

## MINUTES

OF THE
TWENTIETH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

## ATLINTIC BAPTIST Rssociation,

HELD WITH THE
PINEY GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH, PINEY GROVE, N. C.,

OCTOBER 14 TH AND 15TH, 1903.

The next session is to be held with the Morehead City Baptist Church, Wednesday morning after the second Sunday in October, 1904.

Rev. W. H. Rich to preach the Introductory Sermon.

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## OFFICERS

Moderator Clerk and Treasurer Historian
A. W. Setzer, Morehead City, N. C. A. T. M. Mathews, Swansboro, N. C.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

W. H. Rich-New Bern, N. C.
B. H. Mathews-Swansboro
L. L. Leary-Morehead City, N. C.
A. D. Ward-New Bern, N. C. N.

REGISTER OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.
W. H. Rich-New Bern, N. C.
A. W. Setzer-Morehead City, N. C. I.N.Henderson-Creen's Ck,N C. E. Edwards-Swansboro, N. C. Benjamin -Marines, N. C J. Haul Spence-Nwansboro, N. C. J. R. Taylor-Dard-Marines, N. C J. Paul Spence-New Bern, N. C. J. E. King-Wilmington, N. C.
J. B. Olive-Swansboro, N. C.

## Constitution.

1. This Association shall be known as the "Atlantic Baptist As2. It shall be composed of the pastors and of the delegates elected by the Churches connected with it, each Church being en titled to three delegates, unless the membership shall exceed fifty and then there shall be an additional delegate for every twenty-five members. Every Church having a Ladies' Missionary Society shall be entitled to one additional female delegate to represent it on the Woman's Central Committee
2. Its object shall be the promotion of the Redeemer's Kingdom by securing the co-operation of its Churches for their edification and for the spread of the Gospel according to our faith and order
3. The "New Hampshire Declaration of Faith" shall be the sum this body; and Churches desiring to be receivel must signify their acuaintance with it in substance, together with the covenant here with submitted and this Constitution
5 . This Association shall not annul
or exercise authority over it But it may discipline of a Church, from its connection any Church that neglects to preserve Gospel order, or that treats with contempt the objects or advice of the Association.
4. Each Church shall send to the Association, at its annual session, a statement of (1) its locality; (2) the name of its pastor, clerk, clerk's postoffice, delegates and ministers other than the pastor; (3) Sunday or Sundays of regular service, (4) the Church statistics; (5) Sunday School statisties; (6) contributions to (a) Associational Missions, (b) State Missions, (c) Home Missions, (d) Foreign Missions, (e) Education, (f) Colportage, (g) Sunday School Missions, (h) Orphanage, (i) Ministerial Relief, (j) Houses of Wor ship, (k) Minute Fund, (1) other objects.
5. Whenever a Church shall not represent itself at an annual session of the Association, either by delegate or letter, or whenever a Church shall not report something contributed for missions, inChurch and induce it to do its duty and this effort shall be coninued until the Church be recovered or dropped from the Asso tinued
6. The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk, a Historian, and a Treasurer, elected annually by ballot from among its members, to serve until their successors shall have been elected, and to perform the duties usual to such officers, the Moderator, in presiding, the Clerk in recording and preserving minutes and other papers belonging to the body, and the Treasurer in receiving and disbursing according to its will all funds belonging to or entruste to the body, the Historian in keeping a record of the work an rogress of the Association, and report at each annual session
7. The Association shall appoint annually an Executive Board of five, to whom shall be entrusted the prosecution of and Assoctational Missions, and any other work which this boay may reler to them, and who shall, as far as practicable, cooper in territory and be sion Board in supplying the destituon ween the meetings of the Association take suts objects. The Board shall present to the ssociation at its annual meeting a report of ll its proceedings with the Treasurer's report of all receipts and
disbursements, and with the names of its missionaries, time of
service and details of their 10. The annual ofsion work
nesday morning after second Sue Association shall begin on Wedas may be chosen, and and Sunday in September, at such place on the first day of the session. Representativen shall be delivered the Churches shall constitute a quorum. 11. This Constitution may be amen.
by a two-thirds vote of the members present any annual session

## By-Laws.

1. The daily session of the Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. Delegates shall be recognized by letters from their Churches designating them as such.
3. The Moderator shall recognize corresponding messengers or the delegates of newly-received Churches by extending to them his
right hand. right hand.
Churches of the Associgtiovide blank letters for the use of the Churches of the Association previous to the meeting the use of the tion, superintend the publication and distributiong of the Associapreserve a file of them and have it present at each of the minutes, read the proceedings of the preceding session at the beginning of the annual session. 5. Members desi

Moderator; shall use the torm "bpeak shall first rise and address the shall not speak on the same subject mer," in speaking to each other; mission, and shall observe the courtesy there than twice without per6. Members shall not absent themselvat becomes Christians. out permission. 7. The roll
sentees marked. 8. Corresponding messengers and visiting brethren shall be
invited to seats, with privilege of invited to seats, with privilege of speaking, but not of voting. 9. A copy of the Minutes shall be sent to the Secretary of the
State Mission Board, also one copy to the Secretary Baptist Convention, and one to the American Pary of the Southern Society, 1420 Chestnut street, Philadelphican Baptist Publication Secretary for Sunday Schools in North Car, and one to the Field 10. All questions of order in North Carolina.
by "Kerfoot's Parliamentary Law"" 11. The report of the Executiv.
of the Association, shall take precedence and the missionary work the morning session of the second day of all other business during 12. The general order of business shall be annual session.
(1) Reading Church letters and enroll be:
(2) Election of officers.
(3) Petitionary letters.
(4) Appointment of committees for this session
(5) Appointment of standing committees.
(6) Re
session.
session.
(7) Reports of standing committees,
(7) Reports of standing committees.
(8) Reports of other committees.
(8) Reports of other committees.
(9) Miscellaneous business.

PROCEEDINGS.

Piney Grove, N. C., Oct. 14th, 1903. The Atlantic Baptist Association met in its twentieth annual session with the Church at Piney Grove, in Onslow County, on Wednesday morning, October 14th, 1903. Devotional exercises were conducted by C. E. Edwards. In the absence of the Clerk, B. H. Mathews was appointed temporary Clerk. Letters were Brethren S. A. Starline Churches in the Association organization was effected by the election of the following officers: Moderator, A. W. Setzer; Clerk and Historian, B. H. Mathews; Treasurer, A. T. Moore.
The following new pastors were welcomed by the Moderator: I. N. Henderson, of Creen's Creek; C. E. Edwards, of Swansboro, and W. H. Rich, of New Bern.

The following were appointed as Committee on Order of Business: Dr. W. J. Montfort, J. B. Olive, James Phillips. The committee made partial report as follows:
Meet at 2 o'clock for devotional exercise; address of welcome. 2:30, Education; 4, Miscellaneous business; Thursday, $9: 30$, Devotional exercises; 10, report of Executive Board; $11: 15$, Introductory Sermon; 2 P. M. State Missions, Miscellaneous.
The Finance Committee was appointed as follows: L. L. Leary,
S. A. Starling, W. E. Watson.
S. A. Starlo Moderator appointed the following writers of reports, to take the place of absentees: Introductory Sermon, W. H. Rich; Periodithe place of absentees, C. Edwards; Education, Dr. W. J. Montfort; Home Missions, W. H. Rich. The Association adjourned. Benediction by B. H. Mathews.

FIRST DAY-Afternoon Session.
Devotional exercises were conducted by J. C. Whitty
The Address of Welcome was delivered by J. B. Olive. The response to the Address of Welcome was made by J. C. Whitty.

The report on Education was submitted by W. J. Montfort, as follows:

## REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The zeal of Baptists has hardly been more marked along any other line than that of education, as witness, the Orphanage, Wake Forest College, Baptist Female University, C. B. F. I., the numerous Forest College, Baptist Fend private schools under Baptist manageAssociational schools it evident that Baptists are theoretically and in point of effort in favor of educating the people.
Your committee presumes, however, that this report is intended to be in the especial interest of the Board of Education, located at Wake Forespecil Wake Forest College, and charged win to the Gospel ministry cating indigent young men called of God to the Gospel ministry. Possibly no contributions made by North Carolina Baptists have yielded larger returns than those that have future of our denominaing of young men
tional ministry-"Like priest, like people." The call of this Board is therefore peculiar and pressing.

The report was spoken to by A. W. Setzer.
The roll of the Churches was called and pledges made. (See Table 1.)
A petitionary letter was read by M. E. Whitehurst from Tabernacle Church, New Bern, asking for a letter of dismission to join the euse Association.
The Association granted this letter of dismission.
The Moderator appointed the following Committee on Place and Preacher for the next Association: I. N. Henderson, G. P. Anderson, A. T. Moore.
s follows:

## REPORT ON AGED MINISTERS' RELIEF.

This Board is a part of the organization of our State Mission Board, and its object is to support the aged Baptist ministers who, in years gone by, have borne the burden and heat of the great work of preaching the Gospel, and are now too old and decrepit and have to depend upon the liberality of us as Baptists. The widows of these old for help and as a matter of gratitude (for we certainly owe them a great debt of gratitude) we should contribute liberally to this worthy object, that these worthy ones may not be in want in their old age.

> J. C. WHITTY, For Committee

The report was spoken to by W. H. Rich.
The roll of Churches was called and pledges were taken. (See Table 1.)
The Moderator appointed the following Committee on Obituary: C. E. Edwards, M. E. Whitehurst, Gaston Smith

The report on Periodicals was submitted by C. E. Edwards, as follows:

## REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

One of our most potent factors in the development of the masses of the people is the printing press. Too much stress cannot be put on getting the people to receive into their houses that class of ittle of our denominational progress has been due to the denomi national press. Every effort should be made to get our people to take and read this literature. We therefore recommend to the pubic Our Home Field, Foreign Mission Journal, Charity and Children, the Biblical Recorder, North Carolina Baptist and Atlantic Mes senger.
E. J. EDWARDS

The report was spoken to by C. E. Edwards, J. B. Olive, I. W. Henderson, Dr. N. J. Montfort, B. H. Mathews, A. W. Setzer, W. H Rich.
The Association adjourned until 9:30 Thursday morning. Benediction by W. H. Rich.

## SECOND DAY-Morning Session

Devotional exercises were conducted by J. C. Whitty. After sing ing the Moderator called the body to order.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved. Additional Church letters were read and approved.
The Moderator appointed the following committee: J. C. Whitty, Or Montfort, G. P. Anderson, to nominate Executive Committee: Dr. Montfort, G. P. Anderson, to Alexander Trott, to nominate dele gates to the State and Southern Baptist Convention. $10: 45$ to
The order of bissions
11:30.
The report on the Orphanage by J. B. Olive was submitted, as follows:

## REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

The thought that Baptist parents have a home all ready prepared or their children at Thomasville, should those children be thrown for their children at Thomasvile, she to inspire the Baptist hosts of North Carolina to rally to its support.
Those 260 children now in this home are the children of our Those 260 children now in this hise Providence has deprived of rothers and sisters whom anus God has committed them to our their natural parents, and not been supported as liberally as it should have been by many of our Churches; and this neglect should be brought to the attention of the brethren and sisters of this Association. A great many, however, are always ready to respond o the calls of the destitute. Our Orphanage needs more burangs food and clothing. We therefore recommend that one earnest rother or sister be appointed from be to bring the needs of the Orphanage before year
day School at a time most surable of the unfortunate children of If an earnest effort is made mate who are now uncared for, will our Baptist brethren in the advantages of the during the next associational Heaven.
J. B. OLIVE,

Committee

The report was spoken to by J. C. Whitty. (See Table 1.) The Churches were called and plollows: L. L. Leary, $\$ 10$; G. P. Personal pledges wer. Montfort, $\$ 2$ : S. A. Starling, \$2; I. N. Herl Anderson, $\$ 3 ;$ D. W. J. Montiort, \$2. Jones and wife, $\$ 2 ;$ J. B. Olive derson, \$2; W. E. Morton, $\$ 2$, $\$ 1$; Mrs. S. A. Starling, \$1: Mrs. Mary and wife, $\$ 2$ : Mrs. F. Foster, Stanly, \$1; Mrs. George Smallace, \$1; Miss Etta Freeman, \$1; Miss Bessie Heady, \$1.
A public collection was taken amounting to $\$ 4.65$. . H. Rich, as follows:

STATE MISSIONS.
Our Lord said unto His disheartened and troubled disciples: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every cresture." North Carolina is included in this great commission. Power was
promised them and they were to evangelize Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and the uttermost parts of the earth
The great State of North Carolina is geographically divided into three great sections-the Mountain, Piedmont and Eastern. Reeducational lines, Piedmont work among the mountain work along Eastern work in the towns and country. As Baptists we need to ook out upon the great field, white and whitening, to the harvest, and address ourselves to gathering in the golden grain. Work now will count for more than it will ten years hence. Let us strike the ine hard and win the day.
Our needs are many, but only three will be mentioned in this report, namely

1. "Enlightenment." Our people need to be made acquainted with the cause throughout all the State. This can be done by the pastors, if they will preach upon this work and urge our people to ake the papers.
2. "Enlistment." Baptists are numerous, but, as a whole, they are unorganized and not enlisted in our great movements along educational and evangelistic lines
3. "Enlargement." Our cords should be lengthened and stakes strengthened. There is much unoccupied territory. Here in our own beloved Association there are great stretches of country unccupied. Now is the day of salvation for us. "Let us go up and for we are well able."
Our beloved Secretary of State Missions, Rev. L. Johnson, is oing a glorious and far-reaching work. He has brought to bear State Mission Board is doing all it can with the limited means at its disposal to occupy the waste and destitute places. Let us take collections for this work and send to Brother Watters Durham, Raleigh, N. C. As pastors we need to press these matters-"Like priest, like people" shows everywhere
The three great factors for righteousness in our free land are the press, platform and pulpit. Let us wield our power and the Lord, whom we owe and whom we serve, will appland us with "Well done, good and faithful servants, * * * enter thou into the joys of thy Lord."

WILLIAM H. RICH.
W. H. Rich preached the Introductory Sermon on State Missions J. C. Whitty and N. J. Montfort spoke to the report. The roll Table 1.)

The Moderator appointed the following committee: C. E. Edwards, J. B. Olive and D. F. Aman, to nominate members of State Mission John C. Whitty presented the report of the Trustees of Atlantic nstitute, as follows:

REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ATLANTIC INSTITUTE.
In submitting this, our first annual report, we beg to express our gratitude to Almighty God for His bountiful blessings upon the efforts of His people to establish a Christian school
The Board has been diligent in its efforts to carry out the instructions of this body. This institution has been incorporated under the laws of the State; a faithful and efficient faculty of five members has been placed in charge of the school.
and session bean the 9th of September, and more than The second session began already enrolled.
解 The school now occupies one in Eastern North Carolina.
There is still need which no steps have been taken to supply, Th: that should not be deferred longer than is absolutely necessary. The report was spoken to by A. W. Setzer, principal of the Institute.
Individual pledges were made as follows: J. C. Whitty, \$5; L. L Individual pledges were made aschool Class, $\$ 5$; New Bern First Leary, $\$ 5$; J. C. Whithy Church, $\$ 28.45$; Morenead Creek. $\$ 2$ W. E. Whitehurst, $\$ 2.50$; J. B. Olive, $\$ 1$; John• Banks, Bay Creek. \$2; W. E. J. Montfort, \$1; E. Watson, \$1; S. A. Starling, \$1; Ula Styron, \$1.
Tho, $\$ 1$. The report of the Committee ontfort, as follows:
W. H. Rich, B. H. Mathews, L. L Leary, A. D. Ward and J. C. Whitty.

Adjourned with benediction by B. H. Mathews,

## SECOND DAY-Afternoon Session.

After singing and prayer by A. W. Setzer, the body was called to Ader by the Moderator
rder by the Moderator. H. Rich, A. W. Setzer submitted the report on Foreign Missions, as follows:

## REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention The Foreign Mission 1845, and is located in Richmond, Va. The was organized in May, in the appointment of a Foreign Mission purpose of the covide an organ of co-operation for souther bap Board was to pat work of sending the Gospel to foreign lands. We have now on Foreign fields 293 Missionaries, of in Italy Mexico assistants, Our Missionaries are doing work hurches on Foreign Brazil, China, Africa and Japan. We have 139 chy schools with 1,012 fields with a membership of 7,821, besides 41 day s.
scholars and 65 Sunday schools with 2,512 baptisms on Foreign fields. During last year there have been 1,43 greatly bless our efforts in Since God has, is and will conthe spirit of Missions is the spirit of the spread of the Gospel; since the Spirit of Christ is none of this Christ, and he that hath not are duty since in compliance with the last land, therefore let us take fresh bound to carry the Gospel to this the greatest of all great works; courage and enthusiasm in this pray for Foreign Missions, talk and let us covenant together more liberally to the cause of Foreign Foreign Missions and shall supplant error, till the kingdoms of this Missions, till truth shal sod: and the glorious Gospel or mis blesse earth shall be won to God; , heathen darkness and light up the be nighted lands with the light of Christian beauty.
nighted lands with the light of C. L. GASKINS
A. W. Setzer and C. E. Edwards spoke to the report. follows. (See Table 1) was called and pledges were made as oliows. (See Table 1.)
W. J. Montfort submitted the report on Home Missions, as follows:

## REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission Board, located at Atlanta, has under its care a work of vast proportions and of very great importance. Originally its work was that of Frontier Missions, but now it includes work among the Foreign population, mountain regions, co-operative work among the negroes and the work in Cuba. Your committee has not Home Board's woris, to write intelligently of each branch of the Home Boards work, but this glimpse of the field, vast as it is in exsuggests something of its importancem the Atlantic to Oklahomaof the truth that such a work cance and forces us to a recognition Your committee would therefore suggest thasecuted without money. quested, as the work of the Board is increasing to inches be re contributions to this object.
D. W. J. Montfort spoke to the report

The roll was called and pledges were made. (See Table 1.) The report on Temperance was submitted by Alexander Trott, as

## REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

In the opinion of your committee the liquor traffic is the devil's strong arm in our land. It causes more suffering than almost any ther agency of the wicked one. It opposed to morals, Chris our people. This being true it becomes the pace and prosperity of our people. This being true, it becomes the duty of every one pro raffic, and also for the abstinence of all the people from the habit of drinking strong drink. The report on Sunday Schools was submitted by A. W. Setzer, as follows:

## REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Whereas, we believe in religiously training our children to love, honor and to obey the Personal Savior; therefore, in the Sunday school is where the seed should be sown in the young mind. We also believe that every man and woman that loves their blessed Lor d for it is the first stepping stone to the kingdom. Show believe), Christian and I will show you a live Sunday school worker for in the Sunday school is where we can collect the little ones toget in and tell them what the blessed Lord has done for us and that He will do the same for them if they will only trust Him. Therefore brothers and sisters, attend the Sunday school regardless of age, and be sure to see that your children go, and in the end we will have an extra star placed in our crown for working faithful here in this world, in the vineyard of the Sunday school.

The report was spoken to by A. W. Setzer.

The Committee on Place and Preacher made the following report: Place, Morehead City. Preacher, W. H. Rich. as follows:

## REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.



The Treasurer's report was made by L. L. Leary in the absence of the Treasurer as follows:

REPORT OF M. S. WEBB, TREASURER OF THE ATLANTIC BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

## Receipts.

September 18th, 1902, to amount received from Finance Committee:
State Missions ..................................................................................... 56.05
Home Missions . ........................................................................................ 13.90
Foreign Missions ........................................................ . . . . . 12.00

Orphanage 31.01
Strnay School Missions .............................................. 4.00
Ministerial Education .................................................. ${ }_{9}{ }_{9} .00$
Ministers' Relief .............................................................................................. 22.02
Minute Fund.
50

$\$ 164.28$
Disbursements.
Amount paid out by Treasurer: $\ldots .$. ....................................... 22.02
Rev. H. C. Moore, Minute Fund.................................................................. $50 .{ }_{50}$
J. C. Whitty, Colportage. . 31.01
42.90
S. H. Averett, Orp
Watters Durham

Total . $\$ 152.48$

Balance in Treasury
. 11.80

The Committee to nominate delegates to the State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention was submitted by I N Hen Werson. W. H. Rich and J. C. Whitty were nominated
from the Atlantic Association. A motion was made and car
for $\$ 11.80$ minute fund. A carried to draw on last year's Treasurer Fund amounting to $\$ 2.40$. A public collection was taken for Minute L. L. Leary submitted
hearty thanks to Piney Grove following report: We extend our generous hospitality in entertaining the Associationsboro for their All joined in singing God's praises Association.
blessings. The delegates gave a hearty hand shak invoked God's the twentieth annual session of thearty hand shake and so closed
B. H. MATTHEWS, Clerk.
A. W. SETZER, Moderator.
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