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ASSOCIATION.

N. C.



Sixtieth Annual Session 1903 Held with Rose Hill Church

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OF THE
SIXTIETH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
EASTERN ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH
ROSE HILL BAPTIST CHURCH,

Duplin County, N C.,

OCTOBER 6, 7, 8, 1903.

For Next Session:

Place of Meeting, New Hope, Sampson County.
Time: Tuesday after the first Sunday in October 1904.
Introductory Sermon, Rev. W. N. Johnson.

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 W. A. Melvin, N. A. Shelly,
 T. J. Baker, L. M. Hobbs,
 L. R. Carroll, J. A. Smith,

Ministers Present This Session.

J. L. Stewart, J. T. Albritton,
 N. B. Cobb, R. C. Sandlin,
 J. M. Alderman, J. N. Tolar,
 W. N. Johnson, N. A. Shelly,
 Livingston Johnson, J. B. Boone,
 E. J. Edwards, J. M. Page,
 L. R. Carroll, J. D. Huffham.

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

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love, to remember each other in prayer, to aid each other in sickness or distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of those rules of our 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 principles of God's word.

CONSTITUTION.

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 all ordained ministers who are members or pastors of churches of this body, and three delegates from each church, chosen from the membership assembled in conference.

Art. 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment and communicating information relative to the state of the church; Provided, however, that when any church has prepared a letter, and through inadvertence the letter fails to be presented, her delegates may be received without its presentation.

Art. 5. The officers of this Association shall be Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen annually from among its members by ballot, by a majority of its members voting, and continue in office until their successors are elected.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Art. 13. By appointment of the Association there shall be an introductory sermon of a denominational character.

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

RULES OF ORDER.

1. 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 opened by whomsoever the presiding officer may name.

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

4. The members shall observe toward the officers and each other that courtesy which belongs to Christians.

5. Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the presiding officer. He shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration and avoid personalities.

6. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without permission.

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

8. No motion shall be withdrawn after discussion.

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

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

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Calling the roll of churches 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 Treasurer.
9. Miscellaneous business.
10. Incidental and routine business shall be in order at any time.
11. Adjournment.

PROCEEDINGS.

ROSE HILL, N. C., Oct. 6, 1903.

The Eastern Association met this day in its sixtieth annual session, in the meeting house of the Rose Hill Baptist church. The Introductory Sermon was preached by J. L. Stewart, Clinton, N. C. Text: John iii: 5, after which a recess was taken for one hour.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 1:30 p. m. the Association met. The Moderator read the 19th Psalm. L. R. Carroll led in prayer. The Association was then called to order by J. L. Stewart.

On motion, C. E. Daniel, Moderator, appointed Finance Committee, consisting of Brethren Maury Ward, A. F. Robinson, J. T. Kennedy. Thad Jones and C. E. Daniel, reading clerks. The roll of churches was then called and the delegates enrolled as follows:

Alum Springs—Letter.
Bethel—Maury Ward, E. N. Johnson, E. S. Register.
Beulah—W. J. Moore.
Boykin's Chapel—W. W. Hobbs, O. L. Herring.
Bowden's—Letter.
Bear Marsh—J. T. Albritton, D. B. Brown, J. F. Bingham.
Clinton—J. L. Stewart, Henry Herring, J. E. Berges.
Concord—W. J. Matthews, J. H. Alderman, W. A. Moore.
Corinth—D. W. Fussell, A. D. Rogers, I. D. Johnson.
Dobson's Chapel—W. H. Murray, O. D. Bostic, Rom Bland.
Ebenezer—J. E. Highsmith.
Faison's—V. N. Sewell, J. C. Hines, W. B. Hargrove.
Hallsville—J. D. Brown, David Berton, Enoch Wilson.
Island Creek—J. H. Evans, Enoch Rouse, Stewart Wells.
Ivanhoe—C. R. Corbett.

Johnson's—W. H. Middleton, M. J. Carlton, L. Middleton.

Keansville—Bland Wallace, Thad Jones.

Lisbon—J. O. Herring.

Mount Zion—Letter.

Mount Gilead—A. C. Peterson, B. Matthews, Ransom Vann.

Maple Hill—D. H. Marshburn, E. G. Raynor, T. B. Fisher.

Mt. Olive—B. A. Summerlin, O. Summerlin.

Magnolia—Theodore Middleton, W. W. Cook, G. M. Kelly.

New Hope—C. E. Daniel, J. T. Kennedy, J. J. Blanchard.

Piney Grove—J. E. Boyette, C. E. Hare.

Poplar Grove—L. D. Rogers, B. H. Hatcher.

Rose Hill—W. B. Hawes, W. D. Henderson, P. Rich.

Rowan—J. M. Boon.

Sharon—Z. J. Blanchard, W. D. Brock.

Siloam—A. L. Jones, W. P. Vann, W. P. Ward.

Springvale—A. F. Robinson, E. F. Register.

Warsaw—I. Brown, B. L. Blackmore, H. G. Owen.

The election of officers being in order, on motion C. E. Daniel, the Clerk, was instructed to cast the ballot of the Association for J. L. Stewart, Moderator. On motion, the Moderator was instructed to cast the vote of the Association for A. R. Herring for Clerk, and the Clerk was instructed to cast the vote for C. E. Daniel for Treasurer.

On the call for prtitionary letters an application from Rowan church was received for membership into this body. On motion, the Rowan church was received as a member of this body. The Moderator extended the hand of Christian fellowship and welcome to the delegate from said church.

On motion, J. T. Albritton, Moderator, appointed a committee on Devotional Exercises (the pastor and deacons of this church) with W. H. Murray and A. A. Brown added.

On motion, C. E. Daniel, the Moderator, appointed the following committees:

State Missions—J. T. Albritton, E. N. Johnson, W. J. Moore.

Home Missions—R. C. Sandlin, D. B. Brown, J. H. Alderman.

Foreign Missions—L. R. Carroll, Henry Herring, W. W. Cook.

Orphanage—W. N. Johnson, D. W. Fussell, Bland Wallace.

Ministerial Education—J. N. Tolar, J. E. Highsmith, J. O. Herring.

Periodicals—N. B. Cobb, Stewart Wells, C. C. Corbett.

Sunday Schools—E. J. Edwards, I. D. Johnson, Chaney Harrell.

Ministers' Relief—V. N. Sewell, I. D. Johnson, B. A. Summerlin.

Woman's Work—J. M. Alderman, M. J. Carlton, J. E. Boyette.

To Nominate Executive Committee—W. B. Hawes, B. Matthews, O. Summerlin.

B. Y. P. U.—N. A. Shelly, Isaac Brown, W. D. Brock.

Denominational Institutions—Thad Jones, W. H. Murray, I. Brown.

To Nominate Preachers—W. H. Middleton, D. H. Marshburn, W. D. Kelly.

A request from Rose Hill church, to the effect that the Association do not hold an evening session in this church Wednesday night, as they desired to dedicate the church to the worship and service of God, was granted.

The committee on devotional exercises report preaching Tuesday night 7:30—E. J. Edwards.

Devotional exercises Wednesday morning at 9:30—J. M. Alderman.

Dedication sermon Wednesday, 7:30 p. m., by J. D. Hufham.

Thursday, 11 a. m., preaching at the M. E. church by N. B. Cobb.

Motion by W. N. Johnson that the missionary sermon be preached at the M. E. church at 2:30 p. m. was amended by N. B. Cobb to strike out the M. E. church at 2:30 p. m. and substitute the Baptist church at 11 a. m. Wednesday. So ordered.

Motion by W. N. Johnson to appoint a committee on dijest of church letters be made permanent in our order of business. The motion prevailed.

After the benediction by R. C. Sandlin the Association adjourned 'till 9:30 Wednesday.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Devotional exercises were condutced by J. M. Alderman at 9:30 a. m. At 10 the Moderator called the Association to order. The roll of delegates was called and the minutes of the preceding day read and approved.

Visiting brethren were asked to report themselves. E.

J. Edwards, representing the Biblical Recorder and J. M. Page, the North Carolina Baptist, responded and were welcomed by the Moderator to seats with us.

SPECIAL ORDER.—Reports of Executive Committee, together with the report on State missions was taken up.

The report of the Executive Committee was submitted and read by C. E. Daniel. The report on State missions by J. T. Albritton.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Our efforts in this department of our Master's kingdom have not been in vain. God has promised to bless His Word when faithfully presented.

Our Missionary, Brother N. A. Shelly, has served seven churches and mission points, viz.: Hallsville, Sharon, Alum Springs, Cedar Fork, Maple Hill, Beulahville and Burton School House. He preached 110 sermons, baptized 8, four awaiting baptism and organized one Sunday school.

The contributions on the mission field have been as follows:

Collections for the various mission objects-----	\$ 46.00
For salary of missionary-----	70.00
For house of worship at Cedar Fork-----	45.00
For house of worship at Maple Hill-----	150.00
Total-----	\$311.00

Brethren J. M. Alderman, J. N. Tolar and W. N. Johnson have aided Brother Shelly in meetings on the field during the year. We must have two men on the field; the Master has commanded us to go forward. Will we obey?

C. E. DANIEL, Chairman of Committee.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Your committee are glad to report that the State mission work, under the guidance of brother Livingston Johnson, our Corresponding Secretary of the Baptist State Convention, is moving gradually forward. We know no object more worthy of our hearty sympathy and co-operation. According to Article 9th, of our constitution, our Executive Committee are required to co-operate with the State Mission Board so far as is practicable in supplying the destitution within our bounds. Many associations in the State are thus

engaged in this co-operative work with the State Mission Board.

Let us encourage our hard-worked brother Johnson by increasing our contributions for the support of our own missionaries at home, and the one hundred or more missionaries in the employ of the State Mission Board.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. T. ALBRITTON, chairman.

W. J. MOORE.

E. N. JOHNSON.

Pending the adoption of reports brethren N. A. Shelly, J. N. Tolar spoke to report.

On motion, J. T. Albritton that part of reports relating to State missions entirely was postponed till Thursday morning. At this juncture the Association suspended for the missionary sermon by J. N. Tolar. L. R. Carroll read report on Foreign Missions.

Motion by J. T. Albritton to take a cash collection at the close of sermon and divide equally between Foreign and Associational Missions, was carried.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSION.

God is the author of missions. He started this work because He loved the world. He gave His Son, and afterwards His Spirit. He calls all who loves Him to the work of giving the Gospel in all the world, to every creature. The difficulties being very great, Christ promised His power and presence, and this like God's covenant with Noah, He has ever kept. As the result of the labors of our missionaries fully testify. The Foreign Mission Board composed of twenty-one faithful and consecrated brethren who live in Richmond, Va., is simply a committee appointed every year by the churches through their representatives in the Southern Baptist Convention. It makes an annual report to the Convention, besides keeping in touch with the brethren through the religious papers and the Foreign Mission Journal. The object is to look after the Lord's work. Its one business is the business of the Lord Jesus. It has no authority or power except that conferred upon it by his churches, and it goes forward or stands still according to their interest and direction. We have missionaries in China, Africa, Japan, Mexico, Italy, and Brazil. The number has grown so that on June 1st, 1903, we see 129 with 3 more under ap-

pointment, who expect to go soon to their fields of labor. Glorious reports have come from our mission fields. Our people at home seem interested, and are praying, talking, giving; so that we hope to report at our next Convention in Nashville, Tenn., in May, the very best year in all our history. Let us make it the best for the glory of God.

L. R. CARROLL,
HENRY HERRING,
W. W. COOK.

J. N. Tolar then proceeded to announce his text Mat. 29--9. N. B. Cobb preaches at the M. E. church. The collection amounted to \$17.00. The report on Foreign Missions was adopted.

On motion, the further consideration of the report on State mission, was postponed till after the dinner hour.

Report of Auditing committee read by Thad Jones.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

State Missions-----	\$144.03
Home Missions-----	85.91
Foreign Missions-----	75.60
Orphanage-----	85.05
Ministerial Education-----	30.92
Ministerial Relief-----	44.49
Minute Fund-----	35.83
Gospel Missions-----	11.25
Woman's Missionary Society-----	1.20
Unknown-----	86
Total-----	\$515.14

DISBURSEMENTS.

State Missions-----	\$144.03
Home Missions-----	85.91
Foreign Mission-----	75.60
Orphanage-----	85.05
Ministerial Education-----	30.92
Ministerial Relief-----	44.49
Minute Fund-----	35.83
Gospel Mission-----	11.25
Woman's Missionary Society-----	1.20
Unkown Objects-----	85

Total----- \$515.14
W. H. MIDDLETON, Treasurer.

We the undersigned committee to audit the Treasurer's account have done so, and find it correct. We also recommend that the Treasurer be allowed 50 cents for express charges.

Respectfully submitted,

THAD JONES,
B. L. BLACKMORE, Committee.
W. J. FRYAR.

The reports were adopted.

On motion, J. L. Albritton, the vote by which the report of Executive Committee was postponed, was reconsidered, and its consideration resumed, and spoken to by W. N. Johnson, J. M. Alderman, J. D. Hufham.

W. N. Johnson moved an amendment to strike out 2 and insert to keep one man in the field.

On motion of J. N. Tolar, the Association adjourned one hour for dinner.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

At the appointed time the Moderator called the Association to order.

J. T. Albritton moved a substitute to the report to strike out the words two men and substitute the words we need two men.

On motion of J. T. Albritton, the list of churches was called and pledges taken for Associational missions, which will appear in table. The report as amended by J. T. Albritton was adopted. The Moderator invites Mr. Bobbie Williams and Lucian Wells, of the Presbyterian ministry to seats on the floor with its privileges except that of voting.

Report on Periodicals submitted and read by N.B. Cobb.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

With the multiplicity of papers now published by our Baptist brethren in North Carolina, at various prices from 25 cents to \$1.50 each, no Baptist family need be without a religious newspaper. The Biblical Recorder which has been the organ of the Baptist State Convention, has a present subscription list of over 7,000, and hopes to obtain at least 10,000 per annum. The North Carolina Baptist printed at \$1.00 a year has also a wide circulation. Charity and Children published at \$1.00 a year is the organ of the Baptist Orphanage, at Thomasville, and has attained a very wide circulation among the churches and Sunday schools. There are other smaller monthly publications in various sections representing schools and associations which have a local patron.

age of their own. We would specially commend the organs of our general denominational work including the publications of the three boards of the Southern Baptist Convention.

N. B. COBB,
STEWART WELLS.

N. B. Cobb, E. J. Edwards, J. M. Alderman and W. N. Johnson, spoke to the report. The report was adopted.

Report on Home Missions submitted and read by R. C. Sandlin.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Home missions claims our attention to-day as never before, because of the great advancement in manufacturing in our midst. The Home Mission work appeals to us because our kinsmen are moving into the undeveloped portions of the Southern States, and are building new communities and towns. Our Home Board is working in nearly all the Southern and Western States and territories. The increase of money and men this year, only calls for more men and money for another year.

R. C. SANDLIN, for Committee.

The report was adopted without discussion.

Final leave of absence was granted D. W. Berton.

Report on Ministerial Education was submitted and read by J. N. Tolar.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

At Wake Forest College is located the Board of Ministerial Education of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. Prof. W. R. Cullom is the Secretary of the Board. About forty young men are now at Wake Forest preparing for efficient work, supported in part by its Board. This Board is supported entirely by voluntary contributions from the Baptists of North Carolina. We urge enlarged contributions.

The Student's Aid Fund of our Theological Seminary, at Louisville, Ky., should also receive our hearty co-operation and support. Believing that it is always better, when possible, that our ministers attend the Seminary, we commend enlarged interest and contributions for this object of our work.

Respectfully,

J. N. TOLAR,
J. E. HIGHSMITH,
J. O. HERRING.

Pending the adoption of the report, the Association was addressed by J. N. Tolar and J. M. Alderman.

The report was adopted.

Report on Educational Institutions was submitted and read by Thad Jones.

REPORT ON DENOMINATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

Our subject is a great and important one; and great because it takes in our schools and colleges, Orphanage and churches as well. Important, because not only the destiny of our churches, but our government also depends upon it. We cannot hope in this short report to give anything more than a few suggestions, but we trust that the Association will thoroughly discuss this great subject. The State is, and should be, in the ascendancy in Primary Education, and the religious denominations should do their part in controlling and supporting the High Schools and colleges. As Missionary Baptists, we should not only love and support Wake Forest College and the Baptist Female University, at Raleigh, N. C., and the Seminary at Louisville, Ky., but we should be more interested in preparatory High Schools, for the individuals life is not only influenced, but shaped in a large degree by the preparatory schools. We therefore take pleasure in pointing to the High School at Warsaw, N. C., the property of this Association, which is now progressing fairly well under the able management of Prof. Ernest Gore, and most earnestly suggest that this Association liberally support this school with their patronage, and make this school fulfill the mission for which it was established. And we further recommend that this Association not only keep this school property, but suggest that we make such needed repairs as are needed for the success of said school. We earnestly urge this Association to put more effort and money into the High School work, and the general education of our people. We regret we are forced to admit the lack of effort and interest of our denomination in supporting and maintaining our Associational schools.

THAD JONES, for Committee.

Pending the adoption of this report Thad Jones and J. D. Hufham spoke to the report. The report was adopted.

The report of Trustees was submitted and read by L. R.

Carroll and discussed by J. D. Hufham and W. N. Johnson. Two questions were submitted:

1. Shall the Association keep the property? Yeas, 32; nays, 14.

2. Shall we enlarge the institution? Yeas, 22.

The report was adopted.

On motion of J. D. Hufham the following brethren were appointed on the Board of Trustees of Warsaw High School: O. P. Middleton, DeLeon Carlton, L. R. Carroll, Matt. O. Summerlin, J. L. Stewart, Leonidas Middleton, C. E. Daniel, J. C. Williams, Thad Jones, Preston Stevens, A. R. Herring, Henry Herring, H. S. Boyette, J. A. Powell, H. G. Owen, Seth Strickland, Arthur Weeks, Geo. W. Albritton, Buck Blackmore.

The Executive Committee of Warsaw High School—O. P. Middleton, H. G. Owen, L. R. Carroll, S. M. Carlton, DeLeon Carlton, J. A. Powell, Buck Blackmore, C. E. Daniel.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES WARSAW HIGH SCHOOL.

Your Trustees beg leave to report that the Fall term of said school has opened under very favorable conditions. Having secured the services of Mr. Ernest Gore, of Wake Forest, a young man, and a member of one of the most successful families of Wilmington, with an efficient corps of assistant teachers, the outlook is again encouraging. We cheerfully commend this institution to your prayerful consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

S. M. CARLTON, Chairman Board Trustees.

The report was adopted.

On motion, J. M. Alderman, the Treasurer, was ordered to pay out the money in his hands as indicated in report of Finance Committee.

Report of Committee as submitted by Maury Ward.—Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report the following amounts for the several objects as having been sent with the church letters to this session of the Association, received into the hands of the Committee, paid over to the Treasurer, and his receipt taken therefor.

Associational Missions-----	\$ 112.08
State Missions-----	43.81
Home Missions-----	57.44
Foreign Missions-----	67.49
Sunday Schools-----	77
Gospel Missions-----	1.50
Ministerial Relief-----	38.40
Ministerial Education-----	21.57
Orphanage-----	72.76
Baptist Female University-----	87
Minute Fund-----	37.05
Total-----	\$ 453.74

J. T. KENNEDY,
A. F. ROBINSON,
MAURY WARD,
Finance Committee.

\$453.74.

Received of J. T. Kennedy, A. F. Robinson and Maury Ward, Finance Committee of the Eastern Assoliation, Four Hundred and Fifty-three and 74¹⁰⁰ Dollars to be disbursed as follows: Associational Missions, \$112.08; State Missions, \$43.80; Home Missions, \$57.44; Foreign Missions, \$67.49; Sunday Schools, 77 cents; Gospel Missions, \$1.50; Ministerial Relief, \$38.40; Ministerial Education, \$21.57; Orphanage, \$72.76; Baptist Female University, 87 cents; Minute Fund, \$37.05.

C. E. DANIEL,

Rose Hill, N. C., Oct. 7, 1903.

Treasurer.

The report was adopted. Jeremiah Highsmith was granted leave of absence. Final leave of absence was granted the delegates from Maple Hill—V. N. Seawell and Thad Jones.

On motion of J. T. Albritton, Aarticle 13 of the Constitution was amended by striking out the words "and a missionary sermon." Report of committee on devotional exercises: At 9 a. m. Thursday B. Matthews will conduct devotional exercises. The Association then adjourned. Benediction by J. M. Alderman.

THURSDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Devotional exercises were conducted by B. Matthews at 9 a. m. The Moderator called the Association to order at 9:30. The roll of delegates was called and the proceedings of the previous day's session were read and approved. Visiting brethren were invited to report themselves. Livingston Johnson,

Corresponding Secretary of the State Mission Board, reported himself. J. B. Boone, General Manager of the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville, responded. The Moderator extended to the brethren a cordial welcome. J. L. Stewart, Moderator, was excused by vote of the Association for the balance of the session. On motion of J. D. Hufham, N. B. Cobb was elected Moderator pro tem. Special order: Report on State Missions was called and Livingston Johnson addressed the Association. The report was adopted. The report on the Orphanage was submitted and read by W. N. Johnson.

REPORT ON THE ORPHANAGE.

No institution which the Lord has led the Baptists of North Carolina to establish is growing faster than our Orphanage at Thomasville. We have a precious Father in Heaven, and the Orphanage is an expression of the desire of God's people to become father to the fatherless. It seems that the Lord is putting it into the heart of the more wealthy brethren to prepare buildings for our unfortunate children, and now the sweet task of feeding and clothing them is falling more heavily each year upon the rank and file of our people. We urge that as many churches and Sunday schools as possible take upon themselves the support of one or more children at Thomasville.

W. N. JOHNSON,
D. W. FUSSELL,
B. WALLACE,
Committee.

J. B. Boone, General Manager, spoke for a short while to the report and the report was adopted.

The report on Woman's Work was next submitted and read by J. M. Alderman.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

Your committee is able to report that in seven or eight churches of this Association the women and children are well organized for a work they feel impressed to do.

We find that these societies, this year, contributed \$212 for the various objects of our work. Our Vice-President, Miss Florence Hubbard, of Clinton, N. C., has written the pastors, or some one of our churches not having a society, for the names of good workers, among our sisters, that she may correspond with them, give them all the literature and information she can on the work and urge them to organize when practical. She also asks for a loyal support from the

pastors in this work. Your committee would recommend, therefore, that the pastors would give this support, and undertake to lead these efficient workers for the greatest usefulness and strength of our churches.

J. M. ALDERMAN, for Committee.

Pending the adoption of the report, J. M. Alderman, W. N. Johnson, W. H. Middleton and J. D. Hufham spoke to the report and it was adopted.

The report on Ministerial Relief was read by L. R. Carroll.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

We cannot give the number of our worn out ministers who are securing aid from our ministers' Relief Fund. We know the number is large and their needs great. We, therefore, urgently commend this work to our pastors and respectfully suggest that they take two collections a year in their churches for this object.

V. N. SEAWELL.

J. M. Alderman and J. D. Hufham addressed the Association on this report. A cash collection was taken for the aged ministers amounting to \$8.64 which amount, on motion, was ordered to be sent to the Ministers' Relief Board at Durham, N. C. The report was adopted.

The committee to nominate preachers reported recommending W. N. Johnson to preach the introductory sermon. The report was adopted.

J. T. Kennedy, delegate from New Hope, invited the next session of this Association to meet with the New Hope Baptist church. On motion of J. D. Hufham, the Association will meet with New Hope church in 1904.

Motion by W. N. Johnson that the Moderator appoint a committee on corresponding delegates, and that the committee report at once. The committee reported as follows:

Delegates to Baptist State Convention—C. E. Daniel, J. M. Alderman, J. D. Hufham.

Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention—J. N. Tolar: The report was adopted.

Resolution of thanks by J. N. Tolar:

RESOLVED, That the thanks of this body be extended to the people of this church and community for the hearty entertainment received by us from them, and to the Methodist brethren for the use of their church house.

This resolution was adopted by a rising vote.

Motion by J. D. Hufham that J. T. Albritton be asked

by the Association to gather the material and write a history of the churches and the Association. It was so ordered.

On motion by J. N. Tolar, W. N. Johnson was appointed to represent the Association on the State Board of Missions.

The business of this session having been completed the Association adjourned to meet with the New Hope Baptist church on Tuesday after the first Sunday in October, 1904.

J. T. Albritton led in prayer.

A. R. HERRING, Clerk.

J. L. STEWART, Moderator.

REPORT ON YOUNG PEOPLES' UNION.

The committee cheerfully recommend the organization of Young Peoples' Unions wherever considered practicable, but it is the opinion of the committee that the purpose and aims of said Unions are met and carried out through the Sunday schools and prayer meetings.

In view of the above fact we suggest this subject be dismissed for the present, but suggest the earnest encouragement of the effort to get all young people into some Christian organization.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE.

This report was adopted.

This report was overlooked and hence not in its proper place.—CLERK.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Bethel—N. B. Cobb, J. M. Alderman, W. N. Johnson.

Bear Marsh—J. T. Albritton.

Clinton—J. L. Stewart, J. D. Larkins, L. M. Hobbs.

Mount Gilead—C. T. Tew.

Mount Olive—C. F. Hopper.

New Hope—W. B. Rivenbark.

Siloam—W. A. Melvin.

LICENTIATES.

Hallsville—D. Burton.

DENOMINATIONAL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	Additions.			Losses.			Membership		
	Baptisms	Letter	Restored	Excluded	Died	Letter	Males	Females	Total
Alum Springs..	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	3	6
Bethel.....	2	...	...	...	1	...	54	73	127
Beulah.....	1	1	...	1	...	2	41	60	101
Boykin's Chapel	2	...	...	...	...	...	40	40	80
Bowdens.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bear Marsh....	5	4	2	2	4	6	43	73	116
Clinton.....	1	5	...	...	3	15	97	116	213
Concord.....	...	...	...	...	1	2	21	35	56
Corinth.....	...	...	...	...	4	3	70	77	147
Dobson's Chapel	...	...	...	1	...	3	44	47	91
Ebenezer.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	20	21	41
Faisons.....	1	...	...	...	...	...	10	9	19
Hallsville....	1	2	...	1	4	2	42	76	116
Island Creek...	29	...	...	4	1	...	...	...	...
Ivanhoe.....	1	9	...	1	...	31	27	36	63
Johnson's....	8	7	1	1	2	...	71	79	150
Kenansville...	1	2	...	...	2	2	26	53	79
Lisbon.....	...	...	1	...	...	1	49	40	89
Mount Zion....	...	...	...	...	...	...	14	16	30
Maple Hill....	8	2	...	...	...	...	19	28	47
Mount Gilead...	1	...	...	5	4	6	61	91	152
Mount Olive...	18	9	...	3	...	3	...	...	...
Magnolia.....	4	1	1	2	2	2	40	97	137
New Hope.....	4	...	...	7	2	4	77	105	182
Piney Grove...	7	...	2	...	1	1	42	72	114
Poplar Grove...	3	...	...	...	2	...	15	25	40
Rose Hill.....	...	...	...	...	1	7	11	14	25
Sharon.....	7	...	...	...	2	...	24	43	67
Siloam.....	19	2	...	13	3	4	50	44	94
Springvale....	1	...	...	...	...	...	37	59	96
Rowan.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	28	43
Warsaw.....	3	...	...	...	3	13	59	95	154
	109	60	8	40	42	108	1122	1565	2669

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POSTOFFICES	CLERKS and POSTOFFICES	Time Meeting
Alum Springs ..	N. A. Shelly, Beulahville..	Gaston Kelly, Branches Store....	Third Sunday	
Bethel.....	N. B. Cobb, Clear Run...	Maury Ward, Rose Hill... ..	Fourth "	
Beulah		W. T. Britt, Turkey.....	Second "	
Boykin's Chapel		L. M. Boykin, Clinton.....		
Bowden's.....		W. S. Lottin, Bowdens		
Bear Marsh....	T. J. Baker, Parkton.....	Homer Brock, Mt. Olive.....	Third Sunday	
Clinton.....		A. B. Carroll, Clinton.....	1st & 3d "	
Concord.....	N. B. Cobb, Garland.	W. D. Wilkins, Magnolia.....	First "	
Corinth.....	J. N. Tolar, Mount Olive...	B. F. Fussell, Teachys.....	Third "	
Dobson's Chapel	W. N. Johnson, Delway...	J. M. Dobson, Kenansville....	Third "	
Ebenezer	L. M. Hobbs, Clinton.....	R. Highsmith, Coharie.....	Third "	
Faisons.....	L. R. Carroll, Warsaw	F. W. Smith, Faison's.	Third "	
Hallsville.	N. A. Shelly, Beulahville..	J. J. Strickland, Halisville....	Second "	
Island Creek...	J. N. Tolar, Mount Olive...	J. H. Evans, Rose Hill.....	First "	
Ivanhoe	J. A. Smith, Wilmington..	C. R. Corbett, Ivanhoe.....	Third "	
Johnson.....	W. N. Johnson, Delway...	L. Middleton, Warsaw.	First "	
Kenansville....	W. N. Johnson, Delway....	John A. Gavin, Kenansville....	Fourth "	
Lisbon.....		W. B. Lamb, Ingold... ..	Fourth "	
Mount Zion.....				
Maple Hill.....	N. A. Shelly, Hallsville....	J. R. Marshburn, Maple Hill....	Third Sunday	
Mount Gilead...	J. M. Alderman, Delway...	B. Matthews, Taylor's Brdg....	Fourth "	
Mount Olive....	J. N. Tolar, Mount Olive..	B. A. Summerlin, Mt. Olive....		
Magnolia.....	L. R. Carroll, Warsaw	H. M. Swinson, Magnolia.....	Fourth "	
New Hope.....	J. M. Alderman, Delway....	John J. Best, Warsaw	Second "	
Piney Grove....	J. L. Stewart, Clinton....	S. H. Hare, Clinton.....	Second "	
Poplar Grove...	L. M. Hobbs, Clinton.....	J. W. Westbrook, Faison.....	Fourth "	
Rose Hill.....	W. N. Johnson, Delway....	W. C. Savage, Rose Hill.....	Third "	
Sharon.....	N. A. Shelly, Beulahville..	W. D. Brock, Cavanaugh.....	First "	
Siloam.....	J. M. Alderman, Delway....	N. F. Highsmith, Harrell's Store	Third "	
Springvale.....	J. M. Alderman, Delway....	J. M. Marshburn, Clinton.....	First "	
Rowan.....		L. H. Best, Clinton.....		
Warsaw.....	J. D. Huffam, Warsaw....	H. G. Owen, Warsaw		

TABLE OF PLEDGES.

CHURCHES.	State Missions	Associa-tional Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Gospel Missions	Orphan-age	Minis-try Educa-tion	Minis-ter's Relief	Total.
Alum Springs ..		*							
Bethel.....	5 00	30 00	5 00	6 00	5 00	5 00	3 00	3 00	62 00
Beulah.....		2 00							2 00
Boykin's Chapel	1 00	2 00	1 00	2 00		1 00	1 00	1 00	9 00
Bowdens.....									
Bear Marsh....	2 50	15 00	3 50	4 50		6 00	2 50	2 50	36 50
Clinton.....	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00		10 00	5 00	5 00	60 00
Concord.....	1 00	10 00	1 00	1 00	15 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	32 00
Corinth.....	3 00	15 00	7 00	5 00		5 00	2 00	5 00	42 00
Dobson's Chapel		25 00	5 00	5 00		2 50		2 50	40 00
Ebenezer.....		2 00							2 00
Faison's.....									
Hallsville.....	3 00	15 00		3 00		5 00	3 00		29 00
Island Creek...	5 00	25 00	10 00	5 00		5 00	2 00	5 00	57 00
Ivanhoe.....	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00		5 00			25 00
Johnson's.....	5 00	30 00	5 00	10 00		10 00	2 00	3 00	65 00
Kenansville....	3 00	10 00	5 00	3 00		3 00		1 00	25 00
Lisbon.....	5 00	20 00	3 00	5 00		5 00	1 00	1 00	40 00
Mount Zion....									
Maple Hill.....	1 00	3 00	1 00	2 00		2 00	1 00	1 00	11 00
Mount Gilead...		10 00				2 00	2 00	2 00	16 00
Mount Olive....	15 00	30 00	15 00	15 00		15 00	8 00	7 00	103 00
Magnolia.....	2 00	5 00	3 00	2 00		1 00		2 00	15 00
New Hope.....		25 00	3 00		45 00	15 00	3 00	3 00	94 00
Piney Grove....	3 00	5 00	3 00	3 00		2 00	2 00	2 00	20 00
Poplar Grove...		5 00							5 00
Rose Hill.....	2 00	4 00	1 00	2 00		2 00	2 00	2 00	15 00
Rowan.....		3 00							3 00
Sharon.....	1 00	4 00	1 00	1 00		1 00		1 00	9 00
Siloam.....		12 00	4 00	4 00		4 00	2 00	2 00	28 00
Springvale.....	2 00	5 00	3 00	2 00		2 00	1 00	1 00	16 00
Warsaw.....	5 00	25 00	2 50	10 00		10 00	2 50	3 00	58 00
Totals	79 50	352 00	97 00	195 50	65 00	120 50	46 00	56 00	921 50

*Conditional

CHURCHES.	WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.						SUNBEAMS.		
	State Mis- sions	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Orphanage.	Other Ob- jects.	Associational Missions	Mission- s.	Orphanage.	Total.
Clinton.....	7 23	40 15	3 60	.....	.....	3 ....	.....	.....	15 00
Johnson's....	4 25	2 75	4 47	.....	.....	3 45	9 65	5 00	29 57
Warsaw.....	6 50	7 20	11 10	25 00	8 00	... ..	..	.....	56 80

FINANCIAL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	State Missions	Associational Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Mis- sions.	Gospel Missions.	Orphanage.	Ministerial Education.	Ministers' Relief.	Poor.	Other Objects.	Minute Fund.	Pastor's Salary.	Improvements.	Other Church Expenses.	Baptist Female University.	Totals.	Present In- debtedness.	Value Church Property.
A um Springs .	2 00			1 00		1 00					1 00					5 00		
Bethel.....	2 50	15 00	5 00	5 80	7 20	5 00	2 00	2 00		17 50	1 00					63 00		400 00
Beulah.....	2 00		1 00	2 00		1 00	2 61	1 00			50	75 00		500 00		585 11		500 00
Boykin's Chapel	3 04			4 02							50					7 56		
Bowdens.....	1 00		1 00	1 00		1 10										4 10		
Bear Marsh....	4 88	10 25	3 03	4 00		6 63	3 95	2 00			1 50	160 00		30 00		226 24		500 00
Clinton.....	5 00		13 80	10 00		10 00	3 98	5 00	12 50		1 50	400 00		15 00		476 78		1500 00
Concord.....		5 00	53		12 60	2 00		1 00		20 00	1 00	72 00				114 13		500 00
Corinth.....	3 00	10 00	8 00	5 00		5 00		5 00	15 15		1 50	150 00				202 50		600 00
Dobson's Chapel		25 00	5 00	5 00		2 50		2 50			78	100 00				140 78		600 00
Ebenezer.....	1 60	61		1 16		86					25	36 00				40 48		230 00
Faison's.....	1 00		1 00	2 50		2 50					75					7 75		
Hallsville.....		10 00	4 00	3 00		5 00	93	3 00			2 00	60 00				87 93	19 90	400 00
Island Creek...	15 00	25 00	12 50	10 00		12 50	5 00	5 00			2 00	126 00	40 00			253 00		600 00
Ivanhoe.....	6 07		6 07	6 39		5 94	70	75			50	120 00				146 42		500 00
Johnson's.....	8 16	20 20	7 45	10 00		15 35	3 63	3 64	20 00	121 47	3 52	140 00				231 95		1000 00
Kenansville....	3 60	7 00	6 00	2 00				2 00			1 00	125 00		140 00		286 00		1000 00
Lisbon.....		10 39	3 81	5 44	12 50	5 54	2 03	2 03			1 20	125 00				167 94		800 00
Mount Zion....	1 00		1 15	1 16				1 00								4 31		
Maple Hill.....	1 00		1 00	2 00		2 00	1 00				50		200 00			207 50		600 00
Mount Gilead...		4 00	2 00		20 30	2 00	15 48	2 00			1 50	125 00				172 28		800 00
Mount Olive....	9 50	34 94	13 35	6 00		18 30	15 23				3 00	400 00	315 00	30 00		965 79		1400 00
Magnolia.....	1 75		4 37	2 00		2 50	35 00				1 50	100 00				147 12		800 00
New Hope.....		25 00	3 00		41 75	15 03	3 00	3 00			1 00	100 00				191 78		500 00
Piney Grove....	6 28		2 50	2 50	1 50	3 86					1 00	75 00		3 22		95 86		350 00
Poplar Grove..	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00		1 24	1 00	1 00			50	60 00				67 74		350 00
Rose Hill.....	1 40	2 00	1 40	1 40		2 93		1 40	1 40		1 00	40 00	450 00			502 93	84 32	1250 00
Sharon.....	1 00	2 00	1 57	1 00		2 00					30	40 00				47 87		500 00
Siloam.....		6 00	2 00	2 00		2 00	1 00	1 00			1 50				87	16 37		1000 00
Springvale....		5 00	2 00	2 00		2 20	1 00	1 00			80	60 00				74 00		700 00
Rowan.....	1 00		50	1 00		1 00		50			50	30 00				34 50		100 00
Warsaw.....	10 00	15 00	5 00	16 00		10 00	5 00	10 00	1 87		3 00	400 00				475 59		1500 00
	92 18	232 29	119 03	116 37	95 85	146 98	402 54	55 82	50 77	158 97	36 60	3139 00	1005 00	718 22	87	6056 59		

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SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENTS.	No. Schools.	Ofs. and Tea's	No Pupils.	Average.	Months Open	Expenses.	Orphanage.	Missions.
Alum Springs ..		1	9	85	65	12	10 00	5 00	
Bethel	W. J. Fryar, Delway	1	9	85	65	12	10 00	5 00	
Beulah									
Boykin's Chapel									
Bowden's									
Bear Marsh	D. B. Brown, Mount Olive	1	6	50	35	12	6 00		77
Clinton	B. S. Garriss, Clinton	1	11	115	72	12	25 00	16 20	3 45
Concord	W. D. Wilkins, Magnolia ..	1	5	30	25	12	5 50		
Corinth	I. D. Johnson, Rose Hill ..	1	7	83	75	12	16 00		
Dobson's Chapel ..	W H Murray, Magnolia	2	5	31	30	12	3 20		
Ebenezer	J. G. Highsmith, Maitland	1	4	26	18	9	1 10	1 94	
Faisons									
Hallsville	O. W. Scott, Hallsville	1	6	57	30	12	3 20		
Island Creek	J. M. Brown, Rose Hill					8			
Ivanhoe									
Johnson	W. H. Middleton, Warsaw ..	1	7	50	30	12	12 92	14 85	1 00
Kenansville	Thad Jones, Jr, Kenansville	1	8	42	40		25 00		
Lisbon	D. L. Herring, Garland	1	6	37	27	12	6 00	5 00	
Mount Zion									
Maple Hill	K. F. Powers, Maple Hill ..	1	3	20	15	8	4 40		
Mount Gilead	E. L. Croom, Clinton	1	6	43	25	12			
Mount Olive	B. A. Summerlin, Mt Olive	1	10	100	70	12	60		
Magnolia	H. M. Swinson, Magnolia ..	1	7	75	60	12	23 25	5 00	
New Hope	C E Daniel, Turkey	1	4	80	60	12	8 00	9 00	
Piney Grove	J. C. Hobbs, Hobton	1	7	61	46	12	6 50		
Poplar Grove	J. W. Bell, Faison	1	4	40	30		5 00		
Rose Hill									
Sharon	J. L. Cottle, Chiquepin	1	4	70	40	12			
Siloam	D T Johnson, Harrell's St're	1	3	54	35	12	5 60		
Springvale	A. F. Robinson, Clinton	1	4	72	45		3 50		
Rowan	Union S. S.								
Warsaw	S. M. Carlton, Warsaw	1	7	83	60	12			
		23	129	1344	933	229	160 77	56 99	5 22
Dobson's Chapel C. C. Williams			3	28	18				

