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Officers of the Association.

Moderator—C. E. Daniel.....Turkey, N. C.
Clerk—A. R. Herring.....Delway, N. C.
Treasurer—C. M. Beach.....Delway, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

C. E. Daniel, W. H. Middleton, D. W. Fussell, W. H. Hagwood, J. R. Peterson.

MINISTERS:

J. L. Stewart, R. C. Sandlin, J. M. Page, Braxton Craig, J. H. Booth,
W. B. Rivenbark, J. B. Newton, C. F. Hopper, J. M. Alderman,
D. S. Kennedy, E. Lee Fox, W. J. Jones, B. F. DeLoatch,
W. L. Britt, B. G. Early, Henry Carter, J. M. Duncan.

MINISTERS PRESENT THIS SESSION:

R. C. Sandlin, J. M. Alderman, B. G. Early, J. M. Page, Braxton Craig,
J. B. Newton, E. Lee Fox, W. B. Rivenbark, A. L. Betts,
D. S. Kennedy, J. H. Booth, W. L. Britt.

CHURCH COVENANT.

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior, and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost, we do now in the presence of God, Angels and this Assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into Covenant with one another as one body in Christ. We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love, to strive for the advancement of this Church in knowledge, Holiness and Comfort; to promote its prosperity and Spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the Ministry, the expenses of the Church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel through all nations. We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion, to religiously educate our children, to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, back-biting, and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drink as a beverage and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Savior. We further agree to watch over one another in brotherly love, to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness or distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offence, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of those rules of our Savior—to secure it without delay. We moreover engage that when we remove from this place we will as soon as possible unite with some other Church, where we can carry out the Spirit of this Covenant and principles of God's Word.

RULES OF ORDER:

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

1. Appointment of Finance Committee.
2. Appointment of Committee on Digest of Church Letters.
3. Calling the roll of churches and enrolling delegates.
4. Election of Officers.
5. Calling for Petitionary Letters.
6. Appointment of Committees.
7. Appointment of Corresponding Delegates.
8. Reports of Standing Committees.
9. Reports of Special Committees.
10. Roll call of churches after report of each Special Committee.
11. Report of Treasurer.
12. Miscellaneous Business.
13. Incidental and routine Business shall be in order at any time.
14. Adjournment.

CONSTITUTION:

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

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

Art. 3. This Association shall be composed of all ordained ministers who are members or pastors of Churches of this body, and three delegates from each Church, chosen from the membership assembled in Conference and Executive Committee.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PROCEEDINGS.

The Sixty-sixth Annual Session of the Eastern Association met with the Corinth Baptist Church, Duplin County, N. C., October 5th, 1909. The Introductory sermon was preached by J. M. Alderman, 2nd Samuel 6:3.

The Association was called to order by Moderator C. E. Daniels. The roll of Churches was called and a majority being found present, the Association proceeded to organize.

Upon motion the following committees were appointed by the Moderator:

Finance Committee—C. L. Herring, J. R. Peterson, F. M. Southerland.
Committee on Digest of Church Letters—B. G. Early, L. Middleton, W. D. Henderson.

Upon motion by R. C. Sandlin, the Moderator appointed C. M. Beach and W. B. Rivenbark reading clerks.

Moved by Braxton Craig, that reading of the church letters be dispensed with and that the reading clerks be requested to read only the names of the messengers.

Motion prevailed.

The roll of Churches was called and the messengers enrolled as follows:

Alpine—Represented by Letter.
Alum Springs—Gaston Kelly, P. H. Chesnutt, W. H. Kelly.
Bethel—A. J. Smith, Abner Page, E. D. Allen.
Beulah—By Letter.
Beulaville—John G. Bostic.
Beulah Chapel—J. A. Williamson, C. L. Herring.
Bear Marsh—J. E. Swinson, Charles Noblin.
Boykin's Chapel—Not represented.
Calypso—F. M. Sellers, John R. Parker.
Cedar Fork—J. B. Thigpen, Eddie Thigpen.
Centre—F. D. Smith, Kelly Peterson.
Clinton—D. S. Ray, H. L. Stewart.
Concord—J. C. Boone, J. H. Alderman, C. J. Brice.
Corinth—J. C. Williams, B. F. Fussell, J. T. Wilkins.
Delway—C. M. Beach, W. H. Hagwood, Lee Carlton.
Dobson's Chapel—C. J. Bradshaw, Perry J. Dobson.
Ebenezer—George Highsmith, J. D. Highsmith, A. J. Alderman.
Faison—V. N. Seawell, N. B. Powell.
Hallsville—Jas. D. Brown, J. W. Bostic, L. W. Williams.
Island Creek—Daniel Blanton, J. D. Carter, E. M. Teachey.
Johnson's—C. C. Everett, H. J. Phillips.
Kenansville—B. G. Early, H. G. Early.
Lisbon—A. R. Herring, W. B. Lamb.
Magnolia—K. E. Hollingsworth, W. D. Wilson, Theo. Middleton.
Maple Hill—D. H. Marshburn, W. H. Ives.
Mount Gilead—I. W. Powell, T. H. Matthis.
Mount Olive—Y. F. Jones, O. B. Hawkins.
New Hope—Willie Drew, J. F. Williams, F. M. Carroll.
Piney Grove—W. J. Weeks, C. E. Hair, W. H. Odom.
Poplar Grove—R. C. Bell, L. D. Rogers.
Rose Hill—W. D. Henderson, W. B. Hawes, P. C. Fussell.
Rowan—J. T. Kennedy, J. R. Peterson, E. H. Lewis.
Sharon—W. D. Brock, J. W. Blanchard, R. C. Seawell.
Siloam—D. T. Johnson, W. B. Highsmith, Eddie Jones.
Springvale—A. Matthis.
Turkey—C. E. Shipp, Larkin Phipps, W. J. West.
Warsaw—S. A. Strickland, F. C. Middleton, F. M. Southerland.

Upon motion, the Constitution was suspended and H. L. Stewart was requested to cast the ballot of the Association for C. E. Daniel for Moderator, which was done and C. E. Daniel was declared Moderator of the Association.

Upon motion, the Constitution was suspended and H. L. Stewart was requested to cast the ballot of the Association for A. R. Herring for Clerk, which was done and A. R. Herring was declared Clerk.

Upon motion, the Constitution was suspended and J. M. Page was requested to cast the ballot of the Association for C. M. Beach for Treasurer, which was done and C. M. Beach was declared Treasurer.

Moved by J. B. Newton, that the Association raise a committee on Order of Business.

Motion prevailed.

The following were appointed: J. B. Newton, J. M. Alderman, W. H. Middleton.

An invitation was extended visiting brethren to announce themselves: A. Johnson, for the Orphanage; E. L. Middleton, Sunday School Secretary, and A. L. Betts, for the Recorder, responded.

A petitionary letter from the Turkey Baptist Church was read. Moved by Braxton Craig, that a Committee of three be appointed to examine the Covenant and Articles of Faith and report to the Association.

Motion prevailed.

Committee: R. C. Sandlin, J. M. Alderman, J. M. Page.

On motion by J. A. Powell, the Association took recess till 2 o'clock.

Benediction by B. G. Early.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order at 2 p. m. by Moderator. Prayer by W. B. Rivenbark.

On motion by J. M. Alderman, the usual Committees were raised, to-wit:

State Missions—D. S. Kennedy, J. A. Powell, D. H. Middleton.

Home Missions—W. B. Rivenbark, V. N. Seawell, Lee Carlton.

Foreign Missions—Braxton Craig, H. L. Stewart, K. E. Hollingsworth.

Orphanage—R. C. Sandlin, J. F. Williams, Geo. Highsmith, A. Johnson.

Woman's Work—J. M. Page, J. T. Kennedy, R. C. Bell.

Periodicals—J. H. Booth, Maury Ward, D. S. Ray, A. L. Betts.

Sunday Schools—C. M. Beach, W. B. Lamb, C. E. Hare, E. L. Middleton.

Ministerial Education—E. Lee Fox, C. E. Shipp, C. J. Bradshaw.

General Education—J. M. Alderman, I. W. Powell, B. F. Fussell.

Ministers' Relief—J. B. Newton, W. D. Wilson, J. D. Carter.

Obituaries—A. R. Herring, J. G. Bostic, J. W. Blanchard.

Temperance—W. H. Hagwood, D. T. Johnson, Gaston Kelly.

To Nominate Delegates to State and Southern Baptist Conventions—D. S. Ray, C. C. Everett, L. A. Southerland.

To Nominate Executive Committee—H. B. Stewart, W. B. Hawes, F. C. Middleton.

To Nominate Preachers—J. T. Wilkins, J. A. Williamson, J. C. Boone.

On motion of C. M. Beach, any brother who may be present at any sister Association is authorized to represent this Association as Corresponding delegate.

Report of Committee on Order of Business was read by J. B. Newton and adopted.

Report of committee on Petitionary Letters was read by R. C. Sandlin and adopted, and Turkey Baptist Church was received as a member of the Association.

Report on Periodicals was read by J. H. Booth.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

All Baptists so far as possible should inform and keep informed themselves in matters pertaining to the Baptist cause in the State. The Biblical Recorder, the organ of the Baptist State Convention, a paper ably edited by Rev. Hight C. Moore, has on its paper every week such valuable information pertaining to Baptist interests as Baptists ought to know, therefore every true Baptist ought to co-operate with the editor in his endeavor to enlist all Baptists in the Recorder family. Charity and Children, our Orphanage paper published at Thomasville, N. C., is one of the best and most instructive papers of its class. It keeps vividly before us the conditions, needs and workings of the Orphanage. It should be loved and read by the Baptist people in the State.

In order that we keep in touch and in sympathy with the work in the foreign fields it is necessary that we know something of the efforts and sacrifices that have been and are being made to give the gospel to people who know not the true God, and something of what we by the Lord's help have accomplished. The Foreign Mission Journal gives us much of the needed information.

The Home Field is the monthly mission journal of Southern Baptists for home missions. This periodical is published by the Home Mission Board. "Its purpose is to disseminate information and kindle devotion to the work of evangelizing the home land." No Southern Baptist home should be without it.

Your committee recommends that the pastors in this Association earnestly endeavor to have these periodicals go into every home in their parsonages.

J. H. BOOTH,
D. S. RAY,
MAURY WARD,
Committee.

Pending motion to adopt the Association was addressed by A. L. Betts, B. G. Early, Archibald Johnson.

The report was adopted.

Moved by Braxton Craig that the Committee on Periodicals be made the Committee on Biblical Recorder.

It was so ordered.

Report on Sunday Schools was read by C. M. Beach.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Missionary Baptists are justly proud and humbly thankful for the important place which God has given them in organizing and developing the great Sunday School movement.

This position places us under mighty obligations to the Sunday School work. Are we faithfully meeting this obligation? In North Carolina there are 300,000 white children between four and twenty-one who never attend Sunday School. The entire enrolment in Baptist Sunday Schools is only seventy per cent. as large as our church membership. The Eastern Association is very little ahead of the general average.

The reports to our Sunday School Convention in May indicate general though rather slow progress. Since that time special Sunday School Rallies have been held with seven of our churches, and the Sunday school work has given special discussion in six of our Educational Rallies. We hope this campaign work will result in better organization, more efficient teaching and an enlarged membership. Your Committee urges:

1. The use of our Sunday School literature, published in Nashville, in all our Sunday Schools.

2. A special effort on the part of pastors and delegates to enlist our own church membership.

3. A more hearty interest in pushing the campaign work during next year.
4. A liberal pledge or a special collection in each church during the year for Sunday School Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. HARE,
W. B. LAMB,
E. L. MIDDLETON,
C. M. BEACH,

Committee.

Pending motion to adopt E. L. Middleton addressed the Association.

The roll of Churches called and \$73.25 was pledged for Sunday School Missions.

The report was adopted.

The report on Ministerial Relief was read by J. B. Newton.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

For nineteen years the Baptists of North Carolina have been contributing to the Ministers' Relief Board. The purpose of this Board is to supply the needs of our old and worn out ministers and their widows. There are thirty-two aided at the present time. They receive from forty to one hundred dollars a year. This is not sufficient, but is the most that can be allowed from the contributions that go up from our churches. The Eastern Association gave last year one hundred dollars and fifteen cents which was four dollars and seventy-five cents less than the previous year, and the pledges were less at last Association than the amount raised last year. This should not be. We cannot afford to retrograde. Let us stand nobly by this worthy object as we should by every object of our Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. NEWTON,

Committee.

J. B. Newton and A. L. Betts spoke to the report.

The report was adopted.

The roll of Churches was called and \$106.00 pledged to this object.

On motion by J. M. Page, the Association adjourned after Benediction by W. L. Britt.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Devotional exercises conducted by B. G. Early.

Association called to order by Moderator.

Roll of messengers called and minutes of sessions of the 5th read and approved.

Report of Executive Committee read by L. Middleton.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

We are glad to report progress on our Mission field. The Lord has greatly blessed the efforts put forth in this department of His work.

Brother B. G. Early has been serving the churches at Sharon, Cedar Fork and Beulaville since the first of last January. He has held a meeting of — days with each church, preached ninety-six sermons, eighteen have been received into the fellowship of the churches by baptism, two by letter and one by restoration. He has collected the following amounts for Missions: On field State Missions, \$7.00; Home Missions, \$6.22; Foreign Missions, \$10.60; Associational Missions, \$11.00; Orphanage, \$6.70; Ministerial Education, \$5.20; Ministers' Relief, \$2.50; Sunday School Missions, \$1.00; total amount collected for Missions, \$43.72. Collected on Pastors' salary, \$121.50. Total amount collected, \$165.22.

We have no house of worship at Beulaville yet. The brethren have se-

cured a lot at a cost of \$125.00. They have let out a contract for the lumber and hope soon to begin the erection of a house of worship.

The Spiritual condition is indeed encouraging. Bro. D. S. Kennedy has been serving the church at Alum Springs during the past year and has preached at Prospect, a Mission point, since the early spring.

Total collection for all, \$38.30.

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. DANIEL,
W. H. MIDDLETON,
D. W. FUSSELL,
W. H. HAGWOOD,
J. R. PETERSON,

Committee.

Report of Committee on State Missions was read by W. L. Britt.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

State Missions are necessary if any Missions are necessary. In fact, the question of the need of State Missions is wrapped up in the question as to whether Baptists have any right to exist. For if Baptists have any right of existence, if there is any need that the doctrines they hold be preached at all, then there is that same need that those doctrines be preached in North Carolina, and if North Carolina, then surely these doctrines ought to be preached in the destitute sections of our beloved State. And every section of the State is destitute except where the doctrines as held by us are preached and proclaimed in such a way that every person can have the opportunity of hearing them. If we Baptists are telling of the way of eternal life as Jesus taught it, then everybody should have an opportunity of knowing it. If we are not doing this, then we ought to shut up and quit business altogether. We have the gospel. We have our mission in the world. Let's give the gospel to every needy soul and thus fulfill our mission. Let's see what we are doing to evangelize our own State.

There are in the State of North Carolina to-day about 1,100,000 unconverted people, 600,000 of these are grown up folks. These are scattered all over the State, and many of them live within a stones cast of some of our flourishing churches. But some of them live in places so situated that they have never heard an evangelical sermon. That man yonder in the shadow of some great church has shown us that he will not have the gospel. This other fellow has not been given any show. Look to it brethren, and do your duty.

The State Mission Board employs this year for all or part of their time 148 missionaries. These baptized about 2,000 persons. The Baptists of the State gave an average of 18 1-4 cents a piece to send the gospel to the destitute in our own State. May the Lord help us do better this year.

D. S. KENNEDY,
J. A. POWELL,

Committee.

Pending motion to adopt the Association was addressed by B. G. Early, Braxton Craig and J. M. Page.

On motion by J. M. Page, the time allowed for discussion of report on State Missions was extended thirty minutes.

A collection was taken for State Missions amounting to \$17.00.

The reports were adopted and pledges taken for the same.

By motion of J. M. Alderman the time allowed to report on Orphanage was extended to 12:30 o'clock.

The report on the Orphanage was read by Archibald Johnson.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

There are 382 children at the Orphanage at the present time. Two new buildings, the Noah Richardson Library and the Infirmary known as the

"Woman's building", have been completed since the last meeting of this Association. The erection of these houses add about \$15,000 to the value of the Orphanage plant.

The health record for the past year was excellent, and the general progress of the children gratifying. The school which consists of eight grades is well organized and is under the general direction of Miss Edwards, a graduate of Meredith College. A number of the children who have passed through the Orphanage school are attending the town school which carries ten grades.

The per capita cost of maintaining the children is \$6.42 per month. This in view of the high prices of provisions that prevail is a reasonable statement, as it covers not only the cost of the board and clothing of the children, but the salaries of the employees and all the remaining expenses of the institution.

Almost five hundred Sunday Schools are giving a monthly collection to the Orphanage. This has proven to be a valuable source of help and blessings not only the Orphanage but the schools. We heartily urge our Sunday Schools that have not adopted this plan to give it a trial. We also urge our churches to make a special Thanksgiving offering to the Orphanage. As the number enlarges our obligations to bear a part of the support of this blessed institution increases. We ought to find joy in shouldering our share of the load.

R. C. SANDLIN,
GEO. HIGHSMITH,
J. F. WILLIAMS,
Committee.

Pending the adoption of report the Association was addressed by Archibald Johnson.

Pledges taken and the report on the Orphanage was adopted.
Report of Finance Committee read by C. L. Herring.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We your Committee on Finance beg leave to report the following amounts as having been sent to this Association with the Church letters, received into the hands of the Finance Committee, and paid over to your Treasurer and his receipts taken therefor.

Associational Missions	\$ 218.79
State Missions	51.05
Home Missions	27.61
Foreign Missions	57.02
Gospel Missions	5.40
Sunday School Missions	13.50
Students' Aid Fund	2.15
Orphanage	69.60
Colportage	
Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention.....	1.00
Ministerial Education	24.00
Ministers' Relief	25.79
Minute Fund	44.56
Total	\$ 540.47

F. M. SOUTHERLAND,
J. R. PETERSON,
C. L. HERRING,
Committee.

Corinth, N. C., October 7, 1909.

Received of Finance Committee.....\$ 540.47
Five hundred and forty dollars and forty-seven cents.

C. M. BEACH,
Treasurer.

October 6, 1909.

The reports of Finance Committee and Treasurer were adopted.

On motion, a collection for Minute fund was taken amounting to \$12.05.

Report of Treasurer was read by W. H. Middleton, which report, on motion, was referred to an Auditing Committee consisting of J. A. Powell, J. F. Williams, A. R. Herring.

On motion by W. B. Rivenbark the Association took a recess till 2:00 o'clock p. m.

Benediction by D. S. Kennedy.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association called to order at 2:00 p. m. by the Moderator.

Prayer by J. M. Alderman.

Report of Committee on Woman's Work was read by J. M. Page.

The report after being discussed by J. M. Page, Braxton Craig, W. L. Britt, W. B. Rivenbark, J. M. Alderman was adopted. (Report will be found in Appendix.)

Final leave of absence was granted to the messengers from Cedar Fork, F. M. Southerland, C. E. Shipp, C. L. Herring, J. A. Williamson, E. Lee Fox.

Reports on General Education and Ministerial Education were read by J. M. Alderman and E. Lee Fox.

REPORT ON BAPTIST GENERAL EDUCATION.

Institutions of learning largely shape the thought of the educated, and these become the source of the nation's thought and life. Prussia has said, "Whatever you would have appear in the nation's life you must put in the public schools." If this is true for nations is it not also true for denominations. Hence, we need an atmosphere in our class rooms congenial to religion, together with something that will bring men to Christ, fashion them after His character, and prepare them for His service. In the fact that secular institutions are circumscribed and limited by the very nature of their being, and Baptist institutions are not, we have a very important mission. In addition to what we have already been doing for Christian Education, the last Baptist State Convention appointed a Baptist Secondary School Board with the instructions that that Board "select such Secondary Baptist schools as may be deemed wise, which schools shall be made centers of Baptist effort to equip, and as soon as possible, to endow so far as necessary, to secure permanence and general usefulness."

The Board was further instructed to select a Secretary to be known as "Educational Secretary of the Convention," who is to give his entire time to canvassing the State in the interest of these schools. The Board elected Prof. G. E. Lineberry to this position. He has been on the field since the 1st of June.

Dell School has been selected for the South Eastern corner of North Carolina, including the territory of eight Associations: Eastern, Wilmington, Brunswick, Cape Fear, Columbus, Cumberland, South River and Bladen. Six of which are already represented in the student body. Prof. Lineberry being Secretary for the entire State can only give us a portion of his time. He has already given us the month of June, with a promise of a speedy return. We would commend him and his important work to the churches.

Respectfully submitted,
J. M. ALDERMAN,
I. W. POWELL,
B. F. FUSSELL,
Committee.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

As the Ministry of the Gospel of our Lord is the highest calling assigned to man, we believe that worthy young men called of God to preach the unsearchable riches of grace should have the most careful training.

Many doctrines are afloat at the present time which demand an educated ministry. The man who stands in the sacred desk is of all men most responsible to God as a light to the world, and so needs all the training, in both heart and head that it is possible for him to get. To meet this demand we have at Wake Forest College the Board of Education which aids worthy young men called of God in the fulfilment of this needful preparation to proclaim the blessed gospel of our Lord.

Sixty odd men are being aided by this Board, and they need funds.

Your Committee earnestly commend the Board of Education at Wake Forest to the consideration of this body.

E. LEE FOX,
C. E. SHIPP,
C. J. BRADSHAW,
Committee.

Pending the motion to adopt these reports, the Association was addressed by J. M. Alderman, Archibald Johnson, J. M. Page, R. C. Sandlin, J. H. Booth and E. Lee Fox.

The reports were adopted.

The Association then adjourned.

Benediction by R. C. Sandlin.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Devotional exercises conducted by J. B. Newton. Scripture used Acts 2.

At 10:00 a. m. Moderator called the Association to order.

Roll of messengers called and corrected.

Minutes of previous day read and approved.

The report on Temperance read by W. H. Hagwood.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Prohibition is a fixed law in North Carolina by a majority vote of more than forty-four thousand of the best men of the State. The end of that law is the final suppression of the traffic of intoxicating liquors in North Carolina. This being true it is the duty as well as the blessed privilege of every good citizen and specially those of us claiming to be the followers of Christ who died to save us, to do all in our power to enforce or to see that the law is enforced, and to use all just means to have national laws enacted that will protect our State laws. In our homes, schools, and churches, we should teach the rising generation temperance and obedience to the laws of our country. And when we have done this, the people of the Eastern Association will pass to their reward feeling that they have been faithful to the duty entrusted to them, and will be ready to hear the summons "Well done" to the faithful.

We should keep a close watch on what is known as near-beer, and see that it is kept within the bounds of the law.

We would ask our pastors to have a collection taken once a year in each of their churches for the benefit of the Anti-Saloon League, as it is dependent on the people for its expenses. Brethren, with grateful hearts for the great progress already gained in Temperance, and looking unto him who is able to give us grace and strength to carry on the battle to the finish, the victory is ours. For Temperance let us be faithful unto death and a crown of life is the promised reward.

GASTON KELLY,
D. T. JOHNSON,
W. H. HAGWOOD,
Committee.

W. H. Hagwood spoke to the report after which the report was adopted. Report of Committee on Home Missions was read by W. B. Rivenbark.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Through the work of the Home Mission Board we have an opportunity of doing for the South that which, through the work of the State Board of Missions, we are trying to do for North Carolina. Some one has well said: "As goes the South, so goes America, and as goes America, so goes the world."

We must strengthen the bulwarks of Christian civilization in our Southland now, or it will be too late to do so when the flood tide of the old world sweeps in upon us.

The results that have attended the work of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention during the past year are both a notable advance on the former records of this Board, and upon the similar record of the domestic mission reports of other denominations.

Between 1904 and 1909 the amount raised for the Home Mission Board has more than doubled. It has increased from \$127,850 to \$283,436. The results have made an even more pronounced advance. Between 1904 and 1909 baptisms have increased more than three-fold. In 1904 they were 7,526. In 1909 they were 25,109.

During the past year there were 22,404 baptisms, and 18,015 added by letter, making a splendid average of 110 additions a day for the entire year. The addition to Mission churches in 1904 were 16,797, and for the present year they were 47,808. During this period of five years the number of churches organized has increased from 157 to 338. The Board employs five evangelists and 961 missionaries. The work of the Home Board is varied. In Cuba we have twenty missionaries and school workers. In the Canal Zone we have six missionaries and educational workers. Between fifteen and twenty missionaries are preaching the gospel to the Indians, seven of these are paid entirely by our Home Board, the others are doing co-operative work among the tribes, the Osage and Pawnee Indians.

Between fifteen and twenty missionaries are working in Texas among the 400,000 Mexicans. Among the negroes the Home Board is doing a successful work through its more than thirty evangelists. More than three thousand baptisms were reported last year from this work. Besides those mentioned above, about a score of missionaries will this year be engaged largely in the ports in larger cities in leading foreigners to accept that faith in Christ which has been the foundation of American greatness. More than twenty women missionaries and workers are engaged in service of the Board in the South. In the twenty-four mission schools in the mountain belt of the South, the Board has 121 teachers and 43,000 students. Eight years ago there were only six Baptist schools struggling for existence in the mountains.

There are now 24 well organized schools, eight of them in North Carolina. A sad fact is that last year this Association gave less than nine cents per member to Home Missions.

W. B. RIVENBARK,
V. N. SEAWELL,
LEE CARLTON,
Committee.

Pending motion to adopt, W. B. Rivenbark and J. M. Alderman spoke to the report.

Pledges were taken and the report was adopted.

Report on Foreign Missions was read by Braxton Craig.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The most audacious command ever given to any people was given by our Lord and Master to His little band, as He was about to leave them, to return

to His Father's house. He who gave the command had just conquered death and the grave and with the assurance of victory, He commanded His followers to "go ye therefore, and teach all nations; * * * and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." This command is just as binding upon us, as it was upon the "fishermen of Galilee." In fact, we cannot claim the promise of the abiding Christ unless we do obey this command.

But the question is asked will not the heathen be saved without the gospel, if they do the best that they can? We do not propose to answer this question. Suffice it to say that God's word teaches that: "There is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." It is our duty to obey God, and not to ask questions.

In view of this plain and positive command, how slow we have been to obey, and how little have we done, and how few are engaged in doing the little, that is done! Some refuse to give, because they say it takes too much to collect and disburse the money, and therefore the Missionary gets but little of what is given. Last year was one of the most difficult years to raise money that we have ever experienced. We had to borrow large sums of money to pay our missionaries, and yet out of every dollar given to missions the missionary received eighty-seven and a half cents. In other words it cost last year to collect and disburse, twelve and a half per cent., and two per cent. of this went to pay interest on borrowed money. If all of our churches had paid promptly we would have saved \$8,462.27 which was paid as interest on borrowed money, and yet this money had to be borrowed in order that our missionaries might live.

Now let us take a look at the field:

In Foreign land we spent last year \$403,639.86.

We had last year 23 missionaries and 375 native helpers, and a membership of 16,596, and had last year 2,905 baptisms. A glorious year's work.

The work is great but the laborers are few: "Pray ye therefore, the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers unto his harvest."

Now let us look at our own Association:

We have 36 churches with a membership of 3,833 and gave last year for Foreign Missions \$418.53 or about eleven cents per member, and have pledged for the year just ended \$377.50, or not quite ten cents per member.

Two churches failed to contribute anything for Foreign Missions last year. Fourteen of our churches gave less than five cents per member. Ten other of our churches gave less than ten cents per member, and only three churches gave as much as twenty-five cents per member. Delway, with 57 members, gave \$20.00, or about 35 cents per member. Mount Olive, with 187 members, gave \$53.75, or 31 1-2 cents per member. Warsaw, with 217 members, gave \$66.15, or a little over thirty cents per member. Magnolia and Bear Marsh nearly reached the 25 cents per member mark. North Carolina is asked for \$40,000.00 this year, and this Association is asked for \$495.00, an increase of about twenty-five per cent. over last year. If we shall raise this amount we will only have to give thirteen cents per member.

Your committee recommend that every church make an advance of twenty-five per cent. and that the 26 churches giving less than ten cents per member make an honest effort to raise this pledge to at least ten cents per member.

BRAXTON CRAIG,
Committee.

Pending the adoption of the report Braxton Craig addressed the Association. Just here the Association suspended business to be led in prayer for our Foreign Missions by J. M. Alderman.

Pledges were taken and the report was adopted.

The report on Obituaries was read by R. C. Sandlin.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

Your Committee on Obituaries beg leave to make a fuller statement of the life and work of Rev. W. A. Melvin, as only a passing mention was made to the fact at the last session of the Association.

Rev. W. A. Melvin, a man of God and full of good works, was born on the 20th of October, 1824. He joined the church at Beaverdam, Cumberland County, North Carolina, and was baptized into the fellowship of the above named church in 1842, by the Rev. Mr. Hayes. He was licensed and ordained to the gospel ministry in 1881. The Presbytery ordaining Bro. Melvin consisted of the following brethren, to-wit: J. W. Gurganus, J. M. Register and J. P. Lenord.

I will give the name of some of the churches he pastored, namely, Colvin Creek, Moore's Creek, Haw Bluff, Hallsville, Dobson's Chapel, Berea, Ivanhoe, Corinth, Springvale, Mount Pleasant, Sharon, Smith's Chapel. Beside these he preached at many school houses and helped in meetings at many churches.

Your writer was with him not many days before his death and found him happy and ready to go and be with his Father and Savior, for he had lived long and well in the land which the Lord God had given him. He being more than eighty years old at the time of his death.

A. R. HERRING,
J. G. BOSTIC,
J. W. BLANCHARD,
Committee.

The report was adopted without discussion.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

Received from all sources.....	\$ 941.78
Disbursed as follows:	
Associational Missions	\$ 448.03
State Missions	51.15
Home Missions	62.36
Foreign Missions	97.23
Gospel Missions	8.35
Sunday School	7.00
Colportage	2.00
Students' Aid Fund.....	7.00
Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention.....	30.58
Orphanage	112.47
Ministerial Education	35.00
Ministers' Relief	37.00
Minute Fund	43.61
Total	\$ 941.78

W. H. MIDDLETON,
Treasurer.

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

Your committee beg leave to report that they find the report of W. H. Middleton, Treasurer, correct.

J. A. POWELL,
J. F. WILLIAMS,
A. R. HERRING,
Committee.

The reports were adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The committee appointed to nominate the Executive Committee begs leave to submit the following names: C. E. Daniels, D. W. Fussell, W. H. Hagwood and W. H. Middleton.

D. S. RAY,
C. C. EVERETT,
L. A. SOUTHERLAND,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE DELEGATES TO THE STATE AND SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTIONS.

We, the undersigned committee, having been appointed to nominate delegates to the State and Southern Baptist Convention respectfully recommend the election of Brethren Thad. Jones, A. R. Herring and E. P. Blanchard delegates to the State Convention, and Brother C. E. Daniel to the Southern Baptist Convention, with Rev. Braxton Craig, alternate.

Respectfully submitted,

D. S. RAY,
S. A. STRICKLAND,
C. C. EVERETT,
Committee.

The report was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE PREACHERS.

To preach Introductory sermon, Braxton Craig; to preach Missionary sermon, J. H. Booth.

J. T. WILKINS,
J. A. WILLIAMSON,
J. C. BOONE,
Committee.

The report was adopted.

On motion by Braxton Craig, C. M. Beach was elected Associational Secretary for the ensuing year.

RESOLUTION BY B. G. EARLY.

Whereas, we believe it necessary to arouse our people to a greater degree of interest in Sunday School Missions and Christian Education; therefore be it Resolved, by this Association now in session:

1st. That a committee be appointed to arrange a general campaign among the churches during next summer for the presentation of these subjects.

2nd. That each pastor be requested to assist as far as possible to make the campaign a success.

The resolution was adopted and the Moderator appointed C. M. Beach, Braxton Craig and B. G. Early, as the committee.

On motion, the reading of the report on Digest of Church Letters was dispensed with.

RESOLUTION BY W. B. RIVENBARK.

Resolved, that this Association request the churches composing this body not to send any money to the Association except that for Associational Missions and minute fund.

Resolution was adopted.

Upon request of B. G. Early, the following amounts were pledged for Beulaville church:

Deiway*	\$ 5.00
Rowan*	2.00
Lisbon*	1.00
New Hope	2.00

Corinth	3.00
Mount Gilead*	1.00
Sharon*	1.00
Dobson's Chapel*	2.00
Bethel	1.00
Hallsville	2.00
Braxton Craig for Churches	5.00
Siloam*	1.00
Johnson's	2.00
Rose Hill*	1.00
Island Creek	1.00
V. M. Seawell*	2.00

Those marked * have paid.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS BY J. M. ALDERMAN.

Resolved, That this Association express a vote of thanks to this church and community for the hearty welcome and entertainment we have received during this session.

This resolution was adopted by a rising vote.

On motion by W. B. Rivenbark, the Moderator appointed the chairman of the following committees:

Foreign Missions—Braxton Craig.
Home Missions—J. H. Booth.
State Missions—B. G. Early.
Woman's Work—W. B. Rivenbark.
Orphanage—R. C. Sandlin.
Ministerial Education—J. M. Page.
Recorder—J. M. Alderman.
Sunday Schools—D. S. Kennedy.
General Education—C. M. Beach.
Ministers' Relief—J. B. Newton.

On motion, the election of the place for the meeting of the next session was ordered. Bethel, Dobson's Chapel and Kenansville asked for the next session to meet with them. Bethel was elected as the place.

The business of the session finished the Association adjourned to meet with the Bethel Baptist Church on Tuesday after the first Sunday in October, 1910.

The Association joined in singing, "Blest be the Tie that Binds".

R. C. Sandlin led the closing prayer.

C. E. DANIEL, Moderator.

A. R. HERRING, Clerk.

FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Associational Missions.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Orphanage.	Ministerial Education.	Ministers' Relief.	Sunday School Missions.	Poor.	Incidentals.	Other Objects.	Pastor's Salary.	Minute Fund.	Building and Repairs.	Students' Aid Fund.	Total.	Sunday School Expenses.	Value of Church Property.	Seating Capacity.
Alpine	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$.	\$.	\$.	\$.	\$ 25	\$.	\$ 1.00	\$ 9.25	\$.	\$.	
Alum Springs	25.00	3.30	1.29	2.02	6.70								1.00			39.31		750	250
Bethel	32.65	10.50	13.45	14.21	14.25	8.00	8.04				30.00	150.00	1.50		2.15	184.75			
Beulah		2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00											9.00	2.25		
Beulahville	55.00	3.00	2.00	2.74	3.70	50	1.00				12.75	55.04	50			241.23	6.00	800	300
Beulah Chapel		1.00	1.00	2.00	2.00							60.00	25	105.00		66.25			
Bear Marsh	22.00	2.50	2.50	41.15	10.00		2.25	1.00	5.00			150.00	1.50			237.90	21.00		400
Boykin's Chapel																			
Calypso	30.00	20.00	20.00	25.00	20.00	5.00	5.00	2.50		55.00	44.15	400.00	1.00			627.65	20.00	3250	250
Cedar Fork	1.00	2.00	2.00	2.60	1.00	1.00	50				2.50	12.50	1.00			26.10		500	300
Centre			5.00	5.00	5.00				10.00			36.00	1.00			62.00	8.00	750	250
Clinton	15.00	15.00	15.00	20.00	25.00	10.00	10.00	3.00		94.53	5.00	500.00	3.00	650.00		1365.53		6500	350
Concord	8.00	2.50	2.50	5.00	5.00		2.00		2.75			100.00	50			128.25		500	200
Corinth	25.00	10.00	5.00	10.00	15.00	5.00	5.00	3.00				175.00		50.00		303.00	25.40		500
Delway	35.20	32.50	27.10	30.00	35.73	16.75	11.00	11.95				100.00	1.00	55.00		573.38		1500	500
Dobson's Chapel	25.00	2.00	2.50	5.00	4.00	1.00	1.00	1.00			82.25	175.00	1.50	115.00		214.51		500	300
Ebenezer	5.40	5.72	3.81	2.49	63						17.01	100.00	1.00			197.02		300	300
Faison								97				120.00	1.00	57.00		189.78		2000	300
Hallsville	10.00	3.00	2.00	5.00	5.53	1.82	2.00			25.00	63.78	200.00	1.00			210.47		600	400
Island Creek	40.00	10.00	10.00	15.00	15.00	2.00	5.00	1.07		2.20	26.40	150.00	1.45			210.47		600	400
Johnson's	55.94	10.40	10.00	12.50	27.55	4.00	5.25			1.00	54.00	200.00	2.00		351.00	5.00	1000	325	
Kenansville	8.00	8.00	5.00	10.00	10.00	2.30	2.00	2.50	9.00		3.00	250.00	3.00			390.60		1000	300
Lisbon	15.00	10.00	5.00	10.00	11.68	5.00	2.00	2.00		16.31	4.00	150.00	1.00			219.11			
Maple Hill	2.00	2.00	2.00	3.07	4.00	1.00	2.12					150.00	1.35		2.00	214.03		1200	300
Magnolia	20.00	10.00	5.00	10.00	15.00	3.00	5.00	3.00				100.00	50			116.69	6.40	800	200
Mount Gilead	15.00			15.00	5.00	2.50	2.50				3.50	200.00	2.00			286.50		1200	350
Mount Olive	75.00	34.75	20.00	54.55	10.00	10.00	9.37	5.00	46.80	78.27	60.00	700.00	3.00	200.00		174.85	5.50	1000	400
New Hope	40.00	6.00	3.00	40.00	32.57	3.00		2.00	15.00	35.00		200.00	1.50	25.00		1306.74		2500	300
Piney Grove	5.00	5.00	2.00	5.00	5.00	2.00	1.00	1.00				100.00	1.00			403.07	6.00	500	300
Poplar Grove	2.39	2.39	2.39	2.39	2.39											127.00	4.25	450	350
Rose Hill	10.00	7.50	4.00	4.00	13.00	4.00	3.00			23.00	72.48	210.00	2.00	900.00	1.00	12.45	3.21	400	300
Rowan	20.00	7.50	7.50	7.50		2.79	2.50			40.51		175.00	1.50	74.69	2.75	1253.98		2500	400
Sharon	6.00	2.95	3.17	4.00	2.00	2.16	1.00	1.00			1.00	81.25	1.00	27.42		342.24		800	300
Siloam	40.00	4.00	5.00	5.00	12.00	3.00	5.00	3.00		4.50	5.50	150.00	1.25	82.00		132.95	5.00	625	300
Springvale	10.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	5.00	1.00	1.00	2.00				60.00	1.00			320.25	16.75	1200	500
Turkey	1.60	1.65	1.03	1.75								72.00	50			86.00	4.00	500	200
Warsaw	55.00	15.00	15.00	60.00		10.00	10.00		7.65	75.00	177.10	500.00	2.00	10.00		100.23		100	
Total	711.18	255.16	210.24	436.97	326.73	107.82	106.03	46.99	106.20	472.02	684.42	5895.94	44.55		359.90	10927.62	133.75	37,125	....

CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES, AND THEIR TIME OF HOLDING SERVICES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS AND THEIR ADDRESSES.	CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES.	TIME OF MEETING.
Alpine	J. B. Newton, Kerr.	J. M. Hall, Kerr.	Fourth Sunday.
Alum Springs	D. S. Kennedy, Kenansville.	Joe L. Kelly, Kenansville.	Second Sunday.
Bethel	J. L. Stuart, Clinton.	Maury Ward, Rose Hill.	Fourth Sunday.
Beulah	B. F. Deloatch, Clinton.	F. J. Faison, Turkey.	
Beulahville	B. G. Early, Kenansville.	W. M. Bishop, Beulahville.	Third Sunday.
Beulah Chapel	E. Lee Fox, Clinton.	C. L. Herring, Clinton.	Fourth Sunday.
Bear Marsh	J. H. Booth, Calypso.	E. H. Faulk, Mount Olive.	Third Sunday.
Boykin's Chapel			
Calypso	J. H. Booth, Calypso.	J. L. Dickson, Calypso.	Second Sunday.
Cedar Fork	B. G. Early, Kenansville.	R. H. Sloan, Hallsville.	Second Saturday.
Centre	Henry Carter, Garland.	H. L. Herring, Garland.	Second Sunday.
Clinton	B. F. Deloatch, Clinton.	J. F. Faircloth, Clinton.	1st and 3rd Sunday.
Concord	J. B. Newton, Kerr.	W. D. Wilkins, Magnolia.	First Sunday.
Corinth	B. F. Deloatch, Mount Olive.	I. D. Johnson, Rose Hill.	Second Sunday.
Delway	J. M. Alderman, Delway.	W. L. Beach, Delway.	First Sunday.
Dobson's Chapel	B. G. Early, Kenansville.	Newton Brock, Kenansville.	Fourth Sunday.
Ebenezer	W. J. Jones, Salemburg.	J. E. Highsmith, Parkersburg.	Fourth Sunday.
Faison	W. B. Rivenbark, Teachey.	T. W. Smith, Faison.	Fourth Sunday.
Hallsville	B. G. Early, Kenansville.	J. J. Strickland, Hausville.	Third Sunday.
Island Creek	J. M. Page, Rose Hill.	E. M. Teachey, Rose Hill.	First Sunday.
Johnson's	J. M. Page, Rose Hill.	L. Middleton, Warsaw.	Third Sunday.
Kenansville	B. G. Early, Kenansville.	Leslie Dail, Kenansville.	
Lisbon	J. L. Stuart, Clinton.	W. B. Lamb, Ingold.	First Sunday.
Magnolia	J. H. Booth, Calypso.	C. M. Middleton, Magnolia.	First Sunday.
Maple Hill	W. L. Britt, Richlands.	J. R. Marshburn, Maple Hill.	Second Sunday.
Mount Gilead	J. M. Alderman, Delway.	E. L. Croom, Clinton.	Fourth Sunday.
Mount Olive	Braxton Craig, Mount Olive.	B. A. Summerlin, Mount Olive.	1st and 3rd Sunday.
New Hope	Braxton Craig, Mount Olive.	J. H. Carlton, Warsaw.	Second Sunday.
Piney Grove	J. L. Stuart, Clinton.	S. H. Hare, Keeners.	Second Sunday.
Poplar Grove	J. M. Duncan, Clinton.	J. W. Westbrook, Faison.	Fourth Sunday.
Rose Hill	J. M. Page, Rose Hill.	J. T. Vick, Rose Hill.	Fourth Sunday.
Rowan	J. M. Page, Rose Hill.	W. T. Robinson, Moltonville.	Second Sunday.
Sharon	B. G. Early, Kenansville.	J. W. Blanchard, Sloan.	First Sunday.
Siloam	No Pastor.	W. B. Highsmith, Kerr.	
Springvale	R. C. Sandling, Clinton.	J. M. Marshburn, Ingold.	First Sunday.
Turkey	J. M. Page, Rose Hill.	C. E. Shipp, Turkey.	Second Sunday.
Warsaw	Braxton Craig, Mount Olive.	F. C. Middleton, Warsaw.	2nd and 4th Sunday.

DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS.

CHURCHES.	Baptisms.	Number of Members.	Contributions.		Average per member		Permanent Improvements.	Sunday Schools.		
			Running Expenses.	Mission Objects.	Running Expenses.	Mission Objects.		No. Students Enrolled.	Average Attendance.	Baptisms from Schools.
Alpine	22	\$ 2.60	\$ 9.00	\$ 12	\$ 41	\$	48	28	....	....
Alum Springs	23	38.31	1.14	1.02	....	....	....	....	....	....
Bethel	3	107	180.00	1.61	1.02	....	....	....	....	....
Beulah	4	....	25.76	....	....	....	85	50	....	....
Beulahville	15	46	67.75	1.50	38	105.00	51	35	4	4
Beulah Chapel	4	33	66.00	6.00	2.00	18	47	33	4	4
Bear Marsh .....	....	64	176.00	81.40	1.07	49	87	45	....	....
Boykin's Chapel	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Calypso	50	519.15	127.00	10.40	2.54	....	85	49	....	....
Cedar Fork	3	31	14.50	10.10	47	32	20	12	2	2
Centre	6	50	36.00	33.00	72	70	28	15	4	4
Clinton	240	670.24	194.27	2.80	81	669.91	123	97	....	....
Concord	52	102.50	28.75	1.97	53	....	39	22	....	....
Corinth	191	200.40	81.00	1.05	42	50.00	146	118	....	....
Delway	9	60	295.10	566.08	4.92	9.43	115.00	155	70	9
Dobson's Chapel	1	80	121.00	44.00	1.51	55	55.00	50	20	....
Ebenezer	8	66	134.47	29.08	2.04	48	57.00	36	21	....
Faison	4	68	288.78	31.00	4.25	47	....	85	45	1
Hallsville	6	132	178.60	29.92	1.35	23	66	20	....	....
Island Creek	4	232	255.00	99.00	1.10	43	69	45	....	....
Johnson's	5	173	340.76	214.40	1.97	1.24	190	129	4	4
Kenansville	1	78	215.61	99.29	2.78	1.27	56	25	1	1
Lisbon	1	73	157.00	73.79	2.15	1.01	42	20	....	....
Magnolia .....	....	164	258.71	158.77	1.82	97	122	89	....	....
Maple Hill .....	....	61	106.90	20.74	1.75	33	35	25	....	....
Mount Gilead	11	152	139.30	40.00	92	26	63	30	8	8
Mount Olive	13	192	1007.99	410.10	5.26	2.13	200.00	155	91	11
New Hope	3	155	256.00	126.57	1.65	82	25.00	75	60	....
Piney Grove	13	143	104.25	26.00	73	17	59	35	13	13
Poplar Grove	3	90	3.21	17.95	4	13	64	40	2	2
Rose Hill	7	98	346.73	85.55	3.54	87	900.00	117	60	3
Rowan	20	182	242.12	67.58	1.33	37	74.69	191	85	16
Sharon .....	....	49	87.25	22.28	1.78	45	27.42	55	30	....
Siloam	6	122	176.75	84.85	1.45	70	82.00	166	75	6
Springvale	12	113	64.00	25.00	57	22	....	65	35	7
Turkey	11	49	93.70	6.03	1.91	12	....	....	....	....
Warsaw	17	224	825.80	306.25	3.69	1.37	134	87	15	15
Total	192	3665	7764.17	3468.41	....	....	1861.02	2725	....	110

DENOMINATIONAL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	Additions.			Losses.		Membership.		
	Baptisms.	By Letter.	Restored.	Excluded.	Deaths.	By Letter.	Males.	Females.
Alpine .....	....	1	....	....	....	....	7	15
Alum Springs .....	....	....	....	....	....	....	9	14
Bethel	3	....	....	....	....	....	42	65
Beulah	4	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Beulahville	15	1	1	....	....	....	24	22
Beulah Chapel	4	3	....	....	....	....	13	20
Bear Marsh .....	....	1	....	3	1	....	74	90
Boykin's Chapel .....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Calypso	2	2	....	....	....	....	26	24
Cedar Fork	3	1	....	....	....	....	12	19
Centre	6	4	1	....	....	....	25	25
Clinton .....	....	4	1	....	3	4	108	132
Concord .....	....	1	....	....	1	....	18	34
Corinth .....	....	....	....	3	2	....	93	98
Delway	9	....	....	....	....	6	30	30
Dobson's Chapel	1	....	2	1	2	1	40	40
Ebenezer	8	2	2	1	....	2	28	38
Faison	4	5	....	2	1	1	30	33
Hallsville	6	4	....	1	1	1	47	85
Island Creek	4	2	1	6	3	4	78	154
Johnson's	5	4	1	....	1	6	77	95
Kenansville	1	4	....	....	....	1	31	47
Lisbon	1	3	1	1	....	3	38	35
Magnolia .....	....	2	1	1	7	....	48	116
Maple Hill .....	....	....	....	6	....	4	30	31
Mount Gilead	11	1	2	2	1	6	68	84
Mount Olive	13	9	....	....	1	16	71	121
New Hope	3	4	2	1	1	11	64	91
Piney Grove	13	....	....	1	1	1	65	78
Poplar Grove	3	....	....	....	....	3	40	50
Rose Hill	7	14	....	1	1	....	45	53
Rowan	20	10	1	5	1	2	70	112
Sharon .....	....	1	....	2	....	....	17	32
Siloam	6	1	....	....	1	2	59	63
Springvale	12	2	1	....	2	3	48	65
Turkey	11	13	....	....	....	....	24	25
Warsaw	17	13	1	....	....	6	89	135
Total	192	111	19	37	....	91	1588	2171

TABLE OF PLEDGES.

CHURCHES.	Associational Missions.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Orphanage.	Ministerial Education.	Ministers' Relief.	Students' Aid Fund.	Sunday School Missions.
Alpine	\$ 1.25	\$ 1.25	\$ 1.25	\$ 1.25	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00
Alum Springs	95.00	5.00	1.00	8.00	8.00	5.00	2.00	1.00	3.00
Bethel	30.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	5.00	2.00	1.00	3.00
Beulah	5.00	2.00	1.00	2.00	5.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Beulahville	1.00	1.00	1.00	2.50	2.50	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Beulah Chapel	22.50	3.00	2.50	2.00	11.00	3.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Bear Marsh									
Boykin's Chapel	30.00	20.00	20.00	25.00	20.00	5.00	1.00	5.00	2.50
Calypso	1.25	2.25	2.25	2.00	1.00	1.00	50		50
Cedar Fork	1.00	1.00	1.00	5.00	27.00	10.00	12.00	5.00	4.00
Centre	15.00	15.00	15.00	25.00	5.00	1.00	2.00	5.00	4.00
Clinton	8.00	3.00	2.50	5.00	7.00	8.00	5.00	2.00	3.00
Concord	25.00	10.00	5.00	12.00	20.00	10.00	5.00	5.00	10.00
Corinth	35.00	30.00	25.00	35.00	30.00	10.00	2.00	2.50	1.00
Delway	25.00	2.50	3.00	8.00	5.00	2.50	1.00	1.00	2.00
Dobson's Chapel	4.00	4.00	5.00	5.00	10.00	1.00	2.50	1.00	1.00
Ebenezer	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	10.00	2.00	2.50	1.00	1.25
Faison	12.50	12.50	10.00	20.00	15.00	3.00	3.00	1.00	3.00
Hallsville	40.00	20.00	15.00	17.50	85.00	2.00	2.00	1.00	3.00
Island Creek	10.00	10.00	10.00	15.00	45.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
Johnson's	15.00	12.00	5.00	10.00	15.00	5.00	5.00	2.00	2.00
Kenansville	20.00	10.00	7.50	10.00	15.00	5.00	2.00	1.00	2.00
Magnolia	2.50	2.50	2.50	3.00	6.00	2.50	1.00	1.00	2.00
Maple Hill	15.00	2.00	5.00	10.00	35.00	10.00	10.00	3.00	3.00
Mount Gilead	75.00	35.00	30.00	65.00	150.00	5.00	3.00	1.00	3.00
Mount Olive	40.00	10.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	1.00	1.50	1.00	1.00
New Hope	5.00	5.00	2.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	1.00
Piney Grove	4.00	4.00	2.00	2.00	20.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	1.00
Poplar Grove	20.00	10.00	10.00	7.50	5.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Rose Hill	6.00	3.00	5.00	5.00	12.00	1.00	3.00	1.00	3.00
Rowan	40.00	2.00	2.50	5.00	12.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	3.00
Sharon	10.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	2.50	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Siloam	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	2.50	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Springvale	55.00	20.00	20.00	85.00	75.00	10.00	12.00	2.50	5.00
Turkey									
Warsaw									
Total	735.00	298.50	253.50	483.25	680.50	120.50	103.00	62.50	72.25

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS AND POSTOFFICES.	No. of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	No. of Pupils.	Average Attendance.	Months Open.	Expenses.	Orphanage.	Missions.	Quarterlies and Papers Taken.	Baptisms.	Volumes in Library.
Alpine	O. P. Rogers, Kerr	1	4	44	28	12	\$ 2.60	\$	\$ 1.00	60	...	...
Alum Springs												
Bethel	F. J. Faison, Turkey	1	5	80	50	12						
Beulah	J. G. Bostic, Beulahville	1	6	45	35	12				54	4	
Beulahville		1	8	39	33	12				40	4	
Beulah Chapel												
Boykin's Chapel	C. A. Byrd, Mount Olive	1	8	79	45	12	21.00			80		
Bear Marsh	R. A. Parker, Calypso	1	8	77	49	12				113		
Calypso	J. H. Campen, Clinton	1	12	117	97	12	46.71	9.72	8.70	225	4	
Clinton	C. I. Robinson, Clear Run	1	3	25	15	12				28		
Centre	W. D. Wilkins, Magnolia	1	5	34	22	12	2.50		1.00	22		
Concord	I. D. Johnson, Rose Hill	1	10	136	118	12			3.00	130		
Corinth		1	4	20	12	12					2	
Cedar Fork	W. J. Fryar, Delway	1	12	143	70	12	37.85		2.00	160	9	
Delway	J. W. Teachey, Rose Hill	1	6	50	20	12	4.00	2.50		40		
Dobson's Chapel		1	6	30	25	12	14.47	7.31	2.75	47		
Ebenezer		1	7	78	45	12			10.00	75	1	
Faison	Paul Armstrong, Faison	1	6	60	20	12						
Hallsville	S. S. Bostic, Hallsville	1	7	62	45	12			1.00	68		
Island Creek	E. M. Teachey, Rose Hill	1										
Ivanhoe												
Johnson's	W. H. Middleton, Warsaw	2	15	173	129	12	58.73	60.00	7.14	228	4	
Kenansville	Thad. Jones, Kenansville	1	6	50	25	12	16.00	5.50		50	1	
Lisbon	D. L. Herring, Garland	1	5	37	20	12	5.00	6.05	13.06	45		40
Mount Olive	B. A. Summerlin, Mount Olive	1	10	145	91	12	93.74	146.03		125	11	
Mount Gilead	A. Peterson, Clinton	1	6	57	30	12				35	8	
Maple Hill	D. H. Marshburn, Maple Hill	1	6	29	25	12		3.05		40		
Magnolia	H. M. Swinson, Magnolia	1	12	110	89	12	40.71	8.42	2.60	150		
New Hope	J. L. Carroll, C. E. Daniel, Turkey	2	5	70	60	12				95		
Piney Grove	J. C. Hobbs, Keener	2	7	52	35	9				20	13	
Poplar Grove	J. W. Westbrook, Faison	1	4	60	40	7					2	
Rose Hill	J. T. Vick, Rose Hill	1	7	110	60	12	21.25	9.60	1.00	180		
Rowan	S. T. Wallace, Moltonville	2	23	168	88	12	26.61	11.04	4.50	240	16	
Sharon	E. P. Blanchard, Sloan	1	5	50	30	9				50		
Siloam	A. A. Maynard, Kerr	1	8	158	75	12				67	6	
Springvale	A. F. Robinson, Ingold	1	3	60	35	9				50	7	
Turkey												
Warsaw	O. P. Middleton, Warsaw	1	9	125	87	12	58.45	60.00	8.25	240	15	
Total		37	248	2573	1647	...	449.62	329.22	65.00	2757	110	...

APPENDIX.

Report on Woman's Work.

Your Committee begs leave to hand in this report prepared by Miss Macy Cox, Vice-President of the Woman's Missionary Union.

The first meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Eastern Association was held with the Magnolia Baptist Church, Thursday, Sept. 9, 1902.

Miss Macy Cox, Vice-President of the Union opened the meeting with devotional service and presided through the entire meeting.

Presidents from five Societies, three Band Leaders and fourteen delegates were present.

Ten ladies of the Associational Societies made short talks on the subjects previously assigned to them, and were ably assisted by Mrs. Hight C. Moore and Miss Elizabeth Briggs, of Raleigh; Rev. G. T. Watkins, of Goldsboro, and Rev. Braxton Craig, of Mount Olive.

The Vice-President called together a committee of two members from each Society, and Mrs. H. C. Moore advisor, to decide whether or not they should permanently meet separate from the regular Eastern Association. They unanimously voted in the affirmative.

Time and place of next meeting will be Thursday after the first Sunday in September, at Clinton.

The Union adopted the following Constitution:

Constitution.

Constitution of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Eastern Association as adopted at Magnolia, September 9, 1909.

Article 1. This organization shall be known as the Woman's Missionary Union of the Eastern Association.

Art. 2. The object of this Union shall be, the spread of information among the Societies, and for the discussion of the best means for the promotion of Christ's kingdom, and for mutual encouragement.

Art. 3. This Union shall be composed of two delegates from each Society in the Eastern Association.

Art. 4. The delegates shall bear a letter, communicating information relative to the work being done in each Society.

Art. 5. Associational Vice-President shall preside at each session of the Union and a Secretary and Treasurer shall be chosen annually.

Art. 6. The annual session shall be held on Thursday after the first Sunday in each September.

Art. 7. This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting of the Union by a vote of two thirds of the members.

SOCIETIES.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Bible Fund.	Expense Fund.	Training School.	Margaret Home.	Total.
Mount Olive W. M. S.	\$...	\$18.80	\$18.00	\$8.00	\$ 4.00	\$8.60	\$...	\$57.40
Warsaw W. M. S.	1.90	6.60	11.30	.....	1.00	70	.....	21.50
Faison W. M. S.	2.00	2.00	10.00	.....	1.00	.....	.....	15.00
Clinton W. M. S.	18.75	39.15	12.30	.....	20	.....	.....	70.40
Kenansville W. M. S.	3.00	4.55	5.25	.....	1.55	.....	.....	14.35
Magnolia W. M. S.	8.30	16.50	7.10	2.00	2.50	1.00	.....	37.40
Rose Hill W. M. S.	.....	9.00	13.20	.....	1.55	.....	.....	23.75
Maple Hill W. M. S.	1.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.50
Warsaw Y. L. A.	3.00	3.00	5.60	.....	.....	.....	.....	11.60
Warsaw Royal Ambassadors.	2.23	2.23	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4.46
Warsaw Sunbeams	6.50	9.25	10.15	2.50	2.50	3.00	.....	33.90
Faison Sunbeams	50	75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.25
Clinton Sunbeams	1.25	2.45	70	1.00	.....	.....	.....	5.40
Magnolia Sunbeams	6.00	12.85	15.00	7.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	43.85
Kenansville Sunbeams	1.00	2.48	.....	2.95	.....	.....	.....	6.79
Rose Hill Sunbeams.	50	1.18	.....	4.10	.....	.....	.....	5.78
Total	56.43	130.79	108.60	27.55	14.30	15.30	1.00	354.33