

# MINUTES

OF THE

THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Eastern Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

Newbern, Craven Co., N. C.,

OCTOBER 8th, 9th and 10th, 1878.

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WILMINGTON, N. C.:

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J. B. TAYLOR, Wilmington.	J. L. STEWART, Clinton.
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C. C. NEWTON, Herringsville.	O. M. MATTHEWS "
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J. N. STALLINGS, Warsaw.	C. J. NELSON, "
W. M. KENNEDY, Magnolia.	R. C. SANDLING, Beaufort.
G. S. BEST, Kenansville.	J. T. LEARY, "
G. W. HUFHAM, Warsaw.	J. UTLEY, Morehead City.
J. L. BRITT, LaGrange.	E. A. BEST, Richlands.
J. K. FAULKNER, Kinston.	F. W. EASON, Newbern.

## PROCEEDINGS.

NEWBERN, N. C., Oct. 8th, 1878.

The Eastern Association convened according to appointment, in the Baptist Church at Newbern, N. C. Devotional exercises conducted by Elder J. B. Taylor, of Wilmington. Prayer by Elder J. K. Faulkner, of Kinston.

On motion the Introductory Sermon, which properly came first, was postponed to 7½ o'clock, P. M.

Brethren L. R. Carroll and B. Matthews were appointed Assistant Clerks.

On motion Finance Committee was appointed, consisting of Brethren B. F. Mitchell, A. M. Faison and S. J. Boon.

Proceeded to call roll of Churches, and the following names were enrolled as delegates:

WILMINGTON 1st—Elder J. B. Taylor, B. F. Mitchell.  
 WILMINGTON 2nd—Williamson Hurst.  
 WOODVILLE—R. B. Felton, J. Arthar.  
 PINEY GROVE (Jones)—C. C. Taylor, Wm. McDaniel, B. F. Dillahunt.  
 MT. GILEAD—B. Matthews.  
 BEAUFORT—J. E. Whitehurst, T. D. Noah.  
 MOREHEAD CITY—Elder J. Utley, J. T. Eaton.  
 NEWBERN—C. C. Clark, W. G. Brinson, F. W. Hancock.  
 LAGRANGE—J. M. Hines.  
 ROSE HILL—Elder J. R. Oliver, D. N. Page.  
 KINSTON—J. M. Wooten, J. F. Hill, H. D. Spain.  
 TRENTON—Peter Andrews, W. H. Mallard.  
 UNION CHAPEL—John Marshburn  
 CORINTH—R. F. Peterson, J. T. Wilkins.  
 JACKSONVILLE—L. A. Avery, W. K. Ramsey.  
 MAGNOLIA—D. Moore.  
 CONCORD—Wm. Brice, L. A. Kennedy.  
 HALLSVILLE—Elder H. M. Croom, W. H. Morton.  
 MARY'S CHAPEL—Elder G. S. Best.  
 JOHNSON'S—O. P. Middleton, Elder W. M. Kennedy.  
 WARSAW—A. M. Faison, S. M. Carlton, W. C. Carlton.  
 KENANSVILLE—D. J. Middleton.  
 GOLDSBORO—Elder C. J. Nelson, J. E. Peterson.  
 MT. CALVARY—Elder J. T. Albritton, Giles Hinson.  
 MT. OLIVE—Joel Loftin, W. S. Elmore, O. Summerlin.  
 FALLING CREEK—M. E. Britt.  
 BEAR MARSH—B. Oliver.  
 BEAULAH—Elder J. L. Britt.  
 BOYKIN'S CHAPEL—L. M. Boykin, T. D. Blackburn.  
 NEW HOPE—L. R. Carroll, J. L. Carroll.

WELL'S CHAPEL—L. R. Highsmith.  
 LONG CREEK—Elder J. B. Barlow.  
 PINEY GROVE (Sampson)—J. C. Hines, H. L. Oats, J. W. Lamb.  
 CAPERNAUM—D. F. Aman.  
 FORT BARNWELL—J. W. Riddle.  
 SHILOH—Jno. T. Bland.  
 PINEY GROVE (Onslow)—W. P. Ward, C. E. Holland, A. B. Carroll.  
 RILEY'S CREEK—W. B. Hocut.  
 BEREÄ—R. J. Johnson.  
 CLINTON—Elder J. L. Stewart.

Canetuck Chapel, Lisbon, Rowan, Bethel, Union, Dobson's Chapel, Enon, Island Creek, Moores Creek, Mt. Holly, Salem, Haw Bluff, Bethlehem and Ebenezer were represented by letter.

On motion, letter from Ebenezer, asking for letter of dismission from this body, was laid on the table.

On motion, letter from Piney Grove (Sampson), petitioning for the next session of the Association was laid on the table.

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

Delegates appeared from Woodville, and the name of that Church having been dropped from the list of Churches, on motion it was reinstated upon the list.

Committee of Arrangements was appointed, consisting of Elder W. M. Kennedy and delegates from Newbern Church.

On motion, adjourned to 2½ o'clock. Prayer by Elder J. N. Stallings.

#### EVENING SESSION.

Called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder J. Utley.

The next business in order was the election of officers for the ensuing year. The following were appointed as Tellers: For Moderator, J. M. Wooten and L. R. Highsmith; for Clerk, F. W. Hancock and S. J. Boon; for Treasurer, H. L. Oats and Wm. McDaniel. The election resulted as follows: Elder J. L. Stewart re-elected Moderator; Elder J. L. Britt, re-elected Clerk; A. M. Faison, elected Treasurer.

On motion, Bro. D. F. Aman, was recognized as delegate from Capernaum.

Elder J. B. Taylor moved that Committees be appointed on the following subjects: Foreign Missions, State and Home Missions, Education, Periodicals, Sunday Schools, Temperance, Audit Treasurer's Account of Association and Executive Committee, Revise List of Trustees of Warsaw High

School, Nominate Executive Committee, Nominate Delegates to Baptist State Convention and Nominate Preachers for Stated Sermons.

The Moderator proceeded to appoint the following as Committees:

*Foreign Missions*—Elders J. T. Albritton, J. Utley and Brother B. Matthews.

*State and Home Missions*—Elders J. B. Taylor, J. B. Barlow and Bro. J. M. Hines.

*Education*—Dr. Wingate, Elder J. K. Faulkner and Bro. S. M. Carlton.

*Periodicals*—Elders J. N. Stallings, H. M. Croom and Bro. J. F. Hill.

*Sunday Schools*—Elder W. M. Kennedy, C. C. Clark and C. C. Taylor.

*Temperance*—Elder G. S. Best, Brethren L. R. Carroll, O. Summerlin.

*To Audit Account of Treasurer of Association and Executive Committee*—Brethren C. C. Clark, L. R. Highsmith, W. C. Carlton.

*Revise List of Trustees of Warsaw High School*—Brethren B. Oliver, D. J. Middleton, L. R. Carroll.

*Nominate Executive Committee*—Elder J. N. Stallings, Brethren A. M. Faison, J. C. Hines.

*Nominate Delegates to Baptist State Convention*—Brethren O. P. Middleton, J. W. Riddle, J. M. Wooten.

*Nominate Preachers Stated Sermons*—Brethren J. W. Lane, M. E. Britt, and W. Hurst.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats. Elder J. K. Faulkner who is just entering upon his duties as pastor of Kinston Church announced himself, also Rev. Dr. Wingate announced himself as representative of Education, Board of North Carolina Baptist State Convention, and Messenger from Central Association.

On motion, any of our members in good standing visiting other Associations, were authorized to represent us.

Treasurer reported. Report received and referred to Auditing Committee.

A letter was read from South River Association. On motion, the letter was received, and brethren appointed to represent us in their meeting.

By motion, Dr. Wingate was put in the place of Elder Stewart, who was appointed to preach the Missionary Sermon at this session.

Committee on Devotional Exercises reported as follows: Introductory Sermon to-night by Rev. J. T. Albritton; to-morrow morning at 9½ o'clock, prayer meeting conducted by Elder J. N. Stallings; Association to meet at 10 o'clock, adjourn at 1 to 2½ o'clock and adjourn at will; Missionary Sermon to-morrow night by Dr. Wingate.

On motion adjourned till appointed hour to-morrow. Prayer by Elder J. R. Oliver.

At night Elder J. T. Albritton preached the Introductory Sermon from John 1: 12, 13.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, October 9th, 1878.

Devotional Exercises conducted by Elder J. N. Stallings.

Moderator called the Association to order. Roll called. Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

The invitation was again extended to visiting brethren. Elder C. T. Bailey, Editor of *Biblical Recorder*; Elder G. S. Jones, Agent for American Sunday School Union; Prof. F. P. Hobgood, Principal Raleigh Baptist Female Seminary and representative from Central Association; Elder A. C. Dixon, Messenger from Mt. Zion Association; Elder E. Dodson, Agent of Home Mission Board of Southern Baptist Convention announced themselves.

Letters from Mt. Holly, Piney Grove (Onslow), and Berea were presented and read.

On motion, letter from Berea was laid on the table.

On motion, Committee on Obituaries was appointed, consisting of Elders W. M. Kennedy, J. N. Stallings, and J. W. Lane.

On motion, letter from Berea was taken from the table, and that part relating to death was referred to Committee on Obituaries.

The question as to whether the Church at Berea did right in the rejection of one applying to them for membership from the Free Will Baptist Church without rebaptism, was taken up. Remarks were made by Elders C. T. Baily, E. Dodson, J. N. Stallings, W. M. Kennedy, and Brethren C. C. Clark and B. Oliver. It was decided that they did right.

#### REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Elder Stallings read the report of Executive Committee; remarks by Brethren B. Oliver, B. F. Mitchell, J. M. Wooten, J. W. Lane, J. T. Eaton, and Elders J. N. Stallings, E. Dodson, J. B. Taylor, W. M. Kennedy, Dr. Wingate.

Pending its adoption the Association adjourned for dinner.

#### EVENING SESSION.

Prayer by Elder G. S. Jones. Report of Executive Committee was adopted.

#### REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

We have received for the work entrusted to our care for the past year (including what has been sent up to this session) \$290, of which we have expended \$282, leaving a balance of \$8 in the hands of our Treasurer

Elder J. R. Oliver has labored under our direction in Onslow County, giving his entire time to preaching and pastoral work at Union Chapel, Rose Hill and Salem Churches and Fern Bay and Half Moon Stations, your Committee aiding in his support.

The cause was in a languishing condition when Elder Oliver removed to Onslow and began his work, but the prospects have brightened and we entertain the hope that in the near future he will reap the reward of his faithful and efficient labors. Elder Oliver is increasing in favor with the people and his influence becoming stronger constantly, and we earnestly recommend that he be continued in that field. The opposition has been very great, but is gradually wearing away. Five have been baptised during the year.

We have aided the Churches at Union, Lenoir County, and Fort Barnwell, Craven County, in sustaining Elder J. L. Britt their pastor. These are old Churches at very important points, which have been weak and unable to support pastors without aid. Elder Britt reports good congregations and serious and earnest attention.

Elder W. M. Kennedy has recently occupied Burgaw, the new county site of Pender, preaching there monthly. He reports encouraging indications. This point ought to be cultivated, and the opportunity to establish a church there ought not to be lost.

Elder Geo. S. Best has been assisted in his field at Trenton Church and Nethereutts School House Station in Jones County, thereby enabling him to supply this important section and to preach for the church at Piney Grove below Trenton. He reports large and attentive congregations.

Elder W. H. Howard, made a few visits to Antioch, Duplin County, at which place we formerly had a Church, to endeavor to resuscitate the same.

We have given you a brief statement of our operations during the past year. Much more could have been done if we had the money to compensate laborers, and had the means come in regularly at our Executive meetings during the year. It is needless to call attention to the vast destitution that still exists. It is well known to the Association. A great work has been accomplished in the past, a greater remains to be done in the future before the land is fully possessed and the blessings of a pure gospel enjoyed by all sections of our Associational bounds. Will our Churches awake to its importance, and to a proper sense of their duties, and furnish the means for the work? The Lord help us to be faithful.

Respectfully,

B. OLIVER, Chairman.

On motion, list of churches was called and the following pledges made:

Wilmington, 1st, \$25; Wilmington, 2d, \$5; Beaufort, \$5; Piney Grove (Jones), \$7.50; Trenton, \$5; Mt. Gilead, \$10; Corinth, \$5; LaGrange, \$5; Magnolia, \$5; Kinston, \$20; Hallsville, \$10; Jacksonville, \$2; Johnsons, \$10; Concord, \$5; Goldsboro, 10; Warsaw, \$15; Mt. Olive, \$10; Mt. Calvary, \$5; Bear Marsh, \$10; Falling Creek, \$6; New Hope, \$10; Boykin's Chapel, \$10; Long Creek, \$5; Piney Grove (Sampson), \$20; Shiloh, \$5; Fort Barnwell, \$5; Riley's Creek, \$10; Piney Grove (Onslow), \$3; Kearsaville, \$5; Clinton, \$10.

The following individual pledges were made:

R. J. Johnson, \$1; J. T. Eaton, \$10; G. S. Best, \$5.

Elder H. M. Croom offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That we recommend to the Churches that they make a special effort during the next year, to carry out the Bible plan of contributing for the spread of the gospel.

Committee on State and Home Missions reported. Adopted.  
Remarks by Elders E. Dodson, A. C. Dixon, C. T. Bailey.

#### REPORT ON STATE AND HOME MISSIONS.

By reference to the Minutes of last year's meeting, it will appear that the Association decided that the report of the Committee on "Home Missions" should include State Missions, and that thereafter it should be called "Committee on State and Home Missions." Inasmuch as the report of your Executive Committee has given information concerning the work in our Associational bounds, it is not expected that we should specially refer to that. The State Mission Board, located at Raleigh, is earnestly engaged in the great work committed to their superintendence, and desire to enlist the sympathy and co-operation of our churches. Shall we not give it to them in some practical way?

The Home Mission Board located at Marion, Alabama, is one of the Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention. To this Board is committed the work of supplying with the gospel, the destitution in the Southern States and among the Indians. Nobly has it done the work. The showing of what has been accomplished under the auspices of our State and Domestic Boards, affords cause for gratitude to God. If so much has been wrought with so little money and effort what would be accomplished, if all our brethren and sisters, young and old, would unite to work and pray and give? In order to greater efficiency, our churches would perhaps do well to adopt some system for raising funds,—a system that will reach the entire membership. Let our pastors preach faithfully on the duty and grace and blessedness of giving to the Lord's cause, and let the Deacons and officers bring before their churches some well digested scheme for stated collections of money, and let us all pray God's blessing on our contributions, and that the Lord of the harvest will raise up and send forth more laborers into the great field so white for the harvest.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. TAYLOR,  
J. B. BARLOW,  
J. M. HINES, Sr. } Committee.

On motion, collection to be taken to-night was ordered to be divided between Home and State Missions, and collection to-morrow night to be divided between Foreign and Associational Missions.

On motion, regular order was suspended for report on Education. Dr. Wingate addressed the body upon this subject.

Pending the adoption of the report, collection was taken for Ministerial Education. Amount, \$31 87.

On motion, report of the Committee on Periodicals was made the special order for to-morrow 10 o'clock.

#### REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee learn that there have been some thirteen young ministers under the direction of the Board of Education during the past year, and the Board are able to state that this number have been sustained, in whole or in part, without forming any debt.

In accordance with a resolution of the Board last year presented to the Convention, and confirmed by that body, a short course of biblical instruction has been arranged at the College for those of our young ministers who may not be able to pursue a full classical course. This arrangement, it is hoped, will meet the wants of many who are already in the ministry, some who have families, and others not thus embarrassed,

but who may find it desirable to take a more thorough course. An increase of funds, of course, will be found essential in pursuing such a policy.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. WINGATE,  
J. K. FAULKNER,  
S. M. CARLTON, } Committee.

The following brethren were given leave of absence from remainder of session: J. M. Hines, O. Summerlin, W. S. Elmore, W. P. Ward, A. B. Carroll, J. E. Peterson.

Committee of Arrangements offered the following report: Devotional exercises to-morrow morning at 9½ o'clock, conducted by Elder C. T. Bailey.

Association meet at 10 o'clock, and adjourned at 11 o'clock, to hear preaching by Elder A. C. Dixon, of Chapel Hill.

Association meet again at 2½ o'clock, with devotional exercises by Elder J. L. Britt.

Preaching in Baptist Church to-morrow night by Rev. J. B. Taylor, of Wilmington; New Street Methodist Church by Rev. J. L. Stewart, of Clinton; Pollock Street Methodist Chapel by Rev. J. K. Faulkner, of Kinston; to-night in St. Andrews Chapel, (colored), by Rev. G. S. Best. Report adopted.

At night Dr. Wingate preached the Missionary Sermon from Luke 14:23. Amount of collection, \$27 30.

THURSDAY MORNING, October 10th, 1878.

Devotional Exercises conducted by Elder C. T. Bailey.

Roll called. Proceedings of yesterday read and approved.

Elder J. B. Taylor moved that the report of Committee on Religious Exercises be re-considered, in order that we may dispense with preaching to-night. Motion laid on the table.

Elder A. C. Dixon moved that the report of Committee on Devotional Exercises be re-considered, in order to dispense with preaching to-day at 11 o'clock. Motion laid on the table.

The Rev. J. R. Brooks, of the Methodist Church was introduced, and invited by the Moderator to a seat on the floor, which he accepted.

W. H. Mallard, Elder J. Utley, J. A. Whitehurst, T. D. Noah, J. Arthar, T. J. Leary, Wm. McDaniel, Jno. Marshburn, C. E. Holland and J. W. Biddle, were given leave of absence for remainder of the session.

Committee on Periodicals reported. Remarks by Elder C. T. Baily, Editor of the *Biblical Recorder*. Report adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The *Biblical Recorder*, our State denominational paper, is conducted with marked ability, and is eminently worthy of the patronage of our people and ought to be in every Baptist family. We also recommend the *Foreign Mission Journal*, published at Richmond, Va., and *Kind Words*, our Sunday School paper, published at Macon, Ga.

J. N. STALLINGS,  
H. M. CROOM,  
J. F. HILL. } Committee.

At 11 o'clock, Elder A. C. Dixon preached, after which the Association adjourned to 2½ o'clock.

Moderator announced that Elder G. S. Jones, would lecture in the Presbyterian church to-night.

EVENING SESSION.

The Moderator called the body to order. Elder J. L. Britt offered prayer.

Committee on Sunday Schools reported. Remarks by Elders W. M. Kennedy, A. C. Dixon, Prof. F. B. Hobgood, and Bro. L. R. Carroll.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sunday Schools submit the following: During the past year Sunday School Institutes have been held in different parts of our bounds, and we think that great good has been done by calling public attention to this important christian enterprise, but as we have not had access to the Church Letters, we cannot inform you whether there are more children in our Sunday Schools this year than last, or otherwise. We feel confident in saying that the work has a firmer hold upon the hearts of those engaged in it than ever before. In view of the vast field which opens before us, and of the amount of work to be done, we recommend the following: That this Association appoint a Sunday School Board, to be composed of five members, with instructions to take into consideration the propriety of putting a Sunday School Missionary and Colporteur in the field, whose duty it shall be, to visit the destitute places within our bounds and constitute Sunday Schools, and supply people with Sunday School and other religious literature; and that the Association take steps for raising the means to carry on this good work, if in the judgment of this Board it be practicable.

Respectfully submitted,  
W. M. KENNEDY,  
C. C. CLARK,  
C. C. TAYLOR. } Committee.

On motion, old Sunday School Board was continued with the addition of two others. Moderator to appoint them.

Bro. J. W. Lane, read the report of Elder E. Dodson to the Association as called for in the Minutes of last year, which on motion was ordered to be embodied in the Minutes.

Committee on Foreign Missions reported. Remarks by Elder J. K. Faulkner. Adopted.

Committee on Temperance reported. Report adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

It is to be regretted exceedingly that this subject does not receive that attention from our churches which its importance demands. Intemperance is an evil, a sin, which is doing more to cripple the cause of our Master, to hinder the progress of every christian enterprise than every other evil into which the christian is subject to fall. Four million dollars are spent annually in the United States for tobacco, and eight million for intoxicating liquors. Much of this amount coming from the pockets of Baptists, while the poor heathen are actually starving for the bread of life. Our missionaries lift up their voices and cry aloud to us for help, but we hear them not, our ears are deaf to all their entreaties.

We plead the excuse of poverty and consume our means upon our own lust. Brethren these things ought not so to be. Jesus says, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man should lay down his life for his friends." But mark well the distinction. "Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you." Hence, "Deny thyself, take up thy cross and follow me." "Hating ever the garments spotted by the flesh" "Shun every appearance of evil." "If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches."

We do earnestly recommend and insist that our ministers give more attention to this subject in their respective fields and thereby correct and if possible remove an evil which must otherwise bring reproach and disgrace upon the cause of Him whom we profess to love.

Respectfully submitted,  
G. S. BEST,  
L. R. CARROLL,  
O. SUMMERLIN, } Committee.

Auditing Committee reported:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

NEWBERN, N. C., Oct. 10th, 1878.

ISAIAH CARROLL, *Treasurer Eastern Association, in Account, 1877-'78:*  
To am't received of Finance Committee at last session,.....\$293 83  
" collected at stand ..... \$24 73  
" " in the house for Education..... 52 60

\$371 16

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By am't paid Treasurer of Executive Committee.....\$157 28  
" " " " Baptist State Convention for  
State Missions.....\$24 00  
" " " " Foreign Missions..... 49 91  
" " " " Education..... 52 60  
" " Clerk for Minutes ..... 72 39  
" " " " Services..... 15 00

\$371 16

We the Auditing Committee, report that we have examined the Treasurer's account, and find it correct.

C. C. CLARK,  
L. R. HIGHSMITH,  
W. C. CARLTON. } Committee.

Committee to nominate Executive Committee reported.  
(See 1st page.)

REPORT OF TREASURER OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

		DR.	
To amount paid	by C. D. Bostic.....	\$	1 00
"	" " Ebenezer.....		8 00
"	" " Piney Grove, (Sampson).....		9 00
"	" " Kinston.....		20 00
"	" " Trenton.....		6 00
"	" " Collection at Johnsons.....		5 77
"	" " Riley's Creek.....		6 60
"	" " Mt. Holly, old pledge.....		5 00
"	" " Wilmington 1st.....		50 00
"	" " Wilmington 2nd.....		5 00
"	" " Mt. Holly.....		2 10
"	" " Falling Creek.....		4 75
"	" " Jesse Jackson.....		5 00
"	" " J. R. Oliver.....		1 00
"	" " Collection at Union.....		5 07
"	" " Bear Marsh, old pledge.....		5 00
"	" " Bear Marsh.....		10 00
"	" " Haw Bluff.....		5 00
"	" " Collection at Mt. Holly.....		4 00
"	" " Burgaw.....		1 96
"	" " Surplus Association Fund.....		20 00
"	" " Long Creek.....		2 05
"	" " Moores Creek.....		5 00
"	" " Bethlehem.....		5 00
"	" " Well's Chapel.....		5 50
"	" " New Hope.....		4 00
"	" " Boykin's Chapel.....		10 00
"	" " Beulah.....		5 25
"	" " Mt. Olive.....		10 00
"	" " Warsaw.....		10 00
"	" " Kenansville.....		3 00
"	" " Johnson's.....		10 00
"	" " Hallsville.....		1 70
"	" " Concord.....		3 00
"	" " Magnolia.....		4 00
"	" " Corinth.....		5 00
"	" " Bethel.....		5 00
"	" " Dobson's Chapel.....		1 00
"	" " Island Creek.....		1 50
"	" " Island Creek, old pledge.....		5 00
"	" " Shiloh.....		2 75
"	" " Berea.....		2 00
"	" " Rev. G. S. Best.....		5 00
"	" " Rev. E. Dodson.....		1 00
"	" " Clinton.....		8 00
			\$290 50
		CR.	
By amount paid	J. L. Britt.....	\$	41 67
"	" " W. H. Howard.....		10 00
"	" " W. M. Kennedy.....		15 00
"	" " Dr. W. B. Knight.....		16 00
"	" " J. R. Oliver.....		162 50
"	" " G. S. Best.....		50 00
			\$295 17
Amount received.....			\$290 50
Amount over paid by Treasurer.....			\$4 67
		D. J. MIDDLETON, Treasurer.	

We the Auditing Committee, have examined the above report, and found the same correct.

C. C. CLARK,  
L. R. HIGHSMITH, } Committee.  
W. C. CARLTON.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Committee, for want of opportunity to compare the contributions of the present year with those of the past year, are unable to say whether there is increase or diminution of interest in the Foreign Mission work. We are assured, however, that the interest manifested by our churches generally in this department of Christian labor is by no means commensurate with its needs and great importance. It is a matter of profound regret that many of our churches are without both the information needed to engender zeal, and practicable plans for raising funds, in the behalf of Foreign Missions.

We believe that a wider circulation of the Foreign Mission Journal, which gives the needed information, would bring about a deeper interest in this great work and the adoption of plans by which our contributions would be largely increased. The reports from our missionaries are encouraging. Brother Taylor reports baptisms at several of the stations occupied by our missionaries in Italy.

At some of them baptism is administered almost every week. Brother Taylor has encountered most determined opposition in his efforts to build the Rome Chapel. With the blessing of God, the work will be carried on to completion. About \$4,000 more must be raised for this building.

Brethren Graves and Yates write encouragingly from China. The Lord is blessing the labors of our brethren there, opening the hearts of the heathen, and giving them the joy of His salvation. These brethren will probably be soon reinforced by the return of Brother Simmons and wife. Our young sister, Miss Sallie Stein, of Tenn., desires to go to China, feeling that she would be happy to be counted worthy to endure trials in a heathen land for Christ's sake. May God open our hearts and loose our purse strings, that our devoted missionaries may be made to feel by our earnest prayers and liberal contributions, that we are in full sympathy with them in their pious toils and sore trials.

JNO. T. ALBRITTON,  
JACOB UTLEY, } Committee.  
B. MATTHEWS.

Committee to nominate delegates to Baptist State Convention reported the following:

Elders J. B. Taylor, J. B. Barlow, W. M. Kennedy, H. M. Croom, G. S. Best, J. R. Oliver, J. N. Stallings, J. K. Faulkner, F. H. Ivey, J. L. Stewart, G. W. Hufham, J. P. Faison, Wm. Bland, C. C. Newton, J. L. Britt, J. T. Albritton, J. Utley, C. J. Nelson, and Brethren B. Oliver, J. A. Pridgen, W. J. Lane, B. F. Mitchell, W. P. Ward, C. C. Clark, F. W. Hancock, J. W. Biddle, C. C. Taylor, J. W. Isler.

J. W. BIDDLE,  
O. P. MIDDLETON, } Committee.  
J. M. WOOTEN.

Committee to nominate preachers for stated sermons reported the following:

To preach Introductory Sermon, Elder F. W. Eason; alternate, Elder J. N. Stallings; Missionary Sermon, Elder J. K. Faulkner; alternate, Elder F. H. Ivey

J. W. LANE,  
M. E. BRITT, } Committee.  
WILLIAMSON HURST.

The Finance Committee presented the following report:

CHURCHES.	Itineran cy.	Minute Fund.	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	State Missions
Mt. Olive.....	\$ 10 00	\$ 2 50			
Beaufort.....		1 05			
Canetuck Chapel.....	5 00	1 35	2 15		
Boykin's Chapel.....	10 00	2 50			
Mt. Calvary.....		50	2 65		
Lisbon.....		2 25			
Rowan.....		1 00			
Bethel.....	5 00	1 25			
Rose Hill.....		1 00			
Smyrna.....					
Mt. Gilead.....		2 00			
Goldsboro.....	10 00	2 50			
Clinton.....	50	2 00	50		
Union.....		1 00			
Berea.....	2 00	1 80	2 00		
Piney Grove, Sampson.....	8 00	2 00			
Ebenezer.....	8 00	1 00			
Piney Grove, Onslow.....		1 00			
Jacksonville.....		1 00			
Union Chapel.....		50			
Magnolia.....	4 00	2 50			
Warsaw.....	10 00	1 25			
Mary's Chapel.....		1 30			
Trenton.....	5 00	1 25			
Concord.....	3 00	1 20			
Hallsville.....	1 70	1 50	1 25		
Dobson's Chapel.....	1 00	75			
Johnsons.....	10 00	1 25			
Bethlehem.....	5 00	1 50	6 00		
Well's Chapel.....	5 50	2 00	2 70*	16 10	
Kenansville.....	3 00	1 00			
Haw Bluff.....	1 67	2 00	3 00		
Riley's Creek.....		2 50	5 45-8 35*		
Falling Creek.....	2 50	1 45			
Beulah.....	5 25	80			
Shiloh.....	2 75	1 50		3 50	2 61
Mt. Holly.....		1 25			
Salem.....					
Fort Barnwell.....		1 50			
Kinston.....	15 33	2 00			
Bear Marsh.....	10 00*	2 00			
Long Creek.....	2 05	1 00			
New Hope.....	4 00	2 76			
Morehead City.....		1 00			
Island Creek.....	6 50	2 00			
Newbern.....		3 00	3887-2500*	35 51	13 65
Piney Grove, Jones.....		1 75			
Enon.....					
LaGrange.....		2 00			
Woodville.....		1 00			
Corinth.....	5 00	1 25			
Moore's Creek.....	5 00	2 00	8 00		
Wilmington, 1st.....	50 00	5 00	65 00		
Wilmington, 2nd.....	5 00	1 50			
Totals.....	221 25	82 96	170 92	55 11	16 26

Those marked \* for Rome Chapel.

B. F. MITCHELL, Chairman.

Committee to revise list of Trustees of Warsaw High School reported. (See 1st page.)

#### REPORT OF TUSTEES OF WARSAW HIGH SCHOOL.

It will be a source of peculiar gratification to the friends of this institution to know that its prospects are now more encouraging than at any other time since the war. The Trustees have succeeded in securing the

efficient services of Rev. J. N. Stallings, as Principal, with such assistant teachers as may be necessary to place this school on a prosperous and permanent basis as in ante-bellum days.

It is unnecessary for us to speak of the thorough qualification of the Principal. His name is a household word in the homes of the Baptists of the Eastern Association. A man of indomitable energy, of unobtrusive piety, and thoroughly qualified in every respect for a successful instructor of the young. We do hope that he will receive that cordial support and co-operation from us, to which, from the peculiar circumstances of the case, he is justly entitled.

Brethren, this is our work, our school, the off-spring of the Association. We owe it that attention and support which cannot be worded. "But if any provide not for his own and especially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith and is worse than an infidel."

The Churches comprising this Association through their delegates here assembled have unanimously requested and commanded, not to sell the property. Then to what purpose? Why retain it? Will we give it our support? Let us see.

L. R. CARROLL, Chairman Board of Trustees.

Brother B. F. Mitchell offered the following:

*Resolved*, That the sincere thanks of this body are due, and are hereby tendered the good citizens of Newbern for their generous entertainment of the delegates and visitors to the Association; also to the Railroads and Steamboat Companies, for courtesies extended, also to the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches for the use of their houses of worship.

On motion, the Clerk was allowed \$20 00 for his services.

A communication from Wilmington 2d Church was read, referring to the ordination of Brother King. On motion, the whole matter was referred to a committee.

The Clerk was ordered to have 1,200 copies of Minutes printed for distribution.

The Treasurer was ordered to pay the Clerk for his services and amount necessary for printing the Minutes, and pay remainder sent up as Minute fund to Executive Committee.

The Trustees of Union Relief Society offered the following report:

The Trustees of Union Relief Society report that they have done very little during the year, and are compelled to report that the Society is in no better condition at this time than it was a year ago.

The condition of the Society will be seen upon referring to the report of Treasurer.

D. J. MIDDLETON, Chairman.

Brother J. E. Peterson offered the following, which in his absence, was read by Elder C. J. Nelson:

Inasmuch as we believe that the Eastern Association is too large, containing entirely too much territory, and believing that if properly divided it would work greater advantage to all the churches.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to consider the propriety of dividing this Association, and that the Churches comprising the Eastern Association instruct their delegates to the next meeting of this body in regard to their wishes in this matter.

On motion, brother J. E. Peterson, and Elders C. J. Nel-

son, and J. R. Oliver, were appointed to consider the question of division.

Elders W. M. Kennedy, J. N. Stallings and F. H. Ivey, were appointed to confer with Wilmington 2d Church.

On motion, Elder J. L. Stewart, was added to the committee.

On motion, letter from Ebenezer was taken from the table and that church was given a letter of dismission from this body to join the South River Association.

On motion, letter from Piney Grove, Sampson, asking for next session of the Association, was taken from the table, and the Association unanimously decided to hold the next session with Piney Grove Church.

Committee on Obituaries reported. Adopted.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES.

We have heard of the death of no Minister, and of only one Deacon, Brother Francis Savage, of Berea. A notice of whose life is contained in the letter from that church, which the Clerk is requested to have printed in the Minutes.

W. M. KENNEDY, Chairman.

#### OBITUARY OF BROTHER FRANCIS SAVAGE.

The Association will be pained to hear of the death of our venerable and much beloved Brother, Deacon Francis Savage. Brother Savage was born in Duplin County, in the year of our Lord 1809. He united with the Church at Island Creek and was baptized on the fifth Sabbath in April, 1843, in behalf of the church at this place, which was then about to be constituted. He was chosen Deacon of this Church soon after and continued to make a faithful and efficient officer until his death. He died Nov. 11th, 1877, after a lingering illness of several months.

The writer can bear witness that he bore his affliction with patient resignation and christian fortitude. Deacon Savage has left a record very rarely seen. As father, husband and grandfather, his example was all that the most exacting could desire. While as a member of Society and as a devoted member of the Church, he has in all his acts and in his noble christian life left with his bereaved widow, children and sincere friends, memories deeply hallowed and affectionately cherished.

In his last sickness he received all the attention, which devoted children, kind friends and medical aid could bestow, but all in vain; the shadow of the death angel's wing was early seen upon his brow, and soon the lineaments, which had carried joy and comfort so often to his household, were stilled in the calm repose of death.

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

Done by order of the Church, Saturday before the second Sabbath in September, 1878.

V. N. SEAWELL, C. C.

Brother J. T. Bland, moved that the Clerk be instructed to insert our Church Covenant as contained in the Philadelphia Confession, in the Minutes of this year.

On motion, adjourned until to-night immediately after the sermon. Prayer by Elder J. T. Albritton.

After preaching at night Elder W. M. Kennedy, was called to the Chair, *pro tem*, and proceeded to adjourn the Association in the usual way. Amount of collection \$7 24. Adjourned to meet at Piney Grove, Sampson, Tuesday after the first Sunday in October, 1879.

J. L. STEWART, MODERATOR.

J. L. BRITT, CLERK.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	When Constituted.	Additions.				Dim'nutions			Membership.				Time of Meeting.
		Baptized.	By Letter.	Experience.	Restored.	By Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	White Males.	White Females.	Colored.	Total.	
1 Wilmington 1st.....	33	13	4	4	16	5	5	109	231		340	2 times Sab.	
2 Wilmington 2d.....	3	9	4	4	18	10	1	21	79		103	2 times Sab.	
3 Mt. Holly.....	1	5			1	4		29	76		105	2d Sabbath.	
4 Riley's Creek.....	5	2		1	1	1	1	33	74		112	3d "	
5 Long Creek.....	1						2	46	59		105	1st "	
6 Moore's Creek.....	1							53	80		133	4th "	
7 Shiloh.....	4				1	2	1	52	101		153	3d "	
8 Bethlehem.....	5	1		1	1	1	2	42	81		123	2d "	
9 Haw Bluff.....	1	2			2	1	2	46	65		111	3d "	
10 Well's Chapel.....	1	1		2	2	3	2	59	109		168	2d "	
11 New Hope.....	1	1			3	4	3	86	127		213	1st "	
12 Lisbon.....	15	4					1	46	62		108	1st "	
13 Ebenezer.....	4				1			32	33		65	3d "	
14 Canetuck Chapel.....	5			1			2	31	33		64	1st "	
15 Boykin's Chapel.....	5				1	2	2	43	85		128	1st "	
16 Mt. Gilead.....	1				3	1	2	37	81		118	4th "	
17 Rowan.....	12				2	4	1	39	69		108	2d "	
18 Piney Grove, Sam.....	1				2	4	1	79	133	13	225	2d "	
19 Beulah.....	6	2				1		25	38		63	1st "	
20 Canaan.....													
21 Falling Creek.....					2			10	32	1	42	2d Sabbath.	
22 Mt. Calvary.....								8	9		17	3d "	
23 Fremont*.....								2	2		4		
24 Goldsboro.....	1	5		1	6		1	45	108		153	2 times Sab.	
25 Mt. Olive.....	1	2			7	6		44	71		115	4th Sabbath.	
26 Bear Marsh.....					5	3	1	54	120		174	3d "	
27 Mary's Chapel.....		6						20	24		44	4th "	
28 Warsaw.....		7		2	9	4	1	69	140		209	3d "	
29 Clinton.....	1	1			1	2		20	43		63	3d "	
30 Johnson's.....	4				6	1	4	45	102		147	1st "	
31 Kenansville.....	4	1			3			19	48		67	2d "	
32 Magnolia.....		4			10	1		61	106		167	4th "	
33 Concord.....		4			3	1	1	32	60		92	4th "	
34 Corinth.....		4			3	1		29	47		76	4th "	
35 Berea.....	3				3	1		26	38		64	2d "	
36 Dobson's Chapel.....						5	1	11	38		49	3d "	
37 Island Creek.....	20	3	7	1	2			55	117		172	1st "	
38 Hallsville.....	2				2			55	90		145	4th "	
39 Union Chapel.....					1	4	1	11	48		59	4th "	
40 Jacksonsville.....	3					1	12	40	28		40	2d "	
41 Rose Hill.....		1						5	9		14	3d "	
42 Enon.....						2	2	17	33		50		
43 Piney Grove, Ons.....	12							27	35		62	1st Sabbath.	
44 Capernaum*.....								15	24		39		
45 Trenton.....								6	20		26	1st Sabbath.	
46 Kinston.....	6	2				2		23	45		68	2 times Sab.	
47 LaGrange.....	5	2				2	1	25	50		75	4th Sabbath.	
48 Union.....							3	20	23		23	2d "	
49 Newbern.....	3	4			4	1	4	44	114		158	2 times Sab.	
50 Beaufort.....	4	1			1	16		27	50		77		
51 Morehead City.....	1	3						1	6		23	3d Sabbath.	
52 Smyrna.....						6		24	59		83		
53 Davis Shore.....							5	1	7		17	1st Sabbath.	
54 Salem.....	2							16	44		60	4th "	
55 Bethel.....		2						33	49		82		
56 Piney Grove, Jon's.....	6	2					1	12	15		27	4th Sabbath.	
57 Woodville.....		1						6	16		22	1st "	
58 Fort Barnwell.....													
Total.....		162	106	11	17	106	102	52	1840	3497	14	5351	

Those marked \* taken from last year's Minutes.

PASTORS, CLERKS AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS AND P. O.	CLERKS AND P. O.
NEW HANOVER COUNTY.		
Wilmington 1st.....	J. B. Taylor, Wilmington.....	J. W. Collins, Wilmington
Wilmington 2d.....	J. P. King, Licentiate "	C. H. Newberry, "
PENDER COUNTY.		
Mt. Holly.....	W. M. Kennedy, Magnolia	Isaiah Carroll, So Wash'ton
Riley's Creek.....	"	W. W. Larkins, Long Creek
Long Creek.....	J. B. Barlow, Wilmington	J. H. Brinson, "
Moore's Creek.....	J. P. Faison, Harrell's Store	G. W. Woodcock, Pt Caswell
Shiloh.....	C. C. Newton, Herringsville	H. A. Bland, Moore's Creek
Bethlehem.....	J. P. Faison, Harrell's Store	B. F. Keith, Point Caswell.
Canetuck Chapel.....	"	D. J. Corbet, Nat Moore.
BLADEN COUNTY.		
Haw Bluff.....	J. P. Faison, Harrell's Store	J. F. Croom, Point Caswel
SAMPSON COUNTY.		
Well's Chapel.....	C. C. Newton, Herringsville	L. R. Highsmith, Harrell's [Store.1
Bethel.....	"	M. H. Oats, Taylor's Bridge
New Hope.....	H. S. Spivey, Clinton.....	R. L. Carroll, Six Runs.
Lisbon.....	J. N. Stallings, Warsaw	E. Herrings, Herringsville.
Ebenezer.....	G. S. Best, Kenansville.....	R. Highsmith, Warrensville
Boykin's Chapel.....	J. L. Stewart, Clinton.....	A. Robinson, Clinton.
Mt. Gilead.....	"	Jno. J. Vann, "
Rowan.....	W. H. Howard, "	J. D. Malpass, "
Clinton.....	J. L. Stewart, "	G. W. Marsh, "
Beulah.....	G. W. Hufham, Warsaw.....	J. T. Moore, Warsaw.
Piney Grove, Sampson.....	J. L. Stewart, Clinton.....	J. W. Lane, Faison's.
Brown's.....	H. S. Spivey, "	G. W. Highsmith, Clinto n
Canaan.....	J. T. Albritton, Mt. Olive.....	
WAYNE COUNTY.		
Falling Creek.....	J. T. Albritton, Mt. Olive.....	M. E. Britt, Goldsboro.
Mt. Calvary.....	C. J. Nelson, Goldsboro.....	R. A. Parker, Dudley.
Fremont.....	No Pastor.....	G. B. Ballinger, Fremont.
Goldsboro.....	F. H. Ivey, Goldsboro.....	J. M. Hollowell, Goldsboro
Mt. Olive.....	J. N. Stallings, Warsaw.....	W. B. Oliver, Mt. Olive.
DUPLIN COUNTY.		
Bear Marsh.....	J. N. Stallings, Warsaw.....	B. J. Millard, Mt. Olive.
Mary's Chapel.....	G. S. Best, Kenansville.....	F. M. Southerland, Warsaw
Johnson's.....	W. M. Kennedy, Magnolia.....	O. P. Middleton, "
Warsaw.....	J. L. Britt, LaGrange.....	S. M. Carlton, "
Kenansville.....	J. N. Stallings, Warsaw.....	D. J. Middleton, Kenansville
Magnolia.....	G. W. Hufham.....	G. W. Carroll, Kenansville
Concord.....	W. M. Kennedy, Magnolia.....	L. R. Matthews, Rose Hill.
Corinth.....	"	I. J. Johnson, Rockfish.
Berea.....	H. M. Croom, Wallace.....	V. N. Seawell, Wallace.
Island Creek.....	G. S. Best, Kenansville.....	H. T. Savage, "
Dobson's Chapel.....	H. M. Croom, Wallace.....	J. P. Tucker, Kenansville
Hallsville.....	"	J. D. Brown, Hallsville.
ONSLow COUNTY.		
Union Chapel.....	J. R. Oliver, Tar Landing.....	Jno. Marshburn, Cath Lake
Rose Hill.....	"	D. N. Page, Tar Landing.
Jacksonville.....	"	S. M. Clants, Jacksonville.
Enon.....	"	L. O. Fonville, Duck Creek
Piney Grove.....	R. C. Sandling, Swansboro.....	W. E. Morton, Swansboro.
Capernaum.....	"	J. D. Melville, Palo Alto.
Salem.....	J. R. Oliver, Tar Landing.....	J. A. Newly, Sneeds Ferry.
JONES COUNTY.		
Trenton.....	G. S. Best, Kenansville.....	L. H. Mallard, Trenton.
Piney Grove.....	"	J. N. Whitley, Pollocksville.
LENOIR COUNTY.		
Kinston.....	J. K. Faulkner, Kinston.....	J. F. Hill, Kinston.
LaGrange.....	J. L. Britt, LaGrange.....	D. A. Murphy, LaGrange.
Union.....	"	W. E. Sutton, Kinston,
CRAVEN COUNTY.		
Fort Barnwell.....	J. L. Britt, LaGrange.....	J. W. Biddle, Cobton.
Newbern.....	F. W. Eason, Newbern.....	F. W. Hancock, Newbern.
CARTERET COUNTY.		
Beaufort.....	"	G. D. Davis, Beaufort.
Smyrna.....	"	Isa Davis, Beaufort,
Morehead City.....	Jacob Uiley, Morehead City.....	J. T. Eaton, Hollywood.
Davis' Shore.....	T. J. Leary, Beaufort.....	R. L. Pane, Beaufort.
Woodville.....	"	D. F. Arthur, "

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	No. Teachers.	No. Pupils.	Volumes in Library.
Berea.....	V. N. Seawell.....			125
Newbern.....	A. M. Barker.....	18	108	500
Hallsville.....	C. C. Williams.....	8	50	
Shiloh.....	C. P. Moore.....	5	90	200
Riley's Creek.....	W. W. Larkins.....	8	40	100
Haw Bluff.....	A. J. Bordeaux.....			
Rose Hill.....	D. N. Page.....			
Johnson's.....	O. P. Middleton.....	10	50	50
Bethlehem.....	D. P. Bland.....	7	76	100
Well's Chapel.....	S. J. Faison.....			
Union.....	P. Spence.....			
Smyrna.....	A. S. Willis.....	12	85	
Beaufort.....	J. D. Davis.....	8	40	
Piney Grove, Sampson.....	J. W. Lane.....	6	35	
New Hope.....	L. R. Carroll.....	5	70	
Island Creek.....	J. G. Dukes.....	5	75	44
Trenton.....	Peter Andrews.....	4	20	
Woodville.....	David Authar.....	5	20	15
Bethel.....	Reports Union School.....	4	45	
Goldsboro.....	J. E. Peterson.....	10	100	
Bear Marsh.....	F. J. Lambert.....	13	93	
Mary's Chapel.....	F. H. Rogers.....	6	37	
Warsaw.....	S. M. Carlton.....	8	66	
La-Grange.....	H. A. Litchfield.....	10	24	50
Long Creek.....	M. E. Herring.....	3	71	35
Salem.....	J. B. Willis.....			
Mt. Holly.....	A. Carroll.....	6	30	
Wilmington 1st.....	Wm. Larkins.....	19	218	500
Magnolia.....	B. C. Barden.....	6	44	186
Beulah.....	G. Clute.....	3	17	
Wilmington 2d.....	J. W. S. Harvey.....	8	41	35
Falling Creek.....	G. R. Hood, Jr.....	6	56	
Canefuck Chapel.....	T. O. Flinn.....	7	60	
Moore's Creek.....	Miss Bell Alderman.....	5	40	50
Piney Grove, Jones.....	J. M. Rhodes.....	7	48	
Piney Grove, Onslow.....	A. H. Humphrey.....	5	45	25
Morehead City.....	Reports Union School.....			
Kinston.....	E. F. Cox.....	18	115	235
Mt Olive.....	J. F. Oliver.....	10	88	125
Total,		225	1794	2375

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Constitution of the Eastern Baptist Association.

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

ART. 2—The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men; and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity to the New Testament.

ART. 3—This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates, who shall be members of that church.

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

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

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

ART. 7—It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session and superintend their printing and distribution among the churches.

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

ART. 9—The Association shall appoint an Executive Committee of seven members, which committee shall have the superintendence of Associational Missions and Colportage. They shall have the power to disburse all sums paid by the Treasurer of the Association for the objects under their charge, and during intervals between the meetings of this body to receive and disburse funds for those objects and to take such steps for their advancement as they shall deem advisable, and shall make an annual report to the Association of their doings.

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

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

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

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

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

### Rules of Order.

- 1.—On the meeting of the Association, the Moderator of the preceding session shall preside until his successor is known. In case of his absence, a chairman *pro tem.*, shall be elected.
- 2.—Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises, to be conducted by whomsoever the presiding officer may name.
- 3.—At each daily session, and previous to proceeding to business, the names of the delegates shall be called, and the proceedings of the previous daily sessions read.
- 4.—The members shall observe towards the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes christians.
- 5.—Any member wishing to speak shall arise and address the presiding officer. He shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration, and avoid personalities.
- 6.—No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without permission.
- 7.—All motions seconded shall be definitely stated by the presiding officer before discussion.
- 8.—No motion shall be withdrawn after its discussion.
- 9.—When a question is under discussion, no motion or proposition shall be received, except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, or postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.
- 10.—After a motion is decided, any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.
- 11.—No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association without permission of the presiding officer, and no one shall take final leave of absence without the permission of the Association, and if any shall do so, their absence shall be noted in the minutes.
- 12.—All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.
- 13.—The Association shall have the right to decide what subjects shall be admitted to consideration.
- 14.—The Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any session of the Association by a majority of votes.

### Rules of Decorum for the Churches.

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

### Order of Business.

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

