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MINUTES

OF THE

FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Eastern Baptist Association.

HELD WITH

Church at Well's Chapel

SAMPSON COUNTY, N. C.

October 4th, 5th and 6th, 1887.

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

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G. S. BEST, Kenansville. W. B. POPE, Warsaw.
J. L. BRITT, Warsaw. G. M. TOLSON, Wilmington.
J. B. HARRELL, Mt. Olive. L. M. CURTIS, Clinton.
J. L. STEWART, Clinton. J. W. POWELL, Clinton.

PROCEEDINGS.

WELLS CHAPEL, SAMPSON CO., October 4th, 1887.

The Eastern Baptist Association met in its Forty-fifth Annual Session in the Well's Chapel Church.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder J. L. Stewart, from John 3 : 5.

Adjourned for one hour.

Association called to order at appointed time by the Moderator, Elder J. L. Stewart.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Elder G. M. Tolson, who announced the death of Elder G. W. Hufham, the oldest minister in the Association, and called upon Elder R. C. Sandling to lead in special prayer.

List of churches called and forty-two of the forty-nine churches composing this body were found to be represented.

On motion a Finance Committee was appointed, consisting of F. A. Fennell, N. F. Highsmith and O. P. Middleton.

Brethren E. D. Wells and J. T. Bland were appointed Reading Clerks.

Committee of Arrangements was appointed, consisting of Pastor and Deacons of this church and brother G. A. Herring.

Letters from the churches were read and delegates enrolled as follows:

- BETHEL—I. D. Alderman, J. M. Alderman, M. H. Oates.
- BEULAH—L. D. Rogers.
- BEAR MARSH—D. B. Brown, D. H. Lambert.
- BEAR BRANCH—J. M. Malpass.
- BETHLEHEM—D. P. Bland.
- BURGAW—J. T. Bland, T. J. Vann.
- CLINTON—J. L. Stewart, B. S. Peterson, B. F. Herring.
- CONCORD—J. W. Taylor, Alfred Hall, D. S. Register.
- CORINTH—D. W. Fussell, J. C. Williams, B. W. Matthews.
- COLVIN'S CREEK—M. C. Horrell, N. M. Horrell.
- CAINTUCK CHAPEL—D. J. Corbett.
- CASWELL—Luther Vollers, A. B. Rooks, S. D. Kelly.
- DOBSON'S CHAPEL—S. C. Register, W. H. Murray.
- EMMA'S CHAPEL—G. M. Barbee.
- FAISON—J. W. Lane, A. Rich.
- HALLSVILLE—E. W. Sanderson, E. Farrion.
- HAW BLUFF—S. B. Andrews.
- ISLAND CREEK—C. Hartell, E. Heldt, A. B. Mallard.
- JOHNSON'S—L. Middleton.
- KEENANSVILLE—K. Bryan, A. D. Ward, J. W. Swinson.
- LONG CREEK—G. A. Herring, W. D. Bordeaux, J. S. Devane.

LISBON—O. Blackburn, J. P. Parker, W. H. Thomson.
 MARY'S CHAPEL—T. H. Rogers, J. W. Stokes, G. W. McGowan.
 MOORE'S CREEK—John Moore, E. Larkins, F. P. Alderman.
 MT. GILEAD—Stephen Peterson, J. H. Peterson, J. O. Matthews.
 MT. OLIVE—Thaddeus Jones, O. Summerlin.
 MT. HOLLY—I. Carroll, J. S. Newton, J. J. Croom.
 MAGNOLIA—G. W. Carroll, Alfred Hollingsworth.
 NEW HOPE—L. R. Carroll, W. H. Colwell, Frank Pollock.
 PINEY GROVE—G. W. Highsmith, O. M. Matthews, J. C. Hobbs.
 POPLAR GROVE—Henry Herring, Claudius Oates, W. R. King.
 RILEY'S CREEK—G. W. Walker, Jesse Walker.
 SHILOH—J. P. Stringfield, A. T. Herring, D. J. Moore.
 TEACHEY—T. H. Carter, Z. A. Rochell, J. W. Batts.
 WARSAW—A. M. Faison, S. M. Carlton, C. S. Boyette.
 WELLS CHAPEL—L. R. Highsmith, J. R. Newkirk, J. H. Highsmith.
 WILMINGTON—Wallace Alderman, W. H. Alderman, T. H. Pritchard.
 WILLARD—B. F. Fennell, G. W. Johnson, W. Rivenbark.
 BROOKLYN BRANCH—J. E. Williams, G. M. Tolson.
 SILOAM—I. F. Duncan, C. W. Devane, Willis Ward.
 SHARON—W. D. Brock, J. F. Wallace, Z. Blanchard.

Barlow Chapel, Capernium, Maple Hill and Olive Branch not represented. Berea, Masonboro and Salem represented by letter.

Letters from Hallsville, Mt. Holly, Warsaw, Teachey and Bear Marsh were laid on the table.

Letter from Salem was referred to the Executive Committee.

Committee of Arrangements announced that there would be preaching at the stand immediately.

Association proceeded with next order of business, which was the election of officers for ensuing year. The following brethren were appointed Tellers: For Moderator, W. H. Thomson and A. D. Ward; For Clerk, D. J. Corbett and M. H. Oates; For Treasurer, J. W. Lane and B. S. Peterson.

Result—Elder J. L. Stewart, re-elected Moderator; Elder J. L. Britt, re-elected Clerk; A. M. Faison, re-elected Treasurer.

The Committee of Arrangements reported as follows:

Association to convene at 9:30 o'clock, to-morrow; preaching at the stand by Elder J. B. Downing, at 10 o'clock; Missionary Sermon in the house at 11:30 o'clock.

On motion, the usual committees were appointed.

COMMITTEES.

STATE MISSIONS—Elder C. Durham, W. H. Alderman, S. B. Andrews.
 FOREIGN MISSIONS—L. R. Carroll, Elders J. B. Harrell, O. M. Matthews.
 EDUCATION—Elder W. M. Kennedy, F. P. Hobgood, A. D. Ward.
 PERIODICALS—Elders R. C. Sandling, C. S. Farriss, Dr. Stuart DeVane.
 SUNDAY SCHOOLS—Elder G. M. Tolson, G. W. Carroll, S. M. Carlton.

On motion, State Missions was made special order for to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

Petitionary Letters were called for. Letters from Siloam and Sharon were presented, asking for admission into this body, and were referred to the Committee on Requests.

On motion, all letters on the table were taken off and referred to the Committee on Requests.

On motion adjourned. Benediction by Dr. Pritchard.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, October 5th, 1887.

Devotional exercises conducted by the Moderator.

Roll called.

Proceedings of yesterday read and approved.

Visiting brethren invited to seats. Elder R. T. Vann, Corresponding Messenger from Central Association, and representative of the Education Board; Prof. F. P. Hobgood, of Oxford Female Seminary; Elder J. B. Downing and Dr. Stuart DeVane, Corresponding Messengers from Cedar Creek Association; Elder C. S. Farriss, Editor of "Biblical Recorder"; Elder J. T. Albritton, Corresponding Messenger from Atlantic Association; Elder C. Durham, Corresponding Secretary of State Mission Board; and bro Jno. J. Highsmith, from South River Association; announced themselves and were welcomed by the Moderator.

10 O'clock—SPECIAL ORDER.—Report on State Missions was read by Elder C. Durham. Pending motion to adopt, remarks were made by Elders W. B. Pope, W. A. Melvine, H. M. Croom and C. Durham.

List of Churches was called and following pledges made to State Missions:

Bethel, \$10; Beulah, \$5; Boykins Chapel, \$5; Berea, \$3; Bear Branch, \$2; Bear Marsh, \$3; Burgaw, \$5; Clinton, \$10; Concord, \$5; Corinth, \$5; Colvins Creek, \$1.50; Caintuck, \$5; Dobson's Chapel, \$3; Emma's Chapel, \$4; Faison, \$2; Hallsville, \$2.50; Island Creek, \$7.50; Johnson's, \$10; Kenansville, \$10; Lisbon, \$10; Mary's Chapel, \$7; Moore's Creek, \$5; Mt. Gilead, \$5; Mt. Olive, \$10; Mt. Holly, \$5; Magnolia, \$3; New Hope, \$15; Piney Grove, \$5; Poplar Grove, \$1; Rileys Creek, \$5; Teachey, \$2.50; Warsaw, \$20; Well's Chapel, \$15; Wilmington, \$100; Willard, \$2; Siloam, \$10; Sharon, \$3.

The Secretary stated that the amount of \$2,000, above the pledges made by the Associations of the State, would be needed to meet the indebtedness of the Board, and he wished this Association to raise \$200 of this amount. Cash collection, \$22.35.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The Board of Missions of the Baptist State Convention has had eighty-three brethren engaged in preaching the Gospel to the people in this State during the past year. These have been in the towns and in the country, from the mountains to the sea. The Lord has abundantly blessed the self-sacrificing labors of these devoted men. We seem now to be urged forward by the Lord in many ways in this great work.

Remembering the devoted lives of men like Wells, Stallings, Guy, Hufham, Best, and many others gone to their reward on high, let us, in the strength of the Lord, rise up to the importance of this work, and speedily give the Gospel to all the people of our beloved State. Our opportunities are many. In these we should see the pointings of God's finger,

and hear his calls to us to enlarge our work for the salvation of souls and the glory of our Lord and Saviour.

C. DURHAM,
W. H. ALDERMAN,
S. B. ANDREWS.
Committee.

Adopted.

On motion the courtesies of the body were extended to bro. D. B. Nicholson, editor of the "Clinton Caucasian."

The following additional committees were appointed:

TEMPERANCE—Elder J. P. Faison, Kedar Vann, G. W. Highsmith.
REQUESTS—Elders W. M. Kennedy, J. T. Albritton, J. Wells Taylor.
HOME MISSIONS—Dr. T. H. Pritchard, J. C. Williams, G. M. Barbee.
OBITUARIES—Elders O. M. Matthews, W. M. Kennedy, W. A. Melvine.
NOMINATE EXECUTE COMMITTEE—Isaiah Carroll, T. J. H. Peterson, A. F. Robinson.
BAPTIST ORPHANAGE—Elders G. M. Tolson, R. C. Sandling, J. B. Barlow.
AUDIT TREASURER'S REPORT—A. D. Ward, G. W. Carroll, J. T. Lewis.
NOMINATE TRUSTEES OF WARSAW HIGH SCHOOL—Elder W. B. Pope, J. W. Lane, K. Bryan.

Committee on Requests reported. Report laid on the table.

On motion, the Report on Periodicals was made special order for 2 o'clock, P. M., to be immediately followed by Report on Education.

11:30 o'clock.—The Missionary Sermon was preached by Dr. T. H. Pritchard. Amount of collections, \$27.

Report of Committee on Requests was taken from the table. The committee recommended the reception of the two churches petitioning for admission into this body; and Warsaw as the place for holding next Session of the Association; both of which were adopted.

The Moderator extended the right hand of fellowship to the delegates from new churches.

Adjourned for dinner.

EVENING SESSION.

Letter from Poplar Grove was presented and read.

W. D. Kelley, J. M. Malpass, T. J. Jarman and J. P. Stringfield were given final leave of absence.

2 O'clock—SPECIAL ORDER.—Report on Periodicals was read by Elder R. C. Sandling. Pending motion to adopt, remarks were made by Dr. T. H. Pritchard, Elders C. S. Farris, and W. B. Pope.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

For fifty-three years the "Biblical Recorder" has been the organ of the Baptist State Convention. During that time it has done a good work for our denomination. It is pre-eminently devoted to the development of the Baptist Church in the State, and to the spread of the gospel in foreign lands. We rejoice in its work and commend it as a necessity for every Baptist home in the bounds of our Association. We urge our pastors to make vigorous efforts for its circulation among the members of their churches, for it is a fact that the best supporters of our work are readers of the "Recorder."

We commend also the Sunday School helps furnished in Atlanta and Philadelphia. All of which may be secured at the supply store now in charge of Rev. C. Durham.

We commend also the "Foreign Mission Journal," a little monthly paper published at Richmond, Va., for the purpose of giving information about the work in foreign lands.

R. C. SANDLING,
C. S. FARRIS,
DR. STUART DEVANE.
Committee.

Report on Education was read by Prof F. P. Hobgood. The Association was addressed upon the subject of Education by Prof. Hobgood and Elder R. T. Vann.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education do not deem it necessary to urge upon our brethren the importance of educating their sons and daughters. How any one can fail to give his children such educational advantages as his means will permit, we do not see.

Our Wake Forest College, we are glad to say, is in a very prosperous condition, the number of students being larger than ever before in the history of the institution, and it is perhaps the most progressive college in the South.

The Baptists of North Carolina are very fortunate in having four colleges for the education of their daughters, at Murfreesboro, Oxford, Thomasville and Shelby. Let us not fail to prepare our daughters for useful lives.

Our Education Board, whose province it is to aid young men, called of God to preach the gospel, in fitting themselves more thoroughly to do the work entrusted to them, sadly in need of funds, and we earnestly request our brethren to relieve this Board of its pressing demands.

W. M. KENNEDY,
F. P. HOBGOOD,
A. D. WARD.

Committee.

The list of churches was called and some brother or sister designated in each church to look after the collection of funds for education, as follows:

Bethel—W. J. Fryar, Clinton; Beulah—L. D. Rogers, Faison; Boykins Chapel—Miss Lou Boykin, Clinton; Bear Branch—W. R. Brinson, Pt. Caswell; Bethlehem—W. C. Keith, Keith; Bear Marsh—D. H. Walker, Mt. Olive; Burgaw—Mrs. J. C. Carroll, Burgaw; Clinton—Miss Maggie Bizzell, Clinton; Concord—Mrs. Robt. Wells, Magnolia; Corinth—Miss Martha Boon, Rose Hill; Colvins Creek—W. G. Harrell, Pt. Caswell; Caintuck—J. A. Duke, Viola; Caswell—F. O. Malpass, Pt. Caswell; Dobson's Chapel—W. H. Murray, Kenansville; Emma's Chapel—Miss Millie Cox, Richlands; Faison—Miss S. A. Williams, Faison; Hallsville—L. A. Kennedy, Hallsville; Haw Bluff—Cass Boswell, Pt. Caswell; Island Creek—A. B. Mallard, Wallace; Johnsons—J. A. Powell, Warsaw; Kenansville—Miss Dora Cox, Kenansville; Lisbon—Miss Mattie G. Herring, Clear Run; Maple Hill—Fennell Powers, Maple Hill; Mary's Chapel—J. W. Stokes, Kenansville; Masonboro—E. Hewlett, Wilmington; Moores Creek—W. L. Woodcock, Pt. Caswell; Mt. Gilead—J. O. Matthews, Taylors Bridge; Mt. Olive—Mrs. Jennie Chestnut, Mt. Olive; Mt. Holly—Miss Frank Hall, South Washington; Magnolia—Miss Mary Clute, Magnolia; New Hope—C. E. Daniel, Warsaw; Piney Grove—Nathan Weeks, Faison; Poplar Grove—M. W. Clifton, Faison; Riley's Creek—W. B. Hocutt, Rocky Point; Shiloh—H. A. Bland, Moores Creek; Teachey—M. W. Teachey, Teachey; Warsaw—O. P. Middleton, Warsaw; Wells Chapel—Mrs. R. C. Sandling, Harrells Store; Wilmington—Dr. T. H. Pritchard, Wilmington; Willard—Dr. J. Powers, Willard; Brooklyn Branch—J. W. Taylor, Wilmington; Siloam—F. A. Fennell, Harrells Store; Sharon—J. F. Wallace, Chinquepin.

The Committee of Arrangements reported as follows:

The Association to convene at 9:30 o'clock, to-morrow. Preaching at the stand at 11 o'clock, by Elder J. B. Harrell.

The Committee to Nominate the Executive Committee reported. [See 2d page.]

On motion adjourned. Benediction by Elder R. T. Vann.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION,

THURSDAY, October 6th, 1887.

Devotional exercises conducted by brother L. R. Carroll.

On motion any brother attending sister Associations or Baptist State Convention was authorized to represent us.

Report of Standing Committees called for.

The report of the Executive Committee was read by bro. J. T. Bland, as follows:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

As is now well known, the principal part of our work as a Committee was turned over to the Board of State Missions. Upon our recommendations Bro. Sandling, has been aided at Willard and Teachey's. Bro. Melvin, at Chinquepin, and Bro. Pope, at Burgaw. A report of whose labors has been embraced in the report on State Missions.

The field of destitution within our borders is extensive, and white unto the harvest, and the call of the Lord seems to be upon us to go in and occupy the land.

The churches at Salem and Barlow's Chapel are entirely without pastors, and there are several other promising points for Mission Stations. We think it very important, if possible, to get a pastor to settle on the field and take charge of the churches. We feel that special mention ought to be made of the labors of Bro. T. J. Baker, in Onslow County. He has been laboring since our last session on this field and is pastor, at Emma's Chapel and Rose Hill and the Lord seems to have specially blessed his labors. He reports 53 baptisms and has collected about \$260, on his field. At our Union Meeting in January we recommended an appropriation of \$200, for Bro. Baker, but when the application was made, we were informed by Bro. Ray, that the amount authorized by the Convention had been already appropriated, so that Bro. Baker, had nothing except what he collected on the field for his labors. Brethren this ought not so to be. We commend Bro. Baker, and his work to the sympathy and prayers of the brethren.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. T. BLAND,
Chairman, pro tem.

The report of the Board of Trustees of Warsaw High School was read by Elder W. B. Pope. Pending motion to adopt, remarks were made by Elders W. B. Pope, J. L. Stewart, J. P. Faison, T. H. Pritchard, and J. T. Bland and Alfred Hollingsworth.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF WARSAW HIGH SCHOOL.

Since our last report important changes have been made in the management of the school. The former Principals retired from the management at the close of the last session. The Board of Trustees appreciating the great good heretofore accomplished by this school, and feeling the necessity of perpetuating its influence throughout this association, determined to erect a new building on the lot formerly occupied by the seminary, in place of the one which was destroyed by fire about two years ago. The new building has been

erected, and is better suited to the present needs of the school than the old one. The brethren of Warsaw and community have subscribed and paid liberally toward the erection of this building, worth, we think, to the Association, at least \$1,000, with a debt of only \$150 still unpaid. These brethren who have aided in this good work have done all they feel able to do towards paying for this building, and therefore ask the brethren of this body to help liquidate the debt.

The Trustees, after having advertised for a Principal, and after carefully considering the many applications in answer thereto, among them some from educators of State reputation, selected Prof. C. H. Spencer, a teacher of experience and one who comes among us with highest recommendations as an educator. Bro. Spencer, has assumed control of the School, and has associated with him two efficient teachers.

There are now upwards of seventy pupils in attendance, with the number steadily increasing. Brethren it is for you to say what the future of this school shall be. It is your school, you can make it what you wish to.

We deem it absolutely necessary to the efficiency and permanency of this school, as a school of high grade, that it be able to open its doors to the boys and girls of the surrounding country. This can be done only when the means are provided for taking care of the boarding pupils under the immediate supervision of the Principal of the school.

There is a large building on the lot, adjoining the school property, built expressly for the purpose of the boarding department; but this property now belongs to private individuals, and is not under the control of the management of the school. This property can be purchased at very reasonable rates.

Resolved, That the matter of selling the land on the south side of College street, and purchasing the Stalling's property, be referred entirely to the Board of Trustees, with full power to act, in the premises, according to their best judgment.

Respectfully Submitted,

O. P. MIDDLETON,
Chairman.

Adopted.

The Committee on Foreign Missions reported. Remarks by bro. L. R. Carroll. The list of churches was called and pledges made to Foreign Missions as follows:

Bethel, \$2.50; Beulah, \$5; Boykins Chapel, \$2.50; Bethlehem, \$5; Bear Marsh, \$2.50; Burgaw, \$5; Clinton, \$7.50; Concord, \$2.50; Corinth, \$3; Caintuck Chapel, \$5; Dobson's Chapel, \$3; Emma's Chapel, \$3; Faison, \$1; Hallsville, \$3; Island Creek, \$8; Johnson's \$10; Kenansville, \$10; Long Creek, \$5; Lisbon, \$5; Mary's Chapel, \$3.50; Moore's Creek \$3; Mt. Gilead, \$5; Mt. Olive, \$10; Mt. Holly, \$2.50; Magnolia, \$3; New Hope, \$15; Piney Grove, \$5; Poplar Grove, \$2.50; Rose Hill, \$2; Riley's Creek, \$5; Teachey, \$3; Warsaw, \$15; Wells Chapel, \$15; Wilmington, \$100; Willard, \$2; Brooklyn Branch, \$25; Sharon, \$2.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

No truth is more clearly taught in the Bible than this: "That Christianity is a missionary religion, not like the Jewish, a religion for one people, but for all the world, for every creature." Every effort, therefore, towards evangelization that stops short of all nations is not in full harmony with the teachings of Christ. The success of the gospel in foreign lands to-day is truly phenomenal and indicates the path of duty to every watchful Christian. "Faets are the fingers of God." Fifty-eight dollars are spent to-day sending the gospel to American heathen for every dollar sent to foreign heathen, and yet we are confronted with the singular fact that the gains in communicants the past year has been nine times greater in foreign missions than in Christendom.

For years past Christians have been praying the Lord of the harvest to prosper the way and "send forth more laborers into the harvest."

To-day the last serious obstacle has been removed, the field lies an unbroken plane before us, comparatively "white unto the harvest." To-day more than two thousand labor-

ers in America stand ready and anxious to enter the field, many of them within the limits of our own Southern Baptist Convention and in our State.

Only one thing is needed, of which, billions lie buried in the treasuries of American Christians.

To-day a voice is heard from out the cloud, the significance of which cannot be misunderstood: Bring ye all the tithes unto the store-house that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room to receive it.

May God give us grace to hear and obey the voice, till all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord.

Respectfully Submitted,

L. R. CARROLL,
J. B. HARRELL,
O. M. MATTHEWS.

Committee.

The Convention to nominate Trustees of Warsaw High School reported. (See 1st page).

The Committee on Home Missions reported as follows:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The work of the Board during the past Conventional year has been as follows: Missionaries, 251; places occupied, 822.

Baptisms, 3,923; received by letter, 2,319; total additions, 6,242.

Sunday Schools reported, 318; teachers and pupils, 13,031; churches constituted, 119; houses of worship built, 62.

The expenditures have been for missions.....	\$86,827.05
Our Missionaries have raised for houses of worship, built upon their fields of labor.....	35,270.15

Total.....	\$122,097.20
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This sum represents actual work done for the Baptists of the South.

TWENTY-FIVE

of our missionaries have labored among the colored people, of whom five have been engaged in giving theological instruction to their preachers and other official members.

While in no part of our wide field have we been without evidences of the Divine favor, our greatest success has been in

CUBA.

Where brother A. J. Diaz has organized three churches, baptized 325, established four Sunday schools and three day schools where the children are instructed in religious truth as well as such branches of learning as are ordinarily taught in these schools.

These daily schools are rendered necessary by the persecutions to which the Baptists are subjected in that Island.

During the year there were many calls for help which we could not answer.

THIS YEAR

the Board proposes to enlarge its work.

THE INDIANS

are appealing piteously to us for more men. They want, and must have, another school to be located at Atoka in the Choctaw Nation.

IN FLORIDA,

besides the smaller towns and other places to which our work must be extended, Pensacola St. Augustine and the thousands of Cubans at Tampa, must be helped.

LOUISIANA,

including New Orleans, requires double what she received last year. Such men as Penick and Tompkins say she must have it or disaster will follow.

The work among our colored people, so auspiciously begun, must be enlarged until it reaches every State in the South.

CUBA

must have missions opened at Matanzas, Cardenas, Santiago de Cuba and other cities, where we are told that thousands anxiously wait the coming of the Heralds of the Cross.

SIX NATIVE CUBANS,

whom God has called to the work of the ministry, instructed by Bro. Diaz, are now prepared to go forth preaching Christ to their countrymen. We must send these or disobey the call of the Divine Spirit. Then we must have a house of worship at Havana. This is an imperative need. We could weary you with the recital of these wants of special fields.

The Baptists of the South have made it our business to look after this department of their work, and we say to our brethren that we must have

THIS YEAR

an increase of fifty per cent. upon the receipts of last year. God has so enlarged the sphere of our labors that nothing less than this will enable us to do what is imperatively demanded of the Board. Your committee have learned with pleasure that the contributions this year for this cause amount to about \$2,000. Considerably more than has been given during any previous year, and beg leave to recommend that the Association request the persons in the churches who represented this cause last year to act in the same relation for the coming year, and express the hope that the churches will increase the subscriptions to meet the increased expenditures proposed to be made by the Board.

T. H. PRITCHARD,
J. C. WILLIAMS,
G. M. BARBEE,

Committee.

The Committee on Baptist Orphanage reported. Pending motion to adopt remarks were made by Elders G. M. Tolson and J. L. Stewart.

REPORT BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

It is highly gratifying to us to be able to state that our Orphanage at Thomasville is already an assured success. Last year there were only 43 children within its walls. Now seventy odd precious little ones find refuge beneath its friendly roof. Several new buildings have been recently completed; and yet, the accommodations are not sufficient to meet even present demands. If the number of buildings that now adorn the ample grounds of the institution were multiplied by six edifices they would soon be crowded. Even then there would doubtless be many orphans that would necessarily be turned away, either to remain without a home or to be received into the Orphanage of other denominations.

It can, therefore, readily be seen by all that God has laid this institution upon the hearts and pocket books of North Carolina Baptists.

We urge the brethren to let the riches of their liberality abound towards Bro. Mills and his orphans. He asks for our money and we may be sure that he needs at once what he asks for. For further information concerning the Orphanage we refer every one to "Charity and Children," a delightful little paper published every week at Thomasville. Bro. Mills is the publisher and editor. The paper is furnished to every one that becomes a member of the Orphanage Association by the payment of one dollar. Write for it immediately and send with the subscription price as large a contribution as your means will permit you to make.

Respectfully Submitted,

G. M. TOLSON,
R. C. SANDLING,
J. B. BARLOW.

Committee.

The Finance Committee reported as follows:

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.	
Received.....	\$581.16
Appropriated as follows:	
Ministerial Education.....	\$114.75
State Missions.....	190.41
Foreign Missions.....	137.60
Home Missions.....	36.20
Minute Fund.....	51.54
Ladies' Missionary Society.....	32.44
Baptist Orphanage.....	17.24

W. W. HOLDING,
O. P. MIDDLETON,
N. F. HIGHSMITH,
Committee.

The Treasurer reported as follows:

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.	
A. M. Faison, Treasurer, in account with the Eastern Baptist Association:	
DR.	
To amount received from Finance Committee.....	\$640.52
CR.	
By Am't paid John E. Ray for Ministerial Education.....	\$ 93.87
" " " " " " State Missions.....	34.50
" " " " " " Foreign Missions.....	225.17
" " " " " " State Missions.....	50.29
" " " J. L. Britt for services as Clerk.....	15.00
" " " D. J. Middleton for Asso. Missions.....	133.70
" " " O. P. Middleton for Minute Fund.....	44.25
" " " F. H. Briggs for State and Foreign Missions.....	27.00
Total.....	\$623.78 \$623.78
To balance on hand.....	\$ 16.74
Examined and found correct.	
Respectfully Submitted,	

A. D. WARD,
G. W. CARROLL,
J. F. LEWIS,
Auditing Committee.

Adjourned for one hour.

EVENING SESSION.

The Moderator called the Association to order.
The Committee on Sunday schools reported. Pending motion to adopt, remarks were made by Elder J. B. Harrell.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to report that the work seems to be gaining ground within the limits of our Association. New schools are being established, and many schools that have been hitherto kept open for only a part of the year, are now meeting regularly throughout the whole year. We are sorry that we could not have access

to the church letters so as to give the full statistics of the entire membership of the Sunday Schools within the bounds of our Association.

Respectfully Submitted,

S. M. CARLTON
G. W. CARROLL,
G. M. TOLSON,

Committee.

Elder J. L. Stewart offered the following:

Resolved, That we, the delegates comprising this Association, upon our return to our churches, will take steps to have suitable persons in each of our churches to take charge of the matter of raising funds for the Baptist Orphanage and forwarding the same, and will have the same reported in the letters to the next Association.

Adopted.

J. T. Bland was given final leave of absence.

Delegates from Bear Marsh were given final leave of absence.

The Committee on Temperance reported.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

What the forge and chemicals are in the art of tempering the edged tool, so the Holy Spirit is the agency by which the soul of man is tempered and fitted for all the duties that bear upon his present and eternal destiny. Man is born to depraved appetites, perverted will and confused mind. He needs the regimen of temperance lest he be betrayed to those excesses from which come loss of health, disgrace of character and darkness of mind.

The example and authority of Christ anathematise intemperance and place it in the list of the lowest vices. In view of this the statute law may regulate man's use of any of God's creatures, but not abolish them from existence.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. FAISON,
K. BRYAN,
G. W. HIGHSMITH,

Committee.

The Committee on Obituaries reported as follows:

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

Neither funeral services nor obituary notices can benefit the dead, but they may, and most assuredly ought to, exert a salutary influence on the living. It has been said by one of North Carolina's noted sons, "That to die is the lot of all men, and no one is denied his share in the inheritance of the grave, but to be praised after death is the lot of but a few, and it is only the benefactors of our race that leave a name grateful to posterity."

If the patriotic soldier be stimulated to perform heroic acts from the hope that his name with those deeds shall emblazon the pages of his country's history, surely the faithful soldiers of the cross with the additional hope of eternal life should strive to be active and consistent in their lives.

It is a very solemn thought that many who are present may be numbered among the dead ere we meet in this capacity again. Let us remember that any of us may die this year, this month, this week, this hour, this minute. Let us be admonished by the words of Jesus, "Be ye also ready for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life."

Elder E. A. Best died recently, at his home in Richlands, Onslow county, at an advanced age. We think he was a native of Virginia, but spent most of his life in Eastern North Carolina, receiving very little compensation. He preached largely to destitute portions, relying to a great extent on his own resources. He was greatly beloved by the people among whom he labored. He was a man of excellent business qualifications and highly esteemed by all sects and creeds. He was a man of unblemished character and consequently

exerted a good influence as a minister of the gospel. We regret that we have not the date upon which to write a more extended notice of the life and labors of this good man, that we hope has gone to receive a rich reward in the world above.

ELDER G. W. HUFHAM

died at the residence of his son, Robert Hufham, in Duplin county, on the morning of Oct. 4th, in the eighty-third year of his age. He was born and reared in Rockfish Township Duplin county. He was a student at Chapel Hill for some time—read medicine—but before entering upon its practice he became impressed with the duty of preaching the gospel.

About the year 1830, while a member of the church at Wells Chapel, he began to preach and soon after he was ordained. For seven years he gave himself without reserve and with great success to preaching the gospel to the destitute portions of the Eastern Association.

In 1838 he went to Mississippi, carrying with him the burning zeal for Christ which had characterized him here. From friends who knew him there we learn that he was commonly spoken of by enthusiastic admirers as our "heavenly preacher." From over exertion in preaching he contracted a disease of the throat which followed him through life, seriously injuring his voice and rendering it impossible for him to labor as he was accustomed to do.

Returning to his native State in 1845 he devoted himself to the pastorate. The church at Magnolia enjoyed his ministrations for more than 20 years. Kenansville, Johnson's, Falling Creek and Mt. Holly were also under his care at different times. No other pastor in the Association has been more instrumental in helping forward so many young ministers. W. M. Kennedy, Geo. S. Best, J. P. Faison, J. N. Stallings and J. L. Carroll will bear grateful testimony on this point.

He had many shining gifts, but as a leader of his brethren he was pre-eminent. He was the strong and continuous supporter of the "Recorder." He was the friend of education and as the result of his anxiety in this direction, we would most respectfully refer to his more distinguished son, the Rev. Dr. J. D. Hufham, whose name is a household word in North Carolina, and, indeed, he is well known throughout the Southern Baptist Convention being for many years the Editor of the "Biblical Recorder."

We feel that we can safely put him down as the benefactor of his race and his name will be cherished by a grateful and affectionate posterity. For want of space your committee must close this notice.

At his residence, near Magnolia, N. C., on the 19th of Sept., 1887, Matthis Rogers, Esq., aged seventy-five years. Deceased was a prominent member of the Baptist Church at Magnolia and felt a deep interest in all that pertained to its welfare. He was a good neighbor, a kind husband and father. He had served his generation well and died in peace with God and man. May the Lord bless his sorrowing widow and children.—From the "Biblical Recorder" of Oct. 4th, 1887.

Sister Mary Francis Peterson, wife of Bro. B. S. Peterson, died in the triumphs of the Christian faith, on the 29th of May, in the 41st year of her age. She joined the church in Clinton under the preaching of Elders J. B. Hardwicke, J. L. Carroll and J. L. Stewart and was baptized by Bro. Carroll. She had consumption for some 15 months and while suffering made no complaint,—yet frequently spoke of her hope of the joys of that beautiful city beyond the river. She told her husband she had no fears as to the future—her only regret was in parting with him and her children for Jesus had made it all bright and beautiful in and beyond the River. Her physician said her death was like a lamp gently blown out, she being conscious to the last.

She has left a husband and three little, sorrowing, children to whom we would most joyfully commend the following verse:

Cease, ye mourners, cease to languish,
O'er the graves of those you love,
Pain and death, and night, and anguish,
Enter not the world above.

Deacon Ephraim Strickland died at his residence, near Magnolia, Duplin county, in the hope of the Christian's reward. He was a member of the church at Magnolia and manifested a deep interest in her prosperity, being a strong friend of the prayer meeting and all other measures that are intended to advance the cause of Christianity.

He left a widow whose loss is his eternal gain.

To the families and friends of all mentioned above we would earnestly ask you to make this your daily prayer:

Oh! for the death of those,
Who slumber in the Lord;
Oh! be like this my last repose,
Like this my last reward.

O. M. MATTHEWS,
W. M. KENNEDY,
W. A. MELVINE.

Committee.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Article 9 of the Constitution was stricken out and the following inserted:

The Association shall appoint an Executive Committee of seven members, who shall co-operate with the State Board in the superintendance of the Mission work within the bounds of our Association, and during the intervals of the meetings of this body, take such steps as they may deem advisable for the advancement of the same, and make an annual report of their work to the Association.

Bro. D. J. Moore stated that the minutes were wrong in calling this the 43rd annual session. He said that he had proof that it was the 45th session.

On motion, the Clerk was authorized to confer with Bro. Moore, and if sufficient proof was found he was ordered to make the change.

The Clerk reported that he had succeeded in collecting an unbroken file of the minutes from 1853 to the present. He stated that the Association was indebted to Bro. D. J. Moore for these minutes, and very likely they could not have been found anywhere else. On motion, the thanks of the Association were extended to Bro. Moore.

Elder W. B. Pope, S. M. Carlton and O. P. Middleton were appointed a Committee on Colportage.

The letter from Teachey, asking for aid towards the completion of their house of worship, was taken from the table. Remarks by Elders H. M. Croom and R. C. Sandling. On motion, the delegates were instructed to take a collection in their churches at the next meeting for Teachey.

Bro. G. W. Highsmith offered the following:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due and are hereby tendered to the good people of this community for the kind hospitality extended to the delegates and visitors during this session of the Association.

On motion, the Clerk was allowed \$15 for his services.

Elder R. C. Sandling was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon, and Elder W. B. Pope the Missionary Sermon at the next session.

On motion, adjourned to meet at Warsaw, Tuesday, after first Sunday in October, 1888.

Prayer by Elder G. M. Tolson. A hymn was sung and the brethren extended the parting hand.

Benediction by Elder J. L. Britt.

J. L. BRITT,
Clerk.

J. L. STEWART,
Moderator.

FOR NEXT SESSION.

Place of meeting—Warsaw, Duplin county, N. C.

Time—Tuesday, after first Sunday in October, 1888.

Introductory Sermon—Elder R. C. Sandling.

Missionary Sermon—Elder W. B. Pope.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	White Males.	White Females.	Total.	No. of Copies of Recorder Taken.	TIME OF MEETING.
Barlow Chapel.....	9	2	2	2	2	2	56	74	124	9	4th Sunday.
Bethel.....	15	2	1	1	2	4	55	66	115	3	1st Sunday.
Boykin's Chapel.....	2	1	1	1	1	1	50	57	107	4	2nd Sunday.
Berea.....	6	8	1	1	1	1	22	49	77	2	2nd Sunday.
Bear Branch.....	6	1	1	1	1	1	23	17	40	4	4th Sunday.
Bethlehem.....	2	1	1	1	1	1	36	63	99	3	2nd Sunday.
Bear Marsh.....	10	1	3	3	4	4	47	115	156	5	3rd Sunday.
Burgaw.....	13	4	1	1	1	1	6	19	25	5	3rd Sunday.
Clinton.....	1	5	1	1	1	1	36	57	93	3	3rd Sunday.
Concord.....	2	2	1	3	1	1	36	71	107	3	1st Sunday.
Corinth.....	6	2	2	6	6	1	50	75	125	6	4th Sunday.
Colvin's Creek.....	6	2	1	1	2	1	26	26	52	1	1st Sunday.
Caintuck Chapel.....	4	1	1	1	2	1	48	48	96	2	4th Sunday.
Capernium.....	3	2	2	2	1	1	23	28	51	4	4th Sunday.
Caswell.....	8	2	4	1	1	1	37	50	87	2	4th Sunday.
Dobson's Chapel.....	9	2	1	1	2	2	27	48	75	1	1st Sunday.
Emma's Chapel.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	8	14	3	
Faison.....	15	1	4	3	6	3	39	87	126	1	1st Sunday.
Hallsville.....	2	1	1	2	2	1	47	75	122	3	3rd Sunday.
Haw Bluff.....	17	3	2	2	3	2	56	106	162	4	1st Sunday.
Island Creek.....	16	2	1	2	3	3	41	74	115	6	1st Sunday.
Johnson's.....	5	1	3	3	2	2	36	56	92	4	3rd Sunday.
Kenansville.....	6	6	3	4	2	1	69	87	156	1	1st Sunday.
Long Creek.....	2	1	2	1	1	1	43	49	92	9	1st Sunday.
Lisbon.....	4	6	3	3	5	5	47	58	105	4	4th Sunday.
*Maple Hill.....	21	3	3	5	7	8	78	93	171	2	2nd Sunday.
Mary's Chapel.....	5	1	1	3	1	3	33	41	74	3	4th Sunday.
Masonboro.....	18	2	2	2	2	1	67	107	174	4	4th Sunday.
Moore's Creek.....	7	2	1	4	4	1	32	75	107	8	2nd & 4th Sundays.
Mt. Gilead.....	9	1	1	1	1	1	55	94	149	1	2nd Sunday.
Mt. Holly.....	15	2	3	7	3	3	72	137	209	8	2nd Sunday.
Magnolia.....	2	3	3	7	1	1	53	107	160	6	2nd Sunday.
New Hope.....	6	1	1	6	11	1	61	99	166	4	4th Sunday.
*Olive Branch.....	17	1	1	1	1	1	48	50	98	3	3rd Sunday.
Piney Grove.....	3	5	2	1	1	1	11	19	30	2	2nd Sunday.
Poplar Grove.....	12	1	2	2	5	1	50	92	142	12	3rd Sunday.
Rose Hill.....	7	1	1	1	1	1	5	29	34	3	4th Sunday.
Riley's Creek.....	7	2	2	3	2	1	71	129	200	4	3rd Sunday.
Salem.....	3	3	3	2	1	1	24	16	40	5	3rd Sunday.
Shiloh.....	13	18	4	1	1	1	18	41	59	3	3rd Sunday.
Siloam.....	1	2	2	2	2	1	14	28	42	2	4th Sunday.
Sharon.....	3	3	5	2	1	1	80	155	235	10	2nd & 4th Sundays.
Teachey.....	13	3	1	36	4	4	85	95	180	15	2nd Sunday.
Warsaw.....	3	19	1	13	5	8	137	273	410	50	Twice every Sunday.
Well's Chapel.....	1	2	2	1	1	1	36	42	78	3	4th Sunday.
Willard.....	4	11	1	1	1	1	40	68	108	10	2 times Sunday.
Brooklyn Branch of Wilmington Church.....	312	143	39	167	71	66	2090	3383	165489	217	

* Taken from last years Minutes.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL OBJECTS.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Church Expenses.	Ministerial Education.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions	Sunday Sch ^l Board.	Home and Indian Missions.	Other Objects.	Minute Fund.	From Ladies Missionary Societies.	Baptist Orphanage.	Total for All Objects.
Barlow's Chapel,.....												
Bethel,.....	112 50	20 00	5 00	10 00			1 85	2 00	1 50	10 00		152 85
Beulah,.....			2 50	5 00	5 00		2 76		1 50			17 76
Boykin's Chapel,.....	75 00		2 50	7 50	9 17		2 01		1 25		3 00	27 43
Berea,.....	48 00				1 00				1 89			58 89
Bear Branch,.....	40 00			1 00					50			41 50
Bethlehem,.....	84 00		2 00	3 00	5 00				1 25		11 95	127 20
Bear Marsh,.....	100 00		5 00	7 50	2 00				1 50		7 00	123 00
Burgaw,.....	150 00	67 07	2 50	5 00	2 50	2 23	2 50	5 00	1 50			187 55
Clinton,.....			5 00	5 00	10 00		5 00		1 50			26 50
Concord,.....	125 00		10 00	10 00	5 00				1 25			151 25
Corinth,.....			2 00	5 00	3 00				50			10 50
Colvin's Creek,.....	36 00	20 00		2 00					55			58 55
Caintuck Chapel,.....	72 00		2 00	2 00	5 00				1 00		5 00	87 00
Capernium,.....												
Caswell,.....	70 00	10 65	1 00	3 00	3 25				1 00			99 40
Dobson's Chapel,.....	50 00		2 00	3 00	3 00		2 00		80			60 80
Emma's Chapel,.....	60 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 20				50			76 70
Faison,.....				1 50					50			2 00
Hallsville,.....	75 00			2 54	5 00				1 00			84 55
Haw Bluff,.....	72 00	8 64		25	1 50		1 00		64		65	85 68
Island Creek,.....	100 00	3 60	2 50	7 50	3 68		2 00		2 25	6 32	2 50	129 76
Johnson's,.....	100 00		5 00	10 00	1 77		3 00		1 50	8 23		129 50
Kenansville,.....	100 00		1 93	10 00	10 00		5 00		1 50	3 48		131 91
Long Creek,.....	95 00		2 00	2 00	8 31				1 00			88 33
Lisbon,.....	150 00		10 00	10 00	5 75		4 00	11 00	1 00			191 75
Maple Hill,.....												
Mary's Chapel,.....			2 00	4 00			2 00		70			6 70
Masonboro,.....	100 00	40 00	2 50	5 00	1 50		2 00		2 00			153 00
Moore's Creek,.....	60 00		2 50	5 00	91		2 04		1 25			71 72
Mt. Gilead,.....	125 00		10 00	5 00	5 00		5 00		2 00			152 00
Mt. Olive,.....	240 00	35 00	10 00	10 00	10 00		3 00		1 00	14 85	5 00	314 00
Mt. Holly,.....	75 00			1 25	1 25				1 20			78 70
Mt. Holly,.....	100 00	12 00		1 50	1 50				2 00			117 00
Magnolia,.....	100 00			1 50	1 50				1 50	12 00		193 50
Magnolia,.....	125 00		5 00	20 00	25 00		5 00					
New Hope,.....									1 45			113 95
Olive Branch,.....				10 50	2 00				1 00			80 50
Piney Grove,.....	100 00		1 00	2 50			1 00		1 50		1 00	80 11
Poplar Grove,.....	75 00			3 25	2 00				1 50	3 16		137 18
Rose Hill,.....	65 86	7 50		5 00	2 52							
Riley's Creek,.....	125 00											
Salem,.....			2 82	1 00	5 05				1 00	5 56	3 14	142 57
Shiloh,.....	125 00								1 25			
Siloam,.....				2 59					50			45 07
Sharon,.....	42 00			2 59					50		2 40	267 40
Sharon,.....	50 00	200 00	5 00	5 00	2 50		2 00		50			542 50
Teachey,.....	300 00	35 00	10 00	20 00	15 00		5 00	156 00	1 50			257 15
Warsaw,.....	150 00	65 00	10 00	15 00	15 00		6 65	9 00	1 50			4342 25
Wells Chapel,.....	2500 00	676 24	50 00	156 00	100 00		25 00	358 00	4 00		10 00	4342 25
Wilmington,.....	125 00	25 00	2 50	5 00	5 00		2 50	10 00	80			175 80
Willard,.....												
Brooklyn Branch of Wilming- ton Church,.....	375 00	50 00			20 00							430 00
Total,	6512 36	1268 60	407 36	394 36	308 36	2 23	92 31	751 00	52 99	63 60	51 64	9905 81

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SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	Teachers and Officers.			
		Teachers.	No. of Pupils in Library.	Average Attendance.	No. Month during Year School Kept Open.
Barlow's Chapel.....					
Bethel.....	M. H. Oates.....	4	25	15	6
Beulah.....	L. D. Rogers.....	4	17	12	12
Boykin's Chapel.....	A. F. Robinson.....	4	30	20	9
Berea.....	Joseph Brooks.....	6	86	150	50
Bear Branch.....	W. R. Brinson, Jr.....	5	36	25	9
Bethlehem.....	W. C. Keith.....	5	35	100	20
Bear Marsh.....	R. J. Walker.....	7	35	55	12
Burgaw.....	J. T. Bland.....	5	60	24	48
Clinton.....	John Ashford.....	12	47	30	12
Concord.....					
Corinth.....					
Colvin's Creek.....	W. G. Harrell.....	6	30	25	12
Caintuck Chapel.....	D. J. Corbett.....	8	70	200	45
Capernium.....					
Caswell.....	J. G. Parker.....	12	62	40	12
Dobson's Chapel.....	W. H. Murray.....	4	50	35	12
Emma's Chapel.....	W. M. Barbee.....	12	70	45	12
Faison.....					
Hallsville.....					
Haw Bluff.....	W. F. Brown.....	2	35	30	8
Island Creek.....	C. Harrell.....	3	40	35	9
Johnson's.....	L. Middleton.....	6	60	40	9
Kenansville.....	A. D. Ward.....	6	25	26	12
Long Creek.....	J. H. Brinson.....	5	40	30	12
Lisbon.....	W. B. Lamb.....	4	50	40	16
Maple Hill.....					
Mary's Chapel.....	T. H. Rogers.....	5	25	15	12
Masonboro.....	Elijah Hewlett.....	7	40	60	30
Moore's Creek.....					
Mt. Gilead.....	B. Matthews, —two schools.....	10	92	60	12
Mt. Olive.....	J. F. Oliver.....	10	70	50	12
Mt. Holly.....	A. Carroll.....	7	51	36	12
Magnolia.....	Miss Mary Clute.....	7	65	45	12
New Hope.....	L. R. Carroll.....	5	50	40	12
Olive Branch.....					
Piney Grove.....	W. I. Lane.....	3	60	30	40
Poplar Grove.....	R. R. Bell.....	7	84	46	12
Rose Hill.....					
Riley's Creek.....	J. T. Larkins.....	5	25	15	12
Salem.....					
Shiloh.....	J. P. Stringfield.....	8	75	100	50
Siloam.....	J. F. Lewis.....	8	67	65	12
Sharon.....	Martha G. Sloan.....	4	55	40	9
Teachey.....	J. C. McMillan.....	5	40	100	25
Warsaw.....	S. M. Carlton.....	7	75	50	12
Well's Chapel.....	L. R. Highsmith.....	7	120	100	12
Wilmington.....	J. S. Mitchell.....	40	260	75	210
Willard.....	D. H. Brinkley.....	6	50	45	12
Brooklyn Branch of Wilmington-Ch'h.....	J. W. Taylor.....	14	75	75	12
Total.....		285	2276	1034	1553

PASTORS, CLERKS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.
Barlow Chapel.....	L. M. Curtis, Clinton.....	M. H. Oates, Taylor's Bridge.....
Bethel.....	J. L. Britt, Warsaw.....	F. J. Faison, Warsaw.....
Beulah.....	L. M. Curtis, Clinton.....	T. J. Blackburn, Ingold.....
Boykin's Chapel.....	W. A. Melvin, Harrells St.....	J. A. Southerland, Wallace.....
Berea.....	J. W. Smith, Byrdsville.....	W. R. Brinson, Pt. Caswell.....
Bear Branch.....	J. P. Faison, Harrells St.....	W. C. Keith, Keith.....
Bethlehem.....	J. B. Harrell, Mt. Olive.....	D. B. Brown, Mt. Olive.....
Bear Marsh.....	W. B. Pope, Warsaw.....	A. E. Taylor, Burgaw.....
Burgaw.....	J. L. Stewart, Clinton.....	H. F. Hines, Clinton.....
Clinton.....	R. C. Sandling, Harrells St.....	W. A. Moore, Magnolia.....
Concord.....	W. A. Melvin, Harrells St.....	I. J. Johnson, Rose Hill.....
Corinth.....	W. A. Melvin, Harrells St.....	McHorrell, Pt. Caswell.....
Colvin's Creek.....	J. B. Barlow, Wilmington.....	D. J. Corbett, Nat Moore.....
Caintuck Chapel.....		
Capernium.....	W. M. Kennedy, Warsaw.....	J. G. Parker, Point Caswell.....
Caswell.....	J. P. Faison, Harrells St.....	T. Kilpatrick, Hallsville.....
Dobson's Chapel.....	T. J. Baker, Tar Landing.....	G. M. Barker, Richlands.....
Emma's Chapel.....		J. W. Lane, Faison.....
Faison.....	W. M. Kennedy, Warsaw.....	J. D. Brown, Chinquepin.....
Hallsville.....	J. B. Downing, Kellys.....	L. C. Boswell, Colly.....
Haw Bluff.....	J. T. Albritton, Mt. Olive.....	J. M. Wallace, Wallace.....
Island Creek.....	E. D. Wells, Warsaw.....	L. Middleton, Warsaw.....
Johnson's.....	R. C. Sandling, Harrells St.....	D. J. Middleton, Warsaw.....
Kenansville.....	J. B. Barlow, Wilmington.....	W. D. Bordeaux, Long Creek.....
Long Creek.....	W. B. Pope, Warsaw.....	O. Blackburn, Ingold.....
Lisbon.....		
Maple Hill.....	G. S. Best, Kenansville.....	T. M. Southerland, Warsaw.....
Mary's Chapel.....	D. C. Kelly, Wilmington.....	B. S. Montford, Wilmington.....
Masonboro.....	W. M. Kennedy, Warsaw.....	C. P. Woodcock, Pt. Caswell.....
Moore's Creek.....	J. L. Stewart, Clinton.....	J. J. Vann, Clinton.....
Mt. Gilead.....	J. B. Harrell, Mt. Olive.....	W. T. Gresham, Mt. Olive.....
Mt. Olive.....	J. B. Barlow, Wilmington.....	Isaiah Carroll, So. Washington.....
Mt. Holly.....	W. M. Kennedy, Warsaw.....	Levi Moore, Warsaw.....
Magnolia.....	J. L. Stewart, Clinton.....	J. T. Kennedy, Warsaw.....
New Hope.....		
Olive Branch.....	J. L. Britt, Warsaw.....	G. W. Highsmith, Clinton.....
Piney Grove.....	J. L. Britt, Warsaw.....	W. D. Stevens, Faison.....
Poplar Grove.....	J. J. Baker, Tar Landing.....	Jas. H. Foyles, Tar Landing.....
Rose Hill.....	W. M. Kennedy, Warsaw.....	J. T. Larkins, Long Creek.....
Riley's Creek.....		J. D. Congleton, Sneads Ferry.....
Salem.....	L. M. Curtis, Clinton.....	J. P. Stringfield, Moores Creek.....
Shiloh.....	R. C. Sandling, Harrells St.....	R. A. Highsmith, Harrells St'e.....
Siloam.....	W. A. Melvin, Harrells St.....	W. D. Brock, Chinquepin.....
Sharon.....	R. C. Sandling, Harrells St.....	M. W. Teachey, Teachey's.....
Teachey.....	W. B. Pope, Warsaw.....	Jas. K. Smith, Warsaw.....
Warsaw.....	R. C. Sandling, Harrells St.....	L. D. Highsmith, Harrells St'e.....
Well's Chapel.....	T. H. Pritchard, D. D., Wil.....	J. W. Collins, Wilmington.....
Wilmington.....	R. C. Sandling, Harrells St.....	F. A. Fennell, Harrells Store.....
Willard.....		
Brooklyn Branch of Wilm'n Ch.....	G. M. Tolson, Wilmington.....	N. Jenkins, Wilmington.....

CHURCH COVENANT.

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour, and on the profession of our faith having been baptized in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we do now, in the presence of God, angels, and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Ghost, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry; the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements and exemplary in our deportment: to avoid all tattling, backbiting and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage; and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the Kingdom of our Saviour.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech: to be slow to take offense but always ready for reconciliation; and mindful of the rules of our Saviour, to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage, that when we remove from this place we will as soon as possible unite with some other church, where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant, and principals of God's word.

RULES OF ORDER

1. On the meeting of the Association, the Moderator of the preceding session shall preside until his successor is known. In case of his absence a chairman *pro tem* shall be elected.
2. Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises, to be conducted by whomsoever the presiding officer may name.
3. At each daily session, and previous to proceeding to business, the names of the delegates shall be called, and the proceedings of the previous daily session read.
4. The members shall observe towards the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes Christians.
5. Any member wishing to speak shall 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.

Motions seconded shall be defined by the presiding officer. A motion shall be withdrawn after discussion. A question is under discussion, except to adjourn, to amend, to postpone to a date, or to refer to a committee, which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated. A motion has been decided, and no member 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 vote.

CONSTITUTION OF THE EASTERN ASSOCIATION.

- ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the Eastern Association.
- ARTICLE 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.
- ARTICLE 3. This Association shall be composed of all ordained ministers members of churches of this body, and three delegates from each church, elected by the church in conference assembled.
- ARTICLE 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, communicating information relative to the state of the church: *Provided, however,* That when any church has prepared a letter and through inadvertance the letter fails to be presented, her delegates may be received without its presentation.
- ARTICLE 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 the members voting, and continue in office until their successors are elected.
- ARTICLE 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to enforce 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.
- ARTICLE 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.
- ARTICLE 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and disburse the same as ordered by the Association, and to prepare the Association an annual report of the condition of the churches.
- ARTICLE 9. The Association shall appoint an Executive Committee of seven members, who shall co-operate with the Superintendent of the Mission work within the bounds of the Association.

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and during the interval of the meetings of this body, take such steps as they may deem advisable for the advancement of the annual report of their work to the Association.

ARTICLE 10. The Association shall not maintain fellowship, and this shall be the privilege of the churches which shall preserve Gospel order.

ARTICLE 11. Any member may invite visiting and one another to the annual meeting, and to them the privileges of the that of voting.

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

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

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Reading Church Letters and Enrolling Delegates.
2. Election of Officers.
3. Call for Petitionary Letters.
4. Appointment of Committees.
5. Appointment of Corresponding Delegates.
6. Reports of Standing Committees.
7. Reports of other Committees.
8. Report of Trustees of Ministers' Relief Society.
9. Report of Treasurer.
10. Miscellaneous Business.
11. Incidental and Routine Motions shall be in order at any time.
12. Adjournment.

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