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## PROCEEDINGS.

POLLOKSVILLE, JONES COUNTY, N. C., October 7th, 1884.

The Eastern Baptist Association met in its fortieth annual session in the Pollokville church.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder C. A. Jenkins, from Phil. 3: 13, 14.

After sermon the Moderator, Elder J. L. Stewart, called the Association to order.

In the absence of the former Clerk, Elder J. L. Britt was appointed Clerk *pro tem*.

Religious exercises were conducted by Elder W. M. Kennedy.

List of churches was called and a majority found to be represented.

On motion, Finance Committee was appointed, consisting of J. S. Bizzell, F. M. Southerland and M. H. Oats.

F. W. Hancock and Elder C. A. Jenkins were appointed reading clerks.

Committee of Arrangements was appointed, consisting of Pastor and Deacons of this church and W. J. Montford and T. J. Jarman.

Letters from churches were read and delegates enrolled as follows:

ANTIOCH—R. D. Carroll.

BARLOW CHAPEL—James Andrews, D. F. Aman.

BEAR MARSH—R. J. Walker.

BETHEL—J. Fryar, M. H. Oats.

BEULAH—L. Britt.

CLINTON—J. L. Stewart.

CONCORD—J. C. Boon.

CORINTH—J. C. Williams, W. D. Wilkins.

EMMA'S CHAPEL—E. A. Best, E. H. Cox, F. D. Shaw.

ENON—W. J. Montford.

FALLING CREEK—W. H. Hood.

FORT BARNWELL—J. W. Biddle, John Humphrey.

GOLDSBORO—T. Whitfield, C. J. Nelson, J. D. Roberts.

HALLSVILLE—L. H. Sanderson.

ISLAND CREEK—E. Heldt, C. Harrell.

JOHNSON'S—D. S. Kennedy.

KENANSVILLE—D. J. Middleton, K. Bryan.

LONG CREEK—G. A. Herring.

MAPLE HILL—K. F. Powers.

MARY'S CHAPEL—F. M. Southerland, G. G. Best.

MASONBORO—F. A. Montgomery.

MOORE'S CREEK—H. S. Alderman.

MOREHEAD CITY—J. Utley, J. T. Eaton, Charles Davis.

MT. CALVARY—J. T. Albritton.

MT. GILEAD—B. Matthis, A. C. Peterson, I. W. Powell.

MT. OLIVE—Whitman Price, W. B. Oliver.

NEWBERN—T. J. Mitchell, F. W. Hancock.

NEW HOPE—C. E. Dannel.

OLIVE BRANCH—J. B. Barlow.

PINY GROVE (Onslow)—W. Connie, W. E. Morton.

POLLOKSVILLE—Charles Wittie, T. A. Bell.

ROSE HILL—T. J. Jarman.

SALEM—D. R. Cannady.  
 SNOW HILL—W. B. Knight.  
 UNION—T. A. Rouse, P. Spence.  
 WARSAW—W. M. Kennady, A. M. Faison.  
 WELLS' CHAPEL—L. R. Highsmith, D. W. Bland, R. A. Highsmith.  
 WILMINGTON—T. H. Pritchard, J. R. Marshal.  
 DAVIS SHORE—O. F. Davis, C. B. Paul.  
 KINSTON—S. E. Loftin, J. M. Wooten, A. J. Hires.  
 LAGRANGE—J. P. Joyner, J. S. Bizzell.  
 BEAUFORT—W. T. Jones.  
 BOYKIN'S—A. F. Robinson, H. Boykin.  
 PINY GROVE (Jones)—B. F. Dillahunt, R. R. Andrews, C. M. Pollok.  
 YOUNG BETHEL—T. J. Leary, W. F. Simpson, T. M. Leary.  
 PINY GROVE (Sampson)—O. M. Matthis.  
 WILLARD—F. A. Fennell.

The following churches were represented by letter: Berea, Smyrna, Bethlehem, Bear Branch, Woodville, Shiloh, Mt. Holly, Magnolia, Poplar Grove, Burgaw, Haw Bluff, Riley's Creek, Colvin's Creek, Dobson's Chapel, Lisbon, Canetuck Chapel.

The following churches were not represented: Capernaum, Tremont, Middle Sound, Myrtle Grove, Peniel, Trenton, Union Chapel.

The letters from Barlow Chapel and Rose Hill were referred to the Executive Committee.

Letters from Berea, Mt. Olive, Wells' Chapel and Mt. Gilead were laid on the table.

Reading of church letters and enrolling of delegates being completed, the body proceeded with the next order of business, which was the election of officers.

The following brethren were appointed tellers: To take the ballot for Moderator—L. R. Highsmith and Dr. J. D. Roberts. For Clerk—J. W. Biddle and C. E. Dannel. For Treasurer—F. A. Fennell and A. F. Robinson.

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

Petitioning letters were called for. Letters from Bear Branch, Willard and Burgaw were presented and read, asking for admission into this body.

On motion, these letters were referred to a committee consisting of Elders T. H. Pritchard, W. M. Kennedy and J. B. Barlow.

Moderator announced the following committees:

*Foreign Missions*—Elder T. Whitfield, J. M. Wooten and G. A. Herring.  
*State and Home Missions*—Elders T. H. Pritchard, W. T. Jones and R. Carroll.

*Education*—D. S. Kennedy, J. T. Joyner and Elder W. B. Oliver.

*Periodicals*—Elders A. J. Hires, R. C. Sandling and D. R. Cannady.

*Sunday Schools*—Elder C. A. Jenkins, Giles Clute and Dr. J. D. Roberts.

*Temperance*—Elders J. T. Albritton, C. J. Nelson and J. W. Biddle.

*Requests*—Elders T. Whitfield, W. B. Knight and E. A. Best.

*Obituaries*—Elders R. C. Sandling, J. B. Barlow and O. M. Matthis.

Committee of Arrangements reported as follows:

Preaching to-night at 7½ o'clock, by Dr. T. Whitfield; prayer meeting tomorrow at 9 o'clock conducted by Elder A. J. Hires. Association convene at 9½ o'clock; Missionary Sermon at 11 o'clock by Elder R. C. Sandling; preaching at 4 o'clock p. m., by Elder W. B. Oliver; preaching at 7½ o'clock p. m., by Dr. T. H. Pritchard.

On motion, adjourned. Prayer by Dr. Pritchard. Benediction by Moderator.

## SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, October 8th, 1884.

Prayer meeting conducted by Elder A. J. Hires.

Moderator called the Association to order at 9½ o'clock.

Roll of delegates was called.

Proceedings of yesterday read and approved.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats. Bro. Giles Clute announced himself as messenger from South River Association; Elder W. M. Kennedy announced himself as representative of the BIBLICAL RECORDER; Dr. Pritchard announced himself as representative of Wake Forest College.

The regular order was suspended to hear the report of committee to whom was referred petitionary letters:

## REPORT ON PETITIONARY LETTERS.

The committee appointed on petitionary letters beg leave to report, that they find on examination that the churches at Burgaw, Willard's and Bear Branch have been regularly constituted, and therefore recommend their reception as constituent members of this body.

T. H. PRITCHARD,  
 W. M. KENNEDY,  
 J. B. BARLOW,  
 Committee.

The report was adopted, and the Moderator extended the right hand of fellowship to delegates present from the above named churches.

On motion, any brother attending any sister Association was authorized to represent this body.

Reports of Standing Committees were called for.

Executive Committee reported.

Pending the motion to adopt, remarks were made by Elders W. M. Kennedy, J. T. Albritton and T. H. Pritchard.

On motion, the report was laid on the table.

That part of the report which had reference to the support of Bro. R. T. Bryan, was referred to a committee consisting of Elders T. H. Pritchard, T. Whitfield, J. T. Albritton, W. M. Kennedy, T. J. Leary and brethren W. J. Montford and D. J. Middleton.

Rules of Order suspended to appoint a committee to revise the Constitution and Rules of Order. Committee—Elders W. M. Kennedy, C. J. Nelson and G. G. Best.

The committee on State and Home Missions reported. Report adopted after remarks by W. H. Ernul.

## REPORT ON STATE AND HOME MISSIONS.

The committee on State and Home Missions would report: That there are many destitute fields in the State whose wants have not, and, in the nature of things, cannot be supplied by the limited resources of the district Associations. It is the province of the State Mission Board to provide such sections with the preaching of the gospel.

As in the State, so in the extended area of the Southern States, there are some neglected parts of the old States that need help, while there is an imperative demand made upon the now favored sections to send the Gospel to the newly settled States of the Southwest and also to the thousands of Indians who have been placed by a wise Providence in our country.

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, located in Atlanta, Ga., is laboring with wisdom and energy to meet the many demands of this great field.

This Board has also created a Church Building Department, which proposes

to aid feeble churches in erecting houses of worship by lending them money on favorable conditions.

In the judgment of your committee, both the State Board and that of the General Convention should have the sympathy and support of this Association. Your committee would therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That the spirit of missions is the spirit of Christ, and that a Christian church may expect to fulfill the ends of its creation only as it illustrates this spirit in its life.

*Resolved*, That our pastors be requested to preach at least one sermon on the subject of missions during the year, and urge the churches to contribute to both State and Home Missions.

T. H. PRITCHARD,  
W. T. JONES,  
R. D. CARROLL,  
Committee.

Committee on Periodicals reported. Remarks by Dr. Pritchard. Adopted.

#### REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Whereas, Christian and church efficiency must depend largely upon the intelligence of the membership in regard to the religious needs of the world in home and foreign fields, and the state of the work being prosecuted by our various denominational boards; and whereas, we are richly blessed with religious newspapers giving just the information we need; therefore,

*Resolved*, That the pastors be urged to press the necessity of a good religious newspaper in every family in every church in this Association, and that each church be requested to appoint a committee to canvass their congregation in this behalf.

*And further resolved*, That we recommend the BIBLICAL RECORDER as the religious newspaper for North Carolina Baptists. Your committee would also respectfully suggest that our Sunday Schools should obtain their lesson helps from the American Baptist Publication Society or other undoubted Baptist Publishers.

A. J. HIRES,  
R. C. SANDLING,  
C. A. JENKINS,  
Committee.

Association adjourned to hear Missionary Sermon, which was preached by Elder R. C. Sandling. Text, Matt. 28:19. At close of sermon a collection was taken for Foreign Missions. Amount of collection, \$16.07.

Moderator called the Association to order.

The letters from Mt. Gilead and Boykin's Chapel were referred to a committee consisting of Elders A. J. Hires, C. A. Jenkins and W. T. Jones.

On motion, Elders T. H. Pritchard, T. Whitfield and J. L. Stewart were added to the committee.

Committee on Foreign Missions reported. Remarks by Dr. Whitfield. By motion of Elder A. J. Hires, Dr. Whitfield was requested to lead the Association in prayer for Brother E. F. Baldwin, who sails to-day for a foreign field. Adopted.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your committee on Foreign Missions beg leave to report. This is the work which our Lord enjoined upon us by the great commission. There are still 900,000,000 of people to whom it is our solemn duty to send the gospel. Two brethren have been called of God from our midst to preach the gospel to them. Brethren Herring and Bryan are the voice of God arousing us to "go into all

the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Our Foreign Mission force has been greatly increased. The Board has now under appointment 45 foreign missionaries and 43 natives, making a working force of 88. Of these 10 are to sail this month for their respective fields. Certainly we should increase our contributions. The Board at Richmond calls on us to do so. More than \$80,000 was received by that Board last year, but they must have \$100,000 this year.

What have we done! The contributions for Foreign Missions were from 34 churches and amount to \$277.15. This is an increase upon that received last year. But it is to be regretted that 22 churches have reported nothing, and some of these are our stronger ones; therefore,

*Resolved*, 1st. That every church of this Association is urged to make at least one collection for Foreign Missions during the year.

2nd. That as the Foreign Mission Board has called upon North Carolina Baptists for \$8,000 this year, this Association will endeavor to raise its proportion of that amount.

T. WHITFIELD,  
J. M. WOOTEN,  
G. A. HERRING,  
Committee.

Adjourned to 2:30 o'clock.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Moderator called the Association to order. Prayer by Brother G. Clute.

Dr. Pritchard announced that he had on hand a number of copies of the *Foreign Mission Journal* which he wished to distribute among the brethren.

Report of committee on Education was read and made special order for tomorrow at 10 o'clock.

The committee on Requests reported as follows:

Your committee on Requests would respectfully report: The following churches have requested through their letters or delegates letters of dismission for the purpose of organizing a new Association, viz: Antioch, Bear Marsh, Beaufort, Davis Shore, Enon, Falling Creek, Fort Barnwell, Goldsboro, Kinston, LaGrange, Morehead City, Mt. Calvary, Newbern, Piny Grove, (Onslow), Piny Grove (Jones), Pollokville, Snow Hill, Smyrna, Union, Woodville, Young Bethel. We recommend that their request be granted.

T. WHITFIELD,  
W. B. KNIGHT,  
E. A. BEST,  
Committee.

The report was adopted.

Mt. Olive was chosen as the place of next meeting.

The committee to nominate Preachers for next session reported as follows: Introductory Sermon, Elder W. M. Kennedy; alternate, Elder J. L. Britt. Missionary Sermon, Elder T. H. Pritchard; alternate, Elder J. L. Stewart.

The committee on Temperance reported. Adopted.

#### REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee respectfully report that the general discussion of this great moral question during the past several years by the press, the church and other organizations, has resulted in a better understanding on the part of our people of the Bible teachings on the subject, and of our duties and obligations with respect to it.

The time was that not only the moderate use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, but also their manufacture and sale, were considered by many good people no breach of the divine law and no barrier to Christian fellowship. That time, we are glad to say, has passed away; our people are better informed.

The fearful and growing evils of intemperance that corrupt us throughout our land, and the agitation of the temperance question outside the church have led or driven Christians to a more thorough and conscientious study of those portions of God's word that bear upon the temperance question. Hence, the general Christian sentiment of to-day is that Bible temperance is the moderate use of what is lawful, and total abstinence from what is hurtful.

If it be asked, "Is the use of intoxicating liquors, as a beverage hurtful?" the Bible emphatically answers: "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." Prov. 20: 1. "Who hath woe? Who hath sorrow? Who hath contentions? Who hath babbling? Who hath wounds without cause? Who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine: they that go to seek mixed wine." Prov. 23: 29, 30. Or if it be asked, "Is it wrong to visit bar-rooms, or drink intoxicating liquors as a beverage?" the Bible gives an emphatic affirmative answer, "Be not among winebibbers." Prov. 23: 20. "Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth its color in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At the last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder." Prov. 23: 31, 32.

The fearful growth and increasingly destructive power of the liquor traffic, the welfare of the youth of our country, the purity and efficiency of the churches, all demand that we stand fairly and squarely upon the Bible platform of temperance.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN T. ALBRITTON,  
C. J. NELSON,  
J. W. BIDDLE,  
Committee.

Finance Committee reported. (See Table.)

Finance Committee was ordered to pay over all moneys to Treasurer of the Association.

Committee to nominate Executive Committee reported. (See second page.) Report of the Board of Trustees of Warsaw High School was read and made special order for to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

Bro. R. J. Walker was given final leave of absence. Committee of Arrangements reported as follows:

Prayer-meeting to-morrow at 9 o'clock a. m., conducted by Eld. T. J. Leary. Association convened at 9½ o'clock. Preaching at 10 o'clock by Elder W. T. Jones.

Committee to revise list of Trustees of Warsaw High School reported. (See second page.)

On motion, the Treasurer was authorized to pay over the several amounts of money in his hands, to the persons to whom they are due.

Adjourned with benediction.

### THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

October 9th, 1884.

Prayer-meeting conducted by Elder T. J. Leary.

Association called to order by the Moderator.

Roll called. Proceedings of yesterday read and approved.

Committee to nominate delegates to Baptist State Convention reported. The report was amended and any brother attending the Convention from within our bounds was authorized to represent us.

The special order having arrived, the report on Education was taken up. Elders C. A. Jenkins and T. H. Pritchard addressed the body upon the subject of Education.

Pending the motion to adopt, list of churches was called and the following

pledges made for Ministerial Education: Bethel, \$5.00; Beulah, \$5.00; Boykin's Chapel, \$5.00; Clinton, \$10.00; Concord, \$5.00; Corinth, \$5.00; Island Creek, \$5.00; Johnson's, \$10.00; Kenansville, \$5.00; Long Creek, \$2.00; Maple Hill, \$3.00; Mary's Chapel, \$5.00; Moore's Creek, \$5.00; Mt. Gilead, \$10.00; Mt. Olive, \$10.00; New Hope, \$5.00; Olive Branch, \$1.00, paid; Piny Grove (Sampson), \$5.00; Riley's Creek, \$5.00; Shiloh, \$5.00; Warsaw, \$10.00; Wells' Chapel, \$10.00; Wilmington, \$75.00; Willard, \$5.00. Total, \$221.00.

### REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your committee on Education respectfully report that this subject is taking great hold upon the minds of our people, and our condition in this respect is more favorable than at any previous period in our history. The various institutions of learning are, so far as we can learn, well patronized, and we refer with great pleasure to the stand taken by Wake Forest College. We learn that there are quite a number of young ministers there seeking an education; and as by means of an education they are better prepared for the great work of our Master; as, too, the membership at large are advancing in intelligence, and the pulpit should be superior to the pew—we would earnestly urge upon the churches the great importance of sustaining these brethren in their efforts. With pleasure we note the success of Bro. Taylor in securing the first installment of one hundred thousand dollars of the Endowment.

As is Wake Forest to our young men, such is the Chowan Baptist Female Institute for our young ladies. The work done by this excellent school is substantial and thorough. We confidently recommend it for the patronage of our people. We cheerfully indorse and recommend to our brethren our Associational school at Warsaw.

Not only are finishing schools and colleges of high grade necessary—we must have a substantial basis, which can be laid only in the preparatory and academic schools. Our schools are doing an essential work, and one that we cannot entrust to our Pedobaptist friends.

May the great source of all knowledge advance our people in wisdom and information.

DAVID S. KENNEDY,  
WILL. B. OLIVER,  
JOHN P. JOYNER,  
Committee.

### REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF WARSAW HIGH SCHOOL.

We have a cheering report to make of the condition of our school at Warsaw. At the last session of the Association it was stated that our school building was sadly in need of repairs; but it affords us pleasure to report that under the skillful management of the efficient Principals, a neat new fence has been placed around the grounds, the main building repaired and repainted, which, with many other changes and improvements, give a decidedly attractive appearance.

During the past year the progress has been marked and gratifying.

The catalogue for the year shows an enrollment of 125 pupils from every section of Eastern Carolina. Three young men preparing themselves for the ministry have received instruction at this school. The prospects of the school for the present year are truly encouraging.

The Principals tell us that the buildings are not sufficient to meet the demands of the patronage, and we would urge upon the Association the necessity of meeting the demands of our school. The corps of instructors remains the same as last year, and we note with pleasure that the teachers have given universal satisfaction in their work.

The rental has been applied to raising the indebtedness of the institution.

We, the Trustees, have given to the Principals an increase of lease for five years. And they now hold a lease for ten years.

Instruction is given in all the branches taught in a first class school; the charges are reasonable, and we take pleasure in recommending the school as one worthy of patronage.

L. R. CARROLL,  
Chairman of Board of Trustees.

The committee to whom was referred that part of the report of the Executive committee which has reference to the support of Bro. R. T. Bryan, reported. Pending the adoption of the report, remarks were made by Elders T. H. Pritchard, J. T. Albritton, W. B. Oliver and brethren F. W. Hancock, J. S. Bizzell and Dr. J. D. Roberts.

List of churches was called and the following pledges made for Foreign Missions:

Bethel, \$5; Beulah, \$5; Boykin's Chapel, \$5; Clinton, \$10; Concord, \$2.50; Corinth, \$2; Dobson's Chapel, \$10; Mary's Chapel, \$5; Island Creek, \$5; Johnson's \$12.50; Kenansville, \$15; Maple Hill, \$2; Masonboro, \$2; Moore's Creek, \$5; Mt. Gilead, \$5; Mt. Olive, \$25; New Hope, \$10; Olive Branch, \$2; Piny Grove (Sampson), \$5; Riley's Creek, \$5; T. J. Jarman, \$2; Warsaw, \$20; Well's Chapel, \$15; Wilmington, \$100; Willard, \$5. Total, \$282.50.

### REPORT.

Recognizing the call to increased liberality in behalf of the cause of Foreign Missions, in the that fact God has chosen two of our young men to be missionaries in China, your committee would earnestly recommend to the churches of the Eastern, and proposed new Association, the raising of six hundred dollars this year for this cause, one-half the salary of a missionary.

Your committee would further express the hope that, by a more general diffusion of an active missionary spirit among the churches, and the multiplication of female missionary societies, we may be able next year to raise the full support of a foreign missionary, when Bro. Bryan shall have been accepted by the Board of Foreign Missions and gone to his chosen field of labor.

Respectfully submitted,

T. H. PRITCHARD,  
J. T. ALBRITTON,  
W. M. KENNEDY,  
D. J. MIDDLETON,  
THEO. WHITFIELD,  
W. J. MONTFORD,  
T. J. LEARY,  
Committee.

A motion was made that the pastors or some other brethren be requested to explain this Foreign Mission work to their respective churches immediately. Remarks by D. S. Kennedy, Elders J. T. Albritton and T. Whitfield. Motion prevailed.

On motion, the report of the Executive Committee was taken from the table. Remarks by Elder W. M. Kennedy.

List of churches was called, and the following pledges made for Associational Missions:

Barlow Chapel, \$3; Bethlehem, \$10; Beulah, \$2; Clinton, \$10; Concord, \$2; Corinth, \$5; Island Creek, \$5; Johnson's, \$2.50; Kenansville, \$5; Lisbon, \$10; Long Creek, \$3; Mary's Chapel, \$10; Masonboro, \$2; Moore's Creek, \$5; Mt. Gilead, \$5; Mt. Holly, \$10; Mt. Olive, \$10; New Hope, \$10; Piny Grove (Sampson), \$10; Riley's Creek, \$10; Salem, \$5; Shiloh, \$8; Warsaw, \$10; Wilmington, \$30; Well's Chapel, \$10. Total, \$202.50.

### REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

DEAR BRETHREN: Through the mercy of God we are permitted to present this our annual report of our labors for the year now closing.

#### MISSIONARIES EMPLOYED.

We have had in our employment, for the whole or a part of their time, the following brethren, viz: W. B. Knight, T. J. Leary, C. S. Cashwell, W. T. Jones and R. T. Bryan.

#### THE WORK DONE.

Rev. W. B. Knight has labored at Snow Hill, Antioch and other points in Greene and Pitt counties. Sermons preached 80, visited many families and organized several Sabbath-schools, and done considerable work on meeting houses.

Rev. T. J. Leary has preached 113 sermons, baptized 24 and done a good work in the Sunday-school cause. He has reorganized one church and done something in the way of building new houses of worship. His labors have been greatly blessed.

Rev. C. S. Cashwell has preached 155 sermons, baptized 29, and several have been restored. He has done a good work and the Lord has greatly blessed his labors. He has collected on his field about \$450.

Rev. R. T. Bryan has labored four months at different points within the Association. He has preached 136 sermons, baptisms reported 180, collected on the field \$348.15. His labors have been greatly blessed in the conversion of souls and in the awakening of the churches to their duty in the cause of Foreign Missions. We earnestly recommend to this body to adopt Brother Bryan as its missionary to China.

Rev. W. T. Jones has labored at Beaufort and Morehead City. Sermons preached 72, baptisms 46; Sunday-schools at both points in good condition. He has done some work at other points with marked success.

Dear Brethren: In the language of our annual report for last year, "we lay before you a report of our year's labors in the hope that it may meet your approval. We may have made mistakes, but we have done the best we could under the circumstances."

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. KENNEDY, Chairman.

The committee to whom was referred queries contained in the letter from Mt. Gilead reported. The matter was discussed by quite a number of the brethren. The following was adopted: As to the 1st—"Has a regular organized Baptist church the right to disband and to reorganize without calling a Presbytery?" we recommend this answer: A church should not disband in order to secure the ends for which discipline was instituted. In case of reorganization, the church reorganized is a new body. Furthermore, such important changes should not be attempted without the advice of sister churches where that can be had.

As to the 2nd—"Would a letter granted from a church thus disbanded and reorganized be valid?" we recommend this answer: It might be valid.

T. H. PRITCHARD, Chairman of Committee.

Committee on Obituaries reported. Adopted.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES.

Deacon Lewis Highsmith, a member of the church at Well's Chapel, Sampson county, died at his residence on the 27th of May, 1884, in the 81st year of his age. Very few men with similar advantages for education and early training have been honored more in the various callings of men in a long and eventful

life than was the subject of this notice. By dint of industry, energy and perseverance, he prepared himself to be one of the most useful members of society, both in civil and religious matters. He was, in the common acceptance of the phrase, a self-made man. He was for a long time a member of the Executive Board of our Association, which office he honored and dignified by his efficient services, holding it till his health failed. He was a firm pillar and a strong stake among the Baptists at home and abroad. Having had very poor educational advantages, he could sympathize with all such, and, therefore, he contributed of his means liberally to our educational enterprises.

It is to be hoped that the father's mantle has been bestowed by Divine Providence upon his only son, who is now a member of the same Board. May he in proportion to the better means which he has enjoyed become still more serviceable to the church and the world. We trust Brother Highsmith has left a name worthy to be remembered and a life which should be imitated by us all. We hope our Heavenly Father has called him to a rich reward in heaven. He left three surviving children, one son and two daughters, and an aged widow, the stepmother of his children. May the rich blessings of our God be meted out to them in their lives and in their deaths.

Brother Bennett Brewer, a member of Piny Grove church, Sampson county, died at his residence on the 8th of January, 1884, aged about 45 or 50. We have lost by his death one of our most exemplary members, a good Christian worker, and one whose heart seemed to be thoroughly imbued with the spirit of Christianity. The characteristics of the good man were as fully developed in him as we have ever seen them in the life of any one with whom we have been acquainted. He was a kind and affectionate husband, a fond and indulgent father and a most obliging neighbor. He left a very interesting family—a widow and seven children,—his only daughter, sick at his death, survived him but a few weeks. We feel that our loss is his eternal gain. May the Lord bless his family and be unto them a father to the fatherless and a husband to the widow.

Deacon John Vann, a member of Mt. Gilead church, died at his home in Sampson county in last June, in the 83rd or 84th year of his age. His usefulness was confined mostly to the church in his community. Perhaps his greatest work has been the education and religious training of a large family of children, all of whom have attached themselves to the Baptist churches and are among the most useful in the churches. May the Lord be very gracious to his aged widow, being a husband to her and a father to his children.

Deacon John Carlton, a member of the church at Johnson's, died at his residence in Duplin county, in June last, about 65 years of age. Brother Carlton was a man of modest and unaffected deportment. Industrious, energetic and persevering he succeeded in accumulating a considerable fortune, with which he was enabled to do much good for the cause of education and religion. His life has been blessed, as we believe, by his having brought up his children in the fear and admonition of the Lord, his sons and daughters both being among the most active and efficient workers in the church and Sunday-school. May the Lord comfort and console his widow, the stepmother of his children, and prepare her for the events in His providence.

R. C. SANDING,  
J. B. BARLOW,  
O. M. MATTHIS,  
Committee.

Finance Committee reported. Adopted.

## REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Your committee on Finance beg leave to make the following report:	
We have received for Ministerial Education.....	\$ 65 70
" " " State Missions.....	29 75
" " " Foreign Missions.....	133 16
" " " Associational Missions.....	364 43
" " " Indian Missions.....	8 70
" " " Sunday School Board.....	4 35
" " " Morehead City Church.....	7 00
" " " Oxford Orphan Asylum.....	1 00
" " " Bro. D. W. Herring.....	5 00
" " " Minute Fund.....	72 87
Total.....	\$691 96

J. S. BIZZELL,  
M. H. OATES,  
F. M. SOUTHERLAND,  
Committee.

Treasurer of Association reported as follows:

A. M. FAISON, in account with the Eastern Association:

Dr.	
Amount received from Finance Committee.....	\$600 22
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Paid D. J. Middleton, Treasurer Executive Committee.....	\$300 12
" B. F. Montague, Treasurer B. S. C.....	100 00
" L. T. Carroll, Clerk.....	75 00
Overpaid last year.....	2 24
	\$477 36
On hand October 8, 1884.....	122 86
	\$600 22

Examined and found correct.

F. W. HANCOCK,  
L. R. HIGHSMITH,  
J. M. WOOTEN,  
Auditing Committee.

Committee on Sunday Schools reported.

Pending the motion to adopt, remarks were made by Dr. J. W. Roberts, F. W. Hancock and R. D. Carroll.

## REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your committee on Sunday Schools are gratified to report an increased interest among the churches in Sunday school work. From the church letters we gather that of the fifty-seven churches reporting at this session of the Association, forty-one reports Sunday schools with three hundred and forty-four officers and teachers and thirty-three hundred and sixty-seven scholars, an increase of nine schools, sixty-nine officers and teachers and four hundred and fifty-one scholars. Of the Sunday schools about half report being kept open the whole year.

We regret to see that many of our largest churches and churches of influence in towns and communities have no Sunday school. This is to be regretted.

Your committee is satisfied that a well conducted Sabbath school is an auxiliary to church work and the extension of the gospel that should not be neglected.

We would urge upon all the churches that have no Sunday school, the necessity of organizing one immediately. We know of no better means of dissemina-

ting Baptist doctrine, than in a well conducted Baptist Sunday school using the Baptist Bible lessons as published by the American Baptist Publication Society. We would deprecate the use in Baptist Sunday schools of non-Baptist books. One of the great needs of Sunday schools is an increase of interest among the older church members. Let our older members take hold of this work as teacher and scholars, and we will find a still greater increase in the work.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. JENKINS,  
GILES CLUTE,  
J. D. ROBERTS,  
Committee.

D. J. MIDDLETON, Treasurer Executive Committee, in account with Eastern Association, Dr.

To amount on hand from old account.....	\$ 30 28
Shiloh .....	11 43
Whitman Price.....	2 00
D. J. Moore.....	50
Collection at Union Meeting at Warsaw.....	13 21
Kenansville.....	91
Antioch.....	5 00
Riley's Creek for Bro. W. T. Jones .....	5 00
Collection, Union Meeting at Kinston.....	10 92
Rev. Theo. Whitfield.....	1 00
Collection, Union Meeting at Mary's Chapel.....	13 70
Falling Creek for Bro. W. T. Jones .....	3 60
Collection, Union Meeting at Bear Marsh.....	13 15
1st Baptist Church, Wilmington.....	13 28
From Treasurer of Association at present session .....	364 43
	<hr/> \$488 41

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By amount paid Elder W. B. Knight.....	\$100 00
" " " C. S. Cashwell .....	100 00
" " " T. J. Leary.....	100 00
" " " W. T. Jones.....	187 50

\$487 50

Balance on hand..... 91

October 9, 1884. 

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\$488 41

Examined and found correct.

F. W. HANCOCK,  
L. R. HIGHSMITH,  
J. M. WOOTEN,  
Auditing Committee.

On motion, letter from Salem was referred to Executive Committee.

Elder A. J. Hires offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Bible is pre-eminently the authority of Baptist faith and practice; the solid rock of truth on which alone we can safely build; the unfailing ground of our standing protest against all popish substitution and mere tradition, and the best of all books that the world contains; and whereas, the Bible Department of the American Baptist Publication Society is now the only Bible Society in America through which we can honorably work in the distribution of God's word in this land; and whereas, there is much destitution reported by our missionaries and colporteurs; therefore,

*Resolved*, That we advise the churches of the Association to make an annual collection for this work, sending it to Rev. C. C. Bitting, Bible Secretary, 1420 Chestnut street, Philadelphia.

After remarks by Elders T. H. Pritchard and A. J. Hires, the resolution passed.

Dr. J. D. Robets offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That we extend the thanks of this body to the citizens of Pollockville and surrounding country for their hospitality; and to the different railroads and steamboat companies for reduced fare extended to the members of this body; also to the Methodist denomination for the tender of their house of worship for our use during the session.

Bro. F. W. Hancock offered the following, which passed:

*Resolved*, That we heartily endorse the movement now on foot among our brethren in the State to establish an Orphan Home for the orphans of our denomination.

Dr. T. H. Pritchard offered the following, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, It has seemed expedient to a number of churches heretofore constituent members of this body to go out from us in order to organize a new Association, therefore,

*Resolved*, That we dismiss these churches with a hearty approval of the end they have in view: that we will follow them with our sympathies and prayers; will aid them to the extent of our ability in their missionary work, and will take pleasure in keeping up a regular correspondence with them.

On motion, the Clerk was allowed \$15 for his services, and was ordered to have 1,500 copies of the Minutes printed.

The Association then adjourned to meet at Mount Olive, Tuesday after the first Sunday in October, 1885.

Appropriate closing services were conducted by Elder W. M. Kennedy and benediction pronounced.

J. L. STEWART,  
MODERATOR.

J. L. BRITT,  
Clerk.

#### FOR NEXT ASSOCIATION.

Place of Meeting—Mt. Olive, Wayne county, N. C.  
Time—Tuesday after first Sunday in October, 1885.  
Introductory Sermon—Elder W. M. Kennedy.  
Alternate—Elder J. L. Britt.  
Missionary Sermon—Elder T. H. Pritchard.  
Alternate—Elder J. L. Stewart.

# CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL OBJECTS.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Church Expenses.	Ministerial Education.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Associat'l Missions.	Sunday School Board.	Home and Indian Missions.	Other Objects.	Minute Fund.	Total for all Objects.
Antioch	\$75 00										
Barlow Chapel	25 00	3 00		\$1 75		\$5 00				\$1 00	\$82 75
Bear Marsh	125 00					2 00				50	30 50
Beaufort			5 00			3 00				2 00	135 00
Berea	70 00				5 00	9 00					14 00
Bethel	100 00	25 00	7 00		3 50	3 00				65	77 24
Bethlehem	75 00		5 00	2 00	7 00				43 35	2 50	184 85
Beulah					5 00	2 00				1 50	90 50
Boykin's Chapel	75 00		5 00			11 22				75	11 97
Bear Branch						5 00				2 00	87 00
Burgaw									1 00	50	1 50
Caintuck	60 00		2 00	10 00							
Concord	125 00		4 50			23 00	2 00	3 00		1 00	81 35
Colvin's Creek	50 00	20 00				1 25			35	1 50	155 00
Clinton	125 00	100 00	5 00		5 00	1 25			1 00	50	73 00
Corinth	100 00				2 00	10 00				1 50	240 50
Dobson's Chapel	100 00				8 89	5 20					
Emma's Chapel	100 00				5 00					75	114 84
Enon	120 00				2 50	10 00				1 30	106 30
Falling Creek	100 00	45 79		5 00	2 50	7 50			5 00	1 00	138 50
Fort Barnwell	125 00							5 65	6 00	1 25	173 69
Goldsboro'	900 00	210 00	9 50	10 00	49 25	17 25		2 65	191 20	3 00	1,392 85
Hallsville	105 00					3 00				1 62	109 62
Haw Bluff	72 00					5 00				65	77 65
Island Creek	100 00	25		1 00	11 00	10 00				1 00	148 00
Johnson's	125 00		9 60	3 00	5 00	15 00		3 50		75	159 85
Kinston	450 00	75 00	6 45	6 85	7 40			8 70	9 88	2 50	566 78
Kenansville	50 00		5 00			5 00				1 00	61 91
Lisbon	125 00				91	10 00				75	135 75

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Long Creek			2 00		2 00	3 00		3 05		1 25	11 30
Magnolia	50 00					10 00				2 00	62 00
Maple Hill	60 00				1 00	1 00				1 00	63 00
LaGrange	125 00					15 10				1 50	141 60
Mary's Chapel					5 00	10 00				1 00	16 00
Masonboro'	100 00	30 00			2 00	2 00	1 00			2 00	137 00
Moore's Creek	100 00	4 50			2 32	5 00		15 00		1 50	128 32
Morehead City	125 00				2 50	5 57	1 00			1 50	135 57
Mt. Calvary			5 75		8 50	7 25				50	22 25
Mt. Gilead	125 00					17 25				1 50	141 50
Mt. Holly					2 63	10 00				1 25	13 88
Mt. Olive	250 00	100 00	10 00	6 00						1 50	367 50
Newbern	800 00	237 41	10 00	34 76	50 00	10 00	9 77	10 00	60 57	3 00	1,200 50
New Hope	150 00				15 00	20 00	6 10		30 15	1 50	222 75
Piny Grove (Jones)						5 00					
Piny Grove (Onslow)	50 00									1 00	51 00
Piny Grove (Sampson)	150 00		3 00		4 42	10 00				55	167 97
Polloksville			2 00		3 00	3 00					8 00
Poplar Grove	75 00	10 00		4 90						75	90 65
Riley's Creek	125 00				23 26	18 00		1 00		1 50	163 76
Rose Hill					60					1 00	1 60
Salem	24 75	5 00								50	30 25
Shiloh		17 39	2 00		4 50	4 50		4 00	36 21	1 00	69 60
Smyrna										1 00	1 00
Snow Hill	30 00	90 00				2 00				1 00	123 00
Union	100 00	30 00								1 00	131 00
Warsaw	150 00	20 00	6 00		15 00	25 00	7 50				223 50
Wells' Chapel			5 00		10 00	15 00		64 02		2 00	96 00
Wilmington	2500 00	1200 60	102 22	98 50	38 31	30 00	13 31	287 00		4 00	4,273 94
Woodville				2 00		3 00				50	5 50
Willard			2 00		2 00	2 50				50	7 00
Young Belthel				3 00		4 00				50	7 50
Olive Branch	53 23	28 25								1 00	82 48
Davis Shore				2 00		3 00				50	5 50
Total	\$7620 98	\$2152 19	\$215 02	\$190 76	\$303 33	\$414 59	\$19 87	\$62 36	\$750 73	\$71 77	\$11,801 60

EASTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

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## STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Additions.			Losses		Membership.				TIME OF MEETING.
	Baptized.	Rec. by letter.	Experienced.	Restored.	Dis. by letter.	Excluded.	Died.	White Males.	White Females.	Total.
Antioch.....								10	18	28
Barlow Chapel.....								6	11	17
Bear Marsh.....	10	1	2	2	2	3	3	63	130	193
Beaufort.....	8	2	3	1	6			63	41	104
Berea.....	10	1						30	47	77
Bethel.....	28	5	1	7	2			46	70	116
Bethlehem.....	7	4	2	4	1			40	72	112
Beulah.....	16	5						44	60	104
Boykin's Chapel.....	3	2	1	5	3			46	83	129
Bear Branch.....								13	16	29
Burgaw.....								5	14	19
Caintuck.....	4	2	3	2				27	34	61
Concord.....	18	2	1	4	1			37	70	107
Colvin's Creek.....	3	1						27	26	53
Corinth.....	27		2	3	2			58	80	138
Clinton.....	27	7	1	5	1			28	57	85
Dobson's Chapel.....		10						28	43	71
Emma's Chapel.....	4							22	34	56
Enon.....	1		1	1	1			24	34	58
Falling Creek.....	4		1	1	2			23	49	72
Fort Barnwell.....	6	1	1	1	2			12	31	43
Goldsboro.....	21	4	5	4	2			88	141	229
Hallsville.....	9	1	3	5	1			35	75	110
Haw Bluff.....	21	14	2	40	1			37	70	107
Island Creek.....	21		1	3	2			67	123	190
Johnson's.....		1	3	3	1			39	80	119
Kinston.....	5	4	4	1	1			25	45	70
Kenansville.....								14	34	48
Lisbon.....	1	2	2	7	1			47	59	106
Long Creek.....	11		5	2	3			56	71	127
Magnolia.....	50		3					92	164	256
Maple Hill.....	9	3						23	26	49
LaGrange.....	1	1		2				15	24	39
Mary's Chapel.....	1				3			35	41	76
Masonboro.....	13	2	1	1	7			68	96	164
Moore's Creek.....	8	4	1	7				43	68	111
Morehead City.....	37	6	1	5	2			36	65	101
Mt. Calvary.....								6	12	18
Mt. Gilead.....	31	2	2		1			54	82	136
Mt. Holly.....	24	2	1	3	1			51	103	154
Mt. Olive.....	11	6	2	3	4			36	80	116
Newbern.....	34	8		5	2			72	133	205
New Hope.....				10	5			56	113	169
Piny Grove (Jones).....	12			2	1			18	36	54
Piny Grove (Onslow).....	3	1						23	46	69
Piny Grove (Sampson).....	1	4	4	4	2			65	113	178
Pollokville.....	12	3						7	17	24
Poplar Grove.....	13							22	27	49
Riley's Creek.....	10		1	6				51	99	150
Rose Hill.....		1						5	14	19
Salem.....	4			2	5			8	19	27
Shiloh.....	20	2	2	6	1			60	127	187
Smyrna.....	8	1	3	9				27	58	85
Snow Hill.....								8	12	20
Union.....	4	2						7	21	28
Warsaw.....	32	5	1	4	4			96	155	251
Wells' Chapel.....	42	3	3	15	2			118	235	353
Wilmington.....	11	15	4	23	2			9	23	32
Woodville.....	1		2	4	1			20	18	38
Willard.....										
Young Bethel.....										
Olive Branch.....	5	2						24	32	56
Davis Shore.....	4	1			12			36	40	76
Total.....	651	147	266	90	87	2181	3817	43	6312	

## Pastors, Clerks and their Post Offices.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS AND THEIR P. O.	CLERKS AND THEIR P. O.
Antioch.....	W. B. Knight, Snow Hill.....	J. C. Cox, Greenville.
Barlow Chapel.....	D. F. Aman, Snead's Ferry.....	R. M. Siddbury, Sloop Point.
Bear Marsh.....	R. C. Sandling, Mt. Olive.....	Jno. King, Mt. Olive.
Bethel.....	J. L. Britt, Warsaw.....	M. H. Oates, Taylor's Bridge.
Beulah.....	W. T. Jones, Beaufort.....	F. J. Faison, Warsaw.
Beaufort.....	H. S. Spivey, Clinton.....	J. D. Davis, Beaufort.
Boykin's Chapel.....		T. J. Blackburn, Clinton.
Berea.....	J. P. Faison, Harrell's Store.....	J. A. Southerland, Wallace.
Bethlehem.....	D. C. Kelly, Point Caswell.....	W. C. Keith, Point Caswell.
Bear Branch.....		W. B. Brinson, Jr., Pt. Caswell.
Burgaw.....		A. E. Taylor.
Clinton.....	J. L. Stewart, Clinton.....	W. B. Stewart, Clinton.
Concord.....	R. C. Sandling, Mt. Olive.....	J. T. Kennedy, Magnolia.
Corinth.....	G. S. Best, Kenansville.....	J. J. Johnson, Rose Hill.
Colvin's Creek.....	W. A. Melvin, Harrell's Store.....	W. S. Harrell, Point Caswell.
Caintuck Chapel.....	J. P. Faison, Harrell's Store.....	D. J. Corbett, Point Caswell.
Davis Shore.....	T. J. Leary, Harlowe.....	R. L. Paul, Davis.
Dobson's Chapel.....	J. T. Albritton, Mt. Olive.....	H. C. Stringfield, Kenansville.
Emma's Chapel.....	G. S. Best, Kenansville.....	H. B. Marshburn, Richlands.
Enon.....	C. S. Cashwell, Pollokville.....	L. O. Foxworth, Duck Creek.
Falling Creek.....	W. M. Kennedy, Warsaw.....	G. P. Britt, Grantham's Store.
Fort Barnwell.....	C. S. Cashwell, Pollokville.....	J. W. Biddle, Cobton.
Goldsboro.....	Theo. Whitfield, Goldsboro.....	J. M. Hollowell, Goldsboro.
Hallsville.....	W. B. Oliver, Mt. Olive.....	J. D. Brown, Chincupin.
Haw Bluff.....	J. B. Downing, White Oak.....	L. C. Roswell, Colly.
Island Creek.....	J. T. Albritton, Mt. Olive.....	H. T. Savage, Wallace.
Johnson's.....	R. C. Sandling, Mt. Olive.....	L. Middleton, Warsaw.
Kenansville.....	J. H. Gillespie, Warsaw.....	D. J. Middleton, Warsaw.
Kinston.....	A. J. Hires, Kinston.....	J. F. Hill, Kinston.
Long Creek.....	J. B. Barlow, Wilmington.....	J. H. Brinson, Long Creek.
LaGrange.....	A. J. Hires, Kinston.....	J. P. Joyner, LaGrange.
Lisbon.....	J. L. Stewart, Clinton.....	Richard Herring, Clear Run.
Maple Hill.....	W. M. Kennedy, Warsaw.....	A. E. Benton.
Mary's Chapel.....	G. S. Best, Kenansville.....	F. M. Southerland, Ken'sville.
Masonboro.....	G. S. Best, Kenansville.....	B. S. Montford, Wilmington.
Moore's Creek.....	W. M. Kennedy, Warsaw.....	C. F. Woodcock, Pt. Caswell.
Morehead City.....	W. T. Jones, Beaufort.....	I. B. Willis, Morehead City.
Mt. Calvary.....	J. T. Albritton, Mt. Olive.....	R. A. Parker, Brogden's Mill.
Mt. Gilead.....	J. L. Stewart, Clinton.....	J. J. Vann, Clinton.
Mt. Holly.....	R. C. Sandling, Mt. Olive.....	Jesse T. Albritton, Mt. Olive.
Mt. Olive.....		I. Carroll, South Wilmington.
Mt. Holly.....	J. H. Gillespie, Magnolia.....	G. W. Carroll, Magnolia.
Magnolia.....	C. A. Jenkins, Newbern.....	F. W. Hancock, Newbern.
Newbern.....		J. L. Carroll, Warsaw.
New Hope.....	J. B. Barlow, Wilmington.....	D. H. Workman, Wilmington.
Olive Branch.....	C. S. Cashwell, Pollokville.....	W. E. Morton, Swansboro.
Piny Gr. (Onslow).....	C. S. Cashwell, Pollokville.....	J. W. Whittie, Pollokville.
Piny Gr. (Jones).....	J. L. Stewart, Clinton.....	J. W. Lane, Faison's.
Piny Gr. (Samp.).....	C. S. Cashwell, Pollokville.....	T. A. Bell, Pollokville.
Pollokville.....	J. L. Britt, Warsaw.....	W. D. Stevens, Faison's.
Poplar Grove.....	E. A. Best, Richlands.....	D. N. Page, Tar Landing.
Rose Hill.....	W. M. Kennedy, Warsaw.....	W. B. Hocut, Rocky Point.
Riley's Creek.....	J. B. Barlow, Wilmington.....	J. D. Congleton, Snead's Ferry.
Salem.....	W. B. Knight, Snow Hill.....	P. C. Padelford, Snow Hill.
Snow Hill.....	T. J. Leary.....	A. S. Willis.
Smyrna.....		J. P. Stringfield, Moore's Cr'k.
Shiloh.....	C. S. Cashwell, Pollokville.....	T. A. Rouse, Seven Springs.
Union.....	W. M. Kennedy, Warsaw.....	S. M. Carlton, Warsaw.
Warsaw.....		J. F. Lewis, Harrell's Store.
Wells' Chapel.....	T. H. Pritchard, Wilmington.....	J. W. Collins, Wilmington.
Wilmington.....		F. A. Fennell, Willard.
Willard.....	T. J. Leary, Harlowe.....	T. M. Leary, Harlowe.
Young Bethel.....	T. J. Leary, Harlowe.....	David Arthur, Beaufort.
Woodville.....		

## Sunday School Statistics.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	Teachers and Officers.	Scholars.	No. of Vols. in Library.	No. months in year School kept open.
Antioch, .....	Richard McGlohon, .....	9	55	-----	12
Barlow Chapel, .....	James Andrews, .....	4	15	40	-----
Bethel, .....	M. H. Oates, .....	7	45	-----	6
Beulah, .....	G. W. Marsh, .....	6	40	-----	12
Boykin's Chapel, .....	J. C. Howard, .....	8	45	-----	-----
Berea, .....	T. W. Stallings, .....	6	72	-----	12
Bethlehem, .....	Wm. Anderson, .....	6	50	100	10
Concord, .....	W. A. Moore, .....	6	40	-----	12
Corinth, .....	I. J. Johnson, .....	7	88	-----	12
Colvin's Creek, .....	R. C. Henry, .....	9	47	-----	12
Caintuck Chapel, .....	T. O. Flinn, .....	9	47	175	12
Davis Shore, .....	M. V. B. Davis, .....	10	50	30	-----
Dobson's Chapel, .....	H. C. Stringfield, .....	5	36	-----	-----
Emma's Chapel, .....	Willis Barbee, .....	16	68	-----	12
Falling Creek, .....	W. H. Hood, .....	9	58	-----	12
Fort Barnwell, .....	J. W. Biddle, .....	5	30	-----	-----
Goldsboro, .....	H. L. Grant, .....	23	110	-----	12
Haw Bluff, .....	L. C. Roswell, .....	9	60	-----	-----
Island Creek, .....	C. Harrell, .....	6	60	-----	9
Johnson's, .....	W. H. Middleton, .....	5	68	-----	9
Kinston, .....	E. F. Cox, .....	8	96	-----	12
LaGrange, .....	J. S. Bizzell, .....	13	62	-----	-----
Long Creek, .....	M. E. Herring, .....	2	40	-----	-----
Mary's Chapel, .....	F. M. Southerland, .....	7	25	-----	12
Masonboro, .....	Elijah Hewlett, .....	6	50	-----	12
Moore's Creek, .....	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Morehead City, .....	H. S. Lee, .....	13	90	140	12
Mt. Calvary, .....	George F. Parker, .....	3	15	-----	12
Mt. Gilead, .....	B. Matthis, .....	13	100	-----	12
Mt. Olive, .....	J. F. Oliver, .....	13	145	-----	12
Magnolia, .....	B. C. Barden, .....	6	60	100	12
Newbern, .....	B. M. Gates, .....	23	136	100	12
New Hope, .....	-----	5	60	-----	12
Olive Branch, .....	J. T. Edens, .....	5	40	-----	12
Poplar Grove, .....	R. R. Bell, .....	8	59	120	12
Riley's Creek, .....	G. W. Walker, .....	5	25	25	9
Snow Hill, .....	P. C. Padelford, .....	6	30	40	12
Smyrna, .....	A. S. Willis, .....	9	65	-----	-----
Shiloh, .....	J. P. Stringfield, .....	7	103	-----	12
Union, .....	G. C. Davis, .....	2	30	-----	-----
Warsaw, .....	Isaac Brown, .....	8	100	-----	12
Well's Chapel, .....	N. F. Highsmith, .....	-----	-----	-----	-----
Wilmington, .....	Wm. A. French, .....	24	200	400	12
Woodville, .....	David Arthur, .....	6	30	50	12
		370	2,645	1,345	

## 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 the principles of God's word.

## RULES OF ORDER.

1. On the meeting of the Association, the Moderator of the preceding session shall preside until his successor is known. In case of his absence a chairman *pro tem.* shall be elected.

2. Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises to be conducted by whomsoever the presiding officer may name.

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

4. The members shall observe toward 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.

7. All motions seconded shall be definitely stated by the presiding officer before discussion.

8. No motion shall be withdrawn after discussion.

9. When a question is under discussion, no motion or proposition shall be received except to adjourn, to amend, to commit, or postpone to a definite time, which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.

10. After a motion has been decided, any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.

11. No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association without permission of the presiding officer, and no one shall take final leave of absence without 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.

## CONSTITUTION OF THE EASTERN 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 chosen annually 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 the 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.

## 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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