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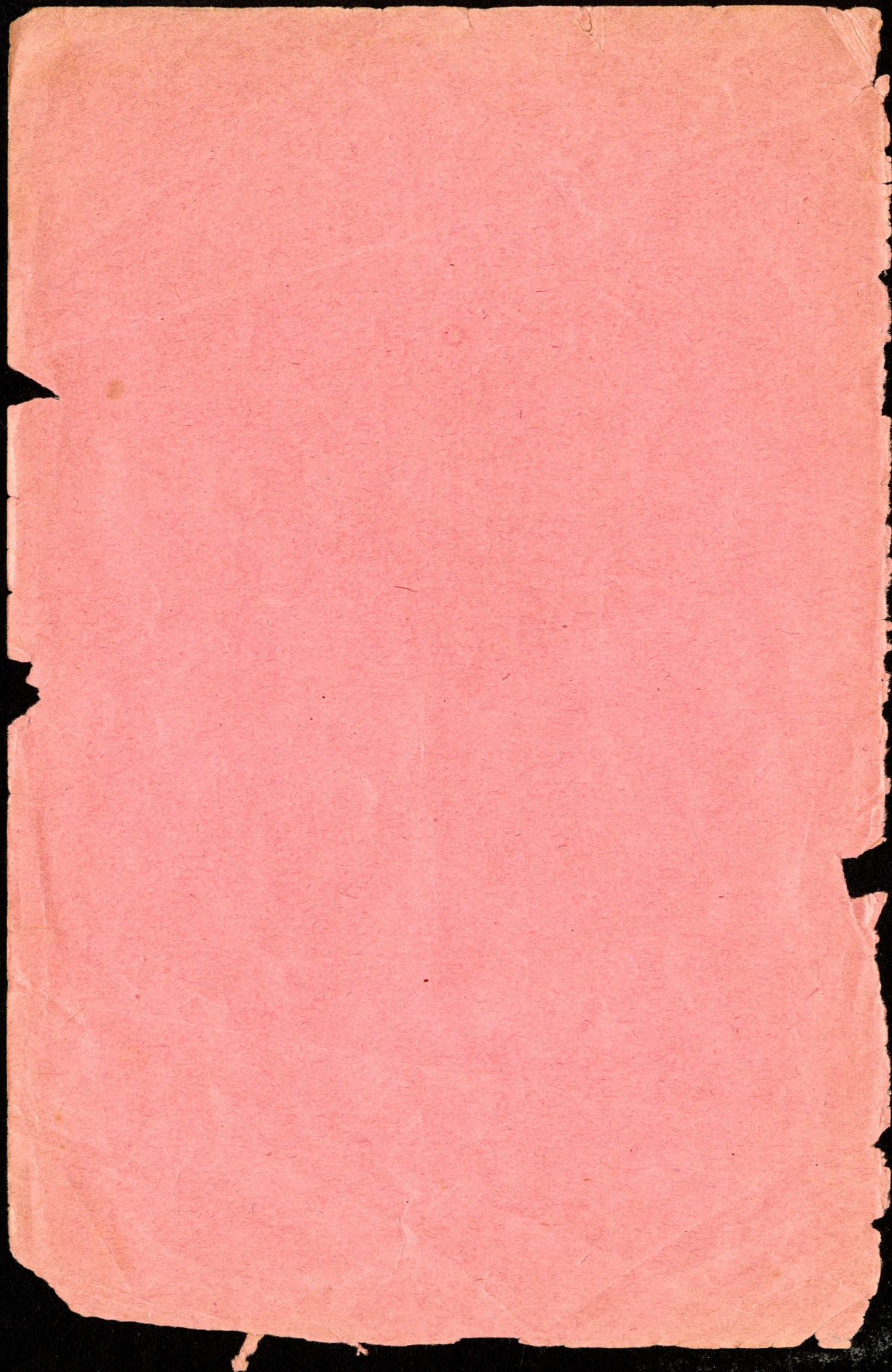
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STATE MISSIONS—J. M. BEATY.
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PERIODICALS—J. W. SUTTLE.
TEMPERANCE—M. C. WINSTON.
MINISTERIAL RELIEF—F. P. WOOD.
SUNDAY-SCHOOLS—N. R. POOL.
WOMAN'S WORK—A. A. PIPPIN.

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R. W. Horrell.....	Selma, N. C.
J. W. Nobles.....	Selma, N. C.
A. A. Pippin.....	Wakefield, N. C.
J. W. Smith.....	Clayton, N. C.
J. W. Suttle.....	Smithfield, N. C.
B. Townsend.....	Wake Forest, N. C.

LIST OF MESSENGERS.

Antioch—R. R. Creech, G. R. Whitley and J. W. Corbett.
 Baptist Centre—J. C. Hardee.
 Bethany—Worley Creech, L. L. Creech, Merritt Pace and David Pace.
 Bethesda—J. J. Wallace.
 Benson—J. P. Canaday, N. H. Gibbs, M. D. Thomas and J. H. Boon
 Blackman's Grove—F. P. Wood, P. L. Hayes and Ernest Grice.
 Carter's Chapel—Oscar Mozingo.
 Clayton—C. W. Blanchard, C. W. Carter, R. H. Gower and D. H. McCullers.
 Clyde's Chapel—J. R. Hood.
 Corinth—E. C. Whitley, Oscar O'Neal, A. D. Atkinson and N. G. Williamson.
 Four Oaks—J. A. Fort.
 Hood's Grove—Represented by J. W. Suttle.
 Lee's Chapel—J. B. Bunn.
 Live Oak—W. M. Eason.
 Mount Moriah—M. T. Wilder and J. F. Pool.
 Nobles' Chapel—J. R. Todd and J. B. Mecombe.
 New Bethel—Represented by J. W. Nobles.
 Oliver's Grove—Haywood Johnson and S. Parnell.
 Parish Memorial—J. F. Watson, Samuel Parish and Needham Parish.
 Pine Level—Alex. Strickland.
 Pisgah—J. W. Jones and E. R. Jones.
 Princeton—W. R. Pearce.
 Sardis—N. B. Stevens.
 Shiloh—Represented by W. G. Hall.
 Selma—M. C. Winston, C. W. Richardson, H. D. Hood, S. C. Robertson and
 N. R. Batten.
 Smithfield—J. M. Beaty, J. D. Underwood, R. A. Merritt, J. W. Setzer, J. A.
 Underhill, Jr., H. D. Ellington and T. J. Lassiter
 Thanksgiving—W. G. Earp and L. W. Brannan.
 Trinity—Arthur Lee.
 White Oak—N. E. Jeffreys and R. H. Biggs.
 Wilson's Mills—J. T. Holt.

INTRODUCTORY SERMON,

PREACHED AT THE ORGANIZATION OF THE JOHNSTON COUNTY ASSOCIATION, NOVEMBER 27, 1903, BY LIVINGSTON JOHNSON.

Text: Ezekiel 1: 20—"For the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels."

Read the fourth chapter of Revelations and see the very striking similarity between that and this vision of Ezekiel. Whatever one of these visions means the other must mean. The four beasts in Revelations correspond to the four living creatures in Ezekiel; and John's four and twenty elders correspond to Ezekiel's wheels. Trustworthy commentators interpret the vision of John thus: the four beasts represent spiritual beings, and four and twenty elders redeemed human beings, and these unite in worshipping Christ in heaven. If that be a correct interpretation, is it not reasonable to suppose that in Ezekiel's vision the living creatures represent spiritual beings, and the wheels human agencies, and, as in Ezekiel, these are worshipping together in heaven; in John they are working together on earth? Of course, we cannot dogmatize about this. I do not ask you to accept it as a correct interpretation, but if it be reasonable let us draw some helpful lessons from it:

1. In the first place, then, we have the encouraging thought that spiritual beings are down here on earth, helping human beings in the work of the Lord. Verse 19: "And when the living creatures went the wheels went by them." We may not know how much the angels have to do with the affairs of men on earth, more, much more, I some times think, than we are disposed to believe. The angels were the guests of Abraham; they came to deliver Lot from Sodom. An angel announced the birth of John the Baptist, and the same angel came to Mary to tell her that she was to be the mother of the world's Savior. As shepherds kept their watch by night the angels sang that first glad Christmas song: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good-will toward men." Through His public ministry the angels came to Christ on many occasions and strengthened Him. Angels stood guard at His tomb and told the women that He had risen from the dead. When "a cloud received Him out of their sight" the angels came to tell His sorrowing disciples that He would come again. If this were all, would it not be enough to lead us to believe that the angels were still interested in the affairs of men? But this is not all. The Psalmist says: "The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them." The writer

of Hebrews, in speaking of the angels, says: "Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister to them that are the heirs of salvation?" Brethren, let us try to be more conscious of the presence of these heavenly beings as we toil on here, "till by angel bands attended, we awake among the blest."

2. Another important lesson we learn is that human agencies should work together in harmony. Verse 16: "And their appearance and their work was as it were a wheel in the middle of a wheel." There are different kinds of wheels in a watch; some large, some small some moving slowly, some swiftly, some going in one direction, others in an opposite direction; but the one object of all is to make the hands indicate the correct time. So in God's machinery there are different wheels. We have our local churches, or associations and conventions, our mission boards and our educational institutions, but the one purpose of it all is to bring a lost world to Christ. "There are diversities of gifts, but one spirit."

3. We should take larger views of the work to be accomplished by these human agencies. Verse 18: "As for their rings (rims) they were so high that they were dreadful." Brethren, we do not attach the importance we should to human agency in the Lord's work. God has taken redeemed humanity into partnership with Himself in the salvation of a lost world. We have been playing at this work of transcendent importance. We should project the Lord's work on such a large scale that we would be awed with its very immensity. "Undertake great things for God, and expect great things from God." The only way we can make the wealth of this world abide forever is to invest it in the work of the Lord. Brethren, let us pitch the work of this Association on a high key. "The rims of the wheels were so high that they were dreadful." A church with a hundred, or fifty, or ten, or three, members that reports one dollar for Missions, hasn't gotten the thickness of the tire above the ground! The greater our undertakings for God, the more richly will He bestow His grace upon us, as individuals and as churches.

4. Lastly, we need the spirit in the wheels. All this machinery is necessary, but it is all impotent without the Spirit.

(1) We need the spirit to guide us. In the transaction of our own affairs we often find ourselves in doubt and perplexity as to what is best for us to do; but when it comes to the Lord's work, how much oftener do doubts arise. In such times how much we need the guidance of the Spirit. "And when he, the Spirit of Truth, is come he will guide you into all truth."

(2) We need the Spirit to give us unity. Read Christ's intercessory prayer, as recorded in the seventeenth chapter of John, and see how often and how earnestly Christ prays that His people may be

one. We Baptists have no creed by whose requirements we are held together; therefore, we, of all people, need God's Holy Spirit to make us one.

(3) We need God's Holy Spirit to give us power. Christ said to His disciples: "Tarry ye at Jerusalem till ye be endued with power from on high." Brethren, all our machinery is unavailing, it is abject weakness until the Holy Spirit comes to give it power!

We have met to-night to organize a new Association, to put in place the wheels of this part of God's divine machinery. Now let us pray, and pray earnestly, that the "spirit of the living creature" may come into the wheels!

INTRODUCTORY.

At the ninety-eighth annual session of the Raleigh Baptist Association, held with the Smithfield Baptist Church, Smithfield, N. C., October 29, 30, 31, and November 1, 1903, the following resolutions were passed by a vote of 41 to 31:

Because of the great number of churches now composing the Raleigh Association, and the further difficulty of assembling their representatives for associational purposes on account of the vastness of the territory over which it is now spread; be it

Resolved, 1st. That we advise a division of the present territory and churches with a view to forming a new Association.

Resolved, 2d. That we recommend the lines bounding the territory of Johnston County as the general boundary lines of the proposed new Association.

Resolved, 3d. That we hereby extend to all the churches of the Raleigh Association in or near the territory of Johnston County privilege to elect delegates from their respective bodies to meet at such time and place as may be at this assembly mentioned, to organize themselves into a regular Baptist Association, to form their own plans of operation and co-operation with the State Convention in the missionary work of the denomination.

On motion of Brother A. A. Pippin the vote was made unanimous.

Friday afternoon, October 30, a meeting of those interested in the formation of the new Association was held in the Sunday-school room of the Smithfield Baptist Church. Brother J. W. Suttle presided. On motion a meeting of the representatives from the churches comprising the new body was called to be held with Selma Baptist Church Friday night, Saturday and Sunday, November 27, 28 and 29, 1903, for the purpose of perfecting the organization. Brother Suttle was instructed to issue a letter to all the churches desiring to enter the new organization, asking them to send delegates to Selma at the place and time above mentioned.

PROCEEDINGS.

FRIDAY NIGHT, NOVEMBER 27.

Pursuant to the call issued by order of the meeting at Smithfield October 30, 1903, representatives from the churches met in Selma Baptist Church Friday night, November 27, 1903, for the purpose of organizing the new Association.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Brother John C. Scarborough, President of Chowan Baptist Female Institute, Murfreesboro, N. C. Sermon by Brother Livingston Johnson, Corresponding Secretary of the Baptist State Convention. Text: "For the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels." Ezekiel 1:20. Prayer by Brother W. G. Hall.

The meeting was then called to order and Brother J. W. Suttle asked to act as Moderator *pro tem.*, and Brother T. J. Lassiter Clerk *pro tem.*

Brethren C. W. Richardson, of Selma Church, and C. W. Carter, of Clayton Church, were named as tellers, and asked to take the names of delegates and churches represented. It was found that twenty-four churches were represented.

The following Committee on Order of Business was appointed: M. A. Adams, J. M. Beaty and J. P. Canaday.

Brother C. W. Blanchard offered a Constitution for adoption. After some little discussion the Constitution, with some minor changes, was unanimously adopted.

On motion to name the Association the following names were suggested: "Smithfield," "Selma," "Clayton," "Matthew T. Yates," and "Johnston County Baptist Association." After a short, but animated, discussion the Association was named "Johnston County Baptist Association."

The Association then went into the election of permanent officers.

Brother R. H. Gower, of Clayton, was unanimously elected Moderator, and assumed the chair.

On motion the rules were suspended and the following officers were elected by acclamation:

Vice-Moderator—J. P. Canaday, of Benson.

Clerk—T. J. Lassiter, of Smithfield.

Treasurer—C. W. Richardson, of Selma.

Historian—C. W. Blanchard, of Clayton.

The following committee was appointed to recommend an Executive Committee: A. A. Pippin, J. W. Suttle and Worley Creech.

Committee on Order of Business reported as follows for Saturday morning:

9:30 to 10—Devotional exercises by A. A. Pippin.
 Ministerial Relief—M. A. Adams.
 Education—John C. Scarborough.
 State Missions—Livingston Johnson.

Adjourned till Saturday morning 9:30.

SATURDAY MORNING.

The Association met at 9:30. Devotional exercises were conducted by Brother A. A. Pippin.

Minutes of last night's session were read and approved.

The Association recognized the following visiting brethren: J. C. Scarborough, of the West Chowan; J. S. Farmer, of the Central, representative of the Biblical Recorder; Livingston Johnson, Corresponding Secretary of the Baptist State Convention; Brother Broughton, of the Neuse; D. D. Edwards, of the Raleigh; C. E. Gower, of the Raleigh; J. F. Hagwood, of the Tar River.

On motion the Clerk was instructed, in the preparation of the Minutes, to leave off the prefixes of "Rev." and "Prof."

A code of by-laws was offered and unanimously adopted.

The committee to recommend Executive Committee reported the following: J. M. Beaty, M. C. Winston, Joseph F. Pool, J. T. Holt and J. H. Boon. They were unanimously elected.

Representatives from six more churches reported this morning, making thirty in all.

Brother M. A. Adams read the report on

MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

We, your Committee on Ministerial Relief, beg to report as follows: We believe it to be our duty to support the work, both as a duty we owe our brethren and God, and most heartily commend it to the churches.

M. A. ADAMS.

Brother Adams spoke to the report. On motion of Brother Suttle, the churches were asked to increase their pledges 10 per cent. over last year on all objects, except State Missions, and that they be increased 25 per cent.

Pledges were then taken and the report adopted.

Brother John C. Scarborough read the report on

EDUCATION.

In the beginning of the separate life of this new Association it is important to us as a body and to the cause of Christ, for the advancement of which we have organized, that we put proper emphasis on those things which

are to have great influence on the progress and final triumph of our Lord's kingdom over "the forces of evil."

Among these influences Christian education occupies one of the chief places of highest importance. Our Baptist fathers saw this and felt the need of our Baptist people for the uplift which Christian education alone can bring and does bring with it. Wake Forest College had its origin in the minds and hearts of its founders because of this sorely-felt need for educated men in the pew, as well as in the pulpit, to hold up the truth as we believe it. A little later on the Baptist people felt the pressing need for women in our homes and churches, educated in Baptist schools and taught the Scriptures as Baptists believe them, that our homes and our churches might have that power which comes from properly-trained womanhood, not with mind training only, which sometimes leads to folly, but with mind and heart training leading to wisdom and to lives of sanctified usefulness. Feeling this need the founders of Chowan Baptist Female Institute set about its building and equipment and did it with a liberality born of a felt necessity for sanctified living in womanhood. Their hope was not disappointed and great have been the blessings to us as a people from its work for our women.

Later on, and in our presence, came the felt need for a woman's school to aid the old mother in her work, and out of this need came, but a few years ago, our Baptist Female University, destined for a high and noble work for us in the centuries which stretch out beyond our ken. All over our State our Baptist people have caught more of the spirit of Christian education and are manifesting more and more the spirit of liberal giving for this great work, and of giving their children opportunities for education.

Our State at large and our Associations as separate bodies are dotting our land with Baptist high schools and academies for the betterment of our Christian and denominational life and for a higher and better citizenship. Ministers and people must have the benefits of Christian education, in order to properly fill our place in this century to be the brightest of all the centuries God has given to our world. Let this new Association, founded near the opening of the century, take hold of its part of the work with a firm grip and meet its obligations to God and humanity by bestowing its gifts with a liberal hand and as God shall prosper us.

The Board of Education at Wake Forest College, having charge of the education of young men called of God and approved by the churches to preach the Gospel, is worthy of our confidence and needs our liberal contributions to meet the expenses of the fifty-two young ministers now at the college and dependent on the Board for support.

JOHN C. SCARBOROUGH,
 For Committee.

On motion to adopt, the report was discussed by Brother Scarborough. Pledges were taken and the report was adopted.

Brother Livingston Johnson then read the report on

STATE MISSIONS.

At the very foundation of all our work, lies State Missions. This is our invested capital, our base of supplies. Every mission point which grows into a self-sustaining church, adds to our denominational strength. If all the churches which have been aided by the Board were blotted out to-day, our denomination would be like Samson shorn of his locks.

We have over a hundred Missionaries at work in different parts of the State. They will report a fine year's work. But these hundred men cannot cover the destitution in the State. We must enlarge our work. It has been the policy of our denomination in the past to enlarge its State Mission operations as rapidly as possible. The time is at hand for a march-forward movement. Conditions in the East present an opportunity that we never knew before for preaching the truth as we believe it.

In central North Carolina the industrial awakening calls loudly to our Mission Board. New towns are springing up all through central North Carolina, and we must take them for Christ and the Baptists, or lose our opportunity.

A wave of educational interest is sweeping over the West, the like of which was never known before.

Surely, as we look over the State, "the field is white unto harvest."

Let us thrust in the sickle and gather the golden grain unto the garner of our Lord.

LIVINGSTON JOHNSON,
For Committee.

On motion to adopt, the report was discussed by Brethren Johnson, J. M. Beaty, M. A. Adams and C. W. Blanchard.

The roll of churches was called and pledges were taken. After the churches had pledged, a number of individual pledges were made. (See table of pledges.)

The following committees were announced:

To Nominate Member of the State Board of Missions—J. W. Suttle, J. W. Jones and R. R. Creech.

On Place and Preachers for next Association—J. T. Holt, F. P. Wood and A. D. Atkinson.

To Represent Woman's Work—C. W. Blanchard.

On Sunday-Schools—J. P. Canaday, J. J. Wallace and J. W. Corbett.

To Nominate Delegates to Baptist State Convention—W. G. Hall N. H. Gibbs and J. C. Hardee.

To Nominate Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention—J. M. Beaty, Arthur Lee and J. B. Mecome.

Committee on Order of Business reported as follows:

12:30—Foreign Missions—A. A. Pippin.

1 to 2—Dinner.

2 to 2:30—Home Missions—C. E. Gower.

2:30 to 3—Woman's Work—C. W. Blanchard.

3 to 3:30—Temperance—Worley Creech.

3:30 to 4—Miscellaneous Business.

NIGHT SESSION.

Orphanage—J. W. Nobles. Address by John C. Scarborough.

SUNDAY MORNING.

9:30—Devotional Exercises.

10—Report on Sunday-Schools—J. P. Canaday. Sunday-School Mass-Meeting.

11—Sermon—A. A. Pippin.

Collection for debt on Thanksgiving Church.

SUNDAY NIGHT.

7:30—Sermon—C. W. Blanchard.

Adjourned at 1 o'clock to meet again at 2:30.

Benediction by Brother J. S. Farmer.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

Association met at 2:45.

In the absence of Brother Farmer, Brother J. W. Suttle read the report on

PERIODICALS.

Realizing the deep need of information among our people, we most cordially commend to them the Biblical Recorder, which stands for the dissemination of the proper information among our people. Every Baptist should keep himself informed regarding the work of his denomination, and to do that he must read the organ of our Convention.

Charity and Children, North Carolina Baptist, Foreign Mission Journal, Home Field and the literature of our Sunday-School Board are worthy and will be found helpful to our people.

J. S. FARMER.

On motion to adopt, the report was discussed by Brother Suttle. Adopted.

Brother N. H. Gibbs announced that he would take subscriptions to *North Carolina Baptist*.

Brother M. A. Adams announced that he was representing the *Biblical Recorder* in the absence of Brother Farmer.

Brother C. E. Gower read the report on

HOME MISSIONS.

Jesus Christ was the great Missionary from Heaven to earth. He says: "As the Father hath sent me, even so send I you." In His great command to "go ye in all the world" and "ye shall be witnesses for me," is included the Home Mission work of the Southern Baptist Convention, in all the five departments of its operations.

God has abundantly blessed this work in the past and it is gratifying to see the Baptists in North Carolina going forward in their contributions to this work. Let this young and vigorous Association keep step with her sisters.

C. E. GOWER,
For Committee.

On motion to adopt, Brother Gower discussed the report. Roll of churches was called and pledges were taken, after which the report was adopted.

Three o'clock Sunday afternoon was the hour appointed for Woman's Meeting to elect a Central Committee, etc. Brother Blanchard was asked to meet with them.

Brother A. A. Pippin read the report on

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We need to keep on our hearts the souls of men. Our Lord has given the command that we preach the Gospel to all the world. Let us, then, as His servants, feel the great responsibility, and spare no time, means or prayers in the extension of God's kingdom.

We have done well this year in enlarging our contributions and find it stimulating in every way. We can do what we want to do. So let us have large things in our hearts for God and expect great things of Him. If we, this Association, will get in our hearts that China and Africa are at our doors and God expecting us, God's favored people, to rescue these lost souls, we shall be blest in this glorious work.

A. A. PIPPIN,
For Committee.

On motion to adopt, the report was discussed by Brethren Pippin, Blanchard and Scarborough. The roll of churches was called, pledges taken and the report adopted.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Committees reported as follows:

Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention—J. W. Suttle.
Member of State Board of Missions—C. W. Blanchard.

On motion it was ordered that the Clerk be paid \$10 for his services, and that 500 copies of the Minutes be printed and distributed to the churches.

On motion Association adjourned to meet at 7:30 p. m.

SATURDAY NIGHT.

Association met at 7:30. Song and prayer service.

The report on Woman's Work was submitted by Brother C. W. Blanchard:

WOMAN'S WORK.

The Baptists of North Carolina owe much of the present prosperity of the various appointments of the denomination to the organized efforts of their consecrated women. The history of almost every prosperous church will trace more or less of its spiritual and temporal prosperity to the efforts of an organized Woman's Mission Society. We therefore recommend that the Woman's Central Committee of the Association strive to enlist in this organized work all the women of all our churches, and that they receive all necessary encouragement from the pastors on the field.

C. W. BLANCHARD,
For Committee.

On motion to adopt, the report was discussed by Brother Blanchard. Adopted.

The report of the Executive Committee was submitted by Brother M. C. Winston. On motion the Association was asked to raise a sufficient amount to make the pledges for State Missions \$700; that the State Mission Board be asked in return \$1,000, to be used for supplying destitute sections in this Association; that each church in the Johnston County Baptist Association is hereby requested by the Executive Committee to send in the amounts pledged early in the year, to the end that the expenses be met as accrued. Adopted.

Brother Worley Creech wrote the report on Temperance, which was read by Brother J. T. Holt.

TEMPERANCE.

From our experience in the past, we are encouraged in the fight against intemperance. We have found that by constant endeavor we can slay the lion and the bear in the shape of bar-rooms and dispensaries from strength we have gained by our efforts. We are now willing, and will not be satisfied until we have, by Divine help, slain the great giant of intemperance in every form, and recommend that we not only take a stand against it, but meet the evil and drive it from us.

WORLEY CREECH,
For Committee.

On motion to adopt, the report was discussed by Brother Worley Creech. The report was adopted.

On motion a collection, amounting to \$11, was taken for Brother Creech and presented by Brother C. W. Richardson.

Committee on Place and Preachers reported as follows:

Place—Clayton Baptist Church.
Preachers—J. W. Suttle to preach Introductory Sermon and A. A. Pippin as alternate.

Brother J. W. Nobles read the report on

THE ORPHANAGE.

Our Orphanage is a place of which we are proud and for which we are grateful. To administer to the needs of the helpless and dependent fatherless and motherless children, for Christ's sake, is a sweet pleasure.

We have under our care in the Thomasville Orphanage 260 orphans, quite a number of applications on hand, enough to fill every vacant place we have. Indeed, every vacant place in our Orphanage for girls has been filled. The Whitty Building is nearing completion; the walls are up and the roof is being put on. We hope to have the building ready by Christmas—that will give additional room for forty girls. There is being money raised for two other dormitories, but we will not be able to begin work on them before the spring. In addition to that, one of the old buildings will be repaired and enlarged. This will make room for 400 orphans, and this increased capacity requires a corresponding increase in funds.

Our Orphanage has been very fortunate in receiving liberal bequests, but most of it is in the form of endowment, and none of it can be used for current expenses, and instead of relieving the amount of current funds, it increases it. Our people are called upon throughout the State only to support the orphans, and it ought to be a blessed privilege to feed and clothe them. If God has put it into the hearts of a few well-to-do people to put up the buildings, it is but reasonable and right that the great bulk of the Baptist people in the State should pay their current expenses.

These things ought to be very clearly indicated in our pledges; we ought to advance over our former pledges about 50 per cent. Your committee recommends an increase sufficient for the enlargement. By so doing we will make glad the heart of our noble manager and bring uncounted blessings upon the helpless.

J. W. NOBLES,
For Committee.

On motion to adopt, the report was discussed by Brother John C. Scarborough, member of the Orphanage Committee. The roll of churches was called, pledges taken and the report was adopted and ordered recorded.

On motion of Brother C. W. Blanchard, the following was adopted:

That the Moderator and Clerk, in co-operation with the Executive Committee, be appointed as a committee to prepare an order of business for the next session and have same published at least one month before Association meets.

The standing committees for 1904 were appointed.

On motion of Brother M. A. Adams, it was ordered that the Union Meetings be left in the hands of the Executive Committee.

The following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That this Association endorses and commends Brother D. D. Edwards as the colporter of our Association.

On motion of Brother C. W. Blanchard, the Clerk was ordered to furnish and have printed in the Minutes a digest of the church letters.

On motion the Association adjourned to 9:30 Sunday morning.

SUNDAY MORNING.

Devotional exercises by Brother C. E. Gower.

Brother J. P. Canaday read the report on

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The Sunday-school is one of the greatest mediums through which moral and religious instructions can be imparted. This is abundantly proven in all churches and communities where Sunday-schools have been conducted—the greatest growth resulting where Sunday-school effort is greatest.

The new Johnston County Baptist Association having been organized and thereby many new churches hitherto remote from each other now brought together, the greatest effort should be made by all our members in co-operating with each other to advance the Sunday-school cause throughout our bounds.

There is much destitute territory in our limits. If possible, Sunday-schools should be conducted in these places. There are many weak churches that may be strengthened by earnest effort in Sunday-school work in these.

To aid the work further, a system of Sunday-school Institutes should be conducted.

J. P. CANADAY,
For Committee.

On motion to adopt, the report was discussed by J. P. Canaday and John C. Scarborough. Report was then adopted.

Brother A. A. Pippin offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we heartily tender our sincere thanks to our brethren and sisters of Selma Baptist Church, to those of the other denominations, and the people of the community generally for the very generous hospitality and kind care with which this first session of the Johnston County Association has been provided.

Brother A. A. Pippin preached from the following text: "For the righteous Lord loveth righteousness." Psalms 11:7. Subject: The True Use of Life.

At the close of the sermon, Brother M. A. Adams took a collection to pay the indebtedness on Thanksgiving Church. Amount raised, \$49.72.

Adjourned with benediction by Brother C. E. Gower.

WOMAN'S MEETING.

A Woman's Missionary Society was organized Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock by Brother C. W. Blanchard, auxiliary to the Johnston County Baptist Association, with Mrs. Ashley Horne, of Clayton, Vice-President, and Mrs. W. M. Pettway, of Smithfield, Secretary.

CHURCH PLEDGES FOR 1904.

CHURCHES.	Ministerial Education.	State Missions	Ministerial Relief.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Orphanage	Totals.
Antioch	\$ 1 00	\$ 10 00	\$ 1 25	\$ 1 25	\$ 1 00	\$ 2 00	\$ 16 50
Baptist Centre....	1 00	10 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	5 00	20 00
Bethany	1 00	5 00	1 00	1 50	1 00	2 00	11 50
Bethesda	1 00	20 00	1 50	2 50	5 00	12 50	42 50
Benson	2 00	35 00	2 00	5 00	10 00	12 00	66 00
Blackman's Grove.	2 50	15 00	1 50	3 00	5 00	15 00	42 00
Carter's Chapel...	1 00	5 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	11 00
Clayton	11 00	100 00	7 50	27 50	100 00	60 00	306 00
Clyde's Chapel...	1 00	5 00	1 00	2 50	2 00	3 00	14 50
Corinth.....	1 00	5 00	1 00	2 50	2 50	3 00	15 00
Four Oaks.....	1 25	10 00	1 25	3 00	2 50	2 00	20 00
Hood's Grove.....	1 00	5 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	11 00
Lee's Chapel.....	1 00	25 00	2 50	2 50	2 00	1 00	34 00
Live Oak	1 00	2 50	1 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	8 50
Mt. Moriah.....	5 00	25 00	3 00	10 00	25 00	10 00	78 00
Noble's Chapel....	1 00	10 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	15 00
New Bethel.....	1 00	15 00	1 00	2 50	1 25	2 50	23 25
Oliver's Grove....	* 50	5 00	* 50	1 00	1 00	1 00	9 00
Parish Memorial..	1 00	10 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	15 00
Pine Level.....	1 00	2 50	50	1 00	1 00	1 00	7 00
Pisgah	1 00	10 00	1 25	1 00	1 00	2 50	16 75
Princeton.....	1 00	10 00	1 25	2 00	2 50	1 00	17 75
Sardis.....	1 00	2 50	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	7 50
Selma	5 00	50 00	5 00	5 00	10 00	30 00	105 00
Shiloh	2 00	15 00	2 00	2 00	2 50	12 00	35 50
Smithfield.....	7 50	50 00	11 00	20 00	30 00	30 00	148 50
Thanksgiving	1 00	7 50	1 50	1 50	1 50	2 00	15 00
Trinity.....	1 00	5 00	1 00	2 50	2 50	2 50	14 50
White Oak.....	1 00	10 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	16 00
Wilson's Mills....	1 00	5 00	2 00	2 00	10 00	6 00	26 00
Totals.....	\$57 75	\$485 00	\$58 50	\$111 75	\$228 25	\$227 00	\$1168 25

* Paid.

ADDITIONAL STATE MISSION PLEDGES.

J. C. Scarborough, Murfreesboro, N. C., \$5; Mrs. J. C. Scarborough, Murfreesboro, N. C., \$5; Livingston Johnson, Raleigh, N. C., \$5; T. J. Lassiter, Smithfield, N. C., \$12.50; C. E. Gower, Clayton, N. C., \$5; J. M. Beaty, Smithfield, N. C., \$50; F. P. Wood, Four Oaks, N. C., \$10; M. A. Adams, Auburn, N. C., \$5; J. W. Nobles, Selma, N. C., \$2.50; Mrs. J. W. Suttle, Smithfield, N. C., \$10; W. G. Hall, Roxboro, N. C., \$5; Biblical Recorder, Raleigh, N. C., \$5; T. B. Moseley, Raleigh, N. C., \$5; J. C. Hardee, Clayton, N. C., \$5; A. A. Pippin, Wakefield, N. C., \$5; J. T. Holt, Wilson's Mills, N. C., \$2.50; Worley Creech, Kenly, N. C., \$2.50; D. B. Edwards, Fuquay Springs, N. C., \$2.50; Raymond Petway, Smithfield, N. C., \$1; Smithfield Junior Union, \$2; Selma Sunbeams, \$2.50; Baptist Centre Sunday School, \$2.50; Benson Sunbeams, \$2.50; Clayton Sunday School, \$5.

OTHER PLEDGES.

Clayton Sunday School for Orphanage, \$60; Clayton Junior Union for Foreign Missions, \$25; Four Oaks Sunday School for Orphanage, \$5.

CHURCH STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES.	Preaching Sabbath.	Value of Church Property.	Seating Capacity.	Baptisms.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Lost by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	No. Males.	No. Females.	Total Membership.
Antioch	Worley Creech	R. R. Creech, Ennice	2	\$ 500 00	500	3	1	1	4	9	4	47	108	155
Baptist Centre	M. A. Adams	A. G. Rogers, Clayton	2	300 00	300	1	1	1	7	6	1	35	50	85
Bethany	Worley Creech	Kirkman Creech, Kenly	4	600 00	300	6	3	1	2	1	1	27	43	70
Bethesda	J. W. Suttle	J. E. Smith, Clayton	4	600 00	500	5	3	1	3	2	1	66	104	170
Benson	J. W. Suttle	E. L. Hall, Benson	2	1500 00	400	11	7	2	2	1	1	48	82	130
Blackman's Grove	J. W. Suttle	E. B. Hayes, Four Oaks	3	600 00	300	7	1	1	1	1	1	19	34	53
Carter's Chapel	J. W. Nobles	W. B. Wall, Micro	1	350 00	500	1	1	1	5	1	1	19	28	47
Clayton	C. W. Blanchard	M. G. Guley, Clayton	1-3	3000 00	900	38	12	2	10	5	1	97	164	261
Clyde's Chapel	M. A. Adams	C. I. Johnson, Wendell	2	650 00	300	10	1	2	11	8	2	39	61	100
Corinth	A. A. Pippin	Q. B. Hocutt, Ennice	4	400 00	400	20	4	1	2	2	1	24	37	61
Four Oaks	J. W. Suttle	Miss Willie Creech, Four Oaks	3	600 00	300	1	2	1	3	1	1	5	14	19
Hood's Grove	W. G. Hall	G. W. Naylor, Glenwood	3	12 11	12	11	1	1	2	1	1	11	12	23
Lee's Chapel	J. W. Nobles	W. I. Green, Dry Wells	3	500 00	250	5	2	1	5	2	2	100	157	257
Live Oak	Worley Creech	B. Broadwell	3	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	10	21	31
Mt. Moriah	M. A. Adams	J. M. Baucum, Raleigh, r. f. d. 1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	76	93	169
Noble's Chapel	J. W. Nobles	J. R. Todd, Taylor	3	347 00	500	10	1	1	1	1	1	23	28	51
New Bethel	J. W. Nobles	W. B. Bryan, Garner	4	750 00	400	2	1	1	5	1	1	43	40	83
Oliver's Grove	N. H. Gibbs	H. Johnson, Four Oaks	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	9	19
Parish Memorial	J. W. Nobles	J. D. Creech, Pine Level	1	300 00	300	4	1	1	1	1	1	6	1	6
Pine Level	J. S. Hagwood	Belva Strickland, Battleboro	3	200 00	250	3	1	1	3	1	1	8	13	21
Pisgah	J. W. Suttle	A. G. Jones, Smithfield	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	50
Princeton	M. A. Adams	J. Ben Howell, Princeton	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	58
Sardis	W. G. Hall	N. B. Stevens, Smithfield	1	400 00	150	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	9	12
Selma	M. A. Adams	S. C. Robertson, Selma	2-4	2500 00	500	14	5	1	1	1	1	47	58	110
Shiloh	W. G. Hall	C. H. Holland, Leachburg	2	800 00	600	7	1	1	4	1	2	33	40	73
Smithfield	J. W. Suttle	J. M. Beaty, Smithfield	1-4	3500 00	700	2	13	2	1	1	1	45	56	101
Thanksgiving	M. A. Adams	W. G. Earp, Selma	4	800 00	300	1	1	1	1	1	1	14	13	27
Trinity	J. W. Suttle	J. S. Lawhon, Benson	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	15	22	37
White Oak	A. A. Pippin	J. I. Murphrey, Selma	4	450 00	450	5	9	2	1	1	1	25	58	83
Wilson's Mills	W. G. Hall	J. T. Holt, Wilson's Mills	4	700 00	250	1	1	1	4	3	1	21	26	47
Totals						184	79	13	57	61	30	2400		

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS AND P. O.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Total.	Average Attendance.	Quarterlies and Papers.	Volumes in Library.	Months Kept Open.	Expenses.	No. of Schools.	No. of Baptisms from Schools.
Antioch	W. M. Maden, Archer	5	40	45	25	45	12	12	\$ 4 50	1	1
Baptist Centre	J. C. Hardee, Clayton	5	50	55	35	30	70	12	3 00	1	1
Benson	W. D. Boon, Benson	8	133	141	125	125	60	12	30 00	1	8
Bethany	David Pace and K. Creech, Micro	8	124	132	65	60	6	6	6 00	2	7
Bethesda	J. J. Wallace, Clayton	10	60	70	40	60	50	12	6 00	1	2
Blackman's Grove	F. P. Wood, Four Oaks, R. F. D. No. 2	5	63	68	40	260	6	6	50 1	5	5
Carter's Chapel	W. B. Wall, Micro	4	48	52	35	35	6	6	2 50	1	1
Clayton	R. H. Gower, Clayton	21	200	221	140	303	176	12	36 12	1	28
Clyde's Chapel	J. R. Hood, Wendell	8	132	140	100	120	50	12	14 00	2	7
Corinth	J. A. Estridge, Emit	7	105	112	50	120	9	9	4 00	1	12
Four Oaks	Mrs. Laura Creech, Four Oaks	5	32	37	20	40	12	12	5 00	1	1
Hood's Grove											
Lee's Chapel	W. I. Green, Dry Wells	12	136	148	30	275	12	12	15 00	2	1
Live Oak											
Mt. Moriah	N. R. Pool, Clayton	12	126	138	65	130	250	12	30 05	1	9
New Bethel	D. T. Bryan, Garner	6	40	46	25	50	50	12	7 50	1	1
Noble's Chapel											
Oliver's Grove											
Parish Memorial	J. F. Watson, Pine Level	8	44	52	30	36	9	9	4 00	1	4
Pine Level	Wm Eason, Selma	6	60	66	35	50	12	12	7 50	1	2
Pisgah	J. W. Jones, Smithfield	5	50	55	40	50	12	12	3 00	1	1
Princeton	G. F. Woodard, Princeton	5	40	45	25	25	12	12			
Sardis											
Selma	H. E. Craven, Selma	9	131	140	70	154	12	12	30 00	1	1
Shiloh	J. F. Hardee, Leachburg	5	80	85	60	75	12	12	8 00	1	7
Smithfield	J. M. Beaty, Smithfield	7	93	100	60	150	200	12	50 00	1	2
Thanksgiving	J. B. O'Neal, Selma	5	70	75	35	60	8	8	5 00	1	1
Trinity											
White Oak	W. A. Newton, Archer	5	105	110	53	80	12	12	5 91	1	1
Wilson's Mills	J. E. Wall, Wilson's Mills	4	40	44	30	54	12	12	6 00	1	1
Totals		74	2002	2074	1138	2276	942	12	\$283 58	26	94

CHURCHES.	Number of Members.	Pastor's Salary.	Building and Repairs.	Incidentals.	The Poor.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Orphanage.	Ministerial Education.	Aged Ministers.	Other Objects.	Total.
Antioch.....	155	\$22 48	\$.....	\$.....	\$8 94	\$7 00	\$1 00	\$60	\$2 08	\$1 00	\$2 00	\$72	\$46 12
Baptist Centre.....	85	60 00	75 00	30 00	3 46	27 50	2 00	9 50	10 00	1 00	1 00	6 70	66 59
Benson.....	130	200 00	.....	.....	.....	3 50	1 00	2 02	1 88	1 05	1 73	6 35	362 70
Bethany.....	70	50 00	.....	2 00	.....	15 00	1 50	3 77	2 00	2 50	1 00	11 00	81 50
Bethesda.....	170	110 00	60 00	.....	.....	10 00	1 50	5 00	1 50	2 00	1 25	13 00	214 27
Blackman's Grove.....	53	40 00	.....	20	.....	6 00	1 00	.....	2 00	.....	1 00	.....	74 25
Carter's Chapel.....	47	25 00	.....	59 62	.....	95 74	49 31	84 52	114 83	10 00	10 21	304 00	38 20
Clayton.....	261	500 00	429 53	.....	.....	1 00	1 00	45	1 50	.....	.....	.....	1593 88
Clyde's Chapel.....	100	42 25	.....	5 00	1 40	5 00	1 00	.....	1 00	.....	50	.....	58 70
Corinth.....	61	40 00	.....	.....	.....	6 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	5 10	53 40
Four Oaks.....	19	25 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	51 10
Hood's Grove.....	23	3 70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 43	13 13
Lee's Chapel.....	237	100 00	.....	.....	.....	15 00	5 00	1 00	5 00	2 50	1 00	7 60	143 50
Live Oak.....	31	16 25	.....	.....	.....	1 32	1 81	85	2 55	1 07	33	28 30	22 13
Mt. Moriah.....	169	120 00	31 46	.....	.....	20 00	5 00	5 00	10 00	3 01	4 38	28 30	259 19
New Bethel.....	83	80 00	313 00	.....	.....	22 00	.....	3 00	8 00	.....	5 00	2 50	128 00
Noble's Chapel.....	51	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00	50	50	1 00	.....	.....	.....	318 00
Oliver's Grove.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	19 65	20 65
Parish Memorial.....	.....	25 00	.....	6 65	50	5 00	.....	.....	1 00	1 00	1 00	.....	40 15
Pine Level.....	21	8 25	.....	.....	.....	10 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	7 25
Pisgah.....	50	50 00	40 00	.....	.....	8 00	2 00	2 99	1 00	.....	.....	15 00	105 00
Princeton.....	58	25 00	3 00	3 00	.....	2 55	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	58 99
Sardis.....	12	15 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	25 00	5 00	5 00	3 50	176 00	18 55
Selma.....	110	250 00	27 50	.....	.....	10 00	.....	1 94	12 00	.....	.....	.....	739 56
Shiloh.....	73	100 00	.....	.....	.....	37 50	15 00	29 07	11 93	6 97	10 00	88 27	129 94
Smithfield.....	101	250 00	1007 21	40 00	.....	37 50	2 50	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	1495 95
Thanksgiving.....	27	.....	33 16	1 00	5 00	2 50	2 00	2 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....	32 66
Trinity.....	37	17 75	.....	45 00	.....	7 50	2 00	.....	2 00	.....	1 00	.....	29 25
White Oak.....	83	30 00	25 00	.....	.....	2 50	2 00	1 00	7 75	2 00	.....	.....	107 50
Wilson's Mills.....	47	100 00	.....	.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	120 75

NOTE.—In the Table of Contributions the Sunday schools and churches should have credit for the following: Clayton Woman's Mission Society—State Missions, \$35.23; Home Missions, \$33.53; Foreign Missions, \$40.29; Orphanage, 99 cents; Ministerial Education, \$33.50; Aged Ministers, \$4.25; Clayton Sunday School—Building and Repairing, \$30.40; Orphanage, \$57.22; Clayton Ladies' Aid Society—Building and Repairing—\$95.25; Clayton B. Y. P. U.—Foreign Missions—\$15.36; Clayton church also sent a box valued at \$75 to Frontier Missionary Corinth Sunday School—Orphanage, \$1; Shiloh Sunday School—Orphanage, \$12; Smithfield Ladies' Aid Society—Building and Repairing, \$195.05; State Missions, \$7; Smithfield Sunday School—State Missions, \$5.58; Home Missions, \$1.76; Foreign Missions, \$1.33; Ministerial Education, \$1.75. All these amounts are included in Table of Contributions.

CONSTITUTION OF THE JOHNSTON COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

1. The Association shall be known as the Johnston County Baptist Association.

2. Its object shall be to extend the privileges of the Gospel and liberal culture to all the people within its bounds, and by hearty co-operation with the Baptist State Convention, to help offer these privileges to all mankind in and out of our bounds, by the cordial co-operation of all the churches constituting this body.

3. It shall be composed of the pastors in active service in the Association and such delegates as shall be annually elected by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates unless the membership shall exceed fifty, and then an additional delegate for every twenty-five members, provided no church shall have more than eight delegates.

4. The New Hampshire Declaration of Faith shall be the summary of Divine Truth for determining questions of faith and order in this body, and the churches desiring membership in it must commit themselves to the substance of it, together with the covenant therewith submitted, and this Constitution.

5. This Association shall not have power to annul the discipline or exercise authority over any church connected with it, but it may advise with and sever its connection with any church that neglects to preserve Gospel order, or that treats with contempt the objects or advice of the Association.

6. Each church shall send to the annual meetings of the Association a letter (the blanks to be furnished by the Clerk of the Association), carefully filled as per blank suggestions, stating the full work of the church for the year ending with the close of the month previous to the one in which the Association is held.

7. The Association shall foster State Missions, Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Christian Education, the Aged Ministers' Relief Board, the Thomasville Orphanage and the Sunday-School Board, and each church shall be requested to contribute to the support of these objects annually.

8. Missions and education shall have precedence in their claims upon the consideration of this body in its regular sessions.

9. Whenever a church shall fail to be represented by delegates or letter at the annual sessions of the Association or shall fail to contribute to the objects fostered by the Association, inquiry shall be made for the cause, and efforts shall be made to induce such church to do its duty, and the effort shall be continued till the church is recovered or dropped from the roll.

10. The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, a Vice-Moderator, a Clerk, a Historian and a Treasurer, elected annually by ballot from among its members, to serve until their successors shall have been elected, and to perform the duties usual to such officers, namely, the Moderator in presiding over the meetings, or the Vice-Moderator in his absence; the Clerk in recording and preserving Minutes and other papers belonging to the body; the Treasurer in receiving and disbursing funds belonging to or entrusted to the body according to its will; the Historian in keeping a continuous record of the work and progress of the entire Association and making an annual report of same to each of its sessions.

11. The Association shall appoint annually an Executive Committee of five (5) from its members, who shall be entrusted with the prosecution of Missions in the Association, and any other work for the interest of the Master's kingdom which may be referred to them. This committee shall, as far as possible, co-operate with the State Mission Board in supplying the destitution in our territory, and between the meetings of the Association take such actions as may seem to them advisable for the advancement of its interest. The committee shall present to the Association at its annual meeting a report of its proceedings, with the names of the Missionaries supported

on the field, time of service, and details of their work, together with such recommendations as in the judgment of the committee the Association should follow in planning its subsequent work.

12. The annual sessions of the Association shall begin on Thursday after the first Lord's day in November at such place as may be chosen, and an Introductory Sermon shall be delivered on the first day of the session. Representatives from a majority of the churches constituting the Association shall be a quorum.

13. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a two-third's vote of all the members present.

14. Provision shall be made at each annual Association for a session of the Woman's Central Committee and all other necessary encouragement offered for the enlargement of the organized work of the Woman's Missionary Societies in the local churches. The proceedings of the Woman's Central Committee shall be recorded as a part of the Minutes of the Association.

BY-LAWS.

1. The daily sessions of the Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. Delegates shall be recognized by letters from their churches designating them as such.

3. The Moderator shall recognize corresponding messengers or the delegates of newly-received churches by extending to them his right hand.

4. The report of the Executive Board and the Missionary work of the Association shall take precedence of all other business during the morning session of the second day of the annual session.

5. The Clerk shall record and read the proceedings when called for, superintend the publication and distribution of the Minutes, preserve a file of them, and have it present at each annual session, and deliver to his successor all papers belonging to the body.

6. Members desiring to speak shall first rise and address the Moderator; shall use the term "brother" in speaking to each other; shall not speak on the same subject more than twice without permission, and shall observe the courtesy that becomes Christians.

7. Members shall not absent themselves from the session without permission.

8. The roll of members shall be called at least once and absentees marked.

9. Corresponding messengers and visiting brethren shall be invited to seats, with privilege of speaking, but not of voting.

10. A copy of the minutes shall be sent to the Secretary of the State Mission Board; the Secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention; the American Baptist Publication Society, 1420 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia; the Sunday-School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and the Thomasville Orphanage.

11. All questions of order not herein provided shall be decided by Kerfoot's Parliamentary Law.

