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Moderator—J. L. Stewart.....Clinton, N. C.
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Carroll, J. M. Alderman, J. H. Booth, W. A. Melvin, J. T. Albritton, C. F.
Hopper, L. M. Hobbs.

MINISTERS PRESENT THIS SESSION.

J. L. Stewart, C. M. Rock, J. M. Alderman, L. R. Carroll, R. C. Sandlin,
J. L. Shinn, J. T. Albritton, W. N. Johnson, C. F. Hopper, J. H. Booth, J. S.
Farmer, Hight C. Moore.

CHURCH COVENANT.

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior, and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost, we do now in the presence of God, Angels and this Assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another as one body in Christ. We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love, to strive for the advancement of this Church in Knowledge, Holiness and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the Church, the relief of the poor and the spread of the Gospel through all nations. We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion, to religiously educate our children, to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, back-biting, and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drink as a beverage, and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Savior.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love, to remember each other in prayer, to aid each other in sickness or distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of those rules of our Savior—to secure it without delay. We moreover engage that when we remove from this place, we will as soon as possible unite with some other church, where we can carry out the Spirit of this covenant and principles of God's word.

PROCEEDINGS.

New Hope, N. C., October 4th, 1904.

The Eastern Association met this day in its sixty-first annual session, in the meeting house of the New Hope Baptist Church, Sampson county, N. C. The Introductory Sermon was preached by W. N. Johnson, Delway, N. C., text Est. 1:14, after which a recess was taken for one hour.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 1:45 P. M. the Association met. The Moderator read 127th Psalm. N. B. Cobb led in prayer. The Association was then called to order by J. L. Stewart. On motion of R. C. Sandling the Moderator appointed a Finance Committee consisting of Brethren W. J. Fryar, James Carlton and Maurey Ward. C. M. Beach and J. H. Booth reading Clerks.

The roll of churches was then called and delegates enrolled as follows:

Alum Springs—By letter.

Bethel—J. E. Williams, W. E. Johnson, J. E. Alderman.

Beulah—J. W. Waters, W. H. Chesnutt, J. B. West.

Boykin's Chapel—W. W. Hobbs, O. L. Herring, D. O. Hobbs.

Bowdens—

Bear Marsh—Homer Brock, J. T. Albritton.

Clinton—J. L. Stewart, J. E. Burgess, C. M. Rock.

Concord—D. D. Wells, J. T. Drew, W. D. Wilkins.

Corinth—S. E. Johnson, W. E. Fussell, J. G. Boon.

Dobson's Chapel—C. J. Bradshaw, Stephen Brock, J. B. Brinson.

Ebenezer—G. R. Highsmith, O. K. Vann, L. J. Rich.

Faisons—J. C. Hines, V. N. Seawell.

Hallsville—D. W. Burton, G. W. Bostic, J. G. Bostic.

Island Creek—J. H. Evans, B. R. Mallard, S. Wells.

Ivanhoe—C. C. Corbett, J. W. Gurganus.

Johnsons—H. D. Middleton, J. L. Carlton, J. A. Powell.

Kenansville—H. Dale, J. Stokes, J. W. Kornegay.

Lisbon—J. C. Lamb, Dallas Herring, A. R. Herring.

Maple Hill—By letter.

Mount Gilead—I. W. Powell, E. F. Faircloth, B. Mathis.

Mount Olive—B. A. Summerlin, D. K. Kornegay.

Magnolia—G. W. Carroll, J. R. Hollingsworth, H. M. Swinson.

New Hope—J. F. Williams, A. S. Drew, W. J. Herring.

Piney Grove—Blackman Hare.

Poplar Grove—L. D. Rodgers, J. W. Bell.

Rose Hill—W. C. Savage, P. Rich, P. D. Cook.

Sharon—Z. Blanchard, R. C. Seawell, W. Sheffield.

Siloam—S. H. Maynard, Eddie Harrell, Willie Pearcel.

Spring Vale—A. F. Robinson, L. F. Green, A. J. Mathis.

Rowan—

Warsaw—H. G. Owen, B. L. Blackmore, S. M. Carlton.

Delway—W. H. Hagwood, L. W. Alderman, R. L. Herring.

On motion the letters from Mount Olive, Lisbon and Hallsville were laid on the table.

Election of Officers being in order, by motion, the rules were suspended and W. N. Johnson was instructed to cast the vote of the Association for J. L. Stewart, Moderator; A. R. Herring, Clerk; C. E. Daniel, Treasurer. A. R. Herring tendered his resignation and A. F. Robinson was elected Clerk.

On motion of W. N. Johnson a committee was appointed on digest of church letters and that to be made second item in order of buisness.

On the call for petitionary letters a letter from Delway was presented, and referred to a committee consisting of J. T. Albritton, N. B. Cobb and J. H. Booth. The committee reported and recommended the reception of the church, and on motion the Delway church was received in full fellowship of the Association and the right hand of welcome was extended by the Moderator.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

By motion the following committees were appointed by the Moderator.
State Missions—C. M. Rock, Homer Brock, C. C. Corbett.
Home Missions—N. B. Cobb, W. E. Johnson, D. D. Wells.
Foreign Missions—L. R. Carroll, B. L. Blackmore, F. C. Middleton.
Orphanage—R. C. Sandlin, J. G. Boon, W. C. Savage.
Ministerial Education—W. N. Johnson, B. A. Summerlin, R. C. Seawell.
Periodicals—J. S. Farmer, J. L. Carlton.
Sunday Schools—J. H. Booth, W. W. Hobbs, W. H. Kornegay.
Ministerial Relief—J. M. Alderman, J. H. Evans, B. Mathis.
Woman's Work—C. F. Hopper, C. E. Daniel, D. L. Herring.
To Nominate Executive Committee—G. W. Carroll, J. C. Hines, F. M. Carroll.
B. Y. P. U.—A. F. Robinson, H. G. Owen.
Digest of Church Letters—J. M. Alderman, W. H. Hagwood, W. H. Middleton.
To Nominate Delegates to Baptist State Convention and Southern Baptist Convention—W. N. Johnson, A. R. Herring, O. L. Herring, J. T. Kennedy.

On motion, the pastor and deacons of this church with W. H. Murray and L. Middleton were appointed by the Moderator as committee on devotional exercises.

The committee on devotional exercises reports: Devotional exercises to-morrow morning at 9:30 by J. H. Booth. The Association to meet at 10 o'clock.

On motion, the Association adjourned with benediction by J. T. Albritton.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Devotional exercises were conducted by J. H. Booth at 9:30 A. M. At 10 o'clock the Moderator called the Association to order. The roll of delegates were called, and the minutes of yesterday were read and approved. Invitation was extended to visiting brethren. J. L. Shinn and Hight C. Moore reported themselves. Bro. Shinn who represents the N. C. Baptist and Bro. Moore, State Missions, and J. S. Farmer, of the Biblical Recorder, all of whom were welcomed by the Moderator and to seats with us.

Special order, reports of executive committee together with report on State Missions taken up. The report of the Executive Committee was submitted and read by C. E. Daniel, and State Missions was read by C. M. Rock.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Missions is life, anti-missions or omissions is death. The last command of our Master was: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." At our last Association your committee called Bro. N. A. Shelly to serve the churches at Hallsville, Sharon, Cedar Fork, and Maple Hill. Faithfully did he present the message till the Master in His wisdom, called him to final reward, on July the 6th, 1904. Since that time Brother J. H. Booth has been serving the above named churches. He has preached

32 sermons, organized one Sunday School, baptized 2 with 3 awaiting baptism. Brethren J. M. Alderman, J. A. Smith, and J. W. Wheeler have aided him in meetings on the field. Finally brethren we ask that the salary of Bro. Shelly be continued up to the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. DANIEL,
 Chairman of Executive Committee.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Your Committee are glad to report that the State Mission work under the management of our brother Livingston Johnson, our Corresponding Secretary of the Baptist State Convention, is moving grandly forward.

As his work was seen to be so urging the Convention decided to work on a thirty thousand dollar basis; and we hope this year to work on a still larger basis. This is a glorious work to give the gospel to our people, a worthy cause, and is in great need, and calls to us to make a sacrifice. Let us not take it all in talk, but may we go to work and do great things for our State Mission Board. About one hundred men or more are on our State Board working in destitute sections of our State and depending on our Board for help, and the Board has promised to help them. But how can the Board help the men on the field, unless we stand by the Board. Brother Livingston Johnson is a faithful worker, a noble Christian and a dutiful servant of God, and would gladly lead us to higher and better things for God. Therefore we heartily endorse his work and the Board, for which he is working so faithfully; and commend the great work to the hearts and pocket books of our people.

Respectfully submitted,

C. M. ROCK, Chairman,
 HOMER BROCK,
 C. C. CORBETT.

Pending motion to adopt the above reports the Association was addressed by J. H. Booth, J. T. Albritton, C. M. Rock and Hight C. Moore.

At this point special prayer was offered for the work of State and Associational Missions. A cash collection was taken to relieve Bro. J. H. Booth of a debt on Cedar Fork Church. Amount of collection, \$37.95. The report was adopted. Preaching was announced at the stand by J. L. Shinn. On motion the collection at the stand \$3.93, was given to State and Associational Missions.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Home missions is missions to our own children in the new States and sections to which they have moved. This Board has helped many sections of our State and preserved from destruction many strategic points in the past, years before our people were gathering in towns and villages, and is still helping to educate our people in the mountain counties. They report 616 missionaries who baptized 7,526 last year. It richly deserves our constant patronage. The world has been coming to us more rapidly and in larger numbers than ever, and it behooves us to be up and stirring to give them the Gospel as they come.

N. B. COBB, Chairman,
 W. E. JOHNSON,
 D. D. WELLS,
 Committee.

Pending motion to adopt the report on Home Missions the Association was addressed by N. B. Cobb and Hight C. Moore. Report was adopted.

On motion the Association discountenances the sale or traffic of drinks or merchandise of any kind at or near the Association grounds.

On motion the Association adjourned for one hour with benediction by Hight C. Moore.

EVENING SESSION.

Was called to order by the Moderator. Announcement was made for preaching at the stand immediately by J. S. Farmer.

HISTORICAL.

Rev. J. T. Albritton who was appointed on history of the Eastern Association makes his report which reads as follows:

History of the organization of the (now called Eastern) Union Baptist Association. In the minutes of the last session of the Goshen Baptist Association, held with Beulah Baptist Church, Sampson county, N. C., September 29th to October 1st, 1843, is the following resolution: "Resolved, That in the opinion of this Association, the cause of Christ would be materially promoted in this section of the State, by uniting the churches between Wilmington and New Bern, extending as far North as the Neuse Association reaches, in one strong, well-arranged body. (Tar River was the Northern boundary.) The churches of the Neuse Association and the Baptist Advisory Council, as well as those of the Goshen Association, were within this territory.

The Neuse Association was organized at Bear Marsh, in 1794; The Advisory Council was organized in 1836, at Mewborne's Church, Green county; and the Goshen Association colony from the Cape Fear Association was organized at Beulah Church, Sampson county in 1827.

The first session of the Union Baptist Association was held with the Kenansville Baptist Church, Duplin county, October 4-7, 1844, with James Carroll Moderator, and N. McNabb, Clerk. I find in the list of churches 7 from Duplin, 8 from Sampson, 9 from New Hanover, 2 from Onslow, 2 from Pitt, 1 from Craven, 1 from Lenoir, 1 from Jones, and 1 from Wayne; making a total of 32 churches.

By comparing the Church list of the Goshen with that of the Union at its first session, it will be seen that there was a change of name with but little change of constituency, as 26 of the 32 churches belonging to the new Association were members of the Goshen. At the session of 1865, held with the Moore's Creek church the name was changed to, "The Eastern Association." Below I give the names of the churches, their attending delegates, their membership, and their pastors, as found in the minutes of the first session in 1844:

Churches in Duplin county:

Bear Marsh—B. Oliver, H. Moore, Joel Loftin, delegates; 167 members. H. Swinson and R. McNabb, pastors.

Kenansville—D. E. Moore, J. Carroll, G. Sloan, delegates; 56 members. R. McNabb, pastor.

Johnsons—A. Guy, O. Guy, S. Guy, delegates; 155 members. I. W. West, pastor.

Beaver Dam (near Magnolia)—J. D. Carroll, delegate; 82 members. Lewis F. Williams, pastor.

Concord—W. Swinson, J. Taylor, W. B. Wells, delegates; 148 members. George Fennell, pastor.

Island Creek—J. Maxwell, A. Kilpatrick, delegates; 52 members. Hiram Stallings, pastor.

Berea—S. Stallings, J. Fussell, delegates; 33 members. I. W. West, pastor.

Churches in Sampson county:

Rowan—A. Williamson, R. Boykin, A. Peterson, delegates; 118 members. I. W. West, pastor.

Beulah—F. B. Millard, M. C. Blount, Nehemiah Faison, delegates; 72 members. L. F. Williams, pastor.

Browns—A. Brown, H. E. Royal, delegates; 72 members. Elder Averitt, pastor.

New Hope—H. Hollingsworth, delegate; 98 members. L. F. Williams, pastor.

Lisbon—E. Vann, A. M. Blackburn, G. W. Russ, delegates; 149 members. G. Fennell, pastor.

Salem—No delegates; 69 members. No pastor.

Red Hill—D. Matthis, L. A. Powell, delegates; 26 members. Elder Averitt, pastor.

Pleasant Union—R. Faircloth, M. Johnson, delegates; 79 members. Stephen Senter, pastor.

Churches in New Hanover County:

Lebanon—G. Fennell, C. B. Corbett, delegates; 64 members. George Fennell, pastor.

Wells Chapel—L. Highsmith, D. Wells, delegates; 176 members. George Fennell, pastor.

Riley's Creek—J. L. Warren, D. M. Lewis, delegates; 41 members. J. L. Warren, pastor.

Wilmington—I. Peterson, L. Wright, delegates; 209 members. A. P. Repiton, pastor.

Bethlehem—W. Vernon, J. J. Pridgen, delegates; 92 members. No pastor. Mount Holly—A. M. Lamb, delegate; 61 members. R. McNabb, pastor.

Moore's Creek—T. Rooks, J. M. Alderman, delegates; 217 members. G. Fennell, pastor.

Marshals (now Caintuck)—J. M. Marshal, delegate; 48 members. No pastor.

Bethel—W. Fryar, A. B. Alderman, delegates; 79 members. No pastor.

Bay, (Onslow Co.)—H. Williams, A. F. Littleton, J. J. Rochelle, delegates; 20 members. No pastor.

Richland Chapel—No delegates; 14 members. No pastor.

Greenville (Pitt Co.)—J. Murray, delegate; 39 members. Mark Bennett, pastor.

Hancocks (Pitt Co.)—C. Smith, J. Cannon, A. Gardner, delegates; 13 members. W. P. Biddle, pastor.

New Bern (Craven Co.)—J. J. Finch, W. Finley, delegates; 118 members. J. J. Finch, pastor.

Harriett's Chapel (Lenoir Co.)—No delegates; 72 members. W. P. Biddle, pastor.

Piney Grove (Jones Co.)—J. Marrett, E. Dudley, delegates; 56 members. Probably W. J. Finley, pastor.

Goldsboro (Wayne Co.)—Wm. Robinson, T. C. Garrison, delegates; 23 members. Wm. Robinson, pastor.

The total number of churches was 32 and total membership was 2,728. For want of space, much that I desire to say must be unsaid. I am moved to add a few notes, however, that may prove of interest to the body. Moore's Creek reported the largest membership, 217; Wilmington comes next with 209 members, contributing about \$300.00 for Bible distribution, and Home and Foreign Missions.

Goldsboro Church was organized, according to the minutes, 12 months before the first meeting of the Association. She began with 5 members. Her first pastor was Wm. Robinson, an Irish gentleman of culture, and for several years one of the leading educators and editors of the State.

The Church worshipped alternately in Goldsboro and Waynesboro, the two towns being about a mile apart. The oldest church in the new Association is Wells Chapel, constituted in 1756; the second oldest is Rowan, constituted in 1759; and third oldest is Bear Marsh, constituted in 1763, with ten members.

Greenville Church will go down in Baptist history as the place where was organized the Baptist State Convention in 1830. In this Church your humble scribe received his first Sunday school instruction, made palatable by the teachers liberal use of toothsome confectioneries about sixty-five years ago. Mark Bennett, one of the most able and Godly theologians I have ever known, was once pastor of this church.

Hancock's Church (or the Missionary portion of it rather), many years ago, moved to Antioch, and thence at a later date to the thriving town of Winterville, a few miles from Greenville.

The several reports on Education, Religious Literature and Home and Foreign Missions are well prepared and indicate a broad and progressive Spirit among the brethren. The report on Associational Missions, presented by Benjamin Oliver, the chairman, recommended about the same plan of operation as that by which this part of our work is carried on to-day.

Among the ministers to the new Association were Hiram Stallings, W. J. Finch, J. J. Finch, Wm. P. Biddle, Robert McNabb, J. Elwell, George Fennell, David Wells, A. P. Repiton, G. W. Hupham, L. F. Williams, I. W. West and Wm. Robinson.

What a joy to tell of those brethren and the delegates, many of whom I personally knew, and all of whom Nehemiah Faison excepted—have gone to their reward! But alas; this short history of our beginning as an Associational body is already too long.

JOHN T. ALBRITTON.

On motion the Association extends a vote of thanks to Brother J. T. Albritton for the valuable information contained in his report.

REPORT ON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

The Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville has been wonderfully blessed of the Lord; and our people have had this work on their hearts from the beginning. Our hearts have been made sad of late because of the scourge of fever which is now upon the children. There has been above 40 cases of fever, 20 have been discharged from the infirmary, and there are 20 odd, still sick; two have died. The sickness has greatly increased the expenses of the Orphanage. We learn from Charity and Children, and also from Bro. C. G. Wells that the trustees think we should put in a sewerage system for the protection of the children's health.

Your committee would recommend that a collection be taken upon the adoption of this report, for the Orphanage to relieve the present need, and that every Church and Sunday school in the Eastern Association be requested to take regular collections for the Orphanage.

R. C. SANDLIN,
J. G. BOON,
W. C. SAVAGE,

Committee.

Pending motion to adopt the Association was addressed by C. G. Wells. A special cash collection was taken up at this point for the Orphanage amounting to \$14.43. By motion N. B. Cobb was requested to write a letter accompanying the contribution to Brother and Sister Boon expressing our sympathy in their sad trials. By motion, Bro. Hight C. Moore led the Association in special prayer for the Orphanage. The churches at Warsaw, Clinton, Piney Grove, Johnsons, Ivanhoe, Corinth, Mount Olive, Mount Gilead, New Hope, Island Creek and Siloam, pledged themselves to make effort to raise \$5.00 each at their next regular church service for the Orphanage. On motion the report was adopted.

On motion the Association appointed a committee consisting of brethren C. M. Rock, B. A. Summerlin, D. L. Carlton, H. G. Owen and L. Middleton, to arrange and run excursion to Thomasville during the coming year for the benefit of our people who want to visit the Orphanage.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Forward is the word on the tongue, and in the hearts of our people, as we consider the hard work. It has been suggested by our worthy Secretary of our Foreign Mission Board there are three distinct lines of advance. One on the Foreign field, one on the part of men and women going out from home to the forces at the front. The other on the part of churches at home in furnishing the funds and more earnestly praying to God. The advance in the first case has been and is glorious. The last report of the Board gives us two thousand baptisms, where a few years ago we reported seven hundred; our missionaries are going forward, preaching and teaching. And organizing churches and establishing schools, providing hospitals, setting up printing houses and otherwise pushing forward the Master's Kingdom. In the second regard, we are seeing progress also. In five years the number of our missionaries has gone from seventy-three to a hundred and twenty-six (126) with thirty-six others now under appointment for the foreign work. Now as to the third point; we need to make an advance in our churches at home. We are gratified to state that the receipts of the Board has increased from a hundred and twenty-four thousand dollars in 1898 to two hundred and eighteen thousand and five hundred dollars in 1903. May we continue to increase our contributions to the work as the Lord has prospered us, and the need of the work demands.

L. R. CARROLL,
B. L. BLACKMORE,
F. C. MIDDLETON,
Committee.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Sunday school is the Church engaged in the study and teaching of the Scriptures. It has not only its basis upon, but its authority in the word of God. Its influence and power in the upbuilding of the churches, and the advancement of the cause of Christ cannot be overestimated. It is one of the mightiest agencies for the promulgation of the truth, and is worthy of every energy and all the heart we can put into it.

In North Carolina we Baptist have set our hands afresh to this work. Our Field Secretary in the office and field is receiving every encouragement in his efforts to improve our Sunday School condition. Though we have 1,792 churches with a membership of more than 182,000 members, we have only 1,300 Sunday schools with an enrollment of 96,000 members. So the need is great for more and larger and better Sunday schools. Your committee would suggest and urge:

1. That each of our churches put new life and power into the Sunday School work; utilizing only earnest Christians as officers and teachers.
2. That as a body we seek to establish and maintain and improve the Sunday schools in our borders.
3. That the Association set apart the Spring fifth Sunday meeting for the consideration of Sunday school topics and the unifying of Sunday school forces.
4. That a committee of three be appointed to advocate the Sunday school interest in our Association. And to co-operate with our State Secretary in the work.
5. That all our Sunday schools be requested to make one offering during the year for our Baptist Sunday school work.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. BOOTH,
W. W. HOBBS,
W. H. KORNEGA,
Committee.

Pending motion to adopt the report the Association was addressed by Rev. Hight C. Moore. The report was adopted.

Committee on devotional exercises reports devotional exercises to-morrow morning at 9:30 by W. H. Middleton. Association to meet at 10 o'clock A. M.; preaching at the stand at 11 o'clock by C. M. Rock.

By motion, the Association adjourned with prayer by R. C. Sandlin.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Devotional exercises conducted by W. H. Middleton at 10 o'clock. The Moderator called the Association to order. Roll of delegates was called and minutes of preceding day were read and approved.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

For the year ending October 3d, 1904.

To amount received from Finance Committee at last Association:

Receipts.

Associational Missions	\$112 08
State Missions	43 81
Home Missions	57 44
Foreign Missions	67 49
Sunday Schools	77
Gospel Missions	1 50
Ministers' Relief	38 40
Ministerial Education	21 57
Orphanage	72 76
Baptist Female University	87
Minute Fund	37 05
Hat collection	
Foreign Missions	10 00
Associational Missions	6 82
From former Treasurer	1 54
Warsaw Church	25 00
Warsaw Sunday school	10 00
Total	\$507 10

Disbursements

Paid to L. Johnson for State Missions	\$ 43 81
Home Missions	57 41
Foreign Missions	76 40
Ministers' relief	38 40
Sunday school	77
Education	21 57
Baptist Female University	87
J. B. Boon for Orphanage	72 76
A. R. Herring, Minute fund	37 05
Brother Moore, Gospel Missions	1 50
Paid N. A. Shelly	109 90
Paid N. A. Shelly for Cedar Fork Church	10 68
W. H. Middleton, Associational Missions	35 00
Total	\$505 94
Balance on hand	\$ 1 24

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. DANIEL, Treasurer.

On motion, G. W. Carroll, W. H. Hagwood and B. A. Summerlin were appointed to audit Treasurer's report.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We your Finance Committee beg leave to offer the following report of the money received into our hands and paid over to the Treasurer and taking his receipt therefor.

State Missions	\$ 54 69
Associational Missions	199 75
Foreign Missions	70 85
Gospel Missions	11 50
Ministers' Relief	45 35
Orphanage	96 10
Ministerial Education	27 53
Home Missions	61 80
Minute Fund	38 95
Subscriptions to Charity and Children from Johnson Church	2 53

Total cash \$609 05

We further report that Church letters indicate the following amounts sent off:

State Missions	\$ 54 86
Home Missions	41 85
Foreign Missions	65 83
Associational Missions	196 87
Gospel Missions	75 37
Ministers' Relief	38 52
Ministerial Education	24 93
Orphanage	104 96

Total \$603 19

Received of W. J. Fryar, J. H. Carlton and Maurey Ward, Finance Committee of the Association, six hundred and nine dollars and five cents as follows:

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Charity and Children	2 53

Total \$609 05

C. E. DANIEL, Treasurer.

Report adopted.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF WARSAW HIGH SCHOOL.

We beg leave to report as follows: Your Committee with the assistance of the citizens of Warsaw and the community have secured the services of two competent and experienced teachers, and agreed to maintain and run the school one year. We have repaired the building at a cost of about seventy dollars. The school has an attendance of sixty pupils. Had it not been for the prevalence of diphtheria in the neighborhood no doubt but the attendance would be much larger. The outlook is encouraging. The location is

central and favorable, and we are still hopeful of developing a large and successful school.

Respectfully submitted,

S. M. CARLTON,
Chairman Board Trustees.
B. L. BLACKMORE, Secretary.

Pending motion to adopt report the Association was addressed by C. M. Rock, L. R. Carroll, J. A. Powell, J. M. Alderman, H. G. Owen. Report adopted.

A resolution was offered by J. T. Albritton looking to the disposition of the Warsaw High School property which reads as follows:

Whereas, the Eastern Association has had no school at Warsaw for some time, and it is the desire of the Churches of the Association that the school property at Warsaw be utilized for the purpose of educating the youth of that community, and that all residing there may feel that they have an interest in said school. Therefore be it

Resolved, That the trustees appointed at this Association be and they are authorized to lease that part of the property in Warsaw north of College street, being the school house and lot on which the same is situated, to such persons as the citizens of the town of Warsaw may select. Said lease to be for 21 years at the best price obtainable. Said rent to be applied by the trustees to the repairs and improvement of said property. Said lease to be upon condition that the lessees use the same for establishing and maintaining a school either public, private, graded, or special tax, and for no other purpose. Provided always, that such school shall not be sectarian or denominational. The said trustees are to rent the vacant lot for the best rent obtainable, collect the rent and turn it over to the Treasurer of the Association to be used for educational purposes as the Association may direct. That said trustees shall serve without compensation and hold their office during the continuance of said lease, and shall make an annual report to the Association of all their proceedings in the premises.

That the number of Trustees be reduced to seven.

Resolved, That the following be appointed trustees to take charge of the Warsaw High School property, H. S. Boyette, S. A. Strickland, J. A. Powell, L. Middleton, H. G. Owen, L. A. Beasley, D. L. Carlton.

On motion the resolution with its preamble was laid on the table.

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

We the committee to audit the Treasurer's report beg leave to say, that we have examined the Treasurer's report and vouchers and find them correct.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. CARROLL,
B. A. SUMMERLIN,
W. H. HAGWOOD,

Committee.

Report adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee to nominate Executive Committee for the ensuing year beg leave to nominate the following brethren, viz: C. E. Daniel, W. H. Middleton, W. H. Murray, J. A. Powell and L. Middleton.

G. W. CARROLL,
J. C. HINES,
F. M. CARROLL,

Committee.

Report adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Report read by W. N. Johnson is as follows: No time in the South has there ever been such demand for equipped ministers as now. God's call to the ministry usually comes to the poor. They cannot educate themselves. They must have help if they ever reach their highest usefulness. We ask to give this help to young men called of God to preach the gospel, and this work is intrusted to a Board or Committee at Wake Forest. Many of the leaders among the Baptist of North Carolina and the South have been aided by this institution. We recommend that this work be laid more heavily upon our churches and that contributions to this cause be increased.

R. C. SEAWELL,
B. A. SUMMERLIN,
W. N. JOHNSON,

Committee.

Pending motion to adopt W. H. Hagwood spoke to the report. Report adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERS' RELIEF.

Your committee wishes to report that we have forty including widows and children on the Ministers' Relief Board. They are receiving annually about two thousand dollars, but one half of this amount goes into a permanent interest bearing fund leaving a very small amount for each month. No one receives a cent for doing the work of this Board. This Association has only contributed \$82.13 this year for this work. These aged servants of God deserve and need a better support and in their behalf we would ask that our contributions be increased.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. ALDERMAN,
B. MATHIS,

Committee.

Pending motion to adopt the Association was addressed by J. M. Alderman. Report adopted.

Committee to nominate delegates to Baptist State Convention and Southern Baptist Convention reports and nominates for delegates to the Baptist State Convention J. M. Alderman. To Southern Baptist Convention, C. M. Rock. Report adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Report read by J. J. Best is as follows: There are at least two ways by which we can multiply our powers for good as Baptists. One is by numbers, and the other is by increasing the power of the individual. Information is power and proper information is power for good. Our fathers knew this many years ago, and more than seventy years since founded the Biblical Recorder, as a helper in the dissemination of the truth as held by Baptists in North Carolina. It has served our people well, through these seventy years, and is now better able to serve the denomination, of which it is the organ than ever before. The North Carolina Baptist commends itself to us because of its attitude on the temperance question. Charity and Children should be read by every Baptist in the State. We owe it to ourselves to keep in heart to heart touch with the Orphanage. The Foreign Mission Journal should be read carefully, that we may be intelligent regarding our work in foreign lands. The Home Field is the organ of our Home Mission work, and all of us can take it at ten cents per year. The Literature of our Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., is worthy of our entire patronage. Baptists cannot do better than to patronize their own papers and support their own interest.

J. S. FARMER, for Committee.

Pending motion to adopt the report the Association was addressed by J. L. Sninn, of the North Carolina Baptist. Report was adopted.

REPORT ON DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS.

Report read by J. M. Alderman is as follows:

CHURCHES.	Baptisms.	Total Number of Members.	Contributions.		Average per member of		Average attendance of Sunday Schools.
			Running Expenses.	Mission Objects.	Running Expenses.	Mission Objects.	
Alum Springs.	6	6	\$ 100 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 16		
Bethel.	104	104	100 00	86 16	96	82	
Beulah.	4	99	100 00	14 63	1 00	14	20
Boykin's Chapel.	1	77	75 00	8 50	97	11	
Bowdens.							
Bear Marsh.	115	115	150 00	36 30	1 30	31	30
Clinton.	5	227	479 70	274 91	2 00	1 21	90
Concord.	56	56	60 00	17 00	1 07	30	35
Corinth.	11	148	160 00	85 46	1 08	57	1 15
Delway.	21	21	75 00	6 50	3 57	30	63
Dobson's Chapel.	7	95	100 00	43 69	1 05	45	20
Ebenezer.	39	39	36 00	6 17	92	15	
Faison's.	29	29	100 00	10 57	3 44	36	23
Hallsville.	4	118	62 56	29 42	55	24	23
Island Creek.	2	234	125 00	64 25	53	27	
Ivanhoe.	2	63	100 00	17 05	1 23	26	20
Johnson's.	3	157	169 75	148 74	1 08	94	33
Kenansville.	3	75	125 00	27 25	1 66	36	25
Lisbon.	5	86	149 00	51 55	1 73	59	25
Mt. Olive.	188	188	750 00	128 18	3 98	68	60
Maple Hill.	40	40	50 00	11 00	1 26	27	10
Magnolia.	135	135	75 00	30 50	55	23	53
Mt. Gilead.	146	146	125 00	31 98	85	21	30
New Hope.	6	186	112 00	115 00	60	61	
Piney Grove.	10	124	76 00	18 55	61	14	46
Poplar Grove.	1	42	60 50	10 35	1 44	24	30
Rose Hill.	34	34	50 00	29 15	1 47	85	33
Sharon.	2	44	40 00	7 28	90	16	
Siloam.	98	98	100 00	29 50	1 02	28	40
Spring Vale.	82	82	60 00	17 20	73	20	35
Rowan.							
Mt. Zion.							
Warsaw.	1	162	274 00	97 30	1 69	60	65
	67	3040	\$ 3937 95	\$ 1357 96	\$ 1 28	43	935

We learn from this digest of church letters this year that

1st. We have baptized 67 persons.

2nd. We have a total membership of 3,040.

3d. That ten churches report no Sunday schools. The other churches report an average attendance of 40 pupils to each school.

4th. Total average of Pastor's Salary and running expenses per member is \$1.28.

5th. The average contributions for other objects such as missions, 45 cents.

6th. New Hope is the only church that has averaged more for missions than for Pastor's salary.

7th. Clinton has made the largest average for missions, \$1.21; Boykins Chapel the smallest, 11 cents.

Mt. Olive the largest for Pastor's salary and running expenses, and New Hope, Island Creek, and Hallsville the smallest.

J. M. ALDERMAN,
W. H. HAGWOOD,
W. H. MIDDLETON,
Committee.

By motion the report was adopted.

On motion the list of churches was called and pledges taken for the different objects of the Association as follows:

CHURCHES.	State Missions.	Associational Missions	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Gospel Missions.	Orphanage.	Ministerial Education.	Ministers' Relief.
Alum Springs.	\$ 5 00	\$ 10 00	\$ 5 00	\$ 6 00	\$ 2 50	\$ 5 00	\$ 3 00	\$ 3 00
Bethel.	3 00	12 00	2 00	5 00	3 00	4 00	3 00	2 50
Beulah.	1 00	2 00	1 00	1 00		1 00	1 00	1 00
Boykin's Chapel.								
Bowdens.								
Bear Marsh.	2 50	15 00	2 50	4 50	3 00	6 00	2 50	2 50
Clinton.	25 00	25 00	25 00	25 00		25 00	10 00	25 00
Concord.	1 00	30 00	1 00		15 00	5 00		1 00
Corinth.	3 00	35 00	5 00	5 00		10 00	2 00	5 00
Delway.	5 00	45 00	5 00	5 00		10 00	3 00	2 00
Dobson's Chapel.		30 00	5 00	5 00		2 50		2 50
Ebenezer.								
Faison's.	5 00	2 50	2 50	5 00		2 50		2 50
Hallsville.	2 00	15 00	1 00	2 00		5 00	2 00	3 00
Island Creek.	5 00	60 00	10 00	5 00		5 00	2 00	5 00
Ivanhoe.	3 00	3 00		3 00		5 00		
Johnson's.	5 00	70 00	5 00	10 00	3 00	15 00	2 00	5 00
Kenansville.								
Lisbon.	5 00	25 00	5 00	5 00		5 00	3 00	2 00
Mt. Zion.								
Maple Hill.	1 00	3 00	1 00	2 00		2 00	1 00	1 00
Mt. Gilead.		15 00				2 00	2 00	2 00
Mt. Olive.	20 00	50 00	2 00	20 00		20 00	10 00	10 00
Magnolia.	5 00	10 00	2 50			2 50		5 00
New Hope.	60 00	3 00			45 00	20 00	3 00	3 00
Piney Grove.	3 00	5 00	3 00	3 00		2 00	2 00	2 00
Poplar Grove.	2 00	5 00		2 50		5 00		2 50
Rose Hill.	2 00	5 00	1 00	2 00	12 00	3 00	2 00	2 00
Rowan.								
Sharon.	1 00	4 00	1 00	1 00		1 00	1 00	1 00
Siloam.	1 00	14 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	2 00	2 00
Spring Vale.	2 00	5 00	2 00	2 00		3 00	1 00	1 00
Warsaw.	5 00	25 00	2 50	10 00		10 00	2 50	3 00

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

Report read by C. F. Hopper is as follows: Your Committee find that the Societies in this Association wish to make the following report:

Report of Woman's and Sunbeam Societies for this year:

Clinton W. M. S.	\$ 42 00
Clinton Y. L. M. S.	18 90
Canton Sunbeams	12 33
Warsaw W. M. S.	22 50
Johnsons Sunbeams	1 90
Mount Olive W. M. S.	61 50
Bethel W. M. S.	3 16
Corinth W. M. S.	7 90

Total\$180 20

Four new societies have been organized during the year making 13 Societies in the Association.

Pending motion to adopt the Association was addressed by C. M. Rock and J. T. Albritton. Report was adopted.

On motion that Sunday schools be added to the list of objects of the Association. Motion was lost.

By motion the resolution with its preamble concerning Warsaw High School was taken from the table and read. On motion it was adopted.

On motion that part of Hallsville church letter referring to a monument on the grave of Brother N. A. Shelly, was referred to the pastors of the churches.

By motion the letters from Mount Olive and Lisbon Churches was taken from the table. Invitations were extended by each of them for the next session of the Association.

Motion by J. T. Albritton that Mount Olive be chosen as the place for the next session of the Association. The motion was amended by A. R. Herring to strike out Mount Olive and insert Lisbon instead. The amendment was lost.

The original motion to select Mount Olive as the place for the next session was carried.

On motion a vote of thanks was tendered the church of New Hope and also the community for their kind hospitality.

By motion Bro. J. H. Booth was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon at our next session with C. M. Rock alternate.

By motion the Treasurer was instructed to pay out the money in his hands as indicated by the different objects of the Association.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet with the church at Mount Olive on Tuesday after the first Lord's Day in October, 1905.

Benediction was pronounced by J. T. Albritton.

A. F. Robinson, Clerk.

J. L. STEWART, Moderator.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Bethel—N. B. Cobb.
 Bear Marsh—J. T. Albritton.
 Clinton—J. L. Stewart, C. M. Rock, L. M. Hobbs.
 Mount Gilead—C. T. Tew.
 Mount Olive—C. F. Hopper, R. J. Bateman.
 New Hope—W. B. Rivenbark.
 Siloam—W. A. Melvin.
 Delway—W. N. Johnson, J. M. Alderman.

DENOMINATIONAL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	Additions.			Losses.			Membership.		
	Baptisms.	Letter.	Restored.	Excluded.	Died.	Letter.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Alum Springs							3	3	6
Bethel		2	1		3	23			104
Beulah	4	5		3	1	4	43	56	99
Boykin's Chapel	1				2	2	38	39	77
Bear Marsh					3	4	44	71	115
Clinton	5	15		3	2	4	98	129	227
Concord		2			1	1	21	35	56
Corinth	11	2			3	5	69	79	148
Dobson's Chapel	7		1		2		43	52	95
Delway							10	11	21
Ebenezer		1		1	2		19	20	39
Faison's		12			1		13	16	29
Hallsville	4	1		3		1	41	77	118
Island Creek	2			1	3	5	82	152	234
Ivanhoe	2			1		2	28	34	62
Johnson's	3	8	1		5	3	73	84	157
Kenansville	3	2			1	1	23	52	75
Lisbon	5	4	1		2	7	44	42	86
Maple Hill							17	23	40
Mt. Gilead		1	1	3	2	1	57	89	146
Mt. Olive		4			3	1	73	115	188
Magnolia		3		2	2		41	94	135
New Hope	6								186
Piney Grove	10	6	3	1	5	2	50	74	124
Poplar Grove	1				1	1	17	25	42
Rose Hill		7					14	20	34
Sharon	2				25		16	25	44
Siloam		1		1	4		53	45	98
Spring Vale				3	6	5	33	49	82
Rowan									
Warsaw	1	11		2		9	66	95	161
	67	87	8	24	79	81	1315	1713	3028

CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS AND THEIR POST OFFICE ADDRESSES AND TIME OF HOLDING MEETING.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS AND POST OFFICES.	CLERKS AND POST OFFICES.	Time of Meeting
Alum Springs.....	A. B. Cobb, Clear Run.....	Maury Ward, Rose Hill.....	4th Sunday.
Bethel.....	W. B. Rivenbark, Teachey's.....	W. T. Bell, Teachey's.....	3d Sunday.
Beulah.....	C. M. Rock, Clinton.....	L. M. Boykin, Clinton.....	3d Sunday.
Boyer's Chapel.....	R. J. Bateman, Mt. Olive.....	Homer Brock, Mt. Olive.....	3d Sunday.
Bear Marsh.....	C. M. Rock, Clinton.....	A. B. Carroll, Clinton.....	1st & 3d Sunday.
Clinton.....	W. N. Johnson, Delway.....	W. D. Wilkins, Magnolia.....	2d Sunday.
Concord.....	W. N. Johnson, Delway.....	I. D. Johnson, Rose Hill.....	3d Sunday.
Corinth.....	W. B. Rivenbark, Teachey's.....	J. M. Dobson, Kenansville.....	4th Sunday.
Dobson's Chapel.....	W. N. Johnson, Delway.....	G. D. Herring, Delway.....	2d Sunday.
Delway.....	R. C. Sandlin, Clinton.....	R. Highsmith, Coharie.....	3d Sunday.
Ebenezer.....	L. R. Carroll, Warsaw.....	T. W. Smith, Faison.....	1st Sunday.
Faison.....	J. H. Booth, Beulahville.....	J. J. Strickland, Hallsville.....	1st Sunday.
Hallsville.....	W. B. Rivenbark, Teachey's.....	E. R. Corbett, Ivanhoe.....	1st Sunday.
Island Creek.....	J. Smith, Wilmington.....	L. Middleton, Warsaw.....	3d Sunday.
Ivanhoe.....	W. N. Johnson, Delway.....	J. A. Gavin, Kenansville.....	1st Sunday.
Johnson's.....	W. N. Johnson, Delway.....	W. B. Lamb, Ingold.....	4th Sunday.
Kenansville.....	C. M. Rock, Clinton.....	J. R. Marshburn, Maple Hill.....	3d Sunday.
Lisbon.....	J. H. Booth, Beulahville.....	B. Mathis Taylor's Bridge.....	4th Sunday.
Maple Hill.....	J. M. Alderman, Delway.....	B. A. Summerlin, Mt. Olive.....	1st Sunday.
Mt. Olive.....	R. J. Bateman, Mt. Olive.....	H. M. Swinson, Magnolia.....	2d Sunday.
Magnolia.....	L. R. Carroll, Warsaw.....	S. H. Hare, Clinton.....	4th Sunday.
Piney Grove.....	J. L. Stewart, Clinton.....	J. W. Westbrook, Faison.....	2d Sunday.
Poplar Grove.....	J. W. Bell, Faison.....	W. C. Savage, Rose Hill.....	4th Sunday.
Rose Hill.....	W. N. Johnson, Delway.....	W. D. Brock, Rose Hill.....	3d Sunday.
Sharon.....	J. H. Booth, Beulahville.....	A. A. Maynard, Kerr.....	1st Sunday.
Sloam.....	J. M. Alderman, Delway.....	J. M. Marshburn, Clinton.....	3d Sunday.
Spring Vale.....	J. M. Alderman, Delway.....	H. G. Owen, Warsaw.....	1st Sunday.
Warsaw.....	C. M. Rock, Clinton.....		

CONSTITUTION.

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

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

Art. 3. This Association shall be composed of all ordained ministers who are members or Pastors of churches of this body, and three delegates from each church, chosen from the membership assembled in Conference.

Art. 4. The delegates from each Church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment and communicating information relative to the state of the Church; Provided, however, that when any Church has prepared a letter, and through 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 chosen annually from among its members by ballot, by a majority of its members voting and continue in office until their successors are elected.

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

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

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

Art. 9. The Association shall appoint an Executive Committee of five members, who shall co-operate with the State Board so far as practicable in the mission work within our bounds, and during the interval between the sessions of this body, take such steps as they may deem advisable for the advancement of the same, making annual reports of their work to the Association, which report, together with that on State Missions, shall be the first business of the Second Day of the Session. Further, that our Missionaries shall report their work quarterly to the Executive Committee in order that said committee shall be prepared to make full report of their work to this body.

Art. 10. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches which neglect to observe gospel order.

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

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

Art. 13. By appointment of the Association there shall be an Introductory Sermon of a denominational character.

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

RULES OF ORDER.

1. At 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 opened by whomsoever the presiding officer may name.

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

4. The members shall observe toward the officers and each other that courtesy which belongs to 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 lay on the table, 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 permission of Association, and if any shall do so their absence shall be noted in the minutes.

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

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

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Appointment of Finance Committee.
2. Appointment of committee on diest of church letters.
3. Calling the roll of churches and enrolling delegates.
4. Election of officers.
5. Calling for petitionary letters.
6. Appointment of Committees.
7. Appointment of Corresponding delegates.
8. Reports of Standing Committees.
9. Report of Special Committees.
10. Report of Treasurer.
11. Miscellaneous business.
12. Incidental and routine business shall be in order at any time.
13. Adjournment.

FINANCIAL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	State Missions.	Associational Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Gospel Missions.	Orphanage.	Ministerial Education.	Ministers' Relief.	Poor.	Other Objects.	Minute Fund.	Pastor's Salary.	Improvements.	Other Church Expenses.	Baptist Female University.	Totals.	Present Indebtedness.	Value Church Property.	
Alum Springs.....	\$5.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$6.00	\$2.50	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$3.00			\$1.05						\$1.00		\$500.00
Bethel.....	3.00	12.00	2.00	5.00	3.00	4.00	3.00	2.50			63	100.00					40.55		800.00
Beulah.....	1.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00			50	60.00					68.50		500.00
Boykin's Chapel.....																			500.00
Bowden's.....	2.50	15.00	2.50	4.50	3.00	6.00	2.50	2.50			1.50	150.00					190.00		500.00
Bear Marsh.....	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	15.00	25.00	10.00	25.00			3.00	400.00					612.70		1500.00
Clinton.....	1.00	30.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	2.00	1.00			1.00	150.00		\$49.70			54.00		500.00
Concord.....	3.00	35.00	5.00	5.00	10.00	10.00	2.00	5.00		\$33.00	1.60	150.00					249.60		750.00
Dobson's Chapel.....	5.00	30.00	5.00	5.00	2.50	2.50	3.00	2.50			1.00	75.00					46.00		600.00
Delway.....	5.00	45.00	5.00	5.00	10.00	10.00	3.00	2.50			1.50	100.00					151.50		1200.00
Falsouth.....	5.00	2.50	2.50	5.00	5.00	2.50	2.00	2.50			1.00	60.00					121.00	\$9.60	400.00
Hallsville.....	5.00	15.00	1.00	2.00	5.00	5.00	2.00	5.00			3.42	125.00					225.25		600.00
Island Creek.....	5.00	60.00	10.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	2.00	5.00		4.00	3.25	150.00					178.00		500.00
Ivanhoe.....	3.00	3.00	5.00	10.00	3.00	5.00	2.00	5.00			3.35	100.00					208.35		1000.00
Johnson's.....	5.00	70.00	5.00	10.00	3.00	15.00	2.00	5.00			1.00	125.00					126.00		1000.00
Kenansville.....	5.00	25.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	3.00	2.00				125.00		24.00			199.00		500.00
Lisbon.....																			700.00
Mt. Zion.....	1.00	3.00	1.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	1.00	1.00			50	50.00	100.00				161.50		800.00
Maple Hill.....	15.00	50.00	2.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	10.00	2.00			1.00	125.00	14.50				161.50		800.00
Mt. Olive.....	20.00	50.00	2.50	5.00	5.00	2.50	10.00	5.00			3.00	*750.00		1200.00			2085.00		800.00
Magnolia.....	5.00	10.00	3.00	3.00	45.00	20.00	3.00	3.00			2.00	75.00	60.00				167.00		800.00
New Hope.....	3.00	60.00	3.00	3.00	2.00	2.00	3.00	3.00			1.00	75.00	50.00				86.00		350.00
Opner Grove.....	2.00	5.00	3.00	3.00	2.50	3.00	2.00	2.00			1.50	60.00	50.00				127.00	20.70	350.00
Poplar Grove.....	2.00	5.00	1.00	2.00	2.50	3.00	2.00	2.00			1.65	50.00	28.00				96.65		1278.00
Rose Hill.....	2.00	5.00	1.00	2.00	3.00	3.00	2.00	2.00									50.00		1000.00
Rowan.....																			1000.00
Sharon.....	1.00	4.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00				40.00					50.00		1000.00
Siloam.....	1.00	14.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	3.00	2.00	2.00			1.50	100.00					136.50		1000.00
Spring Vale.....	2.00	5.00	2.00	2.00	3.00	3.00	1.00	1.00			90	60.00					76.90		700.00
Warsaw.....	5.00	25.00	2.50	10.00	10.00	10.00	2.50	3.00		\$2.50	3.00	200.00		96.00			289.50		200.00
Ebenezer.....											50	96.00					36.50		
	112.50	580.50	97.00	139.00	75.50	178.50	62.00	96.00	2.50	37.00	38.95	2891.00	252.50	1309.70			6105.92	29.30	

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• SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS AND POSTOFFICES.	No. of Schools.	Officers and Teach'rs	No. of Pupils.	Average.	Months Open.	Expen's.	Orphan- age.	Miss'ns.
Alum Springs.....									
Bethel.....									
Beulah.....	W. J. Ship, Turkey.....	1	4	34	20	12			
Boykin's Chapel.....									
Bear Marsh.....	C. A. Bird, Mt. Olive.....	1	7	45	30	12	\$6 50		
Clinton.....	B. S. Garriss, Clinton.....	1	12	120	90	12	30 00	\$37 14	\$1 50
Concord.....	W. D. Wilkins, Magnolia.....	1	5	35	35	12			
Corinth.....	I. D. Johnson, Rose Hill.....	1	7	135	115	12	10 00	12 00	
Dobson's Chapel.....	W. H. Murray, Magnolia.....	2	5	35	20	12	3 50		
Delway.....	W. J. Fryar, Delway.....	1	7	74	63		4 00		
Ebenezer.....									
Faison.....	J. C. Hines, Faison.....	1	3	20		12			
Hallsville.....	O. W. Scott, Hallsville.....	1	4	43	33	9	2 56		
Island Creek.....									
Ivanhoe.....	J. W. Gurganus, Ivanhoe.....	1	3	28	20	12	1 00		
Johnson's.....	W. H. Middleton, Warsaw.....	1	7	55	33	12	16 00	17 81	1 50
Kenansville.....									
Lisbon.....	D. L. Herring, Garland.....	1	6	34	25	12	12 00	8 00	
Maple Hill.....	D. H. Marshburn, Maple Hill.....	1	3	15	10	6	3 00		
Mt. Gilead.....	E. L. Croom, Clinton.....	1	7	40	30	12	3 00		
Mt. Olive.....	B. A. Summerlin, Mt. Olive.....	1	10	115	60	12	40 00		
Magnolia.....	H. M. Swinson, Magnolia.....	1	7	75	53	12	23 82		
Piney Grove.....	J. C. Hobbs, Keener's.....	2	7	68	46	9	7 00		
Poplar Grove.....	J. W. Bell, Faison.....	1	4	70	30	6	4 11		
Rose Hill.....	W. D. Henderson, Rose Hill.....	1	8	90	33	12	10 00		
Sharon.....									
Siloam.....	D. T. Johnson, Kerr, R. F. D.....	1	6	74	40	12	8 83		1 28
Springvale.....	A. F. Robinson, Clinton.....	1	4	50	35	9	3 00		
Warsaw.....	S. M. Carlton, Warsaw.....	1	7	85	65	12	4 00		
		24	133	1340	876	232	192 32	54 95	\$ 4 28



