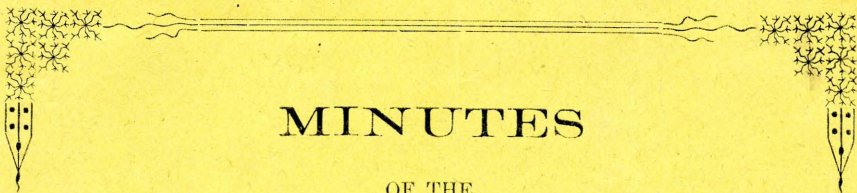


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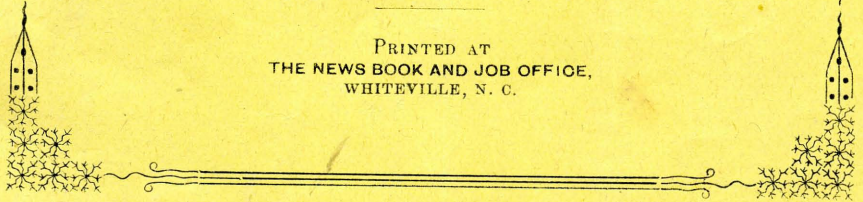
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PROCEEDINGS.

THE 7th Annual Session of the Columbus Baptist Association met with the Church at Cross Roads, Columbus county, N. C., Thursday, November 15th, 1894.

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. W. W. Willis from 1st Corinthians 12:27.

An intermission of thirty minutes was given.

Delegates assembled in the house. In the absence of the Moderator and the Clerk, Rev. H. Lennon was appointed temporary Moderator, and Bro. A. M. Kelly was appointed temporary Clerk. Prayer was offered by Rev. T. J. Cobb.

Brethren Ira Lennon, C. Porter and G. M. Lennon were appointed a Committee on Finance.

On motion the letters were called for and read and the names of the delegates enrolled as follows:

Chadbourn—Thos. Thompson, W. S. Frink, A. McKinnon.

China Grove—D. F. Mercer, F. D. Page, J. G. Jackson.

Cherry Grove—R. R. Buffkin, E. M. Strickland, E. Strickland.

Cheerful Hope—L. H. Malpass, Sr.

Cross Roads—H. Lennon, H. Edwards, C. Porter.

Griffin's Cross Roads—H. Williamson, J. A. Floyd, J. C. Lennon.

New Hope—H. L. White, W. J. Dyson, J. B. Singletary.

Pleasant Hill—Letter misplaced, but the church was represented.

Porter Swamp—P. Godwin, — Godwin.

Piney Forest—L. I. Yates, W. H. Vann, H. G. Powell.

Macedonia—E. L. Williamson, E. K. Brown, W. K. Nance.

Mt. Tabor—W. E. Mills, McD. Fowler, J. Soles.

Oak Dale—D. J. Hester, A. N. Sibbett, L. Hobbs.

Seven Creeks—M. J. Stevens, R. E. Stevens, N. M. Ward.

Smyrna—A. Toon, J. M. Ludlum, B. Harrelson, N. W. Fryar.

Union Grove—K. Sellers, J. M. Gore, D. J. Hinson

Whiteville—T. S. Memory, A. F. Powell, J. E. Thompson, B. Howell

The following were elected permanent officers for the ensuing year: Rev. H. Lennon, Moderator, A. M. Kelly, Clerk; Thos. Thompson, Treasurer.

An invitation was extended to visiting brethren, when Rev. W. W. Willis, of the Robeson Association and Bro. A. J. Freeman, from the Bladen Association, came forward and were made welcome to seats.

Received by letter Cherry Grove.

Committee on Religious Exercises—Brethren C. Porter, G. M. Lennon, Thos. Thompson, F. D. Page, Ira Lennon.

The following committees were appointed by the Moderator to prepare reports for next session of the Association: On

State Mission—Rev. T. J. Cobb.

Home Mission—A. M. Kelly.

Foreign Mission—A. McKinnon.

Ministerial Education—Rev. H. Lennon.

Ministers' Relief—W. S. Frink.

Sunday Schools—T. S. Memory.

Orphanage—J. I. Williamson.

Periodicals—Rev. J. Soles.

Temperance—F. Lennon.

Duty of Churches to Pastors—Rev. A. H. Porter.

Duty of Pastors to Churches—J. A. Thompson and S. F. Thompson.

Adjourned to 9:30 o'clock a. m. to-morrow. Prayer by Rev. J. Soles.

Friday, Nov. 16, 9:30 o'clock a. m. Religious exercises conducted by Rev. W. W. Willis. Clerk called list of churches. Quorum present. Hymn 180, in Manly's Choice was sung. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. W. Cobb. Invitation to visiting brethren renewed. Rev. J. W. Cobb, from the Robeson Association, Bro. B. S. Patterson, Agent for the North Carolina Baptist, Rev. D. J. Clark, from the Bladen Association and Rev. A. G. Stocks from the Cape Fear were made welcome.

The letters from New Hope and Union Grove were read, and the names of the delegates enrolled.

The letter from Pleasant Hill indicated trouble in said church. A committee consisting of Revs. T. J. Cobb, W. W. Willis, J. Soles and J. W. Cobb, was appointed to investigate said trouble and report at this session of the Association.

On motion, Bro. B. S. Peterson was appointed to prepare a report on the subject of Home Missions to be read at this meeting of the body.

The report on Ministers' Relief was submitted by Rev. H. Lennon, adopted.

Report on Pastoral Support was read by the clerk. Adopted.

At this juncture Rev. C. Durham, Cor. Sec. S. B. Convention, and Bro. J. C. Caddell, agent for the *Biblical Recorder*, came in and were introduced by the Moderator.

The report on Periodicals was read by Bro. J. C. Caddell, and

further discussed by Brethren Caddell and Cobb. Report adopted.

The report on the duty of Christians to their pastors was read and discussed by Rev. W. W. Willis. Adopted.

Committee in care of Pleasant Hill church reported as follows:

We have investigated the matter in reference to Pleasant Hill church, and find the church in a state of disorder, from the fact that a part of said church believe in what is known as the "Faith Cure".

We therefore recommend that the part of the church who have not departed from the Faith, withdraw fellowship from those who have thus departed and united themselves with this disorderly organization.

Resolved, That the delegates representing orderly part of this church be recognized as delegates of this body.

J. SOLES,
W. W. WILLIS,
T. J. COBB,
J. W. COBB,
Committee.

Report received.

Adjourned thirty minutes for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Prayer by Rev. C. Durham. Hymn, "Jesus Lover of My Soul," was sung.

Received by letter, Porter Swamp and Cheerful Hope.

Report on State Missions was read by the clerk, and after remarks by Revs. J. F. Tuttle and C. Durham, the report was adopted.

Delegated to the Baptist State Convention, Revs. J. F. Tuttle and T. J. Cobb, and Bro. Ira Lennon.

Delegated to Southern Baptist Convention, Rev. J. F. Tuttle and Bro. T. S. Memory.

Next session of the Association was located at Piney Forest, Columbus county, N. C., beginning Thursday before the 3rd Sunday in November, 1895, at 11 o'clock a. m. Rev. J. F. Tuttle to preach the introductory sermon; Rev. T. J. Cobb alternate.

Adjourned to 9:30 o'clock a. m. to-morrow. Prayer by Rev. J. F. Tuttle.

SATURDAY, NOV. 17, 9:30 A. M.

Religious exercises by Rev. C. Durham, roll called. Quorum present. Minutes of yesterday read, amended and approved.

Report on Sunday Schools was read by Rev. C. Durham. Remarks by Brethren Caddell and Durham. Adopted.

Report on Orphanage was read by the Clerk. Remarks by Rev. J. F. Tuttle. Adopted.

The report on Home Missions was read by Rev. J. F. Tuttle, further discussed by Revs. J. F. Tuttle and C. Durham, and adopted on motion of Bro. T. S. Memory. Rev. J. F. Tuttle was recognized as a representative for the Orphanage.

The Report on Ministerial Education was read by Bro. C. Porter. Report amended by the following resolutions on general education:

Resolved, 1st, That in the opinion of the Columbus Baptist Association, the next Legislature ought to provide for a four months public school in each school district in every county in North Carolina.

Resolved, 2nd, That in our opinion the appropriation of the taxes of the people to higher education is not a help, but a hinderance to the best educational interests of the people of this State.

Remarks by Rev. J. F. Tuttle and C. Durham. Adopted. Cash collection for State Missions amounting to \$4.32. Adjourned to 1:30 p.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION

"'Tis God's Own Hand that Leadeth Me" was sung. Prayer, Rev. T. J. Cobb leading.

Report on Foreign Missions was submitted by Rev. T. J. Cobb, discussed by Rev. C. Durham, and adopted.

"From Greenland's Icy Mountains," was sung.

The Com. on Religious Exercises submitted the following:

Preaching to-night at 7 o'clock, by Rev. J. W. Cobb, Sunday services, mass meeting conducted by Rev. T. J. Cobb. Addressed by Cols. T. F. Toon and T. S. Memory and Rev. J. W. Cobb. Sermon at 11 o'clock by Rev. J. F. Tuttle. Adopted.

The report on Temperance was not present, and on motion, the following resolutions were substituted for said report. (See resolutions in part second of the minutes.)

The Com. on Finances submitted the following report:

We, your committee, report the amounts received by us as follows: Minute fund \$14.82, State Missions \$16.54, Home Missions \$92, Foreign Missions \$41, Ministerial Education, \$2.05, Orphanage \$78. Total, \$35.52.

Resolved, That the churches of this Association meet at their places of worship on Thanksgiving day, Nov. 29, 1894, and be prepared to contribute in cash, or in kind to the Baptist Orphanage of N. C.

The constitutional amendment at Seven Creeks, three years ago was, on motion, rescinded.

Executive Committee for the ensuing year, Revs. H. Lennon, J. F. Tuttle, and T. J. Cobb, and Brethren A. McKinnon and T. S. Memory.

On motion, all unfinished business was referred to the Executive Committee of this body.

On motion, the mission interests of this Association was also referred to the Executive Committee, subject to their discretion as to methods, etc.

On motion, the minute fund in the hands of the Finance Committee was paid over to the Clerk.

The Clerk was ordered to print as many minutes as the funds in hand will allow, and distribute them *pro rata* among the churches.

Collections on to-morrow for Ministers' Relief.

A vote of thanks was extended to the church and community for their liberal support of this body during this session.

On motion, adjourned to meet with the church at Piney Forest Thursday before the 3rd Sunday in November, 1895.

ELDER H. LENNON, Moderator.

A. M. KELLY, Clerk.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18.

Sunday School meeting 9:30 o'clock conducted by Rev. T. J. Cobb. Sermon at 11 o'clock a. m. by Rev. J. F. Tuttle from Psalms 115:12. Collection for Ministers' Relief \$3.66.

K., Clerk.

PART II.

Following are the original reports as handed in:

REPORTS.

PASTORAL SUPPORT.

There can be no reasonable doubt in the minds of an unprejudiced reader of the New Testament of two of its leading principles governing the ministry.

1st. They are commanded to "forsake all," and "go unto all the world and preach the gospel."

2d. They are to be supported by the churches. Every Christian is under obligations to give of his earthly things to this object. The minister ought to teach his people that this support is demanded by the Scriptures. Those professed Christians who are able to give of their substance and refuse to do so are guilty of the sin of covetousness which is idolatry, and clearly forbidden in the Word of God. We hope to see the day when the people of the living God shall awake to their duty in this important department of Christian work.

Submitted,
A. M. KELLY,
Committee.

DUTY OF CHURCHES TO PASTORS.

Israel was a typical people. In Acts 7:38 they are called "the church in the wilderness." The priests were to this "church in the wilderness" what the God called and qualified ministry is to the Church under grace.

It is evident, therefore, from the provision made under the law for the priesthood, that they derived their temporal support from their ministerial office. See 1st Corin. 8:13.

Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel. 1 Corin. 8:14.

For a pastor to successfully preach the Word, he should study to show himself approved of God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed.

To do this time is required. Paul said to Timothy, "Thou shalt give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine."

Every effort then should be put forth upon his part to feed the people upon something fresh, something that will instruct and edify.

The great commission is "Go ye therefore and teach all nations." Matthew 28:19.

Hence, the pastor, as well as the evangelist, is a teacher, and to teach successfully he must keep posted in proportion to the mental training of the people for whom he labors. We do therefore recommend that the churches use every legal effort to give their pastors their temporal support as well as their prayers and co-operation.

W. W. WILLIS, Committee.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

There is no more important work before the Baptists of N. C. to-day than that of State missions. This is the foundation rock of all missionary work. If we do not work up the destitute sections at home we can not be financially able to help in foreign fields, neither can we consistently offer the gospel to other nations when our people at home are starving for this great salvation. For more than 100 years we have been engaged in State Mission work, and to the success of these heroic efforts made by our ancestors, you and I to-day owe our knowledge of the plan of Salvation.

Your Executive Committee, after mature deliberation recommended that the churches of this Association during the past year, take their collections for Associational instead of State Missions. We are making an effort to put a Missionary in the bounds of this Association and this plan was adopted as being the most applicable one to the situation. Associational Missions is really State missions only we kept the funds at home and have them used judiciously in our midst. While this step will lessen the amount contributed to State Missions to a small extent, yet if judiciously expended, will in a short time bring forth results for which, we may indeed, be thankful.

We recommend that the churches of this Association be asked at this session to pledge amounts to be paid during the year, so the Executive Committee can put a missionary in the field at once and work up the destitute sections of our country for we believe by this method alone can the highways and hedges be reached and brought to know and love their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We would further recommend that if there is any church or individual who desires to contribute to the general fund of State Missions that they do so. This recommendation is not intended to work to the detriment of State Missions, but to advance the great principle of Christian giving and thereby advance the cause of Missions.

Respectfully,

A. MCKINNON,
Committee.

The Home Mission Board, located at Atlanta, Ga., is one of the agencies being employed in carrying out the Redeemer's last great command: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." &c.

Its work is in the South and West, and in the island of Cuba. In the years gone by it was the "Foster Mother" of Baptist Missions in most of the more important cities of the South; and in our own State, Raleigh, Wilmington, Asheville, Charlotte, Elizabeth City and Newbern, with a number of other smaller towns, were the beneficiaries of this Board. By its missionary enterprise, the Indian Territory has been, much of it, lifted from savage barbarism into the realm of Christian civilization. Its work in Cuba has been the wonder in modern missionary enterprise—so much so, that the name of Diaz and the work in Havannah, is a synonym to Apostolic missions, with the accompaniment of supernatural displays of Divine power and blessing.

With such a record the day is past when the support of this Board is a question of expediency when its claim to our prayers and contributions might be disregarded—and the time come, when not only all our churches but all truly loyal members of the same, should esteem it a privilege to give it their warmest—their most cordial support. Your Committee would, therefore, recommend to all the churches of this Association, that this Board be held in tender remembrance in their prayers and contributions.

Respectfully Submitted,

COMMITTEE

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

There are more than twelve hundred Baptist Sunday Schools in North Carolina, but there ought to be three thousand. Many churches have Sunday Schools and at many school houses Sunday Schools might be organized. Parents and children, Christians and the unsaved alike should attend Sunday Schools. Special attention should be given on the part of teachers and children to the preparation of the lesson during the week, and earnest prayer should be made for God's blessing upon the work. All needed Sunday School song books, Bibles and Testaments, Quarterlies, and Sunday School papers, and supplies of every kind can be secured from the Baptist Sunday School supply store at Raleigh, N. C. Address all orders to Rev. C. Durham, Raleigh, N. C., and you will secure whatever is needed at publishers' prices.

T. S. MEMORY,
Chairman Committee

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

At no time in the history of our denomination has the necessity for our people to be informed in all departments of our work been so keenly felt as now. And realizing that this must be effected largely through the influence of the religious press we would urge our people to take and read all the good literature possible. We recommend especially the *Biblical Recorder*, for 60 years the faithful exponent of Baptist principles and Baptist progress in N. C. We also recommend the *N. C. Baptist*, the *Home Field*, *Foreign Missionary Journal*, *Charity and Children*, and the Sunday School literature of the Southern Baptist Convention, published at Nashville, Tenn., and for sale at the Sunday School supply store in Raleigh, N. C.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. CADDELL, Chairman Committee.

REPORT ON THE ORPHANAGE.

Several years ago the Baptists of North Carolina realized the time had come for them to organize some plan for caring for the orphans of the State.

After prayer and deliberation they decided to establish a Baptist orphanage at Thomasville, N. C., which has been a great factor for good among the poor orphan children in North Carolina. There are at present about 120 children at the orphanage. Your committee suggests that the churches of this Association take up regular collections for their support and the pastors explain the object of collection.

And further that the matter be brought before the Sunday school and enlist the sympathy and efforts of the children. We think this might be successfully done by parents subscribing for "Charity and Children" and getting them to read the same, remembering when we give one dollar for "Charity and Children" we are giving that to support the orphans.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. MEMORY.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

One of the primary objects of the Baptist State Convention, is to aid the indigent, but worthy young men who feel themselves called of God to preach the Gospel. For securing an education with this end in view, Wake Forest college was established, which is the property of the Baptist denomination in North Carolina.

Located at Wake Forest is the Board of Ministerial Education, which, after a careful and thorough examination, receives young preachers and enables them, by paying their board bills, to remain at the college and pursue their studies.

Many of our most efficient and useful Pastors and Missionaries, are men who were aided by this board. Thirty-seven young men are now being helped by the Board, and a number of others are making application for aid, but in vain, because the Board is in debt, and can act only as our churches, by their contributions enable it to do so.

Brethren: As Baptist it is not only our privilege, but our duty to help these young men in their noble efforts to prepare themselves to preach the blessed Gospel of Christ.

Respectfully submitted

C. PORTER, Committee

FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Church Ex.	Minister R.	State Mission.	Home Mission.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Orphanage.	Total Contributions.	PASTORS. POST OFFICE.
Chadbourn.....	133 41	...	2 85	1 47	1 63	1 61	2983	37 39	.....
China Grove.....	18 30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25	25	D. B. Dow, Cerro Gordo, N. C.
Cherry Grove.....	60	.....	55	.....	.....	.....	55	55	.....
Cheerful Hope.....	13 56	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	N. A. Callahan, White Hall, N. C.
Cross Roads.....	157 25	220	5 13	.....	4 00	85	7 23	19 41	T. J. Cobb, Chadbourn, N. C.
Griffin's X.....	76 80	.....	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 50	.....
New Hope.....	302 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	G. F. Stanley, Loris, S. C.
Pleasant Hill.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Porter Swamp.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Piney Forest.....	91 57	.....	2 71	1 22	3 92	.....	1371	21 56	T. J. Cobb, Chadbourn, N. C.
Mt. Tabor.....	1 65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17 23	J. Soles,
Macedonia.....	75 00	.....	1 45	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 45	K. Barnes, Nye, N. C.
Oakdale.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 05	3 25	4 30	G. C. Caines, Orton, N. C.
Seven Creeks.....	21 42	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	A. G. Socks, Bug Hill, N. C.
Smyrna.....	41 00	.....	.....	92	.....	1 00	50	2 42	A. H. Porter, Orton, N. C.
Union Grove.....	12 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	J. Harelson, Clarendon, N. C.
Whiteville.....	329 50	371	4 15	4 08	1000	.....	3 05	24 99	J. F. Tuttle, Whiteville, N. C.

STATISTICAL.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

CHURCHES.	Church Ex.	Minister R.	State Mission.	Home Mission.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Orphanage.	Total Contributions.	PASTORS. POST OFFICE.	Baptized.	Received by letter.	Restored.	Dis. by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Number of Officers.	Number of Scholars.	Vols in Library.	Number of Quarters.	School Expenses.	SUPERINTENDENT. POST OFFICE.	
F. Thompson, Chadbourn, N. C.	...	5	...	2	...	16	17	33	4	15	29	3	00	A. McKinnor, Chadbourn, N. C.											
Ward, " N. C.	9	4	1	3	2	40	43	83
I. Malpass, Applewhite, NC	1	...	2	6	21	27	6	20
M. Kelly, Bladenboro NC	11	5	1	4	3	152	101	153	6	63	35	2	00	G. M. Lennon, Bladenboro, N. C.											
W. Lennon, Orton, N. C.	5	1	3	1	85	136	13	63	13	40	5	00	M. G. Williamson, Evergreen, NC											
Nealy, Leroy, N. C.	12	5	1	5	5	253	86	139	9	38	25	10	1	34	H. L. White, Leroy, N. C.										
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W. Powell, Grist, N. C.	7	...	1	3	3	245	75	120	9	52	100	11	L. I. Yates, Grist, N. C.											
Spivey.....	41	1	4	2	1	173	50	223	9	101	50	F. L. Fipps, Mt. Tabor, N. C.											
F. Nance, Cerro Gordo NC	.....	.....	3	5	4	79	87	166	7	58	30	1	20	J. Z. Stone, Cerro Gordo, "									
N. Sibbett, Orton, N. C.	.....	.....	1	5	2	214	26	40	3	55	55	1	00	E. T. Wyatt, Orton, "									
L. Stanley, Bug Hill, NC.	4	.....	2	.....	2	157	77	128	9	79	25	8	00	T. J. Stanley, Bug Hill, "									
W. Fyer, Whiteville, N. C.	15	3	1	3	2	45	51	96	9	74	27	7	50	A. Toon, Domore, "										
J. Hinson, Lebanon, "
H. Powell, Whiteville "	16	2	1	1	.....	44	46	90	9	99	75	80	1750	A. F. Powell, Whiteville, NC										

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

God is the great author of missions. He sent his only begotten son into this sinful world to save all who would believe in Him. While Jesus was here in this world he went about as a Missionary preaching the gospel. Before he left this world he commanded his apostles to be missionaries and carry on this grand work, as his word plainly teaches. "And ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in Judea and in Samaria, and to the uttermost parts of the earth." "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you." "Go ye therefore into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." "Ask of me and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possessions." These are some of the commands that we read in the word of God about missions.

Let us note how God has blessed Foreign Missions.

One hundred years ago the heathen nations barred their gates against missionaries; but to-day we are told that there is not a single nation but what has thrown wide her gates and is inviting missionaries to come in with the gospel of Christ. God has called many men and women who are waiting to be sent to the foreign field, but the board lacks the money to send them. Brethren how long shall this state of affairs continue. Shall we not obey God and send his truth to all nations. Your committee suggest that all the pastors of this Association preach at least one missionary sermon during the year and tell the people what God is doing for missions, and regular collections be taken for foreign missions. We would further urge that all who can subscribe for the Foreign Mission Journal and keep posted on this grand work.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. COBB.

Resolutions.

WHEREAS, The Southern Baptist Convention during its sessions in Nashville, Tenn., May, 1893, passed strong resolutions condemning the infamous whiskey traffic and advocating absolute prohibition as the only method of dealing with the great evil, and

WHEREAS, Our sister Association, the Robeson, has recently passed strong resolutions endorsing the action of said Convention, and

WHEREAS It is the opinion of this Association that all such resolutions are wise, judicious and timely.

Therefore be it Resolved, that we, the churches of the Columbian Association, do all in our power to suppress the liquor traffic in our section and State at large by the creation of a Christian sentiment against this great moral vice.

Resolved That we will not tolerate the sin of intemperance in our midst, for the scriptures declare that drunkards shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

Submitted.

T. J. COBB.

