

J. J. Alderman

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PROCEEDINGS.

UNION, LENOIR CO., N. C. }
October 8th 1872. }

The Eastern Association met according to adjournment. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder A. D. Cohen from Eph. iv; 12: "For the work of the ministry."

Intermission of thirty minutes.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, Elder H. McAlpin, who read I Cor. xiii.

The list of Churches called, proceeded to read the letters.—Brethren S. J. Faison and L. R. Carroll, appointed reading Clerks: Brethren J. C. Hines, J. M. Wooten and B. Matthews appointed Committee of Finance.

The following delegates were enrolled:

1. *Wilmington—First Baptist Church*—J. C. Hiden.
2. " " " " " Letter.
3. *Mt. Holly*—Laban Carroll, Isaiah Carroll.
4. *Moore's Creek*—W. R. Brinson, A. B. Alderman.
5. *Bethlehem*.
6. *Marshall's M. H.*—Letter.
7. *Riley's Creek*—J. C. Hokert, W. W. Larkins.
8. *Shiloh*—W. J. Herring.
9. *Wells' Chapel*—S. J. Faison.
10. *Myrtle Grove*—Thomas G. Burris.
11. *Long Creek*—J. H. Brinson.
12. *Bethel*—Letter.
13. *Lisbon*—Richard Herring.
14. *Mt. Gilead*—B. Matthews, S. Peterson.
15. *New Hope*—J. R. Wilson.
16. *Boykin's Chapel*—H. McAlpin, G. R. Boykin, O. Blackburn.
17. *Beulah*—Letter.
18. *Piney Grove, (Sampson)*—J. C. Hines, W. I. Lane, J. W. Lane.
19. *Rowan*—Letter.
20. *Clinton*—J. L. Stewart, B. S. Peterson.
21. *Ebenezer*—Kedar Vann.
22. *Mt. Zion*.
23. *Haw Bluff*—J. J. Croom.
24. *Falling Creek*—W. G. Britt.

25. *Mt. Olive*—John T. Albritton, O. Summerlin, J. D. Roberts.
26. *Bear Marsh*—B. Oliver, D. K. Kornegay, A. S. Davis.
27. *Warsaw*—Isham Royal, T. F. Bayett, W. H. Warters.
28. *Johnson's*—W. M. Kennedy, G. S. Best, J. L. Carlton.
29. *Kenansville*—J. N. Stallings, F. M. Southerland, D. J. Middleton.
30. *Beaverdam*—L. R. Carroll, J. H. Swinson.
31. *Concord*—J. W. Taylor.
32. *Berea*—Letter.
33. *Island Creek*—Letter.
34. *Hallsville*—E. W. Farrier, J. D. Brown.
35. *Corinth*—Letter.
36. *Prospect*.
37. *Chinquepin*—J. D. Brown.
38. *Dobson's Chapel*—O. D. Bostick.
39. *Piney Grove, (Jones)*—B. Dillahunt, J. Williams, W. H. Bishop.
40. *Tuckahoe*—Letter.
41. *Trenton*—Peter Andrews.
42. *Newbern*—A. D. Cohen, L. Thorne.
43. *Brice's Creek*.
44. *Fort Barnwell*—Letter.
45. *Beaufort*—A. D. Cohen.
46. *Smyrna*—Letter.
47. *Woodville*—Letter.
48. *Davis' Shore*—Letter.
49. *Young Bethel*—H. Harrell, T. J. Leary.
50. *Kinston*—Jesse Jackson, E. F. Cox, S. E. Loftin.
51. *Union*—J. L. Lee, B. Sutton, W. E. Sutton.
52. *Woodenton*—H. Waller.
53. *Union Chapel*—J. P. Cox, J. M. Wooten.
54. *Jacksonville*.
55. *Pleasant Hill*—J. R. Marshall.
56. *Brown's M. H.*—Letter.
57. *Canaan*.
58. *Natmore*.
59. *Middle Sound*—Letter.
60. *Enon*—B. G. Covington.
61. *Piney Grove, (Onslow)*—B. G. Covington.

Letter from Shiloh petitioning for next session of the Association; laid on the table.

Letter from Myrtle Grove, asking letter of dismissal to join the Cape Fear Association; laid on the table.

Letters from Falling Creek, Chinquepin and Pleasant Hill asking aid; referred to Executive Committee.

Letter from Union; referred to Committee on Obituaries.

Proceeded to election of officers. Richard Herring and J. W. Taylor appointed to conduct the election of Moderator—Kedar Vann and B. S. Peterson to conduct the election of Clerk.

Result: Hugh McAlpin re-elected Moderator; Isham Royal re-elected Clerk.

On motion of Elder Kennedy the election of Treasurer was postponed until to-morrow.

On motion, Elder W. M. Kennedy, and Brethren J. L. Lee, Jesse Jackson, W. E. Sutton and D. K. Kornegay were appointed a Committee on Religious Exercises.

Committee on Religious Exercises reported: Prayer meeting in the morning at 9½ o'clock; Elder J. B. Richardson to preach at 10 o'clock; Missionary Sermon at 12 o'clock by Elder B. G. Covington; Evening preaching by Elder C. Durham.

Adjourned to meet at 9½ o'clock in the morning.

Prayer by Elder Stewart: Benediction by Moderator.

UNION, WEDNESDAY, October 9th, 1872.

Religious exercises conducted by Elder J. B. Richardson; Bro. Laban Carroll and Elder Stewart led in prayer.

Association called to order by Moderator, who read Ps. 84.—Elder Stallings led in prayer.

Roll called; Minutes read; Order of business suspended, and corresponding and visiting brethren invited to seats. Elder C. Durham, announced as a visitor from Pamlico Association.

Elder J. D. Hufham, Corresponding Secretary of the Baptist State Convention, announced as a visitor.

Elder J. B. Richardson reported himself as a visitor from Greensboro; also Elder J. Utley from Piney Grove, Jones Co.

On motion, Elder Cohen was recognized as a delegate from Beaufort.

Bro. H. Harrell and Elder T. J. Leary recognized as delegates from Young Bethel.

Petitionary letters called for. Letters from Middle Sound, Enon and Piney Grove, Onslow, asking for admission, were read.

On motion, they were received. Elder Covington recognized as a delegate from Enon and Piney Grove, and the right hand of fellowship extended.

The following Committees were appointed:

To Nominate Trustees of Warsaw High School—Laban Carroll, S. J. Faison, J. W. Lane.

To Nominate Executive Committee—W. M. Kennedy, J. W. Taylor, E. W. Farrier.

Spiritual Condition of the Churches—John T. Albritton, A. B. Alderman, B. Matthews.

Sabbath Schools—G. S. Best, W. W. Larkins, L. R. Carroll.

Religious Publications—J. C. Hiden, J. D. Hufham, J. N. Stallings.

Ministerial Support—J. L. Stewart, A. D. Cohen, Jesse Jackson.

Obituaries—W. M. Kennedy, J. M. Wooten, B. S. Peterson.

Foreign Missions—(To report next session,) L. Thorne, J. B. Richardson, B. Oliver.

Auditing Committee—J. D. Roberts, Isaiah Carroll, J. C. Hines.

Education—J. D. Hufham, T. J. Leary, E. F. Cox.

To Nominate Delegates to Baptist State Convention—D. J. Middleton, D. K. Kornegay, S. Peterson.

To Nominate Ministers to preach stated Sermons next Session—S. J. Faison, W. E. Sutton, O. Blackburn.

J. H. MILLS, editor of *Biblical Recorder* welcomed as a visitor—*Committee on Systematic Benificence (To report next session)*—J. N. Stallings, J. L. Carlton, J. R. Oliver.

On motion of J. M. Wooten, *Resolved*, That a committee of five be appointed, to report what course the Association should pursue towards those Churches retaining drunkards, and those engaged in the pernicious sale of intoxicating liquors—Remarks by J. C. Hiden, J. H. Mills, J. M. Wooten—Committee, John T. Albritton, W. E. Sutton, B. G. Covington, J. M. Wooten, Levi Thorne.

On motion of J. L. Stewart, any member of this Association, who may be present at the session of any Association with which we correspond be considered as delegate to said bodies.

Executive Committee reported.

Moved to adopt. Remarks by B. Oliver and J. M. Wooten.—Pending the consideration of the report, adjourned to hear Missionary Sermon, by Elder B. G. Covington, who preached from Matt. XII; 31, 32, 33. At close of sermon a collection was made amounting to \$23 13.

Intermission.

Re-assembled. Report of Executive Committee again read.—Remarks by A. D. Cohen, B. Oliver, John T. Albritton, B. G. Covington, T. J. Leary, L. Thorne, J. C. Hiden, J. Utley, J. D. Hufham, J. N. Stallings, W. M. Kennedy.

On motion of Elder Kennedy, the list of Churches called to receive pledges.

(NOTE. The pledges made by the Churches are inserted in the report of the Committee of Finance.—Clerk.)

INDIVIDUAL PLEDGES.

S. E. Loftin, (pd.)	\$10	Miss E. Matthews, . . .	1	J. D. Roberts, . . .	\$2 50
A. B. Alderman,	2	Miss H. Matthews, . . .	1	Mrs. Becton, (pd.)	1
J. P. Cox,	5	H. E. Royal,	5	Jesse Jackson,	10
F. Duffy,	10	Miss Sue Herring, . . .	1	J. W. Taylor,	10
H. Harrell,	5	Nancy Spence,	1	D. K. Kornegay,	10
H. McAlpin,	10	Mrs. H. McAlpin, . . .	1	S. J. Faison, [pd.]	5
J. R. Marshall, (pd.)	1	Mrs. S. Peterson, . . .	1	B. S. Peterson,	5
Thomas G. Burris,	10	Jno. H. Swinson, (pd.)	1	Kedar Vann,	5
S. Peterson,	5	J. R. Wilson, (pd.)	50 cts.	B. Matthews, [pd.]	75 c.
J. M. Wooten, (pd.)	10	Mrs. D. K. Kornegay,	1	O. Blackburn,	5
J. D. Roberts, (pd.)	1	James D. Sutton, . . .	1	G. R. Boykin,	5
Richard Herring, (pd.)	5	Elizabeth J. Wooten,	5	J. D. Brown,	2
H. E. Foster,	7	Sarah A. Parker, . . .	1	E. W. Farrier,	5
J. Utley, (pd.)	25 cents.	Miss Ann Best,	1	W. R. Best,	5
Mrs. C. Moore,	1	D. J. Middleton, . . .	5	W. W. Larkins,	5
Mrs. L. R. Carroll,	1	L. R. Carroll,	5	W. J. Lane, (1½pd.)	5
Mrs. M. D. Kennedy,	1	W. H. Bishop,	2	H. Herring, (pd.)	1
Miss Besie Kennedy,	1	W. E. Sutton,	5	F. M. Southerland, 1	
David S. Kennedy,	1	Mrs. H. C. Huggins, . . .	1		
Miss N. J. McDaniel,	2	J. R. Wilson, [pd.]	50 cts.		

Elder J. D. Hufham proposed to be one of forty to raise \$1,000 when the following pledges were made:

J. N. Stallings,	\$25	B. G. Covington and wife, . . .	\$25
B. Oliver,	25	J. M. Wooten,	25
A. N. Faison,	25	J. Stewart,	25
G. S. Best,	25		

Committee of Arrangements reported the following: Elder J. C. Hiden to preach to-morrow at 10½ o'clock; Elder J. D. Hufham to preach at 12 o'clock.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning 9½ o'clock.

Prayer by Elder T. J. Leary: Singing; "Praise God from whom blessings flow." Benediction by Moderator.

UNION, THURSDAY, October 10th, 1872.

Association met pursuant to adjournment. Moderator read John x; 18 verses. Prayer by Elder Utley.

Roll called. Minutes of yesterday read. Consideration of Report of Executive Committee being in order, remarks were made by B. Oliver, J. D. Hufham, J. L. Stewart: pledges made.

Report adopted.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your Executive Committee submits the following report:

We have aided the churches at Chinguepin, Dobson's Chapel, and Brown's meeting house, and have made a small appropriation for several points of interest on the sound above Wilmington. Encouraging results have attended our efforts at all these points. At Chinguepin, 6 have been baptised and three await baptism; at Dobson's Chapel, 9 have been baptized, and at Brown's meeting house, 5; while at all these churches larger congregations and encouraging interest is reported. At the points on the sounds two have been baptized and a church organized at Middle Sound, one of those points.

The report of our Treasurer will show besides the above, a small amount paid to Elder J. T. Leary, which is for the past year's services; bro. Leary having inadvertently failed to report till the present year.

The regular missionaries of your committee, Elders G. S. Best and B. G. Covington, have met with the most encouraging success. Elder Best has labored diligently in his field, in Jones and a portion of Onslow counties and has baptized 26 at the different points, and received 5 others upon certificates of baptism, by which the cause has been greatly strengthened. Elder B. G. Covington has zealously and efficiently cultivated his field in Onslow county. He has baptized in that field 54, and 4 others have been received and await baptism, and 2 have been received on certificates of baptism. Two churches have been organized at very important points; one at Enon, 15 miles from any other church and six miles from the ocean; the membership being comprised of refined, intelligent persons with a good deal of wealth, which will render her self-sustaining; the other near Swansboro, which, while pecuniarily weaker than that at Enon, compares very favorably with it in other respects. The church at Jacksonville has been greatly strengthened and rendered nearly or quite self-sustaining.

We have thus given you, dear brethren, a concise statement of what we have done during the year and the results actually accomplished by the Master's blessings upon the efforts of your missionaries. But this does not exhibit all that has been effected, provided the proper efforts are continued; for all the people in this whole section are ripe for the gospel, as we teach and proclaim it. There are other important points, which are calling loudly upon us for the gospel and the whole country is ready to receive it. There still exists much destitution, and now is the time so come up to the full measure of our duty and go up and possess the land. To do this, we need more consecration and greater liberality to enable us not only to keep our present force in the field, but to send out at least one other good, strong man, and to procure and circulate our denominational literature. Now, dear brethren, is the time to help, to do all we can. The Lord help us to do our full duty.

Respectfully,

B. OLIVER, Ch'mn.

Committee to nominate Executive Committee reported the following:

Your committee to nominate an Executive Committee recommend the following brethren, viz: Benjamin Oliver, D. J. Middleton, Kedar Vann, Jesse W. Lane, W. E. Sutton, L. R. Carroll, James M. Wooten.

We recommend the adoption of the following:

WHEREAS, Bro. Lewis Highsmith has been for nearly 20 years a most active and efficient member of this Association, and of the Executive Committee, and Whereas, on account of his age and bodily infirmity, he is unable to attend the meetings of the committee regularly, and thus renders it necessary to drop him as a member thereof, and Whereas, an expression of appreciation of the services of Bro. Highsmith is due him and appropriate, therefore,

Resolved, That this body hereby express their utmost confidence in Bro. Highsmith and their high appreciation of his services, so long and faithfully rendered, and deeply regret that his age and declining health precludes him from further active duty as a member of the committee.

Your committee regret to learn of the failing health of our esteemed Bro. Col. S. S. Biddle, a former member of the Executive Committee, which renders it necessary to appoint another in his place, which he has filled very acceptably, for the brief period of one year.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. KENNEDY, Ch'mn.

Rules of order suspended. On motion of J. N. Stallings, Elder J. B. Richardson presented the claims of Greensboro church \$29 05 received in cash and pledges.

On motion of I. Royal proceeded to election of Treasurer of Association. G. S. Best and B. S. Peterson appointed to conduct the election. Result: J. L. Stewart elected Treasurer.

Elder Thorne read the report on Foreign Missions. Remarks by J. H. Mills, and Elders Thorne, Stallings, Best, Hufham and Kennedy. Adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

God is fulfilling His promise to His Son, "Ask of me and I will give Thee the heathen for Thine inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth for Thy possession." As early as we could understand, we heard our now sainted fathers, praying the Lord with his mighty hand to open the nations to the gospel of Christ.

These prayers have been answered. India is largely christianized, China is open to the word, Japan is open, the Isles of the Sea are rejoicing in the knowledge of redeeming grace, Ethiopia is stretching out her hands to the Lord; but the most eventful and cheering providence of many ages, is the humbling and chaining of the man of sin—so that the gospel of Christ can be preached in Rome also.

Thus God is speaking to us, the nations of the earth are calling us—the memory of our fathers is stimulating us—and all unite in prompting us to say one to another, "Come let us go up and possess the land." It is the opinion of your committee, that, as a people, we have not considered the greatness of the day in which we live, or how blessed it would be to give our-

selves, living sacrifices to God, or how this poor sin smitten world will rejoice when the whole earth shall be full of the glory of God.

The cry for help is so urgent that we, as disciples of Jesus, should consider well, whether our regarding all that we have, as absolutely our own, is not a great mistake, and whether covetousness, which is idolatry, is not, this day, our great sin, and for which we need to humble ourselves before the Lord.—Therefore your committee respectfully recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Ministers and Deacons of all the churches of this Association, are earnestly desired to urge upon all the members of their churches, their personal duty in liberally sustaining the great work of Foreign Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

LEVI THORNE, Ch'mn.

Elder J. D. Hufham read the report on Religious Publications. Remarks by Elders Kennedy and Hufham, and J. H. Mills.—Adopted.

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS PUBLICATIONS.

A well conducted newspaper is a very important instrumentality for good in the family and in the churches. We would therefore commend the *Biblical Recorder* to the members of this body. It is a large, well printed sheet, and published at such low rates—only two dollars a year—as to place it within the reach of most of our people. Its editorial management is bold and spirited, yet judicious, and it is well worthy of the most liberal patronage.

The *Home and Foreign Journal*, published monthly at Charlottesville, Va., in the interest of the mission work of the Southern Baptist Convention, has greatly improved within the last few months. Its cost is only fifty cents a year and should be in the hands of every church member.

Kind Words is published in Memphis, Tennessee. It is our Southern Baptist Sunday School paper. It has an extensive circulation and is worthy of a still larger patronage.

J. C. HIGDEN, Ch'mn.

Committee on Sabbath Schools reported. Adopted.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your committee appointed last year, to report this session on Sabbath Schools, submit the followi g :

We find that out of our 60 churches, 20 only report Sabbath schools, with 58 teachers, 1104 scholars and 960 volumes in their libraries.

We rejoice that so many are instructed in the great and beneficial enterprise—yet we must express our deep regrets that there are two-thirds of our churches unengaged in this useful instrumentality of accomplishing good. We feel that each church ought to have a Sabbath school and instruct the children of her members and others who avoid them, and thus do what they can to train them for usefulness, for Jesus and for Heaven.

J. N. STALLINGS, Ch'mn.

Committee to nominate Trustees of Warsaw High School reported. Adopted. See 2nd page.

Committee of Finance reported. Adopted. Committee authorized to pay funds in their hands to Treasurer.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF FINANCE.

CHURCHES.	Minute Fund.	Itinerant Fund.	Foreign Missions	Pledges for ensuing year.
WILMINGTON, 1st.	\$ 5 00	\$ 50 00		\$ 50 00
WILMINGTON, 2nd.	1 50	10 00		
MT. HOLLY.	3 40	5 75		15 00
MOORE'S CREEK.	2 00	16 75		
RILEY'S CREEK.	3 00	5 60		10 00
MARSHALL'S M. H.,	2 00	5 00	2 00	
SHILOH,	1 50	6 35	7 10	5 00
WELL'S CHAPEL,	4 00	16 70		20 00
MYRTLE GROVE,	50	1 50		
LONG CREEK,	2 00	3 50		5 00
BETHEL,	1 95	4 00		5 00
LISBON,	2 25	15 00		20 00
MT. GILEAD,	3 00	4 45		20 00
NEW HOPE,	3 00	5 00		15 00
BOYKIN'S CHAPEL,	3 00	10 00		20 00
BROWN'S,	1 50			
BEULAH,	3 00	2 00		
PINEY GROVE, Sampson,	2 00			30 00
ROWAN,	1 50	8 00		5 75
CLINTON,	2 00		1 00	20 0
EBENEZER,	1 50	3 00		20 00
HAW BLUFF,	1 50	5 00	4 60	10 00
FALLING CREEK,	1 00	1 00		5 00
MT. OLIVE,	1 2	4 50		20 00
BEAR MARSH,	3 35			40 0
WARSAW,	3 00	6 60		7 50
JOHNSON'S,	2 60	15 0		25 00
KENANSVILLE,	2 60			30 00
BEAVERDAM,	3 50	11 00	1 50	15 00
CONCORD,	2 00	3 00	1 00	10 00
BEREA,	1 70	00		
ISLAND CREEK,	2 00	3 00		8 00
HALLSVILLE,	2 50	6 85		15 00
CORINTH,	1 50	10 00		10 00
CHINQUEPIN,	1 75	2 00		10 00
DOBSON'S CHAPEL,	1 25	1 60		
PINEY GROVE, Jones,	2 50			10 00
TUCKAHOE,	50			
TRENTON,	2 00			
NEW-BERNE,	2 50			20 00
FORT BARNWELL,	2 00			
BEAUFORT,	50	1 00		
SMYRNA,	1 50			5 00
WOODVILLE,	1 00			3 00
DAVIS' SHORE,	1 50			5 00
YOUNG BETHEL,				5 00
KINSTON,	2 00	5 00		10 00
UNION,	2 00			
WOODENTON,	1 00			
UNION CHAPEL,	3 00	14 25		
JACKSONVILLE,	2 00			
PLEASANT HILL,	2 00			5 00
ENON,	1 50			
PINEY GROVE, Onslow,	1 00			
MIDDLE SOUND,	50			
	\$ 109 10	\$ 258 60	\$ 15 20	\$ 529 25

The Finance Committee report that there is:

For Itinerancy, \$258 60—Error in change 30.....\$258 90
Minute Fund, \$109 10—Error in change 40..... 109 50
Foreign Missions,..... 15 20

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. HINES, B. MATTHEWS, J. M. WOOLEN, Committee. \$383 60

Elder Albritton read the report on Spiritual Condition of the Churches. Adopted.

REPORT ON THE SPIRITUAL CONDITION OF THE ASSOCIATION.

The committee on the Spiritual Condition of the churches report that the letters indicate that the present year has been one of spiritual declension.—Only 192 baptisms are reported, fewer by 221 than those of last year. Last year 25 Sabbath schools were reported; this year 20 schools are reported; five less than those of last year. Only one third of the churches manifest any interest in the Sabbath school work. Five of the 60 churches have sent up about \$15 for Foreign Missions. Fifty-five churches have ignored the Foreign Missionary enterprise in their letters. The greater part of the churches have preaching but once a month, and no prayer meetings.

Brethren, these are humiliating statements, since they show that many of our churches are sinfully slumbering in this day of golden opportunities and tremendous responsibilities. Let us pray God to awaken them and bring them to repentance.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. ALBRITTON,
A. B. ALDERMAN, } Committee.
B. MATTHEWS,

Committee on resolution with reference to those churches retaining in their fellowship, drunkards, and those engaged in the promiscuous sale of intoxicating liquors, reported. Adopted.

REPORT ON INTEMPERANCE.

Your committee to whom was assigned the duty of suggesting what action should be taken by this Association, with reference to such of her churches, as persistently retain in their fellowship drunkards and those engaged in the promiscuous sale of intoxicating liquors, recommend that, inasmuch as such churches are not in gospel order, this Association should promptly withdraw from them in accordance with Article 10th of the Constitution.

J. T. ALBRITTON,
B. G. COVINGTON, } Committee.
W. E. SUTTON,
J. M. WOOTE, }
LEVI THORNE,

Elder Kennedy read the report of Trustees of Warsaw High School. Remarks by Elders Cohen, Stallings and Kennedy.—Adopted.

REPORT ON WARSAW HIGH SCHOOL.

The Trustees of Warsaw High School beg leave to report, that in December last they held a meeting of the Board at the Seminary to take into consideration the preservation of the property, and the general interests of the school. And after due consultation we agree to lease the house and grounds to the present Principal of the school, Bro. Royal, for the term of five years for the sum of seventy-five dollars per annum, the rent to be paid annually, and the money thus obtained to be expended in repairing and otherwise improving the property. We refer you to the report of the Principal of the school for information relative to its present condition, from which you will see that at no time since the war has the Institution been in a more healthy and prosperous state than at the present.

We heartily commend the school to the patronage of our people generally, with the full assurance that those who send their sons and daughters to this school will not regret it.

WM. KENNEDY, Pres. Board.

To the Trustees of Warsaw High School:

I herewith submit to you my annual report. The school is in a more healthy and prosperous condition than it has been at any time since the war. The classes are better organized, and the attendance more regular. The music department has been kept up without intermission, during the year. The school has been furnished with another Piano. The accommodations for board have increased—with low rates of board as well as tuition. I respectfully solicit the co-operation and patronage of the Trustees and friends of the school. Thanking you for the confidence reposed in me, I am yours respectfully,

Oct. 8th, 1872.

ISHAM ROYAL,
Warsaw, N. C.

Elder Stewart read the report on Ministerial Support:

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

Your committee on Ministerial Support, regret that they are not in possession of the facts in relation to this subject. The letters do not show the amount of salary raised by the churches for this object.

But they do not believe that more than one or two pastors in the Association are fully sustained by their churches. All the remainder are compelled to resort to other means to support their families.

The committee deem it unnecessary to enter into an argument to show, that, the Scriptures teach the duty of Pastoral support; but would urge upon the churches the great importance of this subject, and of their coming up to the full measure of duty in this matter.

COMMITTEE.

Adjourned 40 minutes.

EVENING SESSION.—Elder Kennedy read the report on Obituaries. Adopted.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

Your committee on Obituaries report that since our last session, our esteemed brother, Elder J. J. Rhodes, a member of Tuckahoe church, who for many years had been actively engaged in the work of the ministry, has been called from the toils of earth, as we trust to his reward in heaven. As the annual letter from the church, of which he was a member, gives no data upon which to found an extended obituary, we can only say that brother Rhodes was an exemplary christian and faithful and zealous minister of the gospel of Christ.

The church at New Hope mourns the death of Bro. Lewis Carroll, who was baptized by Elder Lewis Williams about thirty years ago, and was ordained a deacon of the church a few months thereafter, which office he filled to the satisfaction of the church until the time of his death.

We also notice the death of H. G. Barnhill, a deacon of Haw Bluff church, who was for many years a prominent member of his church and a useful member of this Association.

It is also our sad duty to report the death of Capt. Wm. Sutton, a member and deacon of the church at Union, for an extended account of whose active, benevolent, christian life, reference is made to the letter of said church to this Association, the portion of which relating to his death we hereto append as a part of the report.

[Extract from the Letter from Union.]

"DEAR BRETHREN:—We are unexpectedly called on to mourn the death of our worthy Senior Deacon, Captain William Sutton, who died at his residence in this county on the 30th day of August last, in the 49th year of his age.—For upwards of a fourth of a century, Bro. Sutton had been a worthy member of the Baptist Church. But during the time that this church ceased to exercise the function of a living organization, he grew somewhat lukewarm as an active church member, but maintained his character as a christian. At this period of his life he was actively engaged in extensive secular business, and was a leading politician, having for many years served his county in the General Assembly of the State. He was a Captain of Artillery in the late war, and languished for many months in a northern prison. The last few years of his life, however, were spent in active and untiring efforts to advance the cause of Christ in this community and to build up a permanent church at this place. When this church was re-organized, about three years ago, Bro. Sutton assumed the entire support of the pastor, as well as the incidental expenses of the church. And although other members and friends contributed liberally, he simply received it as a thank offering to God, declaring at the same time, that he felt, that it would be a pleasure to him to bear the entire burden alone. Nor was this all. He gave liberally to other objects of benevolence, outside of his own church, for his large and liberal heart took in the whole range of christian benevolence and love. Capt. Sutton was a man of public spirit, a warm-hearted and enterprising citizen. At the time of his death, he had on hand the project of establishing a school of high character at this place for the education of the youth in this community. In his social relations, he was calm, dignified and pleasant. In his domestic relations, he was devoted to the happiness of his family. An affectionate husband and father, he did all in his power to make those dependent upon him comfortable and happy, and to lead them to Him, who has promised never to leave nor forsake them.

Dear Brethren: We feel deeply the loss we have sustained; we miss his boundless charity, his pleasant songs, his fervent prayers and his heart searching and melting exhortations. In our great grief and sorrow, we crave an interest in your prayers. We feel that not only this church, but the whole Association has sustained a great loss in the death of this truly estimable and worthy christian gentleman."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. M. KENNEDY, Ch'mn.

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

Elders Levi Thorne, A. D. Cohen, J. C. Hiden, W. M. Kennedy, G. S. Best, J. N. Stallings, J. L. Stewart, J. R. Oliver, B. G. Covington, J. P. Faison, John T. Albritton, T. J. Leary, J. D. Hufham, C. C. Newton, Hugh McAlpin, Brethren J. C. Hines, L. R. Highsmith, Joel Hines, D. K. Kornegay, B. Oliver, J. W. Lane, C. P. Johnson, J. L. Boykin, D. J. Middleton, J. M. Wooten, W. E. Sutton, D. Cashwell, B. F. Mitchell, Kedar Vann, A. M. Faison, E. W. Millard.

Respectfully submitted,

D. K. KORNEGAY,
D. J. MIDDLETON, } Committee.
S. PETERSON,

Auditing Committee submitted the accounts of Treasurer of Executive Committee and Treasurer of Association, as audited and corrected. Adopted.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

D. J. MIDDLETON, Treasurer of Executive Committee, Dr.

To cash, balance from last year,	\$140 58	INDIVIDUAL PLEDGES.	
and rec'd. from Bear Marsh,	30 00	T. O. Kelly,	2 00
" " " Piny Grove, Sampson,	20 00	Dr. F. Duffy,	5 00
" " " Ebenezer,	12 0	L. R. Highsmith,	5 00
" " " Union,	10 00	Joseph Wilson,	5 60
" " " Concord,	28 25	Mrs. M. J. Frazel,	2 00
" " " Piny Grove, Jones,	65 38	Miss Alice Cox,	1 00
" " " Brock's S. H.,	19 05	Mrs. M. E. Croom,	50
" " " Union Chapel,	36 60	J. N. Stallings,	20 00
" " " Mt. Olive,	20 00	J. D. Carroll,	5 00
" " " Jacksonville, collect'n,	10 10	Mrs. Julia Hollingsworth,	25
" " " Jacksonville,	12 35	J. D. Roberts,	5 00
" " " New Hope,	11 00	Mrs. M. D. Kennedy,	1 00
" " " Beaverdam,	20 06	W. Bland,	5 00
" " " Boykin's Chapel,	22 6	Ellen Matthews,	50
" " " Will's Chapel,	20 00	J. M. Wooten,	20 00
" " " " collect'n,	17 00	O. M. Matthews,	10 00
" " " Mt. Gilead,	20 00	C. C. Newt,	10 00
" " " Corinth,	13 00	Phoeba Newton,	5 00
" " " Kenansville,	30 00	G. S. Best,	20 00
" " " Hallsville,	15 60	J. W. Taylor,	5 00
" " " collection at Brown's,	13 30	Jacob Taylor,	5 00
" " " Mt. Holly,	10 25	Mrs. S. A. Taylor,	10 00
" " " Johnson's,	25 00	J. Wilkins,	2 75
" " " Clinton,	12 00	Miss Nannie Murril',	1 00
" " " Out Station,	2 00	B. S. Peterson,	2 60
" " " Trenton,	15 0	Miss A. Mills,	1 00
" " " Marion Board,	30 00	S. Gillett,	2 00
" " " Beulah,	7 80	Miss M. A. Carroll,	1 00
" " " Bethlehem,	12 50	J. K. Williams,	10 00
" " " Haw Bluff,	10 00	Miss Sue Colwell,	1 00
" " " Moore's Creek,	19 25	Mrs. H. Colwell,	1 00
" " " Chinquapin,	5 00	J. K. Smith,	5 00
" " " Island Creek,	6 09	Miss Lucy B. Kennedy	1 00
" " " Long Creek,	8 45	G. A. Herring,	5 00
" " " Wilmington, 1st.,	50 00	J. W. Swinson,	5 00
" " " Wilmington, 2nd.,	10 00	B. Oliver,	10 60
" " " Raley's Creek,	5 0	Mrs. R. C. Royal,	1 00
" " " Shiloh,	6 35	Miss Dolly Ashford,	1 00
" " " Myrtle Grove,	1 50	Thomas J. Jarman,	10 00
" " " Bethel,	10 00	Jesse Jackson,	4 00
" " " Lisbon,	15 00	J. L. Stewart,	10 00
" " " Rowan,	6 00	Miss Mary Clute,	1 00
" " " Falling Creek,	1 00	J. P. Faison,	7 00
" " " Warsaw,	5 00	Erasmus Hancock,	2 00
" " " Dobson's Chapel,	1 50	Isaiah Carroll,	1 00
" " " Kinston,	5 00	Miss Jane Carroll,	1 00
" " " collection at Stand,	23 13	Mrs. M. J. Pollock,	25
	\$892 09	Mrs. Amanda Wilson,	50
		C. H. Smith,	5 00
		Individual contributions,	2 00

Cr. by vouchers \$1130 84

1116 25

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Audited and found correct.

J. D. ROBERTS,
J. C. HINES, } Committee.
ISAIAH CARROLL,

REPORT OF TREASURER OF ASSOCIATION.

I. ROYAL, acting Treasurer, Dr.

TO EASTERN ASSOCIATION,

Amount received, New Hope 1871—Minute Fund	\$105 20
“ “ “ “ Itinerant Fund	207 70
“ “ Foreign Missions	19 85
“ “ Yates' Chapel	7 10
“ “ Extension Shanghai Mission	3 00
“ “ Collection at Stand	55 65
“ “ Cash on Pledges	44 20
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	\$442 70

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By Am't paid D. J. Middleton, Treas. Ex. Com.	\$307 95
“ “ J. B. Taylor, Cor. Sec. Foreign Missions	29 95
“ “ N. S. Richardson, for printing minutes	65 85
“ “ Clerk Fees,	25 00
“ “ Postage and expense distributing minutes, ...	5 00
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	\$433 75

Balance on hand,

8 95

\$442 70

Audited and found correct.

J. D. ROBERTS,	} Aud. Com.
J. C. HINES,	
ISAIAH CARROLL,	

The committee to nominate ministers to preach stated sermons for another year, make the following report:

To preach the Introductory Sermon, J. C. Hiden; Alternate, J. N. Stallings.
Missionary Sermon, J. D. Hufham; Alternate, J. L. Stewart.

Respectfully submitted,

S. J. FAISON,	} Committee.
W. E. SUTTON,	
O. BLACKBURN,	

Letter from Myrtle Grove called up and a letter of dismissal granted to unite with Cape Fear Association.

Resolved, That the churches be requested to report Pastor's salary and number of copies of *Biblical Recorder* taken, to next session.

Moved, That the committee appointed to report on Sabbath Schools to this session, report next session.

Letter from Shiloh asking for next session, called up. Agreed to hold next session of Association at Shiloh, New Hanover county.

On motion of Elder Cohen, notice of Wake Forest College and Warsaw High School to be printed on back of minutes.

Trustees of Ministers' Relief Society reported:
REPORT OF THE RELIEF FUND.

The Trustees of the Ministers' Relief Fund report the following:

We have done nothing during the past year in the direction of raising any funds for this object. We have taken steps to secure as much as we can of the Whitehead claims. The balance is secure in the hands of the Treasurer who is under good bonds for its safe keeping.

We give below the report of our Treasurer, showing our financial condition:

Whitehead claims,	\$939 23
Interest,	112 70
Others claims,	214 18
Interest,	25 70
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	\$1291 81

Respectfully submitted,

B. OLIVER, Pres.

On motion of I. Royal, *Resolved*, That this body requests Elder A. D. Cohen to furnish, to *Biblical Recorder*, for publication, his sermon preached at the opening of this session.

On motion of Elder Stallings, *Resolved*, That the delegates when they return home, make an effort to raise boxes of provisions and clothing, in their churches for the benefit of the beneficiaries at Wake Forest, and forward the same to Treasurer of Board of Education. Adopted. During the consideration of the above resolution the following pledges were made in boxes: Fort Barnwell, 1 box; Kenansville, do.; Beaufort, Bbl. fish; Johnson's, Piny Grove, (Sampson) Riley's Creek, Bear Marsh, Boykin's Chapel, Hallsville, Mt. Holly, Moore's Creek, New Hope, Ebenezer, Beaverdam, Piny Grove, (Jones) Mt. Olive, Union, Concord, Wells' Chapel, pledged a box each; H. McAlpin, 1 box.

Remarks by Elder Kennedy and Jesse Jackson.

On motion of J. M. Wooten, *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Association are due and hereby tendered to this community, for the very hospitable manner in which they have entertained the delegates and visitors to this Association, also to the Railroads for granting tickets for half fare.

Elder Stallings offers the following:

WHEREAS, by the mode of conducting their operations, the Baptist State Convention has removed all obstacles preventing the full and free co-operation of this Association with the Convention; and whereas, such co-operation is desirable and will be conducive to the interests of both bodies, therefore,

Resolved, That our Committee be requested and authorized to enter into full and hearty co-operation with the Baptist State Convention.

The same is adopted unanimously.

Clerk allowed \$25 for his services, and ordered to have 1,500 copies of the minutes printed for distribution among the churches. Balance of minute fund after paying the expenses of the minutes and Clerk's fees, to be appropriated to Itinerant fund.

On motion of Elder Stallings the following amendments were made to the Constitution:

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

ART. 4. Add at close "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."

Order of Business amended so as to make "incidental and routine motions be in order at any time."

Moved to adjourn. Parting remarks by the Moderator and Elder Kennedy. Sung, "On Jordan's stormy banks I stand," &c. Parting hand extended. Prayer, Elder Best leading. Benediction by Moderator.

The Association adjourned to meet at Shiloh, New Hanover county, Tuesday after 1st Lord's day in October, 1873.

ISHAM ROYAL, Clerk.

HUGH McALPIN, Moderator.

List of Ordained Ministers.

G. W. HUFHAM, Warsaw,	H. P. BRINSON, Moore's Creek,
A. GUY, "	J. P. FAISON, Harrell's Store,
W. M. KENNEDY, Magnolia,	O. M. MATHEWS, "
J. N. STALLINGS, Kenansville,	A. D. COHEN, La Grange,
H. McALPIN, Clinton,	LEVI THORNE, New-Berne,
J. L. STEWART, "	G. S. BEST, Kenansville,
J. C. HIDDEN, Wilmington,	T. J. LEARY, Beaufort,
JOHN E. KING, "	J. UTLEY, "
JAS. M. KING, "	C. C. NEWTON, Herringsville,
G. W. CAMP, Kinston,	B. G. COVINGTON,
J. T. ALBRITTON, Mt. Olive,	J. D. HUFHAM, Warsaw.
J. R. OLIVER, "	

TABLE OF CHURCHES, COUNTIES, PASTORS and CLERKS.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	PASTORS and P. OFFICES.	CLERKS and P. OFFICES.
WILMINGTON, 1st.	N. Hanover,	J. C. Hiden, Wilmington,	J. W. Collins,
WILMINGTON, 2nd.	"	J. B. Barlow, Wilmington,	J. B. King,
MT. HOLLY,	"	W. W. Kennedy, Magnolia,	Isa. Curroll, South Washington,
MOORE'S CREEK,	"	J. P. Faison, Harrell's Store,	John Moore, Point Caswell,
RILEY'S CREEK,	"	J. P. Faison, Harrell's Store,	W. W. Larkins, Lillington,
SHILOH,	"	J. P. Faison, Harrell's Store,	H. S. Averett, Moore's Creek,
LONG CREEK,	"	J. R. Oliver, Mount Olive,	J. H. Brinson, Lillington,
MARSHALL'S M. H.	"	D. I. Ray, Bogue Sound,	I. H. Squires, Bogue Swamp,
MIDDLE SOUND,	"	J. M. King, Wilmington,	W. Taft, Wilmington,
WELL'S CHAPEL,	Sampson,	H. McAlpin, Clinton,	L. R. Highsmith, Harrell's store,
BETHEL,	"	No Pastor,	M. H. Oates, Taylor's Bridge,
LISBON,	"	J. L. Stewart, Clinton,	R. Herring, Herringsville,
MT. G. LEAD,	"	H. McAlpin, Clinton,	J. J. Vann, Clinton,
NEW HOPE,	"	H. McAlpin, Clinton,	J. L. Carroll Six Runs,
BOYKIN'S CHAPEL,	"	J. L. Stewart, Clinton,	O. Blackburn, Clinton,
BEULAH,	"	J. T. Albritton, Mount Olive,	A. M. Faison, Warsaw,
PINEY GROVE,	"	J. L. Stewart, Clinton,	J. C. Hobbs, Faison's,
R. W. AN,	"	A. Guy, Warsaw,	H. J. Duncun, Clinton,
CLINTON,	"	H. McAlpin, Clinton,	C. P. Johnson, Clinton,
EBENEZER,	"	J. L. Stewart, Clinton,	R. Highsmith, Clinton,
BROWN'S,	"	H. S. Spivey, Clinton,	W. Royal, Clinton,
HAW BLUFF,	Bladen,	C. C. Newton, Herringsville,	O. M. Barnhill, Point Caswell,
FALLING CREEK,	Wayne,	None,	W. G. Britt, Goldsboro,
MOUNT OLIVE,	"	W. M. Kennedy, Magnolia,	J. D. Roberts, Mount Olive,
BEAR MARSH,	Duplin,	J. N. Stallings, Kenansville,	A. S. Davis, Mount Olive,
WARSAW,	"	W. M. Kennedy, Magnolia,	L. Royal, Warsaw,
JOHNSON'S,	"	J. N. Stallings, Kenansville,	W. C. Carlton, Warsaw,
KENANSVILLE,	"	J. N. Stallings, Kenansville,	D. J. Middleton, Warsaw,
BEAVERDAM,	"	J. N. Stallings, Kenansville,	G. W. Carroll, Kenansville,
CONCORD,	"	G. S. Best, Kenansville,	L. R. Matthews, Magnolia,
BEREA,	"	J. R. Oliver, Mount Olive,	G. F. Dempsey, Wallace,
ISLAND CREEK,	"	A. Guy, Warsaw,	H. T. Savage, Wallace,
HALLSVILLE,	"	B. G. Covington, Kenansville,	D. B. Brown, Hallsville,
CORINTH,	"	A. Guy, Warsaw,	I. J. Johnson, Rockfish,
CHINQUEPIN,	"	H. E. Foster, Wilmington,	J. D. Brown, Hallsville,
DOBSON'S CHAPEL,	"	A. Guy, Warsaw,	J. P. Tucker, Kenansville,
PINEY GROVE,	Jones,	G. S. Best, Kenansville,	J. H. Whittey, Pollocksville,
TUCKAHOE,	"	None given,	F. Williams, Pink Hill,
TRENTON,	"	G. S. Best, Kenansville,	L. H. Mallard, Trenton,
NEW BERNE,	Craven,	L. Thorne, New-Berne,	C. C. Clark, New-Berne,
FORT BARNWELL,	"	A. D. Cohen, La Grange,	J. W. Biddle, Cobton,
BEAUFORT,	Carteret,	A. D. Cohen, La Grange,	J. D. Davis, Beaufort,
SMYRNA,	"	T. J. Leary, Beaufort,	Isa. Davis, Beaufort,
WOODVILLE,	"	T. J. Leary, Beaufort,	David Arthur, Beaufort,
DAVIS' SHORE,	"	T. J. Leary, Beaufort,	R. L. Paul, Beaufort,
KINSTON,	Lenoir,	A. D. Cohen, La Grange,	P. Hardee, Kinston,
UNION,	"	W. M. Kennedy, Magnolia,	W. E. Sutton, Kinston,
WOODENTON,	"	E. A. Best, Richlands,	W. Grady, Kinston,
UNION CHAPEL,	Onslow,	G. S. Best, Kenansville,	M. D. Thomas, Catherine Lake,
PLEASANT HILL,	"	None,	J. R. Marshall, Snead's Ferry,
ENON,	"	B. G. Covington, Kenansville,	L. Fonville, Jacksonville,
PINEY GROVE,	"	B. G. Covington, Kenansville,	G. W. Smith, Swansboro,
JACKSONVILLE,	"	B. G. Covington, Kenansville,	

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	When Constituted.	Additions.			Diminutions.			Males.	Females.	Total.	REGULAR MEETING.	Prayer Meeting.	Sabbath School Superintendents.	No. Teachers.	No. Pupils.	Vols. in Library.
		By Baptism.	By Letter.	Restored.	By Letter.	Excluded.	Deaths.									
Wilmington, 1st.	1870	7	11	2	5	3	68	154	222	Twice ev'y Sun.	Th'dy n'gt	B. A. Hallet,	22	159	400	
Wilmington, 2nd.	1870	4	2	5	17	33	1	30	88	118	Sun. m'g. & n'gt.	Tues. n'gt	I. Carroll,	5	45	
Mt. Holly,	1833				5	2	2	31	70	101	First Sunday.		M. Moore,			
Moore's Creek,			2		2	1	2	34	63	97	Fourth "		W. W. Larkins,	6	12	
Riley's Creek,					5	3	1	32	52	84	Second "					
Marshall's M. H.,						1		31	31	62	Fourth "					
Shiloh,	1853		1			9		38	71	109	Third "					
Long Creek,	1871	9				2	1	28	46	74	First "	Weekly	Mrs. M. E. Herring,	1	38	
Middle Sound,	1872							3	7	10	Second "		L. R. Mason,	4	17	
Well's Chapel,		3	1		7	3		53	99	152	First "		L. R. Highsmith,	7	55	
Bethel,	1843		3			1		17	52	69	Fourth "					
Lisbon,		15	8					38	48	86	First "					
Mt. Gilead,		4		2				23	65	88	Fourth "					
New Hope,			3		2	2		45	86	131	Second "		C. H. Smith and F. M. Carroll,	10	50	
Boykin's Chapel,	1846		1	1	9	1	1	41	86	127	Fourth "					
Beulah,	1814		2		2			17	20	37	Fourth "		G Clute,	5	56	
Piny Grove, Sampson,	1846	1			4	4		61	124	185	Second "		J. W. Lane,	5	20	
Rowan,	1759		4		3	3		31	69	100						
Clinton,	1855		4		2	2		17	32	49	Third "					
Ebenezer,	1867				2	2		20	21	44	Third "		R. Highsmith,	5	28	
Brown's,		1	5				4	11	15	44	Fourth "		I. Ball & I. Shipp,	7	55	

Haw Bluff,	1853	3		2	3	1	2	19	36	55	Third Sunday.		W. G. Britt,	7	50
Falling Creek,	1869				1	2		23	41	64	Second "		Jesse T. Albritton	8	60
Mount Olive,	1763	1			7	7	4	43	106	149	Third "	Occasional	I. Royal,	4	46
Bear Marsh,	1855				11	3	3	44	96	140	Third "		W. D. Carr,	5	40
Warsaw,		1			10	9	2	65	132	197	First "	Weekly	W. A. Moore,	6	40
Johnson's,			6		3			28	44	77	Second "				
Kenansville,		11	1		1	1		69	126	195	Fourth "				
Beaverdam,		10	7	1	2	1	1	36	80	116	First "				
Concord,	1825	14	7	1	3	1	3	26	51	77	Second "				
Berea,	1844		1		4			31	72	103	First "				
Island Creek,	1803	10	4		2	1	3	35	80	115	Fourth "		Susan Oglesby,	4	25
Hallsville,	1807		1		2	4		21	39	60	Fourth "				
Corinth,	1850		1		1	2	3	5	37	42	Second "				
Chinquepin,	1860	6						20	20	60	Third "				
Dobson's Chapel,	1867	9	1					19	28	47	Third "				
Piny Grove, Jones,	1841	14	2					16	16	32	Third "				
Tuckahoe,	1870							10	7	17	Third "				
Trenton,					3	2	2	27	86	113	Twice ev'y Sun.	Weekly	C. C. Clark,	19	123
New-Berne,		1	1		1			15	35	50	Second "		W. Felton,	8	48
Fort Barnwell,		11	4		2	1		24	64	88	First "				
Beaufort,		10	2	2	2	3		11	22	33	Fourth "	Weekly	M. B. Davis,	15	80
Smyrna,		8	3				14	33	44	77	Third "		E. F. Cox,	3	10
Woodville,		11	2	1				16	16	32	Fourth "		W. E. Sutton,	9	46
Davis' Shore,	1867		6		1	2		5	24	29	Second "		H. Edwards,	3	40
Kinston		1					1	6	15	21	Fourth "				
Union,	1858		2				1	19	59	78	Fourth "	Irregular			
Woodenton,		9	4				2	5	18	23	Third "				
Union Chapel,								6	16	21	First "				
Pleasant Hill,								5	8	13					
Enon,										54					
Piny Grove,			26	1		4									
Jacksonville,															
		201	108	20	121	114	58	1322	2716	4196					

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

EASTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ART. 9. The Association shall appoint an Executive Committee, consisting of not less than five or more than seven members ; which committee shall have the superintendence of Associational missions and Colportage. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid by the Treasurer of the Association for the objects under their charge and during intervals between the meetings of this body, to receive and disburse funds for those objects, and to take such steps for their advancement as they shall deem advisable, and shall make an annual report to the Association of their doings.

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

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

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

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

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