

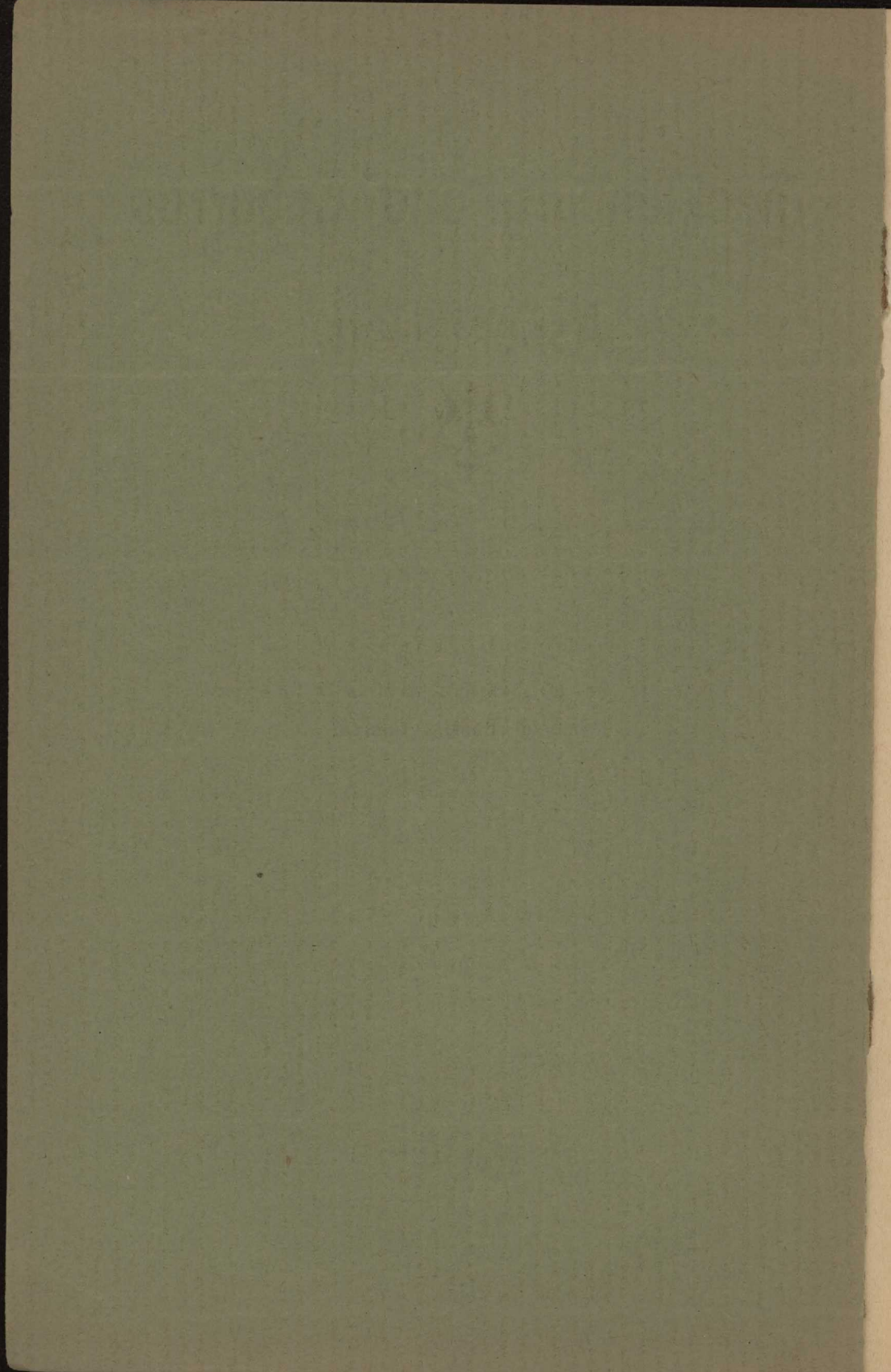
# Mecklenburg and Cabarrus

## Association



Nineteenth Annual Session, Held with Pritchard  
Memorial Baptist Church.

...1904...



Minutes of the 19th Annual Session

OF THE

Mecklenburg and Cabarrus  
Baptist Association

HELD AT

PRITCHARD MEMORIAL CHURCH,  
Charlotte, N. C.,

*September 8th, 9th and 10th, 1904.*

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The next session will be held at Cornelius, with Hopewell church, beginning Thursday before the second Sunday in September, at 11 o'clock a. m. Introductory sermon by Rev. J. Q. Adams, Charlotte, N. C. Alternate, Rev. J. S. Bookhart, Newell.



# Directory of the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association.

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A. L. Stough.....Pineville, N. C.

J. S. Brookhart.....Newell, N. C.

## REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATION.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., September 8th, 1904.

The nineteenth annual session of the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association met with the Pritchard Memorial Baptist church in Charlotte, and after singing, "How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord," the meeting was led in prayer by Rev. J. P. Bridges, of Lincolnton. In the absence of Rev. J. E. Smith, the appointee to preach the introductory sermon, who was delayed in consequence of a wreck on the railroad, by request Dr. A. C. Barron addressed the body in a most appropriate sermon from Isaiah 52:1: "Awake! awake! put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city."

The sermon was followed with prayer by Rev. C. M. Murchison. By motion Rev. S. F. Conrad was appointed secretary pro tem. to receive the church letters and record the delegates. On motion adjourned until 3:30 p. m. to effect a permanent organization of the body. Benediction by S. F. Conrad.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The afternoon session was opened with prayer by Rev. L. R. Pruett.

The Association was called to order by T. J. Renfrow, the moderator. Letters were called for and delegates enrolled.

Letters were handed in from the following churches and the following delegates reported:

Arlington—W. R. Massey, E. H. Hinson and Reece Hagler.

Clear Creek—L. A. Ferguson, J. S. Pigg, J. T. Estridge and A. W. McManus.

Cold Water—J. W. Connell, L. M. Fisher and J. W. Austin.

First Church, Concord—J. E. Smith, John S. Roberts, R. L. Seaford, John E. Wright, Charles Wright and Wm. Corzine.

Friendship—A. C. Fisher, R. J. Mitchell, J. T. Mitchell and D. W. Thomason.



Cornelius, (Hopewells)—C. M. Murchison, A. P. Sweet, R. D. Mooney and Noah Winecoff.

Huntersville—By letter only.

Independence Hill—S. W. Davis, I. B. Flowers and W. G. Wiley.

Newell—J. A. Bookhart, L. A. Barbee, W. E. Hull and W. C. Sutton.

Second Church, Concord—J. K. Gurley, F. G. Blockwelder and D. M. Hawkins.

Louise—D. F. Helms, J. A. Newton, A. B. McKinnon and C. F. Childers.

Long Creek—L. L. Grass, J. S. Underwood and J. A. White.

Matthews—T. J. Renfrow, J. W. Pitman, T. A. Newell and J. C. Helms.

Ninth Avenue—L. R. Pruett, S. F. Conrad, J. H. Fidler, R. J. Boyd, Z. D. Boyd, W. M. Lyles and T. J. Sprinkle.

Pritchard Memorial—J. Q. Adams, W. F. Dowd, V. O. Willis, J. J. Ezell, Z. V. Kendrick and C. W. Jones.

Pleasant Plain—J. J. McLendon, J. E. Brown, Elgin Boyd and W. S. Paxton.

Tryon Street—A. C. Barron, R. H. Jordan, J. F. Mosteller, E. B. Littlefield, Willis Brown, C. G. McManaway and J. B. Bowden.

Wilson Grove—J. C. Hager and J. W. Whitley.

The Association then proceeded to the election of officers. Dr. J. Q. Adams put in nomination for Moderator W. C. Dowd, of Charlotte, which was seconded by Rev. J. E. Smith. There being no other nominations brother Dowd was unanimously elected by a rising vote. Brother Dowd accepted the nomination by expressing his appreciation of the honor conferred and also by extending to all a most cordial welcome to Charlotte.

On motion of Dr. J. Q. Adams Dr. A. C. Barron was asked to cast the vote of the Association for Rev. S. F. Conrad for Clerk. Whereupon Dr. Barron, in deference to the wishes of S. F. Conrad, cast the vote for Rev. J. E. Smith, the Moderator ruling that S. F. Conrad was unanimously elected and the ruling so stood.

On motion brother D. W. Fink was re-elected Treasurer.

On motion of S. F. Conrad a committee was appointed consisting of S. F. Conrad, T. J. Renfrow and W. F. Dowd to make a digest of the church letters and to report to the Association.

Dr. A. C. Barron then moved that all visiting brethren

be invited to seats. Whereupon Rev. J. S. Farmer reported as the representative of the Biblical Recorder and Rev. D. P. Bridges, of Lincolnton, as a visitor from the South Fork Association.

The Moderator then asked for new churches with letters to report. Whereupon a new church organized at Chadwick Mills, a new church organized at Pineville and one at Union Grove presented letters for admission. These applications were all referred to a special committee, appointed by the Moderator, to examine into their organization and orthodoxy and to report their investigations to this body. The Moderator appointed as this committee Rev. D. M. Austin, Rev. J. E. Smith and Rev. J. F. Davis.

Pending the report of this committee the Moderator called upon the former Moderator, T. J. Renfrow, for a speech to which he responded in words of encouragement.

#### COMMITTEE ON ORDER OF BUSINESS.

The Moderator then appointed on order of business the following committee: Drs. Adams, Barron and Pruett, who submitted the following partial report:

4:30 p. m.—Periodicals.

8:00 p. m.—Introductory sermon.

8:45 p. m.—Report on temperance.

The committee to report on the new churches applying for admission then came in and unanimously favored their reception. The delegates were invited forward and given the right hand of fellowship by the Moderator, followed by the entire Association.

The Moderator then appointed Z. V. Kendrick, J. A. Durham and D. F. Helms as a finance committee.

#### REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The newspaper, as a medium of information, is indispensably necessary, and as an educator is of inestimable importance. No people can be an aggressive people who do not read, and no individual church member can be an aggressive Christian without proper information as to the work being done.

It is highly important to discriminate between the cheap, trashy literature of our time and the literature which elevates and purifies the life. Bad reading matter is more destructive than unwholesome food, because one has to do with the physical and the other the spiritual man.

The denominational paper can be effective only as it is read, and the problems of the age is how to enlist our people in reading our own papers. For good and wholesome reading and for widening the scope of the knowledge of our people we can claim, without boasting, that the papers representing our denominational life and work are unsurpassed. For editorial ability they are equal to the best. We, therefore, most heartily recommend the Biblical



Recorder, North Carolina Baptist, Charity and Children, the Foreign Mission Journal, the Home Field and Periodical Literature of the Board as each filling important places in our denominational life and work.

S. F. CONRAD.

The report on periodicals was called for and read by S. F. Conrad, who yielded the floor to Rev. J. S. Farmer, the representative of the Biblical Recorder, who discussed the report and was followed by S. F. Conrad, representing the North Carolina Baptist.

After announcements Association adjourned by benediction until night.

#### NIGHT SESSION.

The body met and was opened by singing and scripture reading by Rev. J. E. Smith and was led in prayer by Rev. J. F. Davis. Brother Smith, the appointee to preach the introductory sermon, then announced as his text Isaiah 60:11: "Therefore thy gates shall be open continually; they shall not be shut day nor night." The subject discussed was "the establishment, exultation and triumph of the church."

After the sermon the report on temperance was called for and read by W. M. Lyles as follows:

#### REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The temperance cause in North Carolina since the State election twenty-three years ago has made most rapid progress, and one county after another has abolished saloons until quite a large number of the largest and most populous counties in the State, by action of its citizens, by petitions for legislative enactments and by popular vote have abolished the licensed sale of liquor. Among these we mention Cleveland, Gaston, Cabarrus, Lincoln, Union, Scotland, Cumberland, Robeson, Sampson, Bladen, Pender, Columbus, Onslow, Duplin, Harnett, Chatham and others. Under the Watts law and since the elimination of the colored vote a large majority of the towns in the State have voted to abolish the licensed sale of liquor. This great reform has largely been brought about by the gradual growth of temperance sentiment among the churches and the attitude assumed toward the licensed liquor traffic by the religious denominations in the State.

It is stated on good authority that nineteen gallons and over of intoxicants are consumed in this country annually for every man, woman and child in the nation, and 80,000 of our American citizenship are slain every year by the drink habit, 75 per cent. of the orphans in our asylums are there from liquor, and that 85 per cent. of the crime before our criminal courts, and also that 75 per cent. of the convicts in our prisons are there from this cause. In view of the enormity of the evils arising from this cause, we, therefore, urge our people not to cease their efforts against the traffic until it is driven from the State. We also urge that as soon as it is practicable to seek for a constitutional amendment abolishing its license, manufacture and sale from the State, and also to withhold their suffrage from men who are the open advocates of its licensed sale.



This report was discussed by S. F. Conrad and Dr. A. C. Barron, after which it was unanimously adopted.

The committee on order of business then made a further report:

Friday, 9:30 to 10 a. m.—Devotional exercises, by J. J. McLendon.

10 to 1 p. m.—State and Associational Missions.

The Association was then adjourned with benediction by Rev. J. L. Stough.

#### FRIDAY'S SESSION.

Association met at 9:30 a. m. Devotional exercises were conducted by J. J. McLendon, after which the body was called to order by W. C. Dowd, the moderator. The minutes of the first day's session were read and approved.

The Moderator recognized in the audience Prof. J. B. Carlyle, of Wake Forest College, Rev. J. B. Boone, the general manager of the Orphanage at Thomasville, Archibald Johnson, editor of Charity and Children, and Rev. L. Johnson, Secretary of the Board of Missions, all of whom were welcomed to seats in the Association.

The report on State Missions was then called for and read by Dr. A. C. Barron. It was discussed by Rev. L. Johnson, Dr. A. C. Barron, A. Johnson, Prof. J. B. Carlyle, Rev. A. L. Stough and many others. Brother Stough reported the progress of the work at Pineville, Rev. C. M. Murchison spoke of the encouraging work at Chadwick, Huntersville and Cornelius, Rev. J. S. Bookhart, spoke of the promising work at Newell, Dr. J. Q. Adams spoke of the marvelous work done at Pritchard Memorial, Rev. L. R. Pruett told of the great achievements at Ninth Avenue, Rev. J. E. Smith spoke of the great progress of the work at the First church in Concord, Rev. D. P. Bridges reviewed the remarkable progress of missions in the South Fork Association, W. T. Talbirt spoke of the rapid growth of the work at the Second church in Concord. This was one of the most spirited and enthusiastic meetings of the whole session and resulted in pledges for the State mission work amounting to \$821.00. This great discussion and pledges was followed by the whole Association rising and singing the doxology. The report was most enthusiastically adopted and pledges taken. (See table of pledges.)

#### REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Enlargement needs to be written large on the work of State missions for this year. Enlargement was in the very air at the Charlotte convention last

December. State missions is the very basis of all our missionary and benevolent work, for it is only as we have growing and liberal churches at home that the general work can prosper. The growth of interest in State missions in the last ten years has been remarkable. Year by year we have advanced in our gifts to this cause until now we have arranged our work on the basis of \$30,000 for 1904. This large amount must be raised this year, and a still larger sum for the year following. North Carolina has taken its position in the front rank of States doing large things for the cause of State missions. Only two or three States in the Southern Baptist Convention raise larger sums and employ more missionaries than our board.

Enlargement, too, is the key-word for Associational missions. We must do larger things in our own boundaries. The Baptist cause, while it has grown in this Association, has not kept pace with the material growth of our section. There is a marvelous increase of wealth and population in the bounds of our Association. People are coming from every section into our towns and cities, and manufacturing enterprises are springing up like magic on every hand. Baptists must keep step with this growth and it must be quick-step. The lag-gard pace of the past will not do.

The Executive Board of the Association have felt this deeply and so determined at the beginning of the year to take decided steps forward. About \$600 had been expended annually by the State Board on the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association. It was felt by our board that we must have some new missionaries located in our boundaries and devote themselves wholly to the work of developing our smaller churches and planting new interests. So a proposition was made to the State Board for an expenditure of one thousand dollars this year on this field. We offered to raise from our churches \$700 of this amount if the State Board would add the sum of \$300. This the board generously agreed to and we are now working under this arrangement—that is the expenditure by the board on this field of \$1,000, provided \$700 of this sum is raised here. Under this arrangement some new men have been brought on the field, who are doing some fine work, and others will be brought as soon as the churches raise their quoto. Brethren, this must be done, or our cause thrown back for years. If we can continue this generous arrangement with the State Board for five years we will then see the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association one of the strongest in the State.

In order to stimulate this movement to raise \$700 this year one of our churches agreed to raise one-half of this sum; that is, \$350. There are now 20 other churches in the Association with an aggregate membership of over 2,700. Surely these 20 churches and 2,700 members can raise as much as this one church of 500 members. Does it not seem reasonable? If every church will do its best—if every member of our churches will realize their responsibility (and this they will do if the pastors will faithfully and perseveringly press this matter) there will be no lack. Indeed we can do far better than raise \$700 for State missions, especially in view of the fact that the whole sum and \$300 in addition will be expended on our field. Your committee hope the churches will immediately raise their quotos.

A. C. BARRON, Chairman.

The Moderator then announced the following committees:

On Time and Place—Rev. C. M. Murchison, Rev. J. E. Smith and T. J. Renfrow.

On Religious Exercises—Dr. J. Q. Adams, Dr. A. C. Barron and Rev. L. R. Pruett.

Executive Committee—Rev. L. R. Pruett, J. Q. Adams, D. M. Austin, W. M. Lyles, J. A. Durham and A. C. Barron.



The committee then announced the further order of business:

FRIDAY,

3:30 to 4:30 p. m.—Orphanage.

8:00 p. m.—Foreign Missions and Education.

SATURDAY.

9:30 to 10:00 a. m.—Devotional Exercises, by Rev. J. S. Farmer.

10:00 to 11:00 a. m.—Home Missions.

11:00 to 12 a. m.—Sunday Schools.

12:00 to 1:00 p. m.—Ministers Relief and Miscellaneous Business.

Association then adjourned with benediction by Rev. L. Johnson.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

The evening session was opened with prayer by Rev. J. B. Boone. The Moderator then called the body to order and asked for the reading of the minutes of the morning session, which were read and approved.

The Moderator recognized in the body Rev. J. W. Wheeler of the M. E. Church, who addressed the Association with a few remarks. The report on the Orphanage was then called for.

The report was read by Dr. J. Q. Adams, who waived its discussion in behalf of Rev. J. B. Boone, the General Manager, who prefaced his remarks by reading Psalm 68:5—"A father of the fatherless, and a judge of the widows, is God in his holy habitation." After some comments upon the significance of this passage he reviewed the work of the Orphanage, telling of its struggles and triumphs and of its marvelous progress and growth.

Archibald Johnson spoke of "Charity and Children" and its relation to the Orphanage work. He was followed by words of commendation by Prof. J. B. Carlyle, Dr. Adams and J. J. McLendon, also by Rev. L. Johnson, who spoke of the splendid equipment of the Orphanage and the work it is doing.

The report was adopted and pledges taken. (See table of pledges.)

## REPORT ON THE ORPHANAGE.

"An infant crying in the night,  
An infant crying for the light,  
And no language but a cry."

Nothing appeals to the human heart more strongly than the cry of a little child, and intensity is added to the appeal if it be the cry of an orphan child.

The Baptists of North Carolina have heard the cry of the orphan children of the state, and they have established, at Thomasville, an asylum where shelter and protection and education is furnished many of these homeless ones.

From a small beginning our Orphanage has grown to be the largest institution of its kind in the state, with 17 matrons and teachers, 300 orphans and 8 substantial and well furnished buildings. Its equipment has been augmented from time to time until now, in all respects, we have an institution of which we are justly proud.

Our Orphanage is doing a great and a Christ-like work and we commend it to the hearty support of our churches and Sunday-schools.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Q. ADAMS.

The question of pledging the churches provoked considerable discussion which was finally put to a vote, by Rev. L. R. Pruett moving that the plan of apportionment be continued, which was lost. On motion of Rev. S. F. Conrad, the Association adopted the plan of taking pledges.

## REPORTS FOR NEXT SESSION.

The Moderator announced the following brethren to prepare reports for the next session of the body:

- Report on Foreign Missions—Dr. J. Q. Adams.
  - Report on Home Missions—Dr. A. C. Barron.
  - Report on State Missions—Rev. C. M. Murchison.
  - Report on Orphanage—J. A. Durham.
  - Report on Periodicals—Rev. J. F. Davis.
  - Report on Ministerial Relief—Rev. W. T. Talbirt.
  - Report on Sunday Schools—T. S. Franklin.
  - Report on Education—Rev. L. R. Pruett.
  - Report on Temperance—T. J. Renfrow.
- Adjourned by benediction.

## NIGHT SESSION.

The Association met at 8 p. m., and was led in prayer by Rev. D. P. Bridges. The Moderator then called the body to order.

Rev. Charles E. Burts of Edgefield, S. C., was recognized in the audience and welcomed to a seat, as was also Prof. Alexander Graham, Superintendent of the Graded Schools of Charlotte.



The report on Foreign Missions was then read by Rev. J. E. Smith of Concord.

#### REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Our Foreign Mission Board makes a fine report to the churches of the Convention this year. \$247,629.69 were contributed, the largest amount ever received. 138 missionaries and 215 native helpers have been employed. There has been 2,076 baptisms from 138 churches having a membership of 9,969.

Seven Theological Training Schools are instructing 70 students for evangelistic work. Printing houses in Canton and Brazil are sending out thousands of tracts and booklets. Two hospitals and some dispensaries have been established and are becoming very popular. The 43 day schools enroll 1,055 pupils and the 53 Sunday-schools enroll 2,142.

North Carolina last year gave \$16,865.70, a gain of \$1,324.50 over the previous year. It is expected that our contributions will reach almost \$20,000 this year. They certainly should after such glorious results and in the midst of such prosperous times. The churches are becoming more missionary in spirit. This is manifested not only in their gifts, but in the interest taken in mission literature. The pastors of each association, who together visit the churches, are doing much to quicken the interest in missionary work. It is to be hoped that this work will be continued.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. SMITH.

The report was discussed by Rev. J. E. Smith and Dr. A. C. Barron, and adopted and pledges taken. (See table of pledges.)

The report on Education was next taken up. The report was read by W. C. Dowd, who invited Dr. A. C. Barron to the chair during the consideration of the report.

W. C. Dowd introduced to the audience Prof. J. B. Carlyle of Wake Forest College, who spoke on the college and its work. Prof. Carlyle announced his purpose to dwell upon the possessions, purposes and prospects of the college, which he did to the delight of the association.

The report was adopted and pledges taken. (See table of pledges.)

#### REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Happily in this day and time in North Carolina it is not so necessary as formerly to urge the advantages of an education. Our people have been thoroughly aroused upon this subject, and opportunities for acquiring an education have been greatly multiplied. Baptist forefathers were wise and far-seeing when they established Wake Forest College. The educated Christian man is the most potent factor in the State and the church. The thousands of such men turned out by Wake Forest College have helped to make North Carolina what she is, and to that institution more than any other is due the fact that there are a host of 180,000 Baptists in the State today. What Wake Forest has been doing for our boys all these years, the Baptist University for Women is now doing for our girls. If there is any individual who wields a wider and better influence in church and State than an educated Christian man, it is an educated Christian woman. Out of such homes will come the men and women of the future. We commend both these great schools and our asso-

ciational schools, to the Baptist boys and girls of this Association. We urge parents to patronize them whenever possible. Let us all remember that the best heritage we can leave our children is the example of a consistent Christian life; and let us remember that the best thing we can do for them here is to give them a good education under Christian influences.

Respectfully submitted,  
W. C. Dowd.

Dr. Adams then made the following announcements for Sunday:

Dr. A. C. Barron to preach at Pritchard Memorial at 11 a. m., while he would preach at Tryon Street.

At 8 p. m., Rev. L. R. Pruett to preach at Pritchard Memorial and he would preach at Ninth Avenue.

Adjourned by benediction.

#### SATURDAY'S SESSION.

The Association met at 9:30 and was led in devotional exercises by Rev. J. S. Farmer, after which the body was called to order by the Moderator.

Rev. C. M. Murchison submitted the report on Time, Place and Preacher for the next session. The report provoked some discussion as to time, when the present time of meeting was continued and the report adopted.

#### REPORT ON TIME AND PLACE.

Place—Cornelius.

Time—Thursday before the 2nd Sunday in September.

Preacher—Rev. J. Q. Adams; alternate Rev. J. S. Bookhart.

The report on Sunday Schools was then called for, and read by W. D. Adams. Report adopted without discussion.

#### REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

At this present day it would seem needless to urge the vital importance of Sunday-schools to our churches. This idea however, is a mistaken one, for if we take up the minutes of any of our old established Associations, we will find that quite a large per cent. of our churches have no Sunday-schools. It is necessary therefore to say with all emphasis that there is no work on which the welfare of our churches more depends. As a denomination we have always stood for education in all its phases. Our Sunday-schools furnish the moral and spiritual training for those who are to fill the positions of trust and responsibility among us. Our most active and zealous church members, our most thoroughly consecrated men and women as well as our foremost Bible scholars are those who have been reared under the supervision and direct influence of our Sunday-schools. How important then is this work. Can we conceive of a poor church with a good Sunday-school or of a good one without one. The practical problems of Sunday-school work are many and difficult. How may we enlist the whole church in the work? Hold our young men and young women, secure the proper teaching force, are merely a few of these perplexing questions. As an association of individual churches let



each and everyone bestir themselves that during the coming year we may give this department of our work its rightful and proper place.

Respectfully submitted,  
W. D. ADAMS.

The report on Home Missions was called for and was read by Rev. D. M. Austin. The report was discussed by Rev. D. M. Austin, Rev. S. F. Conrad, Dr. A. C. Barron, Bro. A. Johnson and others. The report elicited a lively discussion on the policy of the Home Board and its work of evangelization among the colored people. The report was adopted and pledges taken. (See table of pledges.)

#### REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Home Missions should have the hearty support of all who desire the well-being of needy humanity. This board endeavors to educate the people, in many sections, by aiding in the construction of school buildings. In our State this feature of the work seems to be advancing nicely, under the leadership of A. E. Brown. Many schools worthy of mention are doing good in the mountains of our State. This board has had much to do with the establishing of churches in the towns and cities of the Southern Convention. Cuba and the Indian Territory have also felt the beneficent help of the Home Board. The colored population in the Southern States have been kindly remembered and probably helped thereby. Our State Convention pledged to this Board \$10,000 for the present year's work. Much money could be well spent by the Home Board in this great Southern country. The multitude who are yearly coming to our country ought to be met with a gospel message. Six hundred and sixteen Missionaries were employed last year, and 7,526 baptisms were reported and 714 Sunday-schools organized. The value of this work does not compute with figures, but we may be able to appreciate it more in the light of the promised new day.

Respectfully submitted,  
D. M. AUSTIN.

The report on Ministerial Relief was next read by Rev. L. R. Pruett, and after some remarks by Bro. Pruett, was adopted and pledges taken. (See table of pledges.)

#### REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

The Baptist State Convention about ten years ago saw that some action ought to be taken to relieve the infirm and indigent ministers of the State, so the Convention appointed a board consisting of ten brethren to take this matter in hand. This board was located in Durham, N. C. Rev. C. J. Thompson is now President and Rev. J. F. McDuffie is the Corresponding Secretary. About twenty were aided last year, at an expenditure of a little more than \$1,000. It is the duty of the younger and stronger to help the older and weaker. The aiding of these old ministers is a service rendered unto Christ, for He says, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

L. R. PRUETT.

The report of the Finance Committee was then read and approved.

After some discussion as to the shortage of the minute fund and as how to meet it, the Association, by motion, ordered the treasurer, D. W. Fink, to pay over to the clerk an

amount sufficient, out of the funds for missions, to make it \$40.00.

Rev. D. M. Austin moved that the clerk be paid ten dollars for his services, which was adopted.

#### RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Archibald Johnson offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That this Association return its heartfelt thanks to the Baptist people of Charlotte and other friends of the community for their generous hospitality, and to the press of Charlotte for its full and accurate reports of the proceedings of the body.

W. M. Lyles also offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Association, that each church within its bounds urge and insist upon their delegates to the next Association to remain until the close of its business session.

Rev. S. F. Conrad then announced his inability to complete the report on Digest of Church Letters, owing to his pressing duties as clerk. By motion he was ordered to prepare it and report it in the minutes.

#### DELEGATES TO THE CONVENTIONS.

The Moderator, by order of the Association, appointed Dr. A. C. Barron delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, with W. C. Dowd as alternate.

The following brethren were appointed to the State Convention at Elizabeth City: Dr. A. C. Barron, Dr. J. Q. Adams, Rev. L. E. Pruett, Rev. J. E. Smith, Rev. C. M. Murchison, Rev. D. M. Austin, W. M. Lyles, T. J. Renfrow, W. F. Dowd, J. A. Durham, R. D. Mooney, Rev. J. A. Bookhart, V. O. Willis and J. J. Ezell.

The treasurer's report was read and received, as follows:

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received for the following causes:

State Missions.....	\$45 10
Foreign Missions .....	4 30
Home Missions.....	7 00
Orphanage .....	5 00
Old Ministers Relief.....	3 00
Education.....	1 00
Total.....	\$65 40

Respectfully submitted,  
D. W. FINK, Treasurer.

After many words, of the high appreciation of the meeting, by many brethren, and a hearty shaking of hands, the Association adjourned.



STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTORS AND THEIR ADDRESSES	CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES	Baptized	Received by Letter	Restored	Total	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Total	Gained	Lost	Male Membership	Female Membership	Total Membership	Seating Capacity of Church
Arlington	J. F. Davis, Charlotte, rfd 11	W. A. Connell, Arlington	16	8	8	22	8	7	2	17	17	5	110	124	234	700
Chadwick	C. M. Murchison, Concord	H. C. Comax, Charlotte	2	10	1	12	2	0	0	12	2	10	11	15	30	300
Clear Creek	A. C. Davis, Olive Branch	S. Pigg, Brief	5	1	1	7	6	0	1	7	7	0	40	60	100	300
Cold Water	W. R. Davis, Loant	V. Talbirt, Concord	2	2	0	4	3	1	1	5	5	0	35	35	70	300
Cornelius	C. M. Murchison, Concord	C. A. Murchison, Concord	7	19	0	26	2	0	0	28	26	0	73	132	205	500
1st Church, Concord	J. E. Smith, Concord	F. H. Lee, Concord	14	18	1	33	25	62	2	89	89	56	188	205	400	500
2nd Church, Concord	J. W. T. Talbirt, Concord	C. K. Gurley, Concord	6	37	1	44	16	8	1	63	47	7	18	23	41	300
Friendship	D. W. Thomason, Belmont	C. Garrison, Shopton	3	5	1	9	8	1	1	19	7	10	6	9	15	200
Huntersville	C. M. Murchison, Concord	S. L. Mullen, Shopton	30	57	1	88	1	0	0	89	47	0	58	84	142	500
Independence Hill	C. M. Murchison, Cornelius	C. S. Davis, Croft	5	5	0	10	1	0	0	11	10	0	18	23	41	300
Long Creek	C. M. Murchison, Cornelius	J. S. Underwood, Sandifer	5	5	0	10	1	0	0	11	10	0	6	9	15	200
Louise	J. F. Davis, Charlotte, rfd 11	Josiah Allen, Charlotte	9	21	0	30	7	4	2	37	6	0	9	17	26	300
Matthews	W. R. Rentrow, Matthews	T. J. Rainow, Matthews	1	3	0	4	3	0	0	7	23	0	45	83	128	500
Newells	J. S. Bookhart, Newells	W. E. Hill, Newells	1	3	0	4	3	0	0	7	3	0	45	83	128	500
Ninth Avenue	L. R. Prunett, Pineville	W. M. Lyles, Charlotte	5	2	0	7	2	0	0	9	5	0	60	88	148	400
Pineville	A. L. Stong, Pineville	M. C. Hair, Pineville	1	28	2	31	10	1	1	42	28	0	24	24	48	200
Pleasant Plains	J. M. Bridges, Shelby	J. E. Brown, Matthews, rfd	23	4	2	29	4	1	1	36	5	24	58	67	125	250
Pritchard Memorial	J. Q. Adams, Charlotte	W. F. Dowd, Charlotte	2	15	0	17	10	1	1	28	6	0	31	62	93	300
Rock Hill	J. M. Bridges, Shelby	A. D. Crisco, Concord	9	40	0	49	26	11	37	86	12	0	186	270	456	500
Troyon Street	C. C. Barron, Charlotte	J. A. Durham, Charlotte	3	8	0	11	5	2	2	17	10	0	17	10	27	300
Union Grove	A. W. Wilcox, Mooresville	J. C. Heger, Huntersville	8	8	0	16	3	2	5	21	2	0	20	38	58	300
Wilson's Grove			154	207	10	371	126	81	21	228	210	61	940	1402	2388	6750
Total			154	207	10	371	126	81	21	228	210	61	940	1402	2388	6750





FINANCIAL TABLE—AMOUNTS REPORTED IN LETTERS.

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Incidental Expenses	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions.	Orphanage	Ministerial Education	Old Ministers' Relief	Sunday Schools	Poor Fund	Minutes	Other Objects	Colleges and Schools	Total Contributions
Arlington	\$ 100 00	\$ 50 00	\$ 5 00	\$ 5 00	3 30	\$ 3 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 10 00	\$ 4 00	\$ 2 00	\$ 16 40	\$	100 30
Chadwick	75 00	15 00	10 41	4 50	3 50	2 10	2 25	7 41	3 40		1 31	71 95		93 50
Clear Creek	50 00	7 50	10 00	4 50	2 13	2 25	4 00	4 00	4 00					173 80
Cold Water	50 00	25 00	10 00	15 00	1 5	4 00	4 00	7 41	4 00					83 16
Cornelius	150 00	9 00	30 00	5 00	70	40 00	1 00	1 00	106 00		1 25	5 00		207 95
1st Church, Concord	900 00	106 58	5 00	5 00	80 00	50 00	1 00	1 00	53 17		3 00	210 52		1 188 00
2nd Church, Concord	150 00	100 00	14 50	5 00	7 50	16 30	1 00	1 00	17 40		2 00	64 50	3 30	408 77
Friendship	100 00	40	1 00	1 00	2	1 00	1 00	1 00	17 40		1 00	3 30		253 40
Huntersville	75 00		1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	17 40					27 00
Independence Hill	75 00		5 00	1 00	3 75	1 00	1 00	1 00	3 50		40	35 00		122 66
Long Creek	75 00	2 60	15 00	1 00	4 00	1 00	1 00	2 20	2 20		70			100 50
Louise	113 33	14 78	8 11	7 00	6 87	10 00	25 37	5 00	62 02	4 69	2 10	212 38		439 65
Matthews	88 00	50 00	18 00	7 00	7 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	16 00		2 00	400 00		608 00
Newells	150 00	25 00	15 00	7 00	8 50	5 00	5 00	1 00	9 17	3 73	70	73 50		295 10
Ninth Avenue	653 72	70 47	32 04		26 00	35 00			67 70	9 60		3 582 16	20 00	4 447 69
Pineville	40 00	85 00	3 00	1 50	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	10 00		1 50			145 00
Pleasant Plains	851 58	362 86	85 94	54 25	100 60	25 09	5 60	1 00			3 50	500 00	75 00	2 103 82
Pritchard Memorial														
Rock Hill	1 800 00	1 233 25	342 96	366 45	226 90	106 00	75 00	25 00	381 00	60 00				4 616 56
Tryon Street	30 50								2 55					31 20
Union Grove														32 55
Wilson's Grove														
Total	\$ 5 552 13	\$ 2 084 41	\$ 610 99	\$ 458 70	\$ 533 66	\$ 253 89	\$ 113 87	\$ 41 41	\$ 758 11	\$ 82 02	\$ 22	\$ 165 194 01	\$ 98 30	\$ 15 678 70

TABLE OF PLEDGES

CHURCHES	State Missions.	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Ministerial Education	Ministers' Relief	Total Amount
Arlington	\$ 20	\$ 5	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 2	\$ 40
Chadwick	30	20	1	2	1	1	19
Clear Creek	10	3	5	3	1	1	27 50
Cold Water	15	3	3	3	2	2	28 2
Cornelius	25	3	10	3	2	1	48
1st Church Concord	75	25	50	40	5	5	200
Friendship	15	3	1	5	1	1	34
Huntersville	5	2	5	5	1	1	19
Independence Hill	10	3	5	5	1	1	27
Long Creek	15	3	10	5	1	1	33
Louise	15	3	5	5	1	1	33
Mathews	30	2	10	25	1	1	54
Newells	15	7	5	15	5	5	67
Ninth Avenue	50	15	8	7	1	1	37 50
Pineville	20	15	25	38	5	5	136
Pleasant Plains	15	2	2	5	1	1	20
Pritchard Memorial	100	40	100	25	5	1	271
Rock Hill	15	5	10	7	1	1	5
2nd Church Concord	350	150	500	100	25	10	39 50
Tryon Street	5	1	2	2	1	1	12
Union Grove	5	1	2	3	1	1	11
Wilson Grove	5	1	2	3	1	1	11
Total	\$ 621 00	\$ 291 00	\$ 766 50	\$ 239 50	\$ 62 00	\$ 43 50	\$ 2 363 50



