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## PROCEEDINGS.

BEAR-MARSH, DUPLIN Co., N. C., }  
 Tuesday, October 8th, 1867. }

The Introductory sermon was preached by Elder W. M. Young from Colossians 5: 11. "But Christ is all, and in all."

After an intermission of half an hour the delegates assembled in the house, and the Association was called to order by the Moderator, Elder W. M. Kennedy. Prayer by Elder J. D. Huffham. Pastor and Deacons of the church were appointed a committee on religious exercises.

The list of churches was called, and the following delegates were enrolled:

*Wilmington*—W. M. Young.  
*Mt. Holly*—Isaiah Carroll, J. S. Newton.  
*Moore's Creek*—C. P. Moore.  
*Bethlehem*—James Pridgen.  
*Marshall's M. H.*—  
*Riley's Creek*—H. E. Carr, W. W. Larkins.  
*Shiloh*—W. J. Herring, H. S. Averett,  
*Wells' Chapel*—L. Highsmith, S. J. Faison, J. S. Devane.  
*Bethel*—O. M. Matthews, Joseph Alderman.  
*Lisbon*—J. O. Herring, A. R. Herring.  
*Mt. Gilead*—John Vann, A. C. Peterson.  
*New Hope*—A. B. Carroll, J. F. Daniel.  
*Boykin's Chapel*—H. McAlpin, J. L. Boykin, M. M. Killett.  
*White Oak*—G. W. Bennett, W. Royal.  
*Brown's M. H.*—Amos Royal.  
*Beulah*—A. M. Faison, J. R. Marable, J. M. Millard.  
*Piney Grove (Sampson)*—R. R. Bell, J. C. Hines, G. Clute.  
*Rowan*—R. J. Bell, J. W. Bell, T. O. Kelly.  
*Clinton*—John W. Brown, J. L. Stewart.

*Canaan*—Wm. Bennett, T. Underwood.  
*Mt. Zion*—S. B. Andrews, N. M. Newton.  
*French's Creek*—  
*Haw Bluff*—H. G. Barnhill, J. R. Barnhill, J. J. Croom.  
*Nat Moore Creek*—  
*Mt. Olive*—O. Norris, H. J. Williamson.  
*Falling Creek*—H. L. Patterson, J. H. Wiggs, J. L. Britt.  
*Bear Marsh*—B. Oliver, M. A. Albritton, J. Branch.  
*Warsaw*—I. Royal, S. M. Carlton, B. C. Bowden.  
*Johnson's M. H.*—G. S. Best, W. M. Kennedy, W. H. Best.  
*Kenansville*—D. J. Middleton, J. N. Stallings, G. A. Newell.  
*Beaverdam*—J. D. Carroll, L. R. Carroll, J. W. Swinson.  
*Concord*—R. J. Strickland, Wm. Brice.  
*Berea*—D. H. Murray.  
*Island Creek*—R. Wallace.  
*Hallesville*—J. T. Carroll.  
*Corinth*—Samuel C. Register, T. H. Rogers.  
*Antioch*—  
*Prospect*—By letter.  
*Chinquapin*—By letter.  
*Piney Grove (Jones)*—  
*Truckahoe*—W. H. Banks, J. F. Cox.  
*Newberne*—W. A. Kingsbury.  
*Brice's Creek*—  
*Fort Barnwell*—  
*Beaufort*—By letter.  
*Smyrna*—By letter.  
*Woodville*—  
*Kinston*—Jesse Jackson.  
*Woodenton*—  
*Union*—  
*Washington*—  
*Union Chapel*—J. M. Wooten.  
*Jackson*—  
*Pleasant Hill*—J. B. Barlow.  
*Dobson's Chapel*—By letter.  
*Davis' Shore*—By letter.  
*Young Bethel*—By letter.  
*Ebenezer*—Kedar Vann, G. M. Tatum.

Proceeded to organize. A. Royal and W. W. Larkins were appointed to conduct the election of Moderator. H.

E. Carr and S. J. Faison, to conduct the election of Clerk. J. D. Carroll and H. S. Averett the election of Treasurer. Result, Elder W. M. Kennedy was re-elected Moderator, Isham Royal, Clerk and S. J. Faison, Treasurer.

The following committees were appointed:

To nominate Executive Committee, J. D. Carroll, J. L. Boykin, J. S. Devane.

To nominate Trustees of Warsaw High School, B. Oliver, J. M. Millard, G. W. Hufham.

On Obituaries, J. D. Hufham, J. T. Albritton, H. S. Averett, J. S. Devane.

Sabbath Schools, H. McAlpin, G. Clute, C. P. Moore.

Religious Publications, J. B. Hardwick, J. R. Marable, A. M. Faison.

Ministerial Support, J. L. Stewart, J. Utley, H. E. Carr, H. G. Barnhill.

Foreign Missions, W. M. Young, J. R. Oliver, O. M. Matthews.

To Audit account of Treasurer of Association, J. M. Wooten, J. L. Boykin, L. Highsmith.

To Audit account of Treasurer of Executive Committee, W. W. Larkins, J. G. Branch, A. B. Carroll.

To nominate delegates to Baptist State Convention, Elders W. M. Kennedy, G. W. Hufham and brother D. J. Middleton.

To nominate ministers to preach stated sermons at next session, brethren S. J. Faison, J. C. Hines, John Vann.

Finance, brethren L. Highsmith, A. R. Herring, J. M. Millard.

Spiritual condition of the churches, Elders J. N. Stallings and J. L. Stewart and brother Isaiah Carroll.

On revision of Constitution and rules of Decorum for the churches, Elders W. M. Young, J. N. Stallings, G. W. Hufham and brother B. Oliver.

On motion, rules of order suspended, and an invitation extended to corresponding and visiting brethren.

Elder J. B. Hardwick reported himself as corresponding delegate from the Pamlico Association, and the representative of the board of Domestic Missions of the Southern Baptist Convention.

I. Royal, Clerk of Association, presented copies of the minutes of Beulah Association, also a copy of the minutes of Flat River Association.

Elder J. L. Stewart and brother L. R. Carroll were appointed Assistant Clerks, and the letters from the churches were read. The letter from Riley's Creek stated that their house of worship had been burned down by incendiaries, and asked for aid to rebuild. On motion laid on the table.

On motion that portion of the letter from Beulah relating to the death of Elder L. F. Williams, referred to committee on Obituaries, and laid on the table.

Committee on religious exercises reported the following: Prayer Meeting to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock to be conducted by Elder W. M. Kennedy, preaching at 10 by Elder J. L. Stewart, at 11 by Elder J. B. Hardwick, in the evening by Elder J. D. Hufham.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Prayer by Elder Utley.

Benediction by Moderator.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 9TH, 1867.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Religious exercises conducted by Elder Kennedy. Association called to order. Prayer by Elder McAlpin.

Roll called. Minutes of yesterday read. The reading of the letters finished. The letter from Haw Bluff laid on the table.

Petitionary letters called for. The churches at Dobson's

Chapel, Davis' Shore, Young Bethel and Ebenezer, petitioned to become members of the body. On motion they were received.

Elder J. L. Carroll accepted an invitation to visiting brethren, and reported himself as corresponding delegate from the Flat River Association; he also laid on the table 100 copies of the proceedings of the Baptist State Convention.

The following appointments were made to corresponding bodies:

*Pamlico Association*, Jesse Jackson, Elder J. T. Albritton.

*Cedar Creek*, Elders A. Guy, J. L. Stewart and brother Joseph Alderman.

*Cape Fear*, Elder W. M. Kennedy.

*Flat River*, Elders J. N. Stallings, W. M. Kennedy and W. A. Kingsbury.

*Resolved*, That the proposition from Beulah Association, to correspond by Minutes, be received; and we also appoint delegates to said Association.

Appointed Elders J. D. Hufham and W. M. Young.

Elder J. N. Stallings was appointed to write a letter of correspondence to sandy Creek Association.

*Resolved*, That any member of this Association, who may attend the sessions of any of the bodies with which we correspond, be authorized to act as delegates to said bodies.

Committee to nominate delegates to Baptist State Convention, submit the following as their report:

Elders J. P. Faison, G. W. Hufham, W. M. Kennedy, A. Guy, H. McAlpin, J. N. Stallings, J. L. Stewart, G. S. Best, A. D. Cohen, W. M. Young, A. P. Repiton, J. D. Hufham, J. R. Oliver, and brethren B. Oliver, H. E. Carr, L. Highsmith, J. H. Stevens, R. Vann, D. J. Middleton, C. P. Moore, G. R. French, I. Royal, D. K. Kornegay, Joel Loftin, J. D. Carroll, J. S. Devane, Owen Fennell, S. J. Faison, G. W.

Carroll, B. F. Mitchell, A. B. Carroll, Thos. Lee, O. Alderman, H. S. Averett, Jas. K. Williams, Wm. Brice, A. M. Faison, J. C. Hines, A. Royal, J. W. Brown, T. O. Kelley, R. Herring, Samuel Anderson, J. M. Wooten, J. T. Carroll, W. W. Larkins.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. KENNEDY, *Ch'm'n.*

The report on Foreign Missions was read and adopted :

#### REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Foreign Missions beg leave to report, that they recommend to the pastors to preach, during the coming year, a sermon, setting forth the relations of the churches to the cause of Missions; her duty to send the gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth, and the blessings arising therefrom to herself.

W. M. YOUNG.

During the consideration of the above report, remarks were made by Elders Carroll and Young, urging the churches to come up to the aid of our Missionaries in Foreign lands. A collection was made for the benefit of Foreign Missions amounting to \$19.00.

The committee on stated sermons for next session reported. Adopted :

The Committee to nominate ministers to preach stated sermons at next session, report as follows :

Elder J. N. Stallings, to preach the Introductory Sermon.

Elder W. M. Kenaedy, Alternate.

Elder W. M. Young, to preach the Missionary Sermon.

Elder J. L. Stewart, Alternate.

S. J. FAISON, }  
J. C. HINES, } *Com.*  
JOHN VANN, }

Committee on constitutional revision and rules of Decorum for the churches reported. The report after being amended was adopted :

Your Committee beg leave to report, that they have no alteration or amendments to offer to the Constitution, but offer the following alterations to Rules of Decorum for the Churches :

3. This clause, "or call on some other brother to do it for him," to be erased.

6. Be omitted entirely.

7. "With the consent of the second," to be omitted.

8. "Except by permission from the Moderator," for "Moderator," read "Church."

The report of the committee to nominate Trustees for Warsaw High School, was read and adopted. (See inside of cover.

One o'clock, called off for half an hour.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Re-assembled.

On motion of Elder J. L. Stewart a committee of three was appointed to report on the spiritual instruction and religious condition of the colored members,—committee, Elders J. L. Carroll, J. L. Stewart and brother S. J. Faison.

Executive committee reported. Report received and discussed by Elders W. M. Young, J. B. Hardwick and W. A. Kingsbury, all commending the course pursued by the committee, in the economy used in the distribution of the funds, and the self-sacrifice and untiring energy, both of the committee and the Missionaries in their employ—remarks were also made by brother B. Oliver, chairman of the committee. The report was unanimously adopted :

#### REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee beg leave to submit the following :

During the year now closing, we have prosecuted the great work entrusted to us, as best we could. We have encountered trials and difficulties of no ordinary character, and the results accomplished have not been such as we could have desired. Still a careful survey of the field, and of the year's labors, ought to awaken thankfulness for the past and hope for the future.

## RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS.

The receipts from all sources, since the last session of your body, have been \$404 00. The expenditures for the same period have been \$401 00.

## MISSIONARIES.

The following brethren have been engaged as Missionaries: Elders John R. Oliver, Geo. S. Best, J. L. Stewart, J. B. Barlow, G. W. Huffman and W. A. Kingsbury.

## POINTS OCCUPIED.

These brethren have labored, for longer or shorter periods, at Prospect and Chinquepin, Duplin County; Pleasant Hill, Flavel Hill, Jacksonville and Bay Meeting House, Onslow county; Clinton and Ebenezer, Sampson county; Christian Chapel, Lenoir county; and Davis's Shore, Smyrna and other points in Carteret.

## RESULTS.

Elder John R. Oliver, who has been laboring at Prospect and Christian Chapel, writes: "Owing to the demoralized condition of our once happy land, efforts for good seem almost fruitless. Not a single addition has been made this year. Indifference to religion prevails to an alarming extent. In some respects the people are apparently more hardened than they have been at any period within my knowledge. . . . Without here stating all the reasons for my course, I ask to be relieved from further service in that region. I do not wish the work to be abandoned, but perhaps some new man may do better there."

Though our brother seems so much discouraged, we have good reason to believe that his faithful, earnest labor at these places has not been in vain, and that an abundant harvest will yet be gathered by him or some more favored servant of the Lord, from the seed sown in sadness and tears.

Elder George S. Best, who has been preaching once a month at Chinquepin, states, in his last report, that there have been three accessions to the church at that place—two by letter and one by baptism—and there are hopeful indications in the congregation.

Elder J. B. Barlow has been laboring in Onslow, and has baptized several during the year. He also reports encouraging signs in his field. The section in which he has been engaged has been entirely destitute of such preaching as unfolds and enforces the "glorious gospel of the blessed God," according to our views of it; and if he can be sustained till he succeeds in building up a permanent interest

there, a great point will have been gained. It has been the purpose of your Committee steadily kept in view, to extend our borders gradually into those communities which are either entirely deprived of the preached word or have it with a large admixture of error.

Elder J. L. Stewart has been preaching at Clinton and at Ebenezer, formerly Fork Meeting House. At the former place he has seen but little to encourage him. From the latter he sends pleasant tidings. His services there commenced in August. He writes: "Brother McAlpin was with me. We preached eleven days, and we praise God that our feeble efforts were blessed to the conversion of many souls. Twenty persons were baptized, and that church, which had become extinct, was re-organized with about fifty members. It now sets out afresh with bright prospects, and we may hope that at an early day it will be self-sustaining."

In addition to the labors already specified, we may mention that, at the request of your committee, Elder J. R. Oliver visited Beaufort some time since. He found the church scattered and discouraged and disorganized, and their house of worship occupied by the negroes. Stimulated by his exhortations they have reoccupied the house, and Elder J. Utley has been preaching to them once a month with acceptance and with indications of the Divine presence and approval. It is a matter for gratitude that this ground was once held by the Association is again enjoying the ministrations of one of our brethren.

Elder George W. Huffman has also spent twenty-nine days in visiting and conferring with our Primitive brethren near the coast, to see whether they could not be induced to abandon their opposition and co-operate with us in the future. He was very kindly received, and though nothing tangible was accomplished we may hope for good from these conferences in the future.

## REVIEW.

This hasty and imperfect review of the year will show that if the enterprise has not been carried on on a scale commensurate with its importance, and with the extent and demands of the field to be occupied, there has at last been a disposition to work, and that more has been accomplished than could have been expected from the small amount of funds placed at our disposal. In one instance a disorganized and extinct church has been revived; and strengthened by the conversion and reception of twenty souls, has started out with brightening prospects. Other churches which, unaided, must have died, have been supplied with stated preaching; and at some of them, precious souls have been converted to God. We have also been able, though to a limited extent, to send the Gospel into regions which

have hitherto been entirely destitute. Even the difficulties and discouragements reported by some of the missionaries should only stimulate us to greater efforts in the future. These places are important as centres of influence, and as intrenched camps from which to advance to other conquests.

#### NEW FIELDS.

While the Lord has been blessing the small amount of effort already put forth, and has thus spoken to his people to go forward, He has at the same time been opening new fields and inviting us to enter. If the means were placed at our disposal at least half a dozen missionaries could be profitably employed in places which have hitherto been strangers to the pure word of truth. Elder A. D. Cohen, of Newbern, who has given some attention to the matter, writes: "There are miles and miles of country in the coast region, destitute of preaching except as a traveling minister pays them an occasional visit. Then the people manifest great anxiety to hear, and listen attentively. A meeting was recently held, with gracious results, at Davis's shore. Brethren Utley, Leary and Kingsbury went over there a week or more ago and organized a promising church. Brother Kingsbury is there now. It is with special reference to this brother that I now write. He is a young man who has not quite finished his education, but wishes to do something in the Lord's service and desires to preach to the destitute. . . . . Would it not be well, to secure him, if possible, as our Missionary in that section? He could visit the straits, where there is now a splendid opening for Baptist influence; feed the young church at Davis's shore; supply the church at Smyrna and preach at Morehead City;—thus laboring usefully in a field which it is important for us to occupy."

On receipt of brother Cohen's letter, we forwarded an appointment as Missionary to brother K., to labor in this field. He accepted the appointment and labored several weeks, everywhere meeting with great encouragement and attended by manifestations of the Divine presence. As the result of a meeting at Smyrna, four persons were baptized. Subsequently he returned to Davis's Shore and seventeen persons were baptized at that place. He also preached at other points—in some cases where no sermon had been heard for several years. But we cannot enter into details in this report.

The field occupied by brother K. is an important and inviting one, and if his services can be secured we think it would be well to sustain him there and enable him to give his whole time to it. It is for your body to decide whether this shall be done.

Several brethren have also carefully examined the wants of a portion

of Onslow county. There is a region there, which would give full employment to at least one able, energetic minister, and from which we might expect a speedy and beautiful harvest.

#### WHAT IS NEEDED

These are but few of the communities which are inviting us to come up and possess the land; but it is needless to specify others. The laborers can be found who, if they could hope for a partial support, would gladly go. All that is needed is a larger measure of liberality on the part of the churches. The spirit, and example, and teachings of Jesus, and the claims of perishing souls, all urge them to this. May we not hope for it? May we not also hope that the next year will witness such fruits as will cheer and gladden the hearts of us all? This result is within our reach. Let us labor and pray that the opportunities now given to us, for whose improvement we are responsible, may not be lost.

B OLIVER, *Ch'm'n.*

The report on Sabbath Schools was read and adopted. Pending the adoption it was discussed at some length by Elders W. M. Young, J. B. Hardwick, J. L. Stewart, H. McAlpin and J. N. Stallings.

#### REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committee have had the subject under consideration, and would report, that while they find an increasing interest being taken by the churches, they yet find a large field for improvement. According to the church letters, we find twenty Sabbath Schools, with about 1,191 scholars, one of which (Wilmington) reports that ten of its members have recently united with the church, and that its Youth's Missionary Society gave last year \$60 to educate a heathen child. In connection with the above, there is one colored Sabbath School of 90 scholars reported to your committee. There are 24 churches without Sabbath Schools. Why is it that there are so many of our churches, that have not taken hold of this great work? Is it not just as important in one section as another? Are not the souls of the children as dear to those who have not engaged in this work, as they are to those who have.

Brethren, ask yourself the question; am I doing my duty to my children? Am I bringing them up "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?" How are your children spending the Sabbath day? Think of your duty to them! Are you not responsible to God for

them? Think of it. Brethren, there ought to be a Sabbath School for every church: therefore, we, the delegates present, resolve that we will make an earnest effort to establish a Sabbath School in connection with our several churches.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE.

The committee to nominate the executive committee reported the following, which was adopted:

The Committee to nominate an Executive Committee, submit the following report, viz: Brethren B. Oliver, Kedar Vann, H. E. Carr, L. Highsmith, D. J. Middleton, J. H. Stevens, and C. P. Moore.

Respectfully,

J. D. CARROLL.

The committee on the spiritual instruction of the colored members reported. The report was received and made the first business of the session to-morrow morning.

Committee on religious exercises reported the following: Prayer meeting to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock conducted by Elder Barlow; preaching at 10 by Elder Carroll; Missionary sermon at 11 by Elder McAlpin; preaching in the evening by Elder Kingsbury.

Adjourned to meet at 9 1-2 o'clock in the morning.

Prayer by Elder Stallings. Benediction by Elder Hardwick.

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THURSDAY, October 10th, 1867.

Prayer meeting conducted by Elder Barlow.

During the prayer meeting, the Trustees of Warsaw High School held a meeting to receive the report of the Principal, and to prepare a report for the Association.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Roll called. Minutes of yesterday read.

An invitation was extended to visiting brethren Elder W. T. Walters, one of the editors of the *RECORDER*, and Corresponding Secretary of the Board of State Missions, reported himself.

The report on the spiritual condition of the colored members, was called up and discussed by Elders Carroll, Young, J. D. Hufham and Stewart. After striking out a part of the report it was adopted.

#### REPORT ON RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION OF THE COLORED PEOPLE.

The Committee on the Religious Instruction of the Colored People, respectfully report, that the spiritual condition of our colored membership is one of peculiar interest, and devolves upon us as christians, serious responsibilities. In the providence of God, their condition to us has been very materially changed, and it becomes us to conform to these altered relations, in the fear of God. The change is not one for which they are responsible, and no ill-feeling should be entertained towards them in consequence of it.

Your Committee think it highly important that the following action be recommended to the churches: That wherever there is a sufficient number of this class of membership in our churches to form a church and sustain the preaching of the gospel, they be encouraged to do so. Where this is not the case, let them be retained as before, and let our preachers be induced to preach to them more directly. We think further, that our churches should be recommended to organize and instruct them in Sunday Schools, whenever it is convenient to do so. If our brethren do not engage in this work, there will come those among them for this purpose, whose presence and influence will be anything else than agreeable to them. If the highest motives of christian duty are not sufficient to prompt them to action, there are other considerations, seriously affecting their social and political relations, to urge them to it.

J. L. CARROLL, *Ch'm'n.*

The committee on church letters reported the following:

#### REPORT ON CHURCH LETTERS.

The total baptisms during the year, are 472; received by letter, 165; by experience, 19; by restoration, 19; total accession, 675; total loss by dismissal, exclusion and death, 384; showing a nett gain of 291;

the whole number reported, 3,839. These numbers, compared with those of last year, show, that while the Lord has blessed some of our churches and added to them such as shall be saved, the revival spirit has not been as strong as the previous year. Several of the churches have been greatly refreshed and blessed, but the greater number report coldness and indifference. The total membership reported is less, by about 200, than that reported last year, though the letters show a nett gain of 200, proving that the carelessness of Clerks, in collecting statistics of their churches, complained of last year, still exist.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE.

The committee of Finance submitted the following report:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF FINANCE.

	ASSOCIATION FUND.	ITINERANT FUND.	TOTAL.
Wilmington, .....	\$ 5 00	\$ 50 00	\$ 55 00
Mt Holly, .....	3 95	4 65	8 60
Moore's Creek, .....	5 00	7 20	12 20
Bethlehem, .....	2 50		2 50
Riley's Creek, .....	4 35	5 85	10 20
Wells' Chapel, .....	5 00	6 50	11 50
Shiloh, .....	5 00		5 00
Lisbon, .....	2 75		2 75
Bethel, .....	2 75		2 75
Mt. Gilead, .....	5 00	5 00	10 00
New Hope, .....	4 50		4 50
Boykins Chapel, .....	3 00		3 00
White Oak, .....	2 00	2 65	4 65
Brown's M. M., .....	2 00		2 00
Beulah, .....	3 05	13 00	16 05
Piney Grove, .....	5 00	14 00	19 00
Rowan, .....	2 00		2 00
Canaan, .....	1 50		1 50
Mt. Zion, .....	2 00		2 00
Clinton, .....	1 50		1 50
Nat Moore Creek, .....	1 00		1 00
Haw Bluff, .....	2 00	3 00	5 00
Mt Olive, .....	50		50
Falling Creek, .....	3 10		3 10
Bear Marsh, .....	6 05		6 05
Warsaw, .....	3 50	5 10	8 60
Johnson's M. H., .....	2 25	10 50	12 75
Kenansville, .....	3 00	6 75	9 75
Beaverdam, .....	3 00	7 50	12 50
Amount carried forward, .....	\$ 94 25	\$ 141 70	\$ 235 95

Report of Finance Committee—Continued.

Amount brought forward, .....	\$ 94 25	\$ 141 70	\$ 235 95
Concord, .....	3 00		3 00
Island Creek, .....	3 00		3 00
Berea, .....	1 80		1 80
Hallsville, .....	3 25		3 25
Corinth, .....	2 67	75	3 35
Prospect, .....	1 00		1 00
Chinquepin, .....	1 25		1 25
Tuckahoe, .....	1 30		1 30
Newberne, .....	1 00	4 00	5 00
Beaufort, .....	1 00		1 00
Smyrna, .....	1 00		1 00
Kinston, .....	3 25		3 20
Union Chapel, .....	3 00		3 00
Dobson's Chapel, .....	2 70		2 70
Davis' Shore, .....	1 50	7 00	11 50
Young Bethel, .....	1 00		1 00
Ebenezer, .....	2 00		2 00
Pleasant Hill, .....	1 00		1 00
Received at the collection on Wednesday, for F. Missions, ...			19 00
	\$ 128 97	\$ 153 45	\$ 304 40

L. HIGHSMITH,  
J. M. MILLARD, } Committee.  
A. R. HERRING,

On motion, committee of Finance instructed to pay the amount in their hands for itinerancy to the Treasurer of Executive Committee, and the Association fund and Foreign Mission fund to Treasurer of Association.

On motion, the Executive Committee was requested to inquire into the condition of those churches, that have for some time failed to report to this body, and report the same to the next session.

The committee on Periodicals reported. Pending the motion for the adoption of the report, Elder J. B. Hardwick presented the claims of the RECORDER. The report was adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your Committee report that it is our duty, individually and as a denomination, to sustain a denominational organ in this State. We

cannot fully estimate the value of its influence upon the church, the family and the community at large. We therefore earnestly urge our brethren to consider the claims of the BIBLICAL RECORDER, to their support and patronage.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. HARDWICK,  
A. M. FAISON,  
J. R. MARABLE,

The committee on obituaries reported. Adopted.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES.

The Committee on Obituaries submit the following :

The death of Elder L. F. WILLIAMS, which occurred on the 13th day of June, 1867, in the seventieth year of his age, or thereabouts, presents itself to our consideration, as worthy of record in our report.

Elder WILLIAMS was converted under the ministry of Elder R. McNabb, about the year 1832, at which time he connected himself with the Free Will Baptists, and soon after commenced preaching. He continued with the Free Will Baptists about ten years. Becoming dissatisfied with their doctrines, especially that of open communion, he united with us, and continued steadfastly in our doctrines until his death, possessing the esteem and confidence of his numerous acquaintances. He was a devoted and useful minister : his usefulness increasing as he approached the end of his earthly journey. He was signally useful in the last few years, in building up, increasing and strengthening several Churches, in the counties of New Hanover and Bladen, enfeebled by adverse circumstances. His last moments were peaceful, and we believe he has passed from his toils on earth, to the rest prepared for the people of God.

Dr. JAS G. DICKSON, a useful and consistent member of the church at Bear Marsh, died suddenly, of appoplexy, on the 8th of September, 1867. The deceased was for a long time, a deacon of the church, and performed the duties of his office faithfully. He was, for most of the time of his membership, Clerk of the Church, and was, for a number of sessions, elected Clerk of this Association. In every christian duty he was prompt and faithful.

Dr. DICKSON was a man of enlarged christian charity, and few men of his means equalled him in contributions to benevolent objects. There is not a profession, except that of the gospel ministry, which makes greater demands upon its members, for deeds of active benevolence, than the one to which he belonged ; their only hope of reward being beyond this world. Such charities extended by him in his pro-

fessional life to the humble and needy, indicated a most generous heart and benevolent disposition.

We are assured that death came to him stripped of its terrors, and that he now enjoys the friendship of the saints in glory.

JOHN T. MOORE, who was for many years an active member of Moore's Creek Church, died at his residence in Caintuck, New Hanover county, on the 16th day of June, 1867, aged 41 years. Possessing an active mind, industrious and persevering, he was often chosen to fill important places in this body.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE.

In compliance with a request from Falling Creek church, the following was adopted :

WHEREAS, The Church at Falling Creek has asked this body to appoint a Presbytery to examine brother Asher Flowers, and ordain him to the gospel ministry, if qualified, and as it is not the province of the Association to do this, we simply request Elders W. M. Kennedy, J. L. Stewart, H. McAlpin and J. B. Hardwick, to visit said church, or request the church to send brother Flowers to meet the brethren, for this purpose, at the Convention in Goldsboro', on Thursday.

The hour for preaching the Missionary sermon having arrived, Elder H. McAlpin preached from 1st Corinthians 1 : 21, and took up a collection for Missionary purposes.

The Association being pressed with business, did not adjourn to hear the sermon.

The report on ministerial support was read and adopted :

#### REPORT ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

Your Committee on Ministerial Support report that the churches generally admit that it is a christian duty to support their pastors. But they content themselves that this duty is discharged, when they have made a very scanty provision for this object.

The attention of your Committee has been called to one feature of this matter, that speaks unfavorably, as we think, for christian honesty ; and that is, that a large number of our churches, after sharing the labors of their pastors, and having promised a stated salary at the commencement of these labors, allow these promises to remain, in great part, unredeemed. It is useless to argue how disastrous to the cause of Christ this is, but we would suggest that this Association press upon the churches the importance of correcting this evil.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE.

Called off for half an hour.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

Re-assembled.

Trustees of Warsaw High School reported. Adopted:

## REPORT OF TRUSTEES.

The Trustees of Warsaw High School, beg leave to submit the following report:

We are gratified to know that the school is doing well, being more prosperous than it has been, at any time since the war. The number of students in attendance during the year, has been fifty-three. The present number is forty-two. The following branches have been taught: Spelling, Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Grammar, Geography, Philosophy, Algebra and Latin.

The School is now, and has been giving instruction to four or five students, free of charge.

We have the assurance of our Principal, that if the Association will give the School its support, the School shall be made to meet the educational wants of our people. We understand that the people of the village are determined to aid in building up, and making the School a permanent one.

To those who desire their children educated, the School offers the following inducements: The morals of the place are good, and there is that element in the Society of the place, which will cause it to improve. There is a regular Sabbath School in the village, conducted by the Principal of the School, aided by several good citizens.

Board can be had with good families on reasonable terms.

It is encouraging to reflect that a majority of the students who have in past years been connected with this School, have, when they arrived at the years of discretion, embraced the religion of the Bible.

Respectfully submitted,

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

On motion, the Treasurer was authorized to send the funds in his hands for Foreign Missions to Elder J. B. Taylor.

The letters from Beulah and Haw Bluff asking for the next session of the Association, called up. Agreed to hold the next session with the church at Beulah.

Treasurer of Ministers' Relief Society reported:

## REPORT OF TREASURER OF MINISTER'S RELIEF SOCIETY.

Dr.	
Note on J. J. Whitehead, due Jan 1st, 1868, \$42,	\$42 00
Note on J. J. Whitehead, due Jan. 1st, 1869, \$42,	42 00
Note on J. J. Whitehead, \$42 due Jan. 1st, 1870, do., due Jan. 1st, 1871, \$42,	84 00
Note on J. J. Whitehead, \$42, due Jan. 1st, 1872, do., due Jan. 1st, 1872, \$700,	742 00
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These notes are secured by a mortgage,	\$ 910 00
I. Royal's note, due December 30th, 1865,	26 25
J. R. Oliver's note, due Oct. 1st, 1867,	15 00
D. K. Kornegay's note, due August 1st, 1867,	38 25
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Total,	\$989 50

D. K. KORNEGAY, *Treas.*

The committee appointed to audit the account of Treasurer of Association submitted the following:

Upon calling on the Treasurer for account, we find that he has no statement upon which to report: Therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Association allow the Treasurer of the Association to report to the Clerk of the Association, whose duty it shall be to audit said account and append to the minutes.

J. M. WOOTEN, }  
J. L. BOYKIN, } *Committee.*  
L. HIGHSMITH, }

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

1866.	S. J. FAISON, <i>Treasurer Eastern Association,</i>	DR.
Oct. 11th,	To amount received at Association,	\$254 35
Dec. 11th,	Received of Bethel Church,	2 35
Total receipts,		\$256 70
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CONTRA.		
1866.	By amount paid Clerk for printing and circulating Minutes, his fees, &c.,	\$108 50
	To Treasurer of Executive Committee,	148 20
		\$256 70

I have examined the above account and find it correct.

ISHAM ROYAL, *Clerk.*

The letter from the church at Riley's Creek, asking for aid to rebuild their house of worship called up, and the following was adopted:

*Resolved*, That this body deeply sympathize with the brethren at Riley's Creek Church, in the loss of their house of worship by an incendiary, and that the delegates of this body pledge themselves to bring the matter before their respective churches, and to solicit subscriptions to aid the brethren in rebuilding.

Elder J. B. Hardwick urged the claims of the charge upon the brethren for their aid, and \$128 was secured in cash and pledges.

The Historical committee stated that they did not have sufficient facts, on which to base a report.

On motion they were allowed further time to report, and Elder J. D. Hufham added to the committee.

The report of the Treasurer of the Executive Committee was read and adopted :

REPORT OF TREASURER OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

1866. D. J. MIDDLETON, <i>Treasurer of Executive Committee</i> , DR.	
Amount on hand at last Association,.....	\$ 89 68
Received from Wilmington,.....	15 00
“ from Mt Holly,.....	9 13
“ from Wells' Chapel,.....	20 00
“ from Moore's Creek,.....	14 25
“ from Association collection,.....	6 50
“ from Bear Marsh,.....	29 50
“ from Boykin's Chapel,.....	23 02
“ from Riley's Creek,.....	35 95
“ from Lisbon,.....	12 85
“ from Flavel Hill,.....	1 25
“ from Kenansville,.....	13 25
“ from Kinston,.....	25 50
“ from Shiloh,.....	5 62
“ from churches at present session,.....	156 70
“ from collection at stand,.....	8 00
Total receipts,.....	\$ 466 20

CREDIT.

By counterfeit money,.....	\$ 1 50
By vouchers from sundry persons,.....	459 50
	\$ 461 00
Balance in hands of Treasurer,.....	\$ 5 20

We beg leave to report that we have examined the above account and find it correct.

W. W. LARKINS, *Chm'n.*

On motion of brother J. M. Wooten the following was adopted :

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Association are due, and are hereby tendered to the brethren, sisters and friends of this neighborhood, for their sacrifice for and devotion to the cause of Christ, manifested by the willingness with which they have entertained the members of this body.

On motion the Clerk was ordered to have 1500 copies of the minutes printed, and he be paid \$25 for his services in transcribing, and distributing the same.

Ordered that the balance in hands of Treasurer, after paying for printing the minutes and clerk's fees, be paid to Treasurer of Executive committee.

Elders W. M. Kennedy. J. R. Oliver and J. N. Stallings were appointed a committee on Obituaries to report at next session.

The business of the Association having been finished, adjourned to meet at Beulah, Tuesday after the first Sunday in October, 1868.

Parting remarks were made by Moderator. Prayer by Elder Walters. The brethren sung the hymn, "I love thy kingdom Lord" &c., and gave the parting hand.

Benediction by Elder G. W. Hufham. Thus ended a session characterized by union and harmony.

W. M. KENNEDY, MODERATOR.

ISHAM ROYAL, Clerk.

# STATISTICAL TABLE. No. 1.

CHURCHES.	When Cons'd.	COUNTIES.	PASTORS.	Additions.			Diminu.			White Mem.	Colored Mem.	Total.	From Min. of previous years
				By Bap.	By Letter.	By Ex.	Restoration.	By Letter.	Excluded.				
Wilmington,		New Hanover,	W. M. Young,	24	13		2	9	2	3	178		178
Mt. Holly,		" "	W. M. Kennedy,	30	2			5	4		113		175
Moore's Creek,	1833	" "	W. M. Kennedy,		9		1	4	2				228
Bethlehem,		" "	No Pastor,	2			1	2					59
Marshall's M. H.,	1837	" "	No report,										
Riley's Creek,		" "	W. M. Kennedy,	32	4		2	2	9		94		97
Shiloh,	1853	" "	J. P. Faison,		3			2	9		121		195
Wells' Chapel,		" "	W. M. Kennedy,		2			4	3		184		331
Bethel,		Sampson,	O. M. Matthews,	7				4		1	67		93
Lisbon,		" "	J. L. Stewart,					5					81
Mt. Gilead,		" "	H. McAlpin,	6				3	1		96	2	98
New Hope,		" "	A. Guy,	19	3		3	10		2	128	31	159
Boykins Chapel,	1846	" "	H. McAlpin,		2	1		17	3		119	17	136
White Oak,	1847	" "	No Pastor,	40			2	4			107	47	154
Browns' M. H.,	1828	" "	J. R. Oliver,								24	39	63
Beulah,	1814	" "	J. L. Stewart,		2			1		2	59	62	121
Piney Grove,	1846	" "	H. McAlpin,		2			3	1	2	150	22	172
Rowan,	1759	" "	W. H. Howard,		3						77	26	103
Clinton,	1855	" "	J. L. Stewart,	1	3			4					35
Canaan,	1858	" "	J. R. Oliver,	6	1						25	4	29
Ebenezer,	1867	" "	J. L. Stewart,	19	20								39
Mt. Zion,	1845	Bladen,	No Pastor,								16	25	41
French's Creek,	1850	" "	No Report,										
Haw Bluff,	1859	" "	H. P. Brinson,								56		56
Nat. Moore Creek,		" "	J. M. Register,	10									39

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Mt. Olive,	1863	Wayne,	No Pastor,	29	2	3	2				76		80
Fallin Creek,		" "	C. J. Nelson,	13	4			6	5	4	180	5	81
Bear-Marsh,	1835	Duplin,	J. N. Stallings,	27	15			1	5	1	136	89	269
Warsaw,	1855	" "	A. Guy,	74				5		3	166	29	165
Johnson's M. H.,		" "	G. S. Best,	3	2			101				64	230
Kenansville,		" "	J. N. Stallings,	2	9			3	3		161	25	60
Beaverdam,		" "	A. Guy,	17	2		4	8	1		81	74	185
Concord,	1844	" "	A. Guy,	18	1		1	3	3	4	102	11	155
Berea,	1803	" "	J. P. Faison,	8	2			5	3	2	125	38	112
Island Creek,	1850	" "	J. E. King,	2			1	19	12		118	54	153
Halisville,		" "	J. E. King,	5	5			1	1		62	1	173
Corinth,	1858	" "	J. P. Faison,										63
Antioch,		" "	No report,										
Prospect,		" "	J. R. Oliver,					29	2	1			35
Chinquepin,	1860	" "	G. S. Best,	1	2								37
Piney Grove,	1841	Jones,	No report,	5	1	6		1			37	7	44
Tuckahoe,	1865	" "	J. J. Rhodes,	13	14			1		3			109
Newberne,		Craven,	A. D. Cohen,										
Bruce's Creek,	1854	" "	No report,										
Fort Barnwell,		" "	No report,										
Beaufort,		Carteret,	Jacob Utley,	25	19								53
Smyrna,		" "	T. J. Leary,	4	1		2	8		6	28	3	31
Woodville,		" "	No report,										
Davis's Shore,	1867	" "	T. J. Leary,	31							44	3	47
Young Bethel,	1867	" "	T. J. Leary,										40
Kinston,		Lenoir,	L. Thorne,		1				1	2	20	16	36
Woodenton,	1858	" "	No report,										
Union,		" "	No report,										
Washington,		Beaufort,	No report,										47
Union Chapel,		Osslow,	No report,	8		7					79	10	44
Jacksonville,	1865	" "	No report,										84
Pleasant Hill,	1865	" "	J. B. Barlow,					1	1		27	4	12
Dobson's Chapel,	1867	Duplin,	G. S. Best,	1	16								31
													45

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Total reported,.....4927.  
Total Membership,.....5388.

TABLE No. 2.

CHURCHES.	CLERKS	POST OFFICES.
Wilmington,	J. W. Collins,	Wilmington,
Mt. Holly,	B. Carroll,	Camera.
Moore's Creek,	V. N. Sewell,	
Riley's Creek,	W. W. Larkins,	Rocky Point.
Shiloh,	H. S. Averett,	
Wells' Chapel,	G. W. Highsmith,	Harrell's Store.
Bethel,		
Lisbon,	Richard Herring,	Clinton,
Mt. Gilead,	R. K. Pearson,	Clinton.
New Hope,	J. L. Carroll,	Six Runs,
Boykin's Chapel,	B. Mathews,	Clinton,
White Oak,	G. W. Bennett,	Clinton,
Brown's M. H.,	A. Royal,	Piney Grove,
Beulah,	J. M. Millard,	Clinton,
Piney Grove,	R. R. Bell,	Clinton,
Rowan,	T. O. Kelly,	Clinton.
Clinton,	G. W. Marsh,	Clinton.
Canaan,	Thos. Underwood,	Newton Grove.
Ebenezer,	Robert Highsmith,	Clinton.
Mt. Zion,	Samuel Anders,	Black River Chapel.
Haw Bluff,	J. R. Barnhill,	
Nat Moore Creek,	B. Evans,	Black Rock.
Mt. Olive,	H. J. Williamson,	Mt. Olive.
Falling Creek,	G. S. Peterson,	Goldsboro'.
Bear Marsh,	A. S. Davis,	Mt. Olive.
Warsaw,	B. C. Bowden,	Warsaw.
Johnson's M. H.,	D. W. Moore,	Warsaw.
Kenansville,	G. A. Newell,	Kenansville.
Beaverdam,	G. W. Carroll,	
Concord,	J. W. Taylor,	Magnolia.
Berea,	R. J. Johnson,	Camera.
Island Creek,	S. H. Cavanaugh,	Wallace.
Hallsville,	J. T. Carroll,	Kenansville.
Corinth,	T. H. Rogers,	Magnolia.
Prospect,	Name not given.	
Chinquopin,	H. G. Maxwell,	
Dobson's Chapel,	J. T. Carroll,	Kenansville.
Tuckahoe,	J. J. Davis,	Pink Hill.
Newberne,	Wm. J. Ballinger.	Newberne.
Beaufort,	T. C. Harden,	Beaufort.
Davis's Shore,	I. F. Willis,	Beaufort.
Smyrna,	Name not given.	Beaufort.
Young Bethel,	Name not given.	Beaufort.
Kinston,	P. Hardee,	Kinston.
Pleasant Hill,	J. R. Marshall,	
Union Chapel,	M. D. Thomas,	Catherine Lake.

P. S. Several of the churches have failed to give the name of the Clerks and the Post Offices. They are requested to give them, in the next report, also the amount of all funds expended, and for what objects, and the number of teachers and pupils in their Sabbath Schools.

CLERK.

## CONSTITUTION

### OF THE

# EASTERN ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the Eastern Association.

ART. 2. The objects 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.

ART. 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter, certifying their appointment, and communicating information relative to the state of the church.

ART. 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen from among its members, by ballot, by a majority of the members voting, and shall 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,

consisting of not less than five or more than seven members; which committee shall have the superintendence of Associational missions and Colportage. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid by the Treasurer of the Association for the objects under their charge, and during intervals between the meetings of this body, to receive and disburse funds for those objects, and to take such steps for their advancement as they shall deem advisable, and shall make an annual report to the Association, of their doings.

ART. 10. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of her churches which neglect to preserve gospel order.

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

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

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

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

## RULES OF ORDER.

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

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

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

4. The members shall observe towards the officers and each other, that courtesy which becomes christians.

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

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

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

8. No motion shall be withdrawn after its discussion.

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

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

11. No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association, without permission of the presiding officer, and no one shall take final leave of absence without the permission of the Association, and if any shall do so the names of such shall be stricken from the roll.

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 its consideration.

14. The Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any session of the Association by a majority of votes.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS.

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1. Organization.
2. Appointment of Committees.
3. Reading Church Letters.
4. Call for Petitionary Letters.
5. Reception of Corresponding Delegates and Visitors.
6. The appointment of Corresponding Delegates.
7. Report of Standing Committees.
8. Report of Special Committees.
6. Report of Trustees of Ministers' Relief Society.
10. Report of Treasurer.
11. Motions and Resolutions.
12. Miscellaneous Business.
13. Adjournment.

## RULES OF DECORUM FOR THE CHURCHES.

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1. We will hold at least four Conference meetings in the year for the transaction of business; also special meetings whenever requisite.

2. The names of the members shall be called at every regular meeting, and there shall be due notice taken of the absence of those who discover a disposition to absent themselves.

3. At every Conference, the pastor, in his right of office, shall preside as Moderator; and in case of his absence, the Conference shall appoint a Moderator *pro tem.*, who shall open Conference by devotional exercises.

4. The Clerk shall keep a Church Book, in which all the proceedings of the Conference shall be faithfully transcribed, and at every regular meeting the minutes of the preceding meeting shall be read immediately after the names are called.

5. An invitation shall be given to brethren of our faith and order to sit with us in Conference, who shall enjoy all the privileges of the meeting, except that of voting.

6. Every subject for the consideration of the Conference shall be introduced by a motion, which, when seconded, shall be debated and acted upon, unless withdrawn by the mover.

7. Every speaker shall rise and address the Moderator by the appellation of brother, and shall confine his remarks to the subject under debate, and shall not be allowed to speak more than twice on one subject, except by permission of the Church.

8. No member shall withdraw from the Conference without the permission of the Moderator.

9. It shall be required that in matters of difference between members, before complaint is made to the church, the aggrieved party shall have duly attended to the instructions of our Lord, Matt 18th chapter, 16th, 17th and 18th verses, and public offences or such as operate against the peace of the church, shall be the subject of discipline.

10. All questions submitted to the Conference shall be decided by a majority of votes, except receiving members to fellowship; and any question may be reconsidered upon the motion of any who voted in the affirmative.

11. The Moderator shall propound all questions for vote—shall keep the speakers to the subject under debate—may express his own views, after others are done speaking, and see that these rules are faithfully observed.

12. These Rules of Decorum may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the whole church.

*Resolved*, That this Association recommend the adoption of the foregoing rules to all the churches that comprise this body.