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	W. B. KNIGHT, Swansboro.

PROCEEDINGS.

MOUNT OLIVE, WAYNE Co., N. C., Oct. 3d, 1876.

The Eastern Association convened per appointment.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder A. C. Dixon, of Chapel Hill, from Matt. xx, 7.

The Moderator announced that after an intermission of one hour the Association would convene for business.

After dinner, the body was called to order by Moderator Stewart, who opened services by reading Psalm 127. The congregation sung a hymn and prayer was offered by Elder J. N. Stallings.

The list of Churches was called, and enough being represented the letters were read and names of delegates enrolled.

Brethren C. C. Taylor and V. N. Seawell were appointed Reading Clerks. Brethren B. Matthews, J. L. Boykin and J. C. Hobbs were appointed Finance Committee.

On motion, the letters from Boykin's Chapel, Corinth and Halls-ville, petitioning for the next session of the Association, were laid on the table.

On motion, the letter from Smyrna was referred to the Executive Committee.

On motion, the regular order of business was suspended for the appointment of Committee on Religious Exercises. Committee: Elder J. N. Stallings, Deacons D. K. Kornegay, C. C. Taylor, G. M. Roberts, W. T. Gresham and B. Oliver.

Elder J. T. Albritton stated that a letter had been prepared by Canaan Church but it was not present, and, on motion, Bro. R. P. Carr was recognized as its delegate.

The following names were enrolled as delegates:

WILMINGTON 1st—Samuel G. Hall, Joseph W. Taylor.
 MT. HOLLY—Isaiah Carroll, James M. Lee, A. F. Powers.
 RILEY'S CREEK—Joel Hines, L. Hocut, W. B. Hocut.
 SHILOH—G. A. Herring.
 BETHLEHEM—Stephen Kelly.
 CANETUCK CHAPEL—Andrew Moore, Samuel A. Fliners.
 HAW BLUFF—Wm. Glisson, L. C. Baswell, A. B. Rooks.
 WELL'S CHAPEL—Elder William Bland, O. E. Highsmith.
 NEW HOPE—C. H. Smith, F. M. Carroll, G. W. Carroll.
 LISBON—Richard Herring.
 EBENEZER—K. Vann, Geo. Highsmith, L. J. Alderman.
 BOYKIN'S CHAPEL—J. L. Boykin, M. C. Peterson, W. H. Boykin.

MT. GILEAD—B. Matthews, S. Peterson.
 CLINTON—Elder J. L. Stewart, B. S. Peterson.
 BEULAH—J. W. Blount.
 PINY GROVE (Sampson)—Elder O. M. Matthews, R. R. Bell, J. C. Hobbs.
 BROWN'S—W. M. Draughan, James Shipp, John W. Bell.
 CANAAN—R. P. Carr.
 FALLING CREEK—W. B. Hood, Jr.
 MT. CALVARY—Elder J. T. Albritton, A. M. Prince, G. W. Parker.
 FREMONT—Thomas Clark.
 GOLDSBORO—Elder F. H. Ivey, J. E. Peterson, T. O. Kelly.
 MT. OLIVE—G. T. Loftin, C. C. Taylor, J. D. Roberts.
 BEAR MARSH—B. Oliver, R. D. Bennett, J. R. Oliver.
 WARSAW—Frank Boyett, J. Hightower, S. M. Carlton.
 JOHNSON'S—Elder W. M. Kennedy, W. H. Best, O. P. Middleton.
 KENANSVILLE—Elder J. N. Stallings, F. M. Southerland, D. J. Middleton.
 MAGNOLIA—L. R. Carroll, W. J. Carroll, W. J. Hollingsworth.
 CONCORD—R. J. Strickland, J. T. Kennedy, W. M. Drew.
 CORINTH—W. B. Teachey, J. C. Williams, Joseph Boon.
 BEREAS—V. N. Seawell, R. J. Johnston.
 ISLAND CREEK—Stephen Wells, J. M. Wallace.
 DOBSON'S CHAPEL—C. C. Bradshaw, O. D. Bostick, J. P. Tucker.
 HALLSVILLE—Amos Grissom, A. D. Sandlin, D. B. Brown.
 UNION CHAPEL—John P. Cox.
 ENON—L. O. Fonveille.
 PINY GROVE (Onslow)—E. W. Morton, J. F. Holland.
 PINY GROVE (Jones)—B. F. Dillahunt, W. McDaniel, F. L. Hancock.
 TRENTON—Peter Andrews, W. H. Mallard, L. F. Andrews.
 KINSTON—Jesse Jackson, J. M. Wooten, W. F. Stanly.
 LA-GRANGE—J. S. Bizzell, W. G. Phelps.
 NEWBERN—Elder J. W. Taylor, W. G. Brinson.
 BEAUFORT—Elder R. C. Sandling, D. Stanton, E. Brooks.
 MARY'S CHAPEL—W. W. Williamson, W. Southerland, L. Howard.
 CAPERNAUM—D. F. Aman, Andrew Hurst, J. D. Melvin.
 ROSE HILL—D. N. Page, W. P. Kelly.
 Wilmington 2d, Long Creek, Rowan, Jacksonville, Union, Morehead City, Smyrna, Davis' Shore—Represented by letter.
 Middle Sound, Pleasant Hill, Moore's Creek, Bethel, Mt. Zion, Natmore Creek, Chinguepin, Prospect, Tuckahoe, Fort Barnwell, Brice's Creek, Woodville, Young Bethel—Not represented.
 Several are never represented.

The Clerk called the attention of brethren to certain Churches which he knows have no longer an organization, but they seemed unwilling to do anything about the matter. The Clerk has enrolled the names of delegates whom he knew were in attendance.

Some names may have been overlooked, and others enrolled who did not attend; but hopes to be excused for any seeming neglect. On motion, proceeded to election of officers.

The following tellers were appointed: For Moderator, J. W. Lane and J. M. Carlton; Clerk, L. R. Carroll and Richard Herring; Treasurer, M. C. Peterson and Isaiah Carroll.

The following were the results: Elder J. L. Stewart re-elected Moderator; J. R. Oliver re-elected Clerk; after several ballots, Bro. Isaiah Carroll was elected Treasurer.

Elder J. L. Stewart made appropriate remarks on accepting his office again.

Committee on Religious Exercises reported as follows: Preaching in the Baptist Church to-night by Elder R. H. Griffith; in the Methodist Church by Elder H. Petty; prayer-meeting in Baptist Church to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock, conducted by Elder G. S. Best; preaching in Methodist Church, 11 o'clock, by Elder F. H. Ivey; Academy, same hour, by Elder J. L. Britt; Methodist Church, 2:30 o'clock, by Elder J. W. Taylor. Adopted.

An invitation was extended to visiting brethren to seats with us. The following brethren accepted: Elder R. H. Griffith, Agent of So. Bap. Theological Seminary; Bro. F. P. Hobgood, Prin. Raleigh Female Seminary and Messenger from the Central Association, also, Agent of Ed. Board of N. C. Bap. Convention; Elder A. C. Dixon, of Mt. Zion Association and representative of Sunday School cause; Elder J. D. Hufham, of the *Biblical Recorder*, and Elder H. Petty, of Virginia.

On motion, adjourned till appointed hour to-morrow.

Prayer by Elder C. E. Taylor; benediction by Elder W. M. Kennedy.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, October 4th, 1876.

Prayer-meeting conducted by Elder G. S. Best.

Roll called. Proceedings of yesterday read and approved.

Letters from Beulah, Falling Creek and Piny Grove (Jones), read and names of the delegates enrolled.

An invitation was given to visiting brethren. None reported.

Petitionary letters were called for. Letters of application for membership were presented from *Capernaum and Rose Hill Churches, Onslow county, and they were, on motion, received and names of their delegates enrolled. The Moderator welcomed the delegates as members of this body.

A letter was presented from Mary's Chapel Church, Duplin county, and, on motion of Bro. J. M. Wooten, a committee was appointed to inquire concerning it and report as soon as possible. Committee: J. M. Wooten, B. Oliver, L. R. Carroll, J. L. Boykin

*Letter from Capernaum referred to Executive Committee.

and G. A. Herring. The committee retired, and in a few minutes reported that all was satisfactory, and, on motion, the Church was received. Its delegates were welcomed and enrolled.

The appointment of Committees being next in order, on motion, proceeded to that business. The following are the Committees:

Periodicals—F. H. Ivey, V. N. Seawell, W. B. Hocut.

Education—John T. Albritton, R. R. Bell, C. H. Smith.

Temperance—G. S. Best, B. Oliver, R. C. Sandling.

Foreign Missions—W. M. Kennedy, T. O. Kelly, J. D. Roberts.

State Missions—J. D. Hufham, G. S. Best, F. M. Carroll.

Sabbath Schools—A. C. Dixon, W. Bland, O. P. Middleton.

Obituaries—W. M. Kennedy, J. P. Faison, S. E. Loftin.

Nominate Ex. Committee—J. L. Boykin, Joel Hines, W. M. Kennedy.

Nominate Delegates to Baptist State Convention—John T. Albritton, K. Vann, R. Herring.

Revise List of Trustees of Warsaw High School—W. M. Kennedy, L. R. Carroll, D. J. Middleton.

Audit Accounts of Treas. Association and Treas. Ex. Committee—T. O. Kelly, S. M. Carlton, James M. Lane.

Nominate Preachers Stated Sermons—O. M. Matthews, G. W. Carroll, Wm. Glisson.

Elder Ivey presented the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we have heard with pleasure of the renewed efforts which have been made for the endowment of Wake Forest College, and believe the work should be steadily prosecuted until completed, however long it may take.

Resolved, That we endorse the effort which is now making to endow with \$20,000 the Chair to be named the "Pritchard" Chair, and that we pledge ourselves to work and contribute for its completion.

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to direct the prosecution of the work in our Association.

Laid on table till 3 o'clock this evening.

Elder Kennedy presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That we approve the present plan to raise a sufficient and permanent endowment for the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and commend to the liberality of our brethren the effort to raise in this State the sum of \$25,000, as North Carolina's part of that endowment.

Laid aside for consideration this evening.

On motion, the regular order was suspended, and the above resolutions were taken up for discussion.

Elder R. H. Griffith explained the condition of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and made an appeal in its behalf.

Further remarks made by Elders J. D. Hufham and C. E. Taylor, and, on motion, the resolutions were adopted.

The due order was suspended and the letters from 1st and 2d Churches of Wilmington, and Canaan, were read.

On motion, a committee was appointed to name delegates to other Associations. Committee: J. W. Taylor, J. M. Wooten and George Highsmith.

The report of the Executive Committee was presented.

Pending its adoption, its consideration was set aside for other matters.

Committee on Religious Exercises reported as follows: Elder J. D. Hufham to preach in the Methodist Church, at 3 o'clock this evening; Elder J. W. Taylor in Academy, same hour.

On motion, adjourned till 1:30 o'clock this evening.

EVENING SESSION.—Association called to order by Moderator, who read Psalm 23, and Elder R. C. Sandling offered prayer.

Leave of absence was granted for remainder of session to Brethren Stephen Wells and J. M. Wallace. Bro. William Glisson obtained leave of absence for remainder of session after to-day.

Elder Ivey's resolutions in reference to Wake Forest College were taken up. Remarks by Elders R. H. Griffith, C. E. Taylor, F. H. Ivey, J. D. Hufham and the Moderator.

On motion, the resolutions were adopted.

On motion, the Moderator was made Chairman of the Committee on Endowment Work. Committee: Elders J. L. Stewart, J. B. Taylor, F. H. Ivey, W. M. Kennedy and Bro. J. W. Lane.

Leave of absence was granted Bro. J. S. Bizzell remainder of session.

Consideration of Executive Committee's report being in order, on motion, the rule was suspended and an opportunity was given Bro. Hobgood to present the cause of Raleigh Female Seminary. The claims of the School were briefly presented.

Report of the Executive Committee was briefly discussed by Bro. B. Oliver, Elders J. D. Hufham and W. M. Kennedy. Again laid aside.

Committee on Religious Exercises reported as follows: Missionary Sermon in Baptist Church, to-night, by Elder R. H. Griffith; preaching in Methodist Church by Elder C. E. Taylor; prayer-meeting to-morrow morning, at 9:30 o'clock, in Baptist Church, conducted by Elder R. C. Sandling.

On motion, adjourned till appointed hour to-morrow. Prayer by Elder J. T. Albritton; benediction by Elder C. E. Taylor.

Wednesday night, Elder R. H. Griffith preached the Missionary Sermon from Acts xiii., 2.

THURSDAY MORNING, October 5, 1876.

Prayer-meeting conducted by Elder R. C. Sandling.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Roll called. Proceedings of yesterday read and approved.

An invitation was extended to visiting brethren. None reported.

Elder Kennedy stated that Bro. W. B. Hocut was suddenly called home last night, on account of his family, and had gone; he therefore moved the Brother be excused. The request was granted. Elders J. W. Taylor and R. C. Sandling were granted leave of absence the remainder of the session.

Report of the Executive Committee again considered. It was adopted.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee of the Eastern Association beg leave to submit the following report:

DEAR BRETHREN:—We commenced operations at the beginning of the last Associational year with about \$175.00. We have collected, during the time, about \$510.00, and expended about \$700.00. We owe about \$20.00, which amount is due us, and will probably be collected at this session of the Association. We have had in our employment, as Missionaries, Elder W. B. Knight, for the whole of his time, and Elder J. R. Oliver, for one-fourth of his time. We have contributed to the support of Elder G. S. Best, at Trenton, and Elder W. M. Kennedy, at Beaufort, up to December last, and Elder R. C. Sandling since that time, at the latter named place; also, Elder J. B. Barlow, at Peru, in Onslow. Elder J. R. Oliver reports one addition and increased interest at Union, Lenoir county. Elder Best reports six additions and good congregations at Trenton, also fair attendance at Nethercutt's School House, where he has preached occasionally. Elder Sandling reports a great interest at Beaufort, during the year, with 37 additions. Elder Barlow reports 5 additions at Peru. Elder Knight has done very efficient work in his field, and reports very favorably of all his places. Churches have been constituted at White Oak and Rose Hill. Elder Knight reports 22 baptized at White Oak, 5 at Piny Grove, 29 at Enon and 6 at Rose Hill.

From the reading of the letters, you have already learned that several of those Churches have earnestly petitioned that he be again sent to them. He cannot supply all the points that are calling upon him for preaching. We think we have great reason to rejoice for what has already been done, and we are much encouraged to go forward in the further prosecution of this work. Less than twenty years ago there was not a Missionary Baptist Church in Onslow county. To-day there are six Churches, which are almost self-sustaining, besides three outposts calling for regular preaching; and the most of this work has been accomplished within the past five years. We feel that we have done all in our power with the means at our command, and would urge the Association to earnestly endeavor to do more in the missionary field. Two missionaries could supply all of the places that are calling for the "Bread of Life." While some of our Churches have not fully redeemed all of their pledges, yet we are convinced that this is the surest means of raising funds we have ever tried, and recommend the same course to be adopted at this session of the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

B. OLIVER, Chairman.

On motion, pledges from Churches to the itinerancy were called for. The responses were as follows: Wilmington 1st, \$50; Mt. Holly, \$10; Riley's Creek, \$10; Canetuck Chapel, \$5; Haw Bluff,

\$5; Wells' Chapel, \$10; New Hope, \$10; Boykin's Chapel, \$15; Mt. Gilead, \$15; Beulah, \$5; Piny Grove (Sampson), \$20; Canaan, \$3; Falling Creek, \$5; Mt. Calvary, \$4; Fremont, \$2; Goldsboro, \$10; Mt. Olive, \$20; Bear Marsh, \$20; Warsaw, \$15; Johnson's, \$15; Magnolia, \$15; Corinth, \$5; Island Creek, \$5; Hallsville, \$5; Union Chapel, \$5; *Enon, \$100; *Piny Grove (Onslow), \$50; Trenton, \$5; Newbern, \$25; Mary's Chapel, \$5; Capernaum, \$2; Tar Landing, \$25. Total, \$476.00.

*These are Churches assisted by the Committee, and the amounts named are their contributions to the Pastor.

The following individual pledges were made: G. A. Herring, \$1; K. Vann, \$2.50; B. Dillahunt, \$2.50; J. M. Wooten, \$2.50; Jesse Jackson, \$10. Total, \$18.50.

Reports of other Standing Committees called for.

The committee appointed last year on direction of Sabbath School work made a verbal report that nothing had been done.

On motion, the matter was given up to the direction of the Union Meeting.

Committee on condition of 2d Church Wilmington, and Chinquopin Church, reported the matters as satisfactorily settled. Report adopted and cases discontinued.

Committee on Education reported. Discussed by Elders Ivey and Griffith and Bro. Joseph W. Taylor. Report adopted.

Amount collected for Education Fund, \$57.85.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education report, that inasmuch as considerable time and discussion have already been given to this subject during the present session of this body, they deem it unnecessary to do more than to urge upon the brethren a more cordial and general support of those moral and religious educators that have hitherto received their endorsement—such as the ministry of the Word, the Sabbath School, the "Biblical Recorder," "Kind Words," the High Schools and Colleges in the State that are carried on in the interest of our denomination, and the Theological Seminary at Greenville, S. C.

The wrecks of intellectual greatness stranded upon the shores of time and perdition, warn us against intellectual culture apart from moral and religious training. Thankful to God for so many facilities for the right education of our sons and daughters, let us strive to perpetuate them and augment their power. The impoverished condition of our people renders the general canvass of the claims of these approved educators an imperative duty and necessity. Wealth, one of the chief sources of power, is, at least with our people, a thing of the past. For this reason, we must rely not so much on the rich few as on the poor many, to keep our educational forces moving, so as to increase their momentum.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN T. ALBRITTON,
R. R. BELL,
C. H. SMITH,

Committee.

Committee on Foreign Missions reported. Remarks by Elders Griffith and Albritton. Report adopted.

Collection taken for Foreign Missions, \$13.46.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

There has never been a time when the demands of this work were more pressing or the fields more hopeful. As the purposes of the Lord develop, and He opens the nations to the Gospel, we ought to increase more and more in labors and offerings for the evangelization of the world. More than half of our race are still in the darkness of heathendom, and going down to eternal death. Seven hundred millions of immortal souls are yet waiting to be told the good news of salvation through our Lord, Jesus Christ.

"O, when shall these glad tidings spread
The spacious earth around?
When shall these millions of the dead
Alive, in Christ, be found?"

Brethren, let us try to lay a perishing world on our hearts, and do more than we have ever yet done to spread the saving truth through all the earth.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. KENNEDY, }
J. D. ROBERTS, } Committee.
T. O. KELLY, }

Committee to nominate Executive Committee submitted report. Adopted. [See page 2.]

On motion, regular order suspended to take vote on locating next session of the Association. Churches petitioning: Boykin's Chapel, Hallsville and Corinth. Decided in favor of Corinth.

Committee to name delegates to other Associations reported as follows: Cape Fear, S. G. Hall, W. M. Kennedy, J. L. Britt; Tar River, B. Oliver, J. P. Faison, Jesse Jackson; Chowan, J. L. Stewart, D. J. Middleton, J. R. Oliver; Raleigh, J. L. Boykin, O. M. Matthews, Thomas Clark; Cedar Creek, G. S. Best, F. M. Carroll, Amos Royall. If these brethren do not go, they are requested to send a letter. Any member of this Association, attending any of these bodies is authorized to represent us. J. W. TAYLOR, Ch'n. Adopted.

Finance Committee reported. Adopted.

REPORT.

Association Fund,	- - - - -	\$ 97 18
For Foreign Missions,	- - - - -	10 20
For Itinerancy,	- - - - -	158 95

Total, - - - - - \$266 33

B. MATTHEWS, Chairman.

The following is report of committee to nominate delegates to the Baptist State Convention:

Elders J. L. Stewart, W. Bland, G. S. Best, J. P. Faison, J. L. Britt, C. C. Newton, W. B. Knight, F. H. Ivey, J. B. Taylor, J. N. Stallings, W. M. Kennedy, H. M. Croom, O. M. Matthews, R. C. Sandling, J. W. Taylor, and Brethren B. Oliver, A. R. Herring, G. R. French, R. Highsmith, B. S. Peterson, J. L. Boykin, W. Boyett,

Joel Loftin, L. A. Powell, L. R. Carroll, J. D. Carroll, D. S. Kennedy, D. J. Middleton, G. A. Herring, J. M. Wooten.

JOHN T. ALBRITTON, }
K. VANN, } Com.
R. HERRING, }

On motion, Elder Albritton was added to the number of delegates.

Moved and carried, that any member of this Association who may attend the Baptist State Convention may represent us.

Committee on State Missions reported. Adopted.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The Committee on State Missions beg leave to say that the State Convention Board has ten or a dozen men regularly in the field, whose labors have been much blessed during the year. The Committee of this Association has been pushing the work of missions in some of the destitute parts of its territory, according to the means at command, with decided success. Will not every member of this Association pray and work himself up to the full measure of his duty in the work of missions, immediately?

J. D. HUFHAM, }
G. S. BEST, } Committee.
F. M. CARROLL, }

Committee on Periodicals reported. Remarks by Elder Hufham and Bro. B. Oliver. Report adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The *Biblical Recorder* is worthy of our patronage and ought to be in every Baptist family. Let us all subscribe for it. *Kind Words* is the paper for our children and Sunday Schools, and should have a liberal support.

F. H. IVEY, }
W. B. HOCUT, } Committee.
V. N. SEAWELL, }

Report on Temperance submitted. Adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance beg leave to submit the following report: We denounce the making, sale, and use of this poisonous fluid as a beverage. Alcohol brings into our midst, and into our Churches, discontent and misery. The Scriptures clearly and positively forbid its use to excess, and say "no drunkard shall inherit the kingdom of heaven." The Apostle Paul declares, that if eating meat would make a brother to offend, he would eat no more meat. Then, if drinking cause a brother to offend, let us drink not. "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." Let us, as Christ's followers, not tamper with that which is so deceptive, and so injurious to the Christian cause. Let us, as *Baptists*, take a decided stand against intemperance. We would recommend to this body the following for adoption:

Resolved, That, as Baptists, we will endeavor to carry out by precept and example, the Scripture teaching in reference to temperance.

Respectfully submitted,

G. S. BEST, }
B. OLIVER, } Committee.
R. C. SANDLING, }

Auditing Committee submitted report. Adopted.

extended biographical sketch of him published in a recent number of the *Biblical Recorder*. The Church in Goldsboro has lost a valuable member in the death of Bro. E. Peterson, who was for 40 years a pious and consistent member of the Church. He has left behind him a spotless name.

Respectfully submitted,
 W. M. KENNEDY, } Committee.
 J. P. FAISON, }

A collection was taken for the widow of Elder Guy, which amount was ordered to be put in the minutes. Amount collected, \$5 25.

The following is the report of the Committee to Nominate Stated Preachers for next session: Introductory Sermon, Elder F. H. Ivey; alternate, Elder J. N. Stallings. Missionary Sermon, Elder J. B. Taylor; alternate, Elder J. W. Taylor. Adopted.

Bro. V. N. Seawell offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are hereby tendered the citizens of Mount Olive, and the surrounding community, for the very efficient manner in which they have extended their hospitality to the delegates and visitors to this Association; also, to the various lines of Railroads for passing delegates at reduced fare, and to the Pastor and Officers of the Methodist Church and Trustees of the Academy, for their courtesy in granting the use of their buildings during this session of our body. Adopted.

On motion, the name of Woodington Church, which has become extinct, was ordered to be erased from our list of Churches.

Moved by Elder A. C. Dixon, that Elder J. K. Howell, our State Sunday School Missionary, be invited to visit and work among the Churches of this Association. Carried.

On motion, the Treasurer of the Association was ordered to pay the Clerk \$25.00 for his services; also, pay for printing and distribution of the minutes, and give whatever amount may remain to the Executive Committee for Missions.

The business being completed, the Association adjourned to meet at Corinth Church, Duplin county, Tuesday after the first Sunday in October, 1877.

J. L. STEWART, MODERATOR.

J. R. OLIVER, Clerk.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	No. Teachers.	No. Pupils.	Volumes in Library.
Wilmington 1st.....	James H. Taylor.....	16	186	500
Mt. Holly.....	Isaiah Carroll.....	4	25	....
Riley's Creek.....	Major Clark.....	3	20	4
Moore's Creek.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Long Creek.....	J. H. Brinson.....	3	55	23
Shiloh.....	H. D. Marshburn.....	7	112	100
Bethlehem.....	D. P. Bland.....	6	45	....
Canetuck Chapel.....	R. H. Kelly.....	4	23	....
Haw Bluff.....	A. J. Bordeaux, G. W. Russ	6	70	....
Rowan.....	J. P. Stringfield.....	5	42	50
Clinton.....	Reports Union School.....	.....	.....	.....
Brown's.....	James Shipp.....	5	75	....
Mt. Calvary.....	G. F. Parker.....	4	27	....
Goldsboro.....	J. N. Greene,..... } Mrs. S. D. Petteway, }	13	117	200
Mt. Olive } Mission..	C. C. Taylor, }	15	99	125
White Oak } School	J. L. Tew, .. }	6	46	....
Bear Marsh } Mission..	Owen Hargrove, }	4	37	....
Mayesville } School	R. J. Walker, .. }	5	37	....
Warsaw.....	I. Brown.....	.....	25	....
Magnolia.....	J. W. Swinson.....	6	30	100
Berea.....	V. N. Seawell.....	7	65	50
Piny Grove (Onslow)...	A. H. Humphrey.....	3	47	....
Kinston.....	E. F. Cox.....	4	60	150
Newbern.....	C. C. Clark.....	19	197	360
Smyrna.....	Reports Union School.....	.....	.....	.....
Canaan.....	.....	.....	77	....

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	When Constituted.	Additions.			Diminutions			Membership.				Time of Meeting.		
		Baptized.	By Letter.	Experience.	Restored.	By Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	White Males.	White Females.	Colored.		Total.	
1 Wilmington 1st,		37	12		4	18	2	3	96	219		315	2 times Sab.	
2 Wilmington 2d,	1870	5	1						33	72	5	110	1st Sabbath.	
3 Mt. Holly,		8	3		2	5	1	1	37	68		105	3d "	
4 Riley's Creek,	1871	27	3		3	1	3	1	44	57		101	1st "	
5 Long Creek,		12											4th "	
6 Moore's Creek,	1853	8	1		4	3	1	1	41	91		132	3d "	
7 Shiloh,			7						31	68		99	2d "	
8 Bethlehem,		6	1			3	3	1	29	38		67	1st "	
9 Canetuck Chapel,		1				1	1		42	66		108	3d "	
10 Haw Bluff,	1859	25	2						71	115		186	3d "	
11 Well's Chapel,	1751								92	130		222	2d & 4th Sab.	
12 New Hope,		71	4			8	1	4	39	55		94	1st Sabbath.	
13 Lisbon,									31	31		62	No preaching.	
14 Ebenezer,	1867								47	76		123	4th Sabbath.	
15 Boykin's Chapel,	1846	1				4			41	85		126	3d "	
16 Mt. Gilead,			3						25	62		87	2d "	
17 Rowan,	1759					2	5		19	44		63	3d "	
18 Clinton,	1855					1			1	58	17	197	2d "	
19 Piny Grove, Samp	1846	3	3											
20 Beulah,	1814								41	69		110	4th "	
21 Brown's,		23	3											
22 Canaan,		5							11	28		38	1st "	
23 Falling Creek,									8	8		16	3d "	
24 Mt. Calvary,	1875	3	1			4			2	2		4	No preaching.	
25 Fremont,	1875					1			5	47	166	166	2 times Sab.	
26 Goldsboro,		3	6		2	8	2		47	84		131	2d Sabbath.	
27 Mt. Olive,	1869						2		54	121		175	1st & 3d Sab.	
28 Bear Marsh,	1763		2			6	5							
29 Mary's Chapel,	1875								1	76	142	218	" "	
30 Warsaw,	1855	68	10		5		4	1	2	40	94	154	1st Sabbath.	
31 Johnson's,						10		2	24	52		76	No Pastor.	
32 Kenansville,								1	7	108		178	4th Sabbath.	
33 Magnolia,	1825	26	2		2	7	1	7	33	63	27	123	1st "	
34 Concord,	1850	10	1		4	1	1	1	32	48		80	4th "	
35 Corinth,	1844	3	5		2				22	41		63	2d "	
36 Berea,	1867	4				5		2	20	46		66	Sat. before 3d.	
37 Dobson's Chapel,	1803	14	4			3			48	90		138	1st Sabbath.	
38 Island Creek,	1807	33	3		1	2	2	1	43	87		130	4th "	
39 Hallsville,		3				4			13	54		67	4th "	
40 Union Chapel,		2							1	14	40	54	1st "	
41 Jacksonville,														
42 Rose Hill,	1876								17	34		51	2d "	
43 Enon,		26			1			1	15	20		35	1st "	
44 Piny Grove, Ons.,		6			1	3	2							
45 Capernaum,	1876								7	16		23	2d "	
46 Trenton,	1870	3						1	24	32		56	No Pastor.	
47 Kinston,	1817	24	4		3	3			24	35		69	2d Sabbath.	
48 La-Grange,		1				1			3	21		24	2d "	
49 Union,		50	9			3	2	3	47	115		162	Every "	
50 Newbern,		28	2						49	56		97	Every "	
51 Beaufort,		2	3					1	4	16		20	3d "	
52 Morehead City,	1873	21							28	64		92	1st "	
53 Smyrna,		23			1			4				112	3d "	
54 Davis' Shore,					2	3								
		586	108		00	38	122	61	51	2639	3104	69	4944	

EXPLANATION.—The Clerk regrets that he cannot find the letters from Wilmington 2d Church, Beulah, Piny Grove (Jones), Mary's Chapel, Capernaum and Rose Hill. The Finance Committee and the Committee on Sabbath Schools had all of the letters during the session, and the Clerk never opened them until he commenced preparing the minutes for the press, and he has made diligent search for them, and is confident he did not lose them. He has endeavored to get the statistics, but could not procure them in time.

PASTORS, CLERKS AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS AND P. O.	CLERKS AND P. O.
NEW HANOVER COUNTY.		
Wilmington 1st,	J. B. Taylor, Wilmington,	J W Collins, Wilmington
Wilmington 2d,	No Pastor.	
PENDER COUNTY.		
Mt. Holly,	W. M. Kennedy, Magnolia,	Isaiah Carroll, South Washington
Riley's Creek,	" "	W W Larkins, Long Creek
Long Creek,	J. B. Barlow, Wilmington,	J H Brinson do
Moore's Creek,	J. P. Faison, Harrell's Store,	G W Woodcock, Point Caswell
Shiloh,	C. C. Newton, Herringsville,	H S Averitt, Moore's Creek
Bethlehem,	J. P. Faison, Harrell's Store,	B F Keith, Point Caswell
Canetuck Chapel,	" "	W J Flinn, do
BLADEN COUNTY.		
Haw Bluff,	" "	O M Barnhill, do
SAMPSON COUNTY.		
Well's Chapel,	J. L. Stewart, Clinton,	L R Highymith, Harrell's Store
Bethel,	C. C. Newton, Herringsville,	
New Hope,	J. L. Britt, Warsaw,	J L Carroll, Six Runs
Lisbon,	J. L. Stewart, Clinton,	R Herring, Herringsville
Ebenezer,	No Pastor.	R Highsmith, Warronsville
Boykin's Chapel,	J. L. Stewart, Clinton,	A Robinson, Clinton
Mt. Gilead,	J. N. Stallings, Magnolia,	John J Vann, do
Rowan,	H. J. Duncan, Clinton,	J D Duncan, do
Clinton,	J. N. Stallings, Magnolia,	C P Johnson, do
Beulah,	J. L. Britt, Warsaw,	
Piny Grove, Samp	J. L. Stewart, Clinton,	J W Lane, Faison
Brown's,	H. S. Spivey, "	T W Britt, Clinton
Canaan,	John T. Albritton, Mt. Olive,	
WAYNE COUNTY.		
Falling Creek,	" "	W B Hood, Jr., Dudley
Mt. Calvary,	" "	G W Parker, do
Fremont,	C. J. Nelson, Goldsboro,	Thomas Clark, Fremont
Goldsboro,	No Pastor.	J M Hollowell, Goldsboro
Mt. Olive,	F. H. Ivey, Goldsboro,	J D Roberts, Mount Olive
J. N. Stallings, Magnolia,		
DUPLIN COUNTY.		
Bear Marsh,	J. R. Oliver, Mount Olive,	B J Millard, do
Mary's Chapel,	G. S. Best, Kenansville,	
Johnson's,	G. W. Hufham, Warsaw,	O P Middleton, Warsaw
Warsaw,	J. L. Britt, "	S M Carlton, do
Kenansville,	No Pastor.	D J Middleton, Kenansville
Magnolia,	J. N. Stallings, Magnolia,	G W Carroll, do
Concord,	" "	L R Matthews, Rose Hill
Corinth,	" "	I J Johnson, Rockfish
Berea,	W. M. Kennedy, "	V N Seawell, Wallace
Island Creek,	" "	H T Savage, do
Dobson's Chapel,	G. S. Best, Kenansville,	J P Tucker, Kenansville
Hallsville,	H. M. Croom, Wallace,	D B Brown, do
ON SLOW COUNTY.		
Union Chapel,	E. A. Best, Richlands,	John Marshburn, Cath. Lake
Rose Hill,	W. B. Knight, Swansboro,	
Jacksonville,	E. A. Best, Richlands,	S M Clants
Enon,	W. B. Knight, Swansboro,	L O Fonveille, Duck Creek
Piny Grove, Ons.,	" "	J F Holland, Swansboro
Capernaum,	" "	
JONES COUNTY.		
Trenton,	G. S. Best, Kenansville,	L H Mallard, Trenton
Piny Grove,	" "	
LENOIR COUNTY.		
Kinston,	No Pastor.	W F Stanly, Kinston
La-Grange,	W. M. Kennedy, Magnolia,	R L Wooten, LaGrange
Union,	J. R. Oliver, Mount Olive,	W E Sutton, Kinston
GRAVEN COUNTY.		
Fort Barnwell,	G. S. Best,	
Newbern,	J. W. Taylor, Newbern,	T J Latham, Newbern
CARTERET COUNTY.		
Beaufort,	R. C. Sandling, Beaufort,	J D Davis, Beaufort
Smyrna,	T. J. Leary, Beaufort,	Isa Davis, Beaufort
Morehead City,	Jacob Utley, Morehead City,	J Utley, Morehead City
Davis' Shore,	T. J. Leary, Beaufort,	R L Paul, Beaufort

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.

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 sessions 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 lay on the table, to amend, or postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall have preference in the order in 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.

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.

RULES OF DECORUM FOR THE CHURCHES.

1. We will hold at least four Conference meetings in the year for the transaction of business; also special meetings whenever requisite.
 2. The names of the members shall be called at every regular meeting, and there shall be due notice taken of the absence of those who discover a disposition to absent themselves.
 3. At every Conference, the pastor, in his right of office, shall preside as Moderator; and in case of his absence, the Conference shall appoint a Moderator *pro tem.*, who shall open Conference by devotional exercises.
 4. The Clerk shall keep a church book, in which all the proceedings of the Conference shall be faithfully transcribed, and at every regular meeting the minutes of the preceding meeting shall be read immediately after the names are called.
 5. An invitation shall be given to brethren of our faith and order to sit with us in Conference, who shall enjoy all the privileges of the meeting except that of voting.
 6. Every subject for the consideration of the Conference shall be introduced by a motion, which, when seconded, shall be debated and acted upon, unless withdrawn by the mover.
 7. Every speaker shall rise and address the Moderator by the appellation of brother, and shall confine his remarks to the subject under debate, and shall not be allowed to speak more than twice on one subject unless by permission of the Church.
 8. No member shall withdraw from the Conference without the permission of the Moderator.
 9. It shall be required that in matters of difference between members, before complaint is made to the Church, the aggrieved party shall have duly attended to the instructions of the Lord, Matt. 18th chapter, 16th, 17th and 18th verses, and public offences or such as operate against the peace of the church, shall be the subject of discipline.
 10. All questions submitted to the Conference shall be decided by a majority of votes, except receiving members to fellowship; and any question may be reconsidered upon the motion of any who may vote in the affirmative.
 11. The Moderator shall propound all questions for vote—shall keep the speakers to the subject under debate—may express his own views, after others are done speaking, and see that these rules are faithfully observed.
 12. These Rules of Decorum may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the whole Church.
- Resolved,* That this Association recommend the adoption of the foregoing rules to all the Churches that comprise this body.

