Recorder and Orphanage, respectively, were welcomed to seats.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Church of Jesus Christ is under marching orders; the command of her Lord, ere he left the earth, was, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." The duty we owe to God and to mankind is to send into all the dark places of the earth the messengers of salvation. The command to every redeemed soul is go or send. 800,000,000 of our fellowmen are still in Pagan darkness, perishing for the WORD. What are the 1,250,000 of white Baptists in these Southern States doing toward carrying out this order of our great Captain? We have in China 37 Missionaries with 5 ordained natives, aided by 24 native assistants. In Africa we have 10 Missionaries with 6 assistants. In Italy 3 with 13 ordained natives. In Brazil 11 with 4 assistants. In Mexico 20 and in Japan 4. Nearly half of these are females. He that gave the command to go, also said, "Lo I am with you always." The work of grace on our Mission fields is more marked than upon the Churches in our own land. The power of the Holy Spirit in this work has been seen in oft recurring Pentecosts, like those two wonderful revivals in the Lone Star Mission of our Northern brethren which added thousands to the Church at Ongole.

Respectfully submitted,

A. W. CRABTREE.

Discussed by A. W. Crabtree, R. H. James, J. F. Hodges. Adopted.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

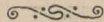
The Baptist Orphanage is located at Thomasville and is the property of the Baptists of North Carolina. At present there are about 125 children at this institution dependant upon the contributions of the good people of the State for food, clothes and education. Therefore this Association requests: 1st. That all the Pastors of Churches composing this body bring this work before their people at least once during the year, and take a collection for same. 2nd. That Superintendents of Sunday Schools give the children a chance to contribute monthly. We also recommend "Charity and Children," a paper published at the Orphanage, weekly at \$1.00 per year.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE.

Discussed by J. H. Edwards, J. F. Hodges, R. H. James. Adopted. Collection was taken amounting to \$3.47.

On motion adjourned.



THIRD DAY—Afternoon Session.

Prayer by Rev. J. O. Alderman. Following delegates were appointed to the Baptist State Convention: Rev. D. M. Austin, S. P. Smith, J. R. McCurdy, Rev. J. O. Alderman, E. H. Williams and Rev. A. W. Crabtree. To Southern Baptist,

Convention, Rev. D. M. Austin, alternate S. P. Smith. To Union Association Rev. W. M. Johnson and Rev. A. W. Crabtree. To King's Mountain Association A. N. Hinson. Following Executive Board was appointed: S. P. Smith, C. Gresham I. W. Durham, W. M. Johnson and J. R. McCurdy.

A correspondence was read from brother C. A. Woodson upon which a resolution was adopted requesting a collection during the year from each Church for the Ministers' Relief Board.

Periodicals discussed by Brother J. C. Caddell of the "Biblical Recorder." On motion the Clerk is paid \$10 for his services.

To preach introductory sermon next year, Rev. J. O. Alderman. Alternate Rev. A. W. Crabtree.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

We find that during the year seventeen of our brethren and sisters have died. The above fact should remind us that we are passing away one by one, some of us who have met here together may never meet again on earth. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved.

W. M. JOHNSON.

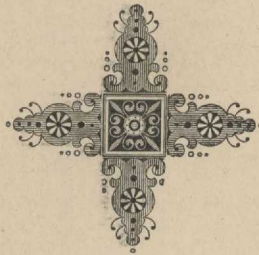
Rev. J. O. Alderman was appointed a committee of one on programme for the Union meetings for the ensuing year.

Following resolution of thanks was adopted. Resolved that this Association tender a vote of thanks for the kind hospitality shown us by the Cold Water Church and community.

On motion adjourned,

S. P. SMITH, *Moderator.*

I. W. DURHAM, *Clerk.*



Statistical Table.

CHURCH.	PASTOR.	CLERK.	POST OFFICE.	Sabbaths Preached.	Baptisms.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Pastor's Salary.	Incidental Expenses.	Poor.
Arlington	A. W. Crabtree	E. H. Hinson	Arlington, N. C.	13	40	6	13	7	5	3	96	113	209	\$ 100 00	\$ 3 00	5 00
Clear Creek	J. S. Bennett	L. A. Ferguson	Brief, N. C.	13	5	3	. . . . .	13	2	1	47	69	116	100 00	. . . . .	. . . . .
Chaney's Hill	Resigned Aug, 7, '92	J. O. Bell	Charlotte, N. C.	52	28	16	. . . . .	30	2	5	110	196	306	1500 00	360 00	50 00
Tryon Street	J. O. Alderman	L. A. Falbert	Concord, N. C.	13	9	17	. . . . .	3	1	23	30	53	53	38 75	75 00	. . . . .
Cold Water	J. O. Alderman	J. M. Calaway	Concord, N. C.	52	5	4	. . . . .	2	2	20	51	71	71	500 00	93 56	. . . . .
Concord	A. W. Crabtree	W. A. Honeycutt	Huntersville, N. C.	13	5	4	2	2	2	59	47	106	106	125 00	1 00	10 33
Hopewell	M. M. Medlin	C. H. Helms	Bost's Mills, N. C.	13	13	. . . . .	. . . . .	1	3	21	38	59	59	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
Howells	J. A. Hoyle	J. F. Hawkins	Croft, N. C.	13	10	1	. . . . .	6	1	33	51	84	84	125 00	13 00	. . . . .
Ind. Hill	J. B. Richardson	T. J. Renfrow	Matthews, N. C.	13	12	4	2	4	3	49	88	137	137	250 00	15 00	. . . . .
Matthews	D. M. Austen	C. Gresham	Charlotte, N. C.	52	3	7	. . . . .	21	1	2	34	52	86	1000 00	210 00	30 00
Olivet	A. W. Crabtree . . . . .	. . . . .	Hornet, N. C.	13	10	2	. . . . .	6	. . . . .	7	8	15	15	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
Oak Grove	J. F. Hodge	A. E. Lowder	Albemarle, N. C.	13	1	. . . . .	. . . . .	8	2	24	55	79	79	50 00	6 00	. . . . .
Prospect	A. W. Crabtree	H. M. Watts	Hood's, N. C.	13	19	4	10	8	7	2	46	60	106	72 25	5 10	. . . . .
Wilson's Grove . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	132	72	29	. . . . .	101	25	17	569	858	1427	\$3861 00	\$781 66	\$95 33

Statistical Table--concluded.

CHURCH.	PASTOR.	CLERK.	POST OFFICE.	Minutes.	Repairs.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Mission.	Education.	Orphanage.	Other Objects.	Total.
Arlington	A. W. Crabtree	E. H. Hinson	Arlington, N. C.	\$ 2 00	\$ 35 00	\$ 5 00	\$ 5 00	\$ 5 00	..	..	..	\$ 160 00
Clear Creek	J. S. Bennett	L. A. Ferguson	Brief, N. C.	1 75	..	5 00	2 50	5 00	..	..	..	116 25
Chaney's Hill	No Letter	..	..	50	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	50
Tryon Street	Resigned Aug. 7, '92	J. O. Bell	Charlotte, N. C.	3 00	..	50 00	162 25	102 25	10 00	\$50 00	\$150 00	2437 50
Cold Water	J. O. Alderman	L. A. Talbert	Concord, N. C.	1 25	..	3 10	1 50	1 25	75	..	..	112 50
Concord	J. O. Alderman	J. M. Calaway	..	1 45	..	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	4 77	52 53	672 31
Hopewell	A. W. Crabtree	W. A. Honeycutt	Huntersville, N. C.	1 34	..	4 00	3 00	1 50	..	..	..	146 17
Howell's	M. M. Medlin	E. H. Helms	Bost's Mills, N. C.	1 05	..	5 00	5 00	2 00	..	..	..	13 05
Ind Hill	J. A. Hoyle	J. F. Hawkins	Croft, N. C.	1 95	..	5 00	5 00	5 00	3 00	1 00	..	158 95
Matthews	J. R. Richardson	T. J. Renfrow	Matthews, N. C.	2 00	6 00	6 50	4 75	5 00	1 50	8 00	..	298 75
Olivet	D. M. Austin	C. Gresham	Charlotte, N. C.	3 00	31 50	141 00	50 00	60 00	50 00	20 00	95 00	1690 50
Oak Grove	A. W. Crabtree	..	Hornet, N. C.	80	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	80
Prospect	J. T. Hodge	A. E. Lowder	Albemarle, N. C.	1 50	129 85	5 00	5 00	3 00	..	..	..	70 50
Wilson's Grove	A. W. Crabtree	H. M. Watts	Hoods, N. C.	70	..	5 00	..	..	..	..	..	212 90
				\$22 29	\$202 35	\$239 50	\$249 00	\$195 00	\$72 25	\$83 77	\$297 53	\$6090 68

Financial Table.

PLEDGES FOR NEXT YEAR.

CHURCHES.	PLEDGES FOR NEXT YEAR.									
	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	State Missions.	Orphanage,	Minutes.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Education.	Education.
Arlington	\$ 5 00	\$ 5 00	\$ 5 00	. . . . .	\$ 2 00	\$ 5 00	\$ 5 00	\$ 5 00	\$ 5 00	\$ 5 00
Clear Creek	2 50	5 00	5 00	. . . . .	1 75	2 00	2 00	2 00	10 00	10 00
Chaney's Hill . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	50	1 00	1 00	1 50	1 00	2 00
Tryon Street	162 25	102 25	50 00	50 00	3 00	75 00	75 00	59 00	75 00	100 00
Cold Water	1 50	1 25	3 00	. . . . .	1 25	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	. . . . .
Concord	5 00	5 00	3 00	4 77	1 45	10 00	10 00	5 00	10 00	. . . . .
Hopewell	3 00	1 50	4 00	. . . . .	1 34	1 00	1 00	1 50	1 00	5 00
Howell's	5 00	2 00	5 00	. . . . .	1 05	5 00	5 00	2 00	5 00	2 50
Independence Hill	5 00	5 00	5 00	. . . . .	1 95	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	. . . . .
Mathews	4 75	5 00	6 50	8 00	2 00	10 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00
Olivet	50 00	25 00	141 00	20 00	3 00	125 00	50 00	35 00	30 00	30 00
Oak Grove . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	80	1 00	1 00	2 50	1 00	2 50
Prospect . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	1 50	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	. . . . .
Wilson's Grove . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	70	5 00	2 00	5 00	5 00	2 00
	\$249 00	\$160 00	\$235 50	\$ 83 77	\$ 22 29	\$255 00	\$172 00	\$132 00	\$162 00	

Sunday School Table.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	POST OFFICE.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Expenses.	Contributions.	Volumes in Library.	Quartermen and Papers Taken.
Arlington	F. M. Hinson	Arlington, N. C.	4	50	\$ 6 00	..	12	50
Clear Creek	R. H. McManus	Brief, N. C.	..	48	..	\$ 3 50	..	140
Chaney's Hill	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tryon Street	I. W. Durham	Charlotte, N. C.	23	225	108 98	37 24	150	275
Cold Water	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Concord	S. H. Hamilton	Concord, N. C.	9	110	25 00	2 78	..	..
Hopewell	A. W. Wilcox	Huntersville, N. C.	6	60	5 60	..	40	48
Howell's	D. W. Garmon	Furr's Store, N. C.	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ind. Hill	A. N. Hinson	Croft, N. C.	4	33	..	45	..	..
Matthews	T. J. Renfrow	Matthews, N. C.	6	50	9 00	..	..	60
Olivet	C. Gresham	Charlotte, N. C.	10	90	20 00	35 00	..	130
Oak Grove	..	..	13	155	60 00	..	..	277
Prospect	Ellis Morris	New London, N. C.	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wilson's Grove	A. L. Pigg	Hornett, N. C.	7	45	4 09	4 09	..	48
			7	45	1 92	..	40	27

