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The Clerk being unable to find any report of the Committee to revise the list of Trustees, has inserted the names of the former ones. He is confident no such report was offered.

PROCEEDINGS.

MAGNOLIA CHURCH, Duplin Co., N. C., Oct. 4th, 1881.

The Eastern Association met in the Baptist Church at Magnolia, for its usual session.

Elder O. C. Newton preached the Introductory Sermon from Acts 16:5, and immediately after, the Moderator called the body to order for commencing business.

In the absence of the Clerk, Elder J. R. Oliver was called to act in that capacity.

On motion, the Association took a recess of one hour for dinner.

EVENING SESSION.

The body reassembled and proceeded to business, Elder R. C. Sandling having conducted divine service.

The roll of churches was called, a majority being represented, the letters were read and delegates enrolled.

Brethren L. R. Carroll and John T. Bland were appointed Reading Clerks.

Brethren T. A. Watson, B. Matthews and J. C. Hines were appointed Finance Committee.

The Pastor and Deacons of Magnolia Church, with brethren S. E. Loftin, G. A. Herring and O. P. Middleton, Committee on Devotional Exercises.

Elder R. C. Sandling was announced to preach in the Methodist Church this afternoon.

There being a misunderstanding about the wording of reports of contributions, Elder J. N. Stallings offered the following resolution, which was passed:

Resolved, That when any letter states that money has been sent for State Missions, and the delegates know it to be for Associational Missions, they may so report to the Finance Committee, and settle accordingly.

The following Churches were represented and messengers enrolled:

WILMINGTON—Elder J. B. Taylor, Allison Alderman, Jos W. Taylor.
MASONBORO—Elijah Hewlett, T. A. Watson, B. S. Mumford.
MEADOW BRIDGE—James Andrews.
MOUNT HOLLY—Isa Carroll, W. F. Bowen, J. J. Croom.
RILEY'S CREEK—G. W. Walker, J. D. Mahn.

LONG CREEK—J. H. Brinson, J. W. Moore.
 SHILOH—G. A. Herring, C. D. Sykes, John T. Bland.
 MOORE'S CREEK—O. Alderman, Eli Larkins, W. J. Hollingsworth.
 COLVIN'S CREEK—G. W. Horrell, R. C. Henry.
 BETHLEHEM—D. P. Bland, F. W. Pridgen, C. P. Pridgen.
 CAINTUCK CHAPEL—G. W. Corbett, W. J. Flinn, John M. Daniel.
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 MT. GILEAD—B. Matthews, A. C. Peterson, D. B. Alderman.
 CLINTON—Elder J. L. Stewart, M. M. Killett, B. S. Peterson.
 NEW HOPE—L. R. Carroll, F. M. Carroll, James Strickland.
 BEULAH—Elder J. L. Britt, W. J. Moore.
 PINEY GROVE (Sampson)—J. C. Hines, Henry E. Brewer.
 POPLAR GROVE—W. D. Stevens, R. R. Bell.
 MT. CALVARY—G. F. Parker, Eld. J. T. Albritton, Needham Graham.
 FREMONT—G. W. Merritt.
 GOLDSBORO—Elder F. H. Ivey, Giles Hinson, J. D. Roberts.
 MT. OLIVE—Elder R. C. Sandling, W. S. Elmore.
 LAGRANGE—H. D. Bizzell, G. W. Bizzell.
 KINSTON—S. E. Loftin.
 BEAR MARSH—B. H. Walker.
 MARY'S CHAPEL—Elder G. S. Best, F. M. Southerland, Carson Guy.
 JOHNSON'S—Elder W. M. Kennedy, J. Gillespie, O. P. Middleton.
 WARSAW—Elder J. N. Stallings, Elder J. R. Oliver, A. M. Faison.
 MAGNOLIA—Levi Moore, Mathis Rogers, H. M. Swinson.
 CONCORD—J. T. Kennedy, W. A. Moore, W. M. Drew.
 CORINTH—J. C. Williams, W. R. Teachey, Joseph Boon.
 BEREAS—Newkirk Brice, D. H. Murray, Joseph Brooks.
 ISLAND CREEK—E. Heldt, H. T. Savage, J. M. Brown.
 DOBSON'S CHAPEL—W. Bradshaw, O. D. Bostick.
 KENANSVILLE—D. J. Middleton, W. H. Murray, K. Bryan.
 HALLSVILLE—Levi Sanderson, C. C. Williams.
 EMMA'S CHAPEL—H. P. Marsburn.
 ROSE HILL—T. J. Jarman, D. N. Page, W. P. Kelly.
 ENON—W. J. Montford, L. O. Fonville.
 NEWBERN—Elder F. W. Eason.
 BEAUFORT—Edward Whitehurst.
 SNOW HILL—Elder W. B. Knight, W. R. Croom.
 ANTIOCH—Amos Cox, Richard McLaham.

Represented by Letter—Canaan, Falling Creek, Salem, Capernaum, Morehead City, Smyrna.

Not Represented—Union, Peniel, Piney Grove, (Onslow), Trenton, Fort Barnwell, Davis' Shore, Young Bethel, Woodville, Olive Branch, Myrtle Grove, Middle Sound, Union Chapel.

The letters from Riley's Creek, Richlands, (hereafter named Emma's Chapel,) and Enon, petitioning for the next session of the Association were laid on the table.

On motion, the messengers from LaGrange were received on their statement of their election, they having no letter.

The letters from Concord, Rose Hill and Salem, were referred to Committee on Obituaries which may be appointed.

On motion, the parts of letters from Rose Hill, Emma's Chapel, Salem, Capernaum, Enon, Fremont and Smyrna, asking for aid, were referred to the Executive Committee.

On motion, a verbal request from brother M. D. Thomas, asking aid for Union Chapel Church, was referred to the Executive Committee.

ORGANIZATION.

The reading of letters being done, the body proceeded to election of officers for the ensuing year.

The following tellers were appointed: For Moderator, W. J. Montford, M. H. Oates; Clerk, J. C. Williams, A. C. Peterson; Treasurer, H. W. Swinson, F. W. Carroll.

The following reports were made: Elder J. L. Stewart, re-elected Moderator; Elder J. R. Oliver, elected Clerk; brother A. M. Faison, re-elected Treasurer.

Elder Stewart made brief remarks accepting the chair again.

Resolution by Elder J. B. Taylor, passed:

Resolved, That a Committee, consisting of brethren L. R. Carroll, F. H. Ivey, J. N. Stallings, be appointed to consider and report at the present session on the propriety of striking out Art. 9 of our Constitution, and discontinuing our separate Associational work, and merging it with that of the State Mission Board.

On motion, Elder Taylor was added to the Committee.

The Committee on Devotion reported as follows;

Prayer Meeting to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, conducted by Elder C. S. Cashwell; preaching in Baptist Church to-night by Elder F. W. Eason; Missionary Sermon at 11 A. M. to-morrow by Elder F. H. Ivey; Elder J. B. Taylor preach 11 A. M. to-morrow in Methodist Church; Elder C. T. Bailey preach in Baptist Church to-morrow night.

The Moderator announced the following Committees:

Foreign Missions—Elder J. S. Purefoy, L. R. Carroll.
Ministerial Education—Elder J. B. Taylor, Elder R. C. Sandling, O. P. Middleton.
Periodicals—C. T. Bailey, F. W. Eason, Giles Hinson.
Sunday Schools—G. Clute, E. Hewlett, C. H. Brunson.
Temperance—J. L. Britt, Wm. Bland, T. O. Kelly.
Obituaries—J. P. Faison, D. P. Bland, L. K. Taylor.
Ministerial Support—C. C. Newton, G. W. Walker, Joseph Boon.
Audit Accounts of Treas. Ex. Com. and Treas. Asso.—J. N. Stallings, M. M. Killett, C. D. Sykes.
Nominate Executive Committee—G. S. Best, O. Alderman, D. J. Middleton.
Revise List Trustees Warsaw High School—Isa Carroll, L. R. Carroll, A. M. Faison.
Nominate Delegates to Baptist State Convention—W. M. Kennedy, Levi Moore, F. M. Southerland.
Nominate Stated Preachers for next Session—F. M. Carroll, E. Heldt, K. Bryan.

Adjourned to meet again to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Prayer by Elder C. T. Bailey; benediction by Moderator.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, Oct. 5th, 1881.

The Association met per appointment, and was called to order by the Moderator.

Elder C. S. Cashwell conducted worship.

The Clerk called the roll of members and read proceedings of yesterday.

Visiting brethren being invited to seats, Elder J. S. Purefoy, agent Wake Forest College, Prof. F. P. Hobgood, Pres. Oxford Female College, Elder C. T. Bailey, editor *Biblical Recorder*, presented themselves.

Per order of business, petitionary letters being called for, communications appeared from the following churches, seeking admittance into our body, and were received: Colvin's Creek, Pender County, Snow Hill, Green County; Antioch, Pitt County.

On motion, a verbal petition from LaGrange Church for next session of the Association was laid on the table.

As regular order, reports of Standing Committees were called for, but none were ready.

The Committee on Periodicals reported. Remarks on it by Elder C. T. Bailey. Adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your Committee are pleased to report a growing interest among the Baptists of this State in religious literature. A larger number of our brethren take the *Recorder* now than at any time in the history of the paper, and its readers are among the best and most active of our members in all the work of the denomination. Those who do not take the paper, are to a great extent inactive, both in the work of the local church, as well as indifferent to the larger claims of the Lord's cause. *Kind Words*, our Sunday School paper, is the paper for our children, and we are glad to state that its circulation among our Sunday Schools is increasing. We recommend the *Biblical Recorder*, *Kind Words* and *Foreign Mission Journal* to all the Baptists of this Association.

F. W. EASON,
C. T. BAILEY, } Committee.
GILES HINSON,

Moved by Elder Ivey that Art 9 of the Rules of Order be so amended as to read: to commit, to postpone to a definite time.

Committee on Sunday Schools reported. Remarks by Elders Newton and Purefoy. Report adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We are pleased to learn that the interest in Sunday Schools continues. As one of the great hindrances in carrying on Sunday Schools is the want of competent teachers, we would recommend that the members of all our churches organize themselves into classes for the weekly study of the Bible, and as an aid to this study, we suggest the use of helps pub-

lished by our own societies. Let each church consider itself a missionary body, and go out into the high-ways and by-ways and gather together the children into the Sunday Schools. We also recommend the continuance of the Sunday School Board, and that a connection be formed with the Sunday School Board at Raleigh by ours, and this Association appoint delegates to the next Baptist State S. S. Convention which is to meet in Raleigh.

Respectfully submitted,

GILES CLUTE,
ELIJAH HEWLETT, } Committee.
C. H. BRONSON,

Adjourned for the Missionary Sermon, and for recess afterward, till 2 o'clock, P. M.

Elder F. H. Ivey preached the Missionary Sermon, founded on Rev. 11:5. Collection, \$21.12.

Elder Kelly of the Cape Fear Association, was announced to preach in the Methodist Church this afternoon.

Members of S. S. Board appointed delegates to S. S. Convention.

— EVENING SESSION.

The Association re-assembled. The Committee to nominate the Executive Committee reported. Adopted. (See page 2.)

Bro. Bronson was excused from attendance remainder of this session of the Association.

The Committee to nominate Stated Preachers for next session reported as follows: Introductory Sermon, Elder R. C. Sandling; alternate, Elder F. W. Eason; Missionary Sermon, Elder J. L. Stewart; alternate, Elder J. B. Taylor.

The Committee on Revisal Art. 9 of the Constitution offered a report. It was discussed by Elders Stallings, Britt, Albritton, Eason, Taylor, Ivey, Sandling, Kennedy, Faison and brethren J. T. Bland and J. D. Roberts, and it was decided to take vote on parts separately.

The first was adopted and the second made special order for to-morrow morning.

The following report was submitted:

Your Committee to consider the propriety of striking out, or modifying Art. 9 of the Constitution, submit the following:

WHEREAS, We have learned that the services of Rev. Dr. Hufham can be secured as general Missionary of this Association, provided we secure him a salary of eight hundred dollars; therefore

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be instructed to employ Dr. Hufham, using the money now on hand for Associational Missions, for this or other necessary purposes at their discretion, and that the list of churches be called, and pledges secured, with the understanding that they be applied to his salary.

Resolved, That if from any cause Dr. Hufham's services cannot be obtained, that such article be amended to read as follows: The Association shall appoint an Executive Committee of seven members, which shall advise and co-operate with the State Mission Board, with reference to Associational Missions, colportage and Sunday Schools. They shall have power to take such steps for the advancement of these objects as they may deem advisable, and shall receive from the Treasurer of this Association, and during the intervals between the meeting of this body, all sums intended for said objects, and pay over to the Treasurer of the State Board, and shall make an annual report of their proceedings to the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

L. R. CARROLL, Chairman.

On motion, the list of churches was called, and pledges were made for the general Missionary's support:

Wilmington, \$35; Masonboro, \$5; Mt. Holly, \$10; Riley's Creek, \$10; Long Creek, \$3; Shiloh, \$10; Moore's Creek, \$20; Colvin's Creek, \$2; Bethlehem, \$10; Haw Bluff, \$10; Well's Chapel, \$20; Bethel, \$12.50; Lisbon, \$20; Mt. Gilead, \$15; Clinton, \$15; New Hope, \$40, \$10 more if necessary; Beulah, \$8; Piney Grove, Sampson, \$20; Poplar Grove, \$4, by delegates alone; Mt. Calvary, \$15; Goldsboro, \$15; Mt. Olive, \$20; Bear Marsh, \$10; Mary's Chapel, \$5; Johnson's, \$20; Warsaw, \$40; Magnolia, \$15; Concord, \$5; Corinth, \$3; Berea, \$5; Island Creek, \$5; Dobson's Chapel, \$5; Kenansville, \$15; Emma's Chapel, \$2.50; Rose Hill, \$10; Enon, \$10; Newbern, \$40; Beaufort, \$5.

Individual pledges—S. E. Loftin, \$10; W. J. Montford, \$5; J. W. Taylor, \$5; W. S. Elmore, \$5; William Bland, \$5; J. T. Bland, \$5; H. A. Bland, \$5; Mrs. J. W. Taylor, \$5; Mrs. Dr. Mosely, \$5; Mrs. L. M. Loftin, \$2; Miss L. F. Houston, \$1; Mrs. F. Jarman, \$1; Mrs. D. D. Kornegay, \$1; Mrs. Susan Bloodworth, \$1; Miss Sarah Boyett, \$1; Mrs. S. J. Murphy, \$2.

The latter part of the above report relating to revisal, &c., was laid on the table.

Final leave of absence was granted brethren W. S. Elmore, J. W. Taylor, B. H. Walker, E. Hewlett, R. R. Bell and W. J. Montford.

Committee to nominate delegates to Baptist State Convention made the following report:

Elders J. B. Taylor, J. N. Stallings, G. S. Best, J. L. Britt, F. H. Ivey, R. C. Sandling, W. M. Kennedy, C. C. Newton, J. T. Albritton, F. W. Eason, J. L. Stewart, J. P. Faison, G. W. Hufham; Brethren L. R. Carroll, J. B. Oliver, J. W. Lane, J. M. Mosely, J. D. Roberts, A. M. Faison, D. K. Kornegay, D. J. Middleton, T. A. Watson, O. P. Middleton.

W. M. KENNEDY,
L. MOORE,
F. M. SUTHERLAND, } Committee.

On motion, the Executive Committee was authorized to take receipts from brother Owen Alderman, for money due the late Asa B. Alderman for labors as missionary.

The Committee on Devotion submitted their report:

Prayer meeting in Baptist Church at 9 o'clock, A. M., to be conducted by Elder William Bland; Association meet at 9:30; preaching in Methodist Church at 11 A. M. by Elder J. T. Albritton; evening appointment to be filled hereafter.

Adjourned till appointed hour to-morrow. Prayer by Elder J. B. Taylor; dismissed by Moderator.

THURSDAY MORNING, Oct. 6th, 1881.

The Association met at the appointed hour, and Elder William Bland conducted opening service.

Calling the roll was dispensed with. Reading the proceedings of yesterday were read and approved.

Brother B. S. Peterson was excused from further attendance.

SPECIAL ORDER.

The second resolution of the report of the Committee on Revisal, &c., was called up and after some discussion, was laid on the table.

On motion, additional pledges were made for support of the general Missionary. The following responses were given:

A. M. Faison, \$10; F. R. Cooper, \$10; J. L. Stewart, \$10; Mary's Chapel, \$10; Caintuck Chapel, \$10; F. H. Ivey, \$10; L. O. Fonville, \$10; G. A. Herring, \$10; T. J. Jarman, \$10; J. W. Taylor, \$10; Mt. Gilead Church, \$5; Mrs. H. H. Kelly, \$5; Goldsboro Church, \$5; D. N. Page, \$5; John T. Bland, \$5; H. M. Croom, \$5; Morehead City Church, \$5; D. P. Bland, \$5; J. L. Carlton, \$5; Canaan Church, \$5; Falling Creek Church, \$5; S. E. Register, \$5; Island Creek Church, \$5; J. D. Roberts, \$5; Dr. S. S. Satchwell, \$5; Moore's Creek Church, \$5; Haw Bluff, \$5.

Visiting brethren being invited to seats, Elder Kelly, of the Cape Fear Association, accepted the invitation.

The Committee on Ministerial Education offered its report, which was adopted after remarks by Elders Purefoy and Ivey.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Prophetic, or ministerial education was, under God, practiced by the ancient Jews, and taught in the schools of the Prophets. Our Saviour taught his disciples for about three years in his own school of Theology, and thus prepared them for the great work of preaching the gospel to the then unknown world. Sanctified education, like that of St. Paul, is necessary to the spreading of the gospel, and giving the good news of salvation to the nations of the earth.

The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary has about ninety students, and is doing a great and blessed work in fitting our young ministers for enlarged usefulness in gospel labors.

There are about thirty young ministers at Wake Forest College, about twenty of them are sustained by the Board of Education, with the funds contributed by the churches. No work of the denomination has paid better than the education of our rising ministry. In all parts of the State we find them occupying important posts, and preaching with acceptance the gospel of Christ. This large Association ought to sustain at Wake Forest several beneficiaries all the time, and by a united effort it can be done. Would it not be well for this Association to commence, or devise such means as shall insure the accomplishment of this important work, and do it now?

The Board of Education at Wake Forest College, is much in need of funds to meet the constant and increasing number of applications for aid. If the Board had the funds, it could soon have fifty beneficiaries under its care. The responsibility of this great matter rests upon the churches. If they withhold funds, the cause must languish, if they supply the means it will prosper.

J. B. TAYLOR,
R. C. SANDLING,
O. P. MIDDLETON, } Committee.

On motion, pledges were asked for this purpose, and the following responses were given :

Wilmington, this church is supporting one beneficiary, Mt. Holly, \$2; Masonboro, \$5; Concord, \$5; Shiloh, \$2; Mrs. Dr. Mosely, \$5; Well's Chapel, \$5; Bethel, \$2.50; Mt. Gilead, \$2.50; Clinton, \$5; Goldsboro, \$10; Kenansville, \$3.

A collection of \$12.54 in cash for this object was reported.

On motion, the part of the letter from Emma's Chapel Church asking aid in building a house of worship, was taken up for consideration.

Resolution by brother J. D. Roberts :

Resolved, That we tender Emma's Chapel Church our sympathy in its efforts to build a house of worship, and that a collection be now taken in cash and pledges for such object.

Amounts not reported.

The Committee on Foreign Missions offered its report, which was briefly discussed by Elders Taylor and Eason. It was adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The work on our foreign fields was never before in the history of missions so prosperous and hopeful. In Italy, China, Africa, Mexico and Brazil, the missionaries of the cross have found free access to the people, and the gospel of Christ is preached to thousands who for ages worshiped stocks and stones. In India, the word preached has had free course and been glorified in the salvation of thousands. During this year, a new mission to Mexico has been established, and the missions in Rome and China have been strengthened. Dr. Graves will return to his work in Canton next month. Dr. Yates has greatly improved in health and regularly preaches to his church in Shanghai, and has nearly completed a full translation of the Scripture in the language of that land. God has greatly blessed the labors of our missionaries, and the dawn of that promised and coming day when the heathen shall be given to Christ for an inheritance, and when a nation shall be born in a day, is breaking the horizon of our outposts in India, China and Africa.

The nations of the whole earth are now ready to welcome the missionaries of the cross, and are eagerly learning the customs and habits of civilized countries. They crowd our shores, send their children to our schools, while our commerce and enterprise occupy their marts with ships, and build railroads across their hitherto impenetrable continents. In all this, as well as in the success attending our labors, God is speaking to us, and bidding us go forward and preach the gospel to every creature. This is the work he has committed to his church.

JAMES S. PUREFOY,
L. R. CARROLL, } Committee.

The Executive Committee submitted its report. Adopted.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

For the first time in the history of our Association the Angel of Death has visited our number. One of our committee, and one missionary have been called to their reward. All of this necessarily casts a deep sadness on our work, nevertheless, we have disposed of the means placed at our command in the manner which we thought would best promote the Master's cause in our bounds. As to where the work has been done, will appear from our Treasurer's report. We have reports of progress in some parts of the field. There were ten conversions in Elder D. F. Aman's field, and cheering news comes from other points. Many points are calling for help for the ensuing year. Dear brethren, shall we respond to the calls? May the Lord open our hearts to greater liberality, and give us greater zeal in prosecuting the great work which we have undertaken.

Respectfully submitted,

D. J. MIDDLETON, Chairman.

The usual call was made for pledges for this object for the ensuing year, and responses given :

Wilmington, \$25; Masonboro, \$5. Mt. Holly, \$5; Riley's Creek, \$5; Shiloh, \$5; Moore's Creek, \$5; Bethlehem, \$4, paid; Haw Bluff, \$5; Well's Chapel, \$10; Bethel, \$12.50; Lisbon, \$10; Mt. Gilead, \$10; Clinton, \$10; New Hope, \$10; Beulah, \$8; Piney Grove, (Sampson) \$10; Poplar Grove, \$4; Falling Creek, \$10; Mt. Calvary, \$5; Goldsboro, \$10; Mt. Olive, \$10; Kinston, \$10; Bro. Loftin's own pledge, Bear Marsh, \$10; Mary's Chapel, \$5; Johnson's, \$15; Warsaw, \$15; Magnolia, \$10; Concord, \$5; Berea, \$3; Island Creek, \$10; Dobson's Chapel, \$3; Kenansville, \$10; Rose Hill, \$25; Beaufort, \$5; Meadow Bridge, \$5; Enon, \$10; Corinth, \$5.

Resolution by Elder J. B. Taylor :

Resolved, That our pastors be requested to bring the subject of Foreign Missions before their churches, and take up collections for this object during the coming associational year.

The report of the Trustees of Warsaw High School was presented, and after remarks by Elders Kennedy, Eason and Stallings, was adopted.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF WARSAW HIGH SCHOOL.

In our last report to this body, we stated that we had leased the building and premises for a term of years to the principal of the school, Elder J. N. Stallings. Various improvements have been made on or about the premises since taking charge thereof, and others will continue to be done as occasion and circumstances may require. Through the characteristic zeal of the principal, and commendable faithfulness of an efficient corps of teachers, the school is now better than it has been at any time heretofore. A finished education can be acquired at this school in the department of literature, music and the fine arts; the instructors all being fully equipped for their work, and exhibiting an untiring diligence and earnestness in their efforts to impart instruction to those committed to their care. A necessary course of discipline, firmly but affectionately administered, both in and out of the school, is another admirable feature in its character: and nothing now remains to be done to make all its most sanguine friends ever contemplated, but to give it the cordial and undivided support of all the churches within the limits of the Eastern Association. Indeed, it is the equal of any school in the State; is eminently worthy of the patronage of all our people. The last session numbered fifty-five students. The present one has about the same number, and we can double it by the next session of this body if we choose. Dear brethren, let us accomplish this object.

L. R. CARROLL, Chairman.

Brethren L. K. Taylor, H. P. Marshburn and R. N. Bloodworth were excused from attendance the remainder of this session.

The Committee on Obituaries reported. It was adopted after tender speeches by Elders W. M. Kennedy and J. N. Stallings.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES.

We have the painful duty of announcing the deaths of some valuable brethren, which have occurred during the past year. Benjamin Oliver, the son Rev. Francis Oliver, was born in Duplin County, N. C., on the 15th day of March, 1803. His mother's maiden name was Sarah Barrow, who was born and reared in Onslow County, N. C. His father was a Baptist minister, widely known, and dearly beloved by those who knew him. He died when the subject of this notice was quite young; his early training therefore devolved upon his mother, and the faithfulness with which she performed this task, has been shown in the life and virtues of her son. He was baptized into the fellowship of Bear Marsh Church by Elder Henry Swinson, July, 1832. He was shortly after then elected a Deacon of that church, and served faithfully in that capacity till his death. He was elected Moderator of the Union Association, now Eastern, in 1845, and held such position at different times until 1865. We do not know the exact time when he was elected a member of our Executive Committee, but the records of 1844 show reports from him as its chairman, and he remained one of that body until his life closed. On account of bodily infirmity, he did not serve as chairman of the committee his last two years, but continued to advise about its proceedings unto the last. The great work of his life seemed to be the fostering of associational missions; and in the interest of this great Christian enterprise, he gave much of his precious time, and of his means, purely for its promotion. He attended every session of the Association forty-eight years, and was a delegate every year of that period except one, when he was excused at his own request, owing to infirmity of body. He aided in organizing the body now known as the Minister's Relief Society, and was its chairman several years. The only civil position he ever held was that of magistrate. Having been reared under religious influences, his mind seemed to go in that direction, and his heart being washed in the blood of Jesus, he sought not the honors of this world, but was content to hold such positions in the church as would enable him to promote the Master's cause. Educational facilities being few in his early life, he obtained but little mental cultivation then, but by dint of perseverance and close application to study, he became a man of rare intelligence. He was a great lover of history, science and agricultural works, but the Bible was prized as the grand storehouse of mental lore, and was his guide to heaven. He began life as a mechanic of small means, but by untiring energy and prudence acquired a comfortable living. He was the firm friend of education, and proved his sincerity and devotion to its interests by giving his children a liberal cultivation of mind, and contributing of his means for the instruction of others. Associational missions and Bear Marsh Church were precious earthly objects to him, while family and friends were ever dear also. Many friends, besides his family and other relatives will long miss his presence. He is gone from among us; gone to the mansions of the pure and happy ones. As his life has been one of labor for his Master, so his end was peaceful and happy. He passed away from earth to heaven, Sunday morning, June 5th, 1881, with a pleasant smile on his countenance, and is but waiting for the full redemption of the body, when all shall rise again. There is a long array of facts that rarely distinguish the personal history of the servants of God, and well may the Baptist brotherhood be saddened at the departure of him who

cherished, fostered and ardently loved every christian work of theirs in all its phases, and so may Israel say, "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, for their works do follow them." May coming generations cherish the memory, and imitate the example of him whose boasting was this, that he gloried in the Lord.

It is also our painful duty to announce the death of Elder Asa B. Alderman, cut down in his youthful prime; just as he had entered upon his Master's work. He united with Moore's Creek Church early in life, and he ever afterward exhibited the meek and lowly spirit. He was ordained to the ministry two years ago. Possessing the advantages of a liberal education at the Academy and Theological Seminary, the hope of a bright future, and the prospect of future usefulness in the vineyard of the Lord seemed surely to await him, but he has been taken away. He died in Onslow County, N. C.; where he had been Missionary and Pastor, beloved by many christians, and honored by friends for his deep piety.

Concord church mourns the loss of brethren Jacob Taylor and Joseph Wilson, aged and faithful servants of the Lord. Having no special information concerning them we are unable to relate more about their lives.

JULIAN P. FAISON,
D. P. BLAND,
L. K. TAYLOR, } Committee.

On motion, the Association took recess for one hour.

Elder Eason was announced to preach in the Methodist Church at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

EVENING SESSION.

The Association convened again and resumed business.

The usual business was, on motion, suspended, and Elder Purefoy was allowed to present the claims of his mission, it being collecting funds for completing Wingate Memorial Hall of Wake Forest College. Pledges for this object:

Elder F. W. Eason, \$10; O. Blackburn, \$1, paid; H. R. Kornegay, \$1; M. H. Oates, \$1.

Other pledges were made privately, and some cash was collected, but not reported to the Clerk.

The Clerk finds, after seaching papers, that pledges were made to Emma's Chapel Church, amounting to \$23.70, cash \$39.43, total, \$63.13. Names of persons pledging not given, as brethren went among the congregation collecting funds, &c.

The Committee on Temperance submitted its report.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance beg leave to report as follows: We need not speak at length on the evils of intemperance, for this is admitted. The fact that it has a strong hold upon the people is apparent to all. All professions and societies have suffered from it; the wealthy made poor, and the strong rendered weak. Surely none have suffered more than the churches. Everyone knows that the habitual use of intoxicating liquors by professed believers in Christ, is injurious to his cause. Brethren what shall be done to arrest the progress of this great destroyer? Will not every church member oppose this monster evil by ardent prayer, and the Holy Spirit's influence? Will not every teacher and preacher teach, preach, and pray against the destroyer.

Respectfully submitted,
J. L. BRITT,
WILLIAM BLAND, } Committee.
T. O. KELLY,

The Committee on Ministerial Support reported. Adopted.
REPORT ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

The commission to God's ministers is "Go preach the gospel." The apostle Paul says, "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel." Outside of the city churches, Goldsboro, Newbern and Wilmington, we do not know a single minister in this Association who is living of the gospel. Our pastors are farmers, mechanics, lawyers, doctors and teachers; and really obtain the greater part of their living from these sources, as well as devote the larger portion of their time to these callings. That there is glaring inconsistency here cannot be denied. This state of affairs is not only inconsistent, but is not conducive to their prosperity or development; it is rather a great drawback. Our pastors can do little more than preach to their congregations, and their pastoral duties, apart from preaching, must go neglected. A church will certainly decline, even under great preaching, if there be no pastoral work. It is written, "Thou shalt not muzzle the ox when he treadeth out the corn," and our Lord has written, "The laborer is worthy of his hire." Our churches with this light before their eyes, cannot fail to see that it lies with them whether they shall have an efficient ministry or not. If the churches withhold from pastors that support which is their due, and which the New Testament allows, the present condition of affairs must remain as it is. We therefore earnestly recommend that the churches loose the hands of their pastors, and enable them to devote their entire time to the Master's work.

C. C. NEWTON,
 G. W. WALKER, } Committee.
 J. BOON,

It was ordered that the public collection of this session be divided between State Missions and Foreign Missions.

The report of the Treasurer of the Executive Committee was offered, and was adopted.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Treas. Ex. Com. in account with the Eastern Association for the years 1880-81.

1880.		Dr.	
Oct. 7	Remainder on hand from last year		\$146 42
"	M. C. Peterson's pledge of 1879		1 00
1881.	Clinton		10 00
May	Wilmington, from A. M. Faison		15 00
"	Riley's Creek, from W. M. Kennedy		3 23
Oct. 4	Moore's Creek, old pledge		5 00
"	Corinth		7 50
"	Mount Gilead		95
"	Bear Marsh Pledge		1 00
"	Amt. from Treasurer Association		189 30
			\$379 40

1881.		Cr.	
Feb 14	Amt. paid Elder W. M. Kennedy	\$	8 33
19	" " " R. C. Sandling		37 50
July 21	" " " A. B. Alderman		33 33
"	" " " T. J. Leary		16 66
"	" " " D. F. Aman		25 00
"	" " " A. H. Alderman		25 00
"	" " " C. C. Newton		25 00
			\$229 15
Balance on hand			150 25
			\$379 40

Amounts received and paid to Elder W. B. Knight, for labors in the bounds of the old Pamlico Association.

	DR.	CR.	
1881.			
Oct. 4.	Alfred Daniel	\$ 5 00	
	C. H. Smith	5 00	
	P. G. Cook	2 50	
May,	C. C. Newton	2 50	
Oct. 4.	L. K. Taylor	2 50	
	W. S. Elmore	2 00	
	D. J. Middleton	2 50	
May,	J. L. Carlton	5 00	
	Levi Kennedy	2 50	
Oct. 4.	David Blanchard	1 00	
	A. C. Peterson	1 00	
	Claudius Daniel	1 00	
July,	J. W. Lane	1 00	
Oct. 4.	Eld. J. T. Albritton, Bethel, pledged last Asso.	10 00	
July,	Collected at Riley's Creek U. Meeting	11 21	
Oct. 4.	A. M. Faison	5 00	
	O. P. Middleton	1 00	
	S. M. Carlton, paid Knight	5 00	
	R. C. Sandling	2 50	
May,	Amount paid W. B. Knight		\$10 00
July,	" " "		11 21
Oct. 6.	F. M. Carroll	2 50	
	W. G. Carlton	2 50	
	G. W. Carroll, Jr.	2 00	
	W. H. Thompson	2 50	
	J. L. Stewart, pledge last Association	10 00	
Oct. 7.	Amount paid W. B. Knight		66 50
		\$87 71	\$87 71

Examined and found correct,

J. N. STALLINGS,
 C. D. SYKES,
 M. M. KILLETT, } Committee.

The Sunday School Board presented its report, which was adopted.

REPORT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

Soon after the last session of this body, the Board held a meeting for the purpose of taking steps to carry out the designs of the Association in placing a Sunday School Missionary and Colporteur in the field as early a day as practicable. After due deliberation and prayer, we came to the conclusion that the limited means at our command, would not enable us to employ a competent brother to fill this difficult and important position, and believing that it would be unwise in us to commit such work to inexperienced hands, we decided not to engage a Missionary until a sufficient fund could be placed at our disposal. We therefore concluded not to call on the churches for the pledges made to this object at this session, without further instructions from the Association. We determined to do all in our power as individual members, to foster the Sunday School work within our bounds; to this end, we have held institutes at several places and delivered addresses on other occasions in the interest of this cause. Our Chairman attended the S. S. Convention of the State held at Asheville last June, where he obtained valuable information in regard to the work in our State. In conclusion, we would respectfully recommend to the Association to make a more vigorous effort to place a suitable brother in the field as a Sunday School Missionary, believing that great good would result from such an enterprise.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. KENNEDY, Chairman.

In addition to the above report, we find \$7 41 unappropriated to any object, and the money is at the disposal of the Association. Pledge of Clinton, for Ministerial Education, 1880, paid, \$5.

T. A. WATSON,
J. C. HINES,
B. MATTHEWS, } Committee.

It was ordered that all funds received, be given to the Treasurer of the Association, and be paid out for the objects for which contributed.

It was also directed that any surplus from the Minute Fund be paid the Executive Committee.

Resolved, That any member of this body who may attend another Association may represent us.

On motion, ordered that any money unappropriated shall be given the Executive Committee.

On motion, the Clerk was directed to have fifteen hundred copies of Minutes printed and distributed, and he shall have \$15.00 for his services. He is to have two Church Letters printed for each Church in the Association.

Resolution of thanks passed.

Resolved, That we heartily tender our thanks to the citizens of Magnolia and community for hospitality, also to our Methodist brethren for the use of their church, and such railroad companies as have granted favors.

On motion, petitionary letters were called up for the purpose of locating the next session of Association. The decision was in favor of Emma's Chapel Church, Onslow County.

There being no more business, on motion the Association adjourned to meet at Emma's Chapel Church, in the village of Richlands, Onslow County, N. C., Tuesday after the first Sunday in October, 1882.

After prayer by Elder W. M. Kennedy, a hymn was sung, the parting hand given, and the Moderator declared the end of the present session of our Association.

J. L. STEWART, *Moderator*.

J. R. OLIVER, *Clerk*.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS	No of teachers	No. Pupils.	Vols. in Library.
Wilmington.....	W. A. French.....	30	238	400
Masonboro.....	G. W. Hewlett.....	9	89	51
Olive Branch.....	W. H. Sneed.....	4	15	12
Meadow Bridge.....	James Andrews.....	3	20	50
Mt. Holly.....	Isaiah Carroll.....	5	35	.....
Riley's Creek.....	W. H. Larkins.....	6	24	109
Long Creek.....	Mrs. M. E. Herring.....	2	41	.....
Shiloh.....	H. P. Bland.....	6	110	209
Moore's Creek.....	C. P. Woodcock.....	8	48	50
Bethlehem.....	D. P. Bland.....	6	59	109
Haw Bluff.....	W. F. Brown.....	4	40	.....
Well's Chapel.....	L. R. Highsmith.....	11	50	173
Mt. Gilead.....	G. W. Moseley.....	12	60	papers
Clinton.....	G. W. Marsh.....	.....	.....	.....
New Hope.....	L. R. Carroll.....	5	65	.....
Piney Grove, Sampson.....	J. W. Lane.....	5	40	.....
Poplar Grove.....	R. R. Bell.....	6	40	150
Canaan.....	James Ingram.....	6	70	.....
Falling Creek.....	J. R. Hood, Jr.....	8	40	.....
Mt. Calvary.....	G. W. Parker.....	3	25	.....
Goldboro.....	H. L. Graut.....	13	122	.....
Mt. Olive.....	J. F. Oliver.....	10	92	.....
Kinston.....	J. M. Wooten.....	3	55	.....
Bear Marsh.....	W. J. Walker.....	8	38	.....
Mary's Chapel.....	T. H. Rogers.....	5	20	.....
Johnson's.....	O. P. Middleton.....	6	50	.....
Warsaw.....	S. M. Carlton.....	9	70	.....
Magnolia.....	J. W. Swinson.....	6	49	109
Concord.....	W. A. Moore.....	5	50	.....
Berea.....	Murdoc Murray.....	6	40	50
Hallsville.....	Not Stated.....	5	50	.....
Rose Hill.....	D. N. Page.....	6	21	.....
Newbern.....	C. C. Clark.....	23	137	60
Beaufort.....	John D. Davis.....	14	50	.....
Smyrna.....	A. S. Willis.....	9	73	.....

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	When Con-stituted.	Additions.				Diminution.			Membership.				TIME OF MEETING.
		Baptized.	By Letter.	Experi-ence.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	White Males.	White Females.	Colored.	Total.	
Wilmington.....		5			1	10		4	118	242		360	Twice every Sunday.
Masonboro.....		3			1	3		2	69	89	1	160	First Sunday, two times.
Olive Branch.....	1880	1						1	9	9		18	Fourth Sunday.
Meadow Bridge.....	1878	2							3	8		11	Second Sunday.
Mt. Holly.....			3						35	92	2	127	First Sunday.
Riley's Creek.....						1		2	33	64		97	Third Sunday.
Long Creek.....	1871	1				6		1	41	55		96	First Sunday.
Shiloh.....	1853		2			1			47	102		149	Third Sunday.
Moore's Creek.....			1		3	12			41	70		111	Fourth Sunday.
Colvin's Creek.....	1881								23	14		37	Second Sunday.
Bethlehem.....		4						1	38	23		61	Second Sunday.
Haw Bluff.....	1859	9			4	6	3		50	78		128	Third Sunday.
Caintuck Chapel.....						1		2	36	36		72	Fourth Sunday.
Well's Chapel.....	1751		1			1		1	66	111		177	Second Sunday.
Bethel.....								1	16	40		56	Fourth Sunday.
Lisbon.....									44	57		101	Not Stated.
Mt. Gilead.....			1			1		2	88	75		163	Fourth Sunday.
*Boykin's Chapel.....	1846								52	96		148	Not heard from.
Clinton.....	1855	1				2		2	18	44		62	Third Sunday.
New Hope.....		10	2		4	6	7	2	76	114		190	Second Sunday.
Beulah.....	1814	4	2			1		1	23	33		56	First Sunday.
Piney Grove, Sampson.....	1840							1	64	122	10	196	Second Sunday.
Poplar Grove.....	1880	10	1						11	18		29	Third Sunday.
Canaan.....			1		1			2	8	17	7	32	Fourth Sunday.
Falling Creek.....		16	4		3				21	40		61	Second Sunday.
Mt. Calvary.....	1875	1				1	1		8	12		20	First Sunday.
Fremont.....	1875								7	11		18	No Preaching.
Goldsboro.....		10	5			1	2	4	57	116		173	Twice every Sunday.
Mt. Olive.....	1869	1	4			1	2	3	35	68		103	First and Second Sundays.
*LaGrange.....									21	47		68	Fourth Sunday.
Kinston.....			2			2			23	41		64	Twice every Sunday.
Bear Marsh.....	1763	6			1		1	4	50	120		170	Third Sunday.
Mary's Chapel.....	1875	15	1			1	5		31	29		60	Fourth Sunday.
Johnson's.....		11			1	3	1	1	39	86	16	141	First Sunday.
Warsaw.....	1855		3			8	4	3	103	150		253	Third and Fourth Sundays.
Magnolia.....		5				1		2	78	106		184	Fourth Sunday.
Concord.....	1825		2					7	47	59	17	121	First Sunday.

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Corinth.....	1850					2	1		26	45		71	Third Sunday.
Berea.....	1844	1	1		1	2	1	3	28	53	1	82	Third Sunday.
Island Creek.....	1803							1	56	115		171	First Sunday.
Dobson's Chapel.....	1867								14	28		42	First Sunday.
Kenansville.....						1	1		18	43		61	Second Sunday.
Hallsville.....	1807							1	40	84		124	No Preaching.
Emma's Chapel.....	1880							3	3	17		23	Not Stated.
*Penial.....	1880											12	
Rose Hill.....								1	5	12		17	Third Sunday.
Salem.....	1877	3					3		6	11		17	First Sunday.
Enon.....						1	1		16	29		45	Fourth Sunday.
Piney Grove, Onslow.....									25	24		50	
Capernaum.....	1876	9			2		1	1	12	31		43	Fourth Sunday.
*Piney Grove, (Jones).....									33	48		81	
Trenton.....	1870								6	20		26	
Newbern.....		2	2			2		3	38	103		141	Twice every Sunday.
Morehead City.....	1873		3			2		1	12	32		44	Third Sunday.
Smyrna.....						1	1		24	59		83	No Preaching.
*Woodville.....									14	23		37	
Beaufort.....		8	2		7	1	37	2	22	32		54	
Snow Hill.....	1881		1						4	8		12	Not Stated.
Antioch.....	1881	11	4						7	17		24	Not Stated.
		144	65	4	29	85	92	68	1662	3310	54	5361	

* Taken from old Minutes.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Church Expenses.	Ministerial Education.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Sunday School Board.	Indian Missions.	Other Objects.	Minute fund.	Total for all Objects.
*Wilmington.....	1800 00	761 15	189 50	24 86	24 86	25 00	24 87	200 00	4 00	2361 24
Masonboro.....	100 00	17 00	2 00	2 00	2 00				2 00	123 00
Olive Branch.....				1 00					1 50	2 50
Meadow Bridge.....	20 00			5 00		1 00			40	35 40
Mt. Holly.....	100 00		2 00	3 00	2 00				1 50	108 50
Riley's Creek.....	125 00				3 59				2 00	129 59
Long Creek.....	70 54		4 00		1 50				1 00	77 04
Shiloh.....	100 00	2 75			5 00			4 34	1 50	113 59
Moore's Creek.....	75 00		5 96 1/2		5 96 1/2				1 50	88 48
Colvin's Creek.....									1 50	1 50
Bethlehem.....	100 00			4 00	8 00			4 00	1 50	117 50
Haw Bluff.....				2 00	7 50			10 00	2 00	23 50
Caintuck Chapel.....			2 00		5 25				5 00	13 25
Well's Chapel.....	125 00	50 00	10 00		4 85			10 00	1 50	211 35
Bethel.....				1 30	1 75			10 00	1 70	14 75
Lisbon.....	125 00		5 00		3 00			3 00	64	
Mt. Gilead.....	125 00				60			5 59	1 50	132 69
Clinton.....	125 00			10 00					1 50	136 50
New Hope.....	150 00		60 00					4 00	1 35	215 35
Beulah.....			5 00					3 00	75	8 55
Piney Grove, Sampson.....	175 00		5 00			2 50		4 50	1 61	188 61
Poplar Grove.....	75 00				1 20	20 00			1 00	97 20
Canaan.....	70 00			4 62					5 17	80 94
Falling Creek.....	100 00				3 05			6 50	2 00	111 50
Mt. Calvary.....	30 00				8 50			5 25	1 00	44 65
Fremont.....									1 00	1 00
Goldsboro.....	600 00	75 00	50 00			5 00		5 00	2 00	787 00
Mt. Olive.....	275 00		5 00					5 00	2 00	287 00
Kinston.....	600 00	45 00	3 64	3 64	3 64	3 64		3 64	2 35	664 55
Bear Marsh.....	130 00							8 19	1 95	140 04
Mary's Chapel.....								5 05	1 30	6 35
Johnson's.....				5 00	6 00			10 00	1 40	21 40
Warsaw.....	305 00	18 00	10 00		10 00			20 00		358 00
Magnolia.....	100 00							7 00	2 00	119 00
Concord.....	40 00			2 75					1 00	43 75
Corinth.....	85 00								1 40	86 40
Berea.....	75 00				42				1 50	76 92
Island Creek.....	100 00	15 00	5 00					5 00	2 00	127 00
Dobson's Chapel.....								2 50	1 05	3 55
Kenansville.....			2 00					7 00	1 30	10 30
Hallsville.....									1 50	1 50
Emma's Chapel.....									1 00	1 00
Rose Hill.....	30 00								1 00	31 00
Salem.....	24 00							2 00	25	26 25
Enon.....	100 00								1 00	101 00
Capernaum.....									60	60
Newbern.....			45 00	27 76	12 76	12 76	8 76		3 00	120 04

* During the past year this Church has arranged to pay off its debt of \$6,000.

PASTORS, CLERKS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS and their P. O.	CLERKS and their P. O.
NEW HANOVER COUNTY.		
Wilmington.....	J. B. Taylor, Wilmington...	J. W. Collins, Wilmington.
Masonboro.....	W. M. Kennedy, Magnolia.	G. W. Hewlett.
Olive Branch.....	J. B. Barlow, Wilmington..	D. H. Workman, "
PENDER COUNTY.		
Meadow Bridge.....	No Pastor.....	Jas. Andrews, Sloop Point
Mount Holly.....	C. C. Newton, Herringsville	Isaiah Carroll, So. Wash'ton
Riley's Creek.....	W. M. Kennedy, Magnolia.	W. H. Larkins, Long Creek.
Long Creek.....	J. B. Barlow, Wilmington..	J. H. Brinson, Long Creek
Shiloh.....	C. C. Newton, Herringsville	H. A. Bland, Moore's Creek.
Colvin's Creek.....	J. W. Gurganus, Abbottsburg	W. G. Horrell, Pt. Caswell
Moore's Creek.....	J. P. Faison, Harrell's Store	C. P. Woodcock, "
Bethlehem.....	" " " " " "	B. F. Keith, Sr. "
Caintuck Chapel.....	W. H. Howard, Pt. Caswell	D. J. Corbett, Natmore
BLADEN COUNTY.		
Haw Bluff.....	J. P. Faison, Harrell's Store	J. F. Croom, Pt. Caswell
SAMPSON COUNTY.		
Well's Chapel.....	C. C. Newton, Herringsville	L. R. Highsmith, Harrell's (Store)
Bethel.....	" " " " " "	M. H. Oates, Taylor's Bridge
Lisbon.....	" " " " " "	R. Herring, Herringsville.
Mount Gilead.....	J. L. Stewart, Clinton.....	John J. Vann, Clinton.
Clinton.....	" " " " " "	C. P. Johnson, Clinton
New Hope.....	J. N. Stallings, Warsaw.....	J. L. Carroll, Six Runs
Beulah.....	J. L. Britt, Warsaw.....	J. T. Moore, Warsaw
Poplar Grove.....	" " " " " "	W. D. Stevens, Faison
Piney Grove.....	J. L. Stewart, Clinton.....	J. W. Lane, Faison
Canaan.....	J. T. Albritton, Mt. Olive...	Redin Carr, Newton Grove.
WAYNE COUNTY.		
Falling Creek.....	G. A. Best, Kenansville.....	W. G. Britt, Granthams S're
Mt. Calvary.....	J. T. Albritton, Mt. Olive...	R. A. Parker, Brogden's Mill
Fremont.....	No Pastor.....	Th. W. Merritt, Fremont
Goldsboro.....	F. H. Ivey, Goldsboro.....	George B. Parker, Goldsboro..
Mount Olive.....	R. C. Sandling, Mt. Olive...	A. S. Davis, Mt. Olive
GREENE COUNTY.		
Snow Hill.....	W. B. Knight, Snow Hill....	E. D. Sugg, Snow Hill.
PITT COUNTY.		
Antioch.....	W. B. Knight, Snow Hill....	John C. Cox, Cox's Shop
LENOIR COUNTY.		
LaGrange.....	R. C. Sandling, Mt. Olive...	Not given.
Kinston.....	J. K. Faulkner, Kinston....	James F. Hill
DUPLIN COUNTY.		
Bear Marsh.....	R. C. Sandling, Mt. Olive...	W. J. Walker, Mt. Olive
Mary's Chapel.....	G. S. Best, Kenansville.....	F. M. Southerland, Ken'ville
Johnson's.....	H. S. Spivey, Clinton.....	O. P. Middleton, Magnolia
Warsaw.....	J. N. Stallings, Warsaw.....	S. M. Carlton, Warsaw
Magnolia.....	W. M. Kennedy, Magnolia...	G. W. Carroll, Magnolia.
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Dobson's Chapel.....	" " " " " "	T. Kilpatrick, no P. O. given
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ONSWLOW COUNTY.		
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CARTERET COUNTY.		
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Morehead City.....	T. J. Leary, Morehead City...	J. T. Eaton, Morehead City.
Smyrna.....	No Pastor.....	A. S. Willis, Beaufort.

*Served last year by the late A. B. Alderman. †Resigned.

CONSTITUTION OF THE EASTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

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

ART. 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men; and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity to the New Testament.

ART. 3. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates, who shall be members of that church.

ART. 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter, certifying their appointment, and communicating information relative to the state of the church; *Provided however*, That when any church has prepared a letter and through inadvertence the letter fails to be presented, her delegates may be received without its presentation.

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

ART. 6. It shall be the 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.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session and superintend their printing and distribution among the churches.

ART. 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the session of this body, and disburse the same as ordered by the Association. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the Treasury.

ART. 9. The Association shall appoint an Executive Committee of 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.

ART. 10. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of her churches which neglect to preserve gospel order.

ART. 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.

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

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

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

CHURCH COVENANT.

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our 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, back-biting 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 offence, 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 towards the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes Christians.
- 5.—Any member wishing to speak shall arise 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 its discussion.
- 9.—When a question is under discussion, no motion or proposition shall be received except to adjourn, to amend, to commit, or postpone to a definite time, which several motions shall have preference in the order which they are stated.

10.—After a motion is 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.

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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.

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