

MINUTES
OF THE
THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
EASTERN
Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE
PINEY GROVE CHURCH, SAMPSON COUNTY,
October 7th, 8th and 8th, 1879.

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PROCEEDINGS.

PINEY GROVE CHURCH,
SAMPSON Co., N. C., October 7, 1879.

The Eastern Association convened according to appointment in the Piney Grove Baptist Church.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder F. W. Eason, of Newbern, N. C., from 2nd chapter of Songs of Solomon, 3rd, 4th and 5th verses.

After an intermission of three-quarters of an hour, the Moderator called the Association together.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Elder J. K. Faulkner.

On motion a Finance Committee was appointed, consisting of Brethren J. L. Boykin, S. E. Loftin and L. R. Highsmith.

Brethren L. R. Carroll and John T. Bland were appointed Assistant Clerks.

Proceeded to call roll of churches, and the following names were enrolled as delegates:

Wilmington, 1st—Eld. J. B. Taylor, George T. Alderman, Joseph W. Taylor.

Wilmington, 2nd—Eld. J. P. King, W. Hurst, J. J. King.

Boykin's Chapel—J. L. Boykin, M. C. Peterson, W. H. Boykin.

Newbern—Eld. F. W. Eason.

Corinth—J. T. Wilkins, D. S. Register.

Kinston—Eld. J. K. Faulkner, J. M. Wooten, S. E. Loftin.

Shiloh—J. T. Bland, A. T. Herring.

Mary's Chapel—Eld. G. S. Best, T. M. Southerland.

Lisbon—Eld. C. C. Newton, Richard Herring.

Haw Bluff—J. T. Croom.

Canaan—Bryant Elmore, Redding Carr.

Bear Marsh—B. J. Millard, B. H. Walker.

Bethlehem—D. P. Bland, Eld. J. P. Faison.

Piney Grove (Sampson)—J. O. Clifton, O. M. Matthews, J. C. Hobbs.

Rowan—A. Merrett, Patrick Oquin.

Warsaw—Eld. J. N. Stallings, A. M. Faison.

Mt. Holly—Isaiah Carroll, Jas. M. Lee.

Mt. Gilead—B. Matthews, John J. Vann.

Goldsboro—Eld. F. H. Ivey, W. H. Avery, H. T. Jones.

Kenansville—R. Bryan, D. J. Middleton.

Wells Chapel—W. K. Johnson, L. R. Highsmith.

New Hope—L. R. Carroll, F. M. Carroll, C. H. Smith.

Beulah—Giles Clute, Eld. J. L. Britt.

Salem—J. R. Marshall.

Long Creek—H. B. White.
Jacksonville—W. K. Ramsey.
Johnson's—Eld. W. M. Kennedy, O. P. Middleton.
Union Chapel—J. P. Cox, J. K. Brown.
Mt. Calvary—Eld. J. T. Albritton, G. W. Parker.
Falling Creek—J. R. Hood, Jr., M. E. Britt, E. B. Jordan.
Mt. Olive—C. K. Millard, Jesse Roberts, J. F. Oliver.
Rose Hill—Eld. J. B. Oliver, Jere. Aman.
Woodville—Eld. J. T. Leary.
Dobson's Chapel—Thomas Kilpatrick.
Island Creek—Enoch Heldt.
Clinton—Eld. J. L. Stewart, J. H. Stevens.
Berea—R. J. Johnson.
Concord—Wm. Brice, L. A. Kennedy, J. T. Kennedy.
Moore's Creek—J. N. Alderman, J. D. Alderman.
Fremont—Thos. Clark, W. H. Godwin.
Magnolia—John W. Swinson, D. Moore, G. W. Swinson.
Morehead City—J. T. Eaton.
Beaufort—Eld. R. C. Sandling.
Bethel—M. H. Oats.
Hallsville—Jas. D. Brown.
Riley's Creek—Joel Hines, G. W. Walker, W. W. Larkins.
Meadow Bridge—Jas. Andrews.
Masonboro—J. J. Beasley, M. C. Walton, G. W. Hewlett.

LaGrange, Union, Piney Grove (Onslow), Canetuck Chapel, Piney Grove (Jones), and Enon were represented by letter.

On motion, letters from Moore's Creek, Mt. Olive, Magnolia, Hallsville, LaGrange, Beaufort, Morehead City, Bethel, Piney Grove (Onslow), were laid on the table.

On motion, letter from Fremont was referred to Executive Committee.

The next business in order was the election of officers for the ensuing year. The following were appointed as tellers: For Moderator, M. H. Oats and Elder O. M. Matthews; for Clerk, Chas. K. Millard and J. J. Beasley; for Treasurer, Thos. Clark and F. M. Carroll. The election resulted as follows: Elder J. L. Stewart re-elected Moderator, Elder J. L. Britt re-elected Clerk, A. M. Faison re-elected Treasurer.

Petitionary letters were called for.

A letter from Meadow Bridge was presented asking for admission into this body, and on motion was received and right hand of fellowship extended by the Moderator.

On motion, Committee of Arrangements was appointed consisting of Pastor and Deacons of this church and brethren B. Oliver and Joel Hines.

Elder J. B. Taylor moved that committees be appointed on the following subjects: Ministerial Support, Foreign Missions, State and Home Missions, Education, Periodicals, Sunday Schools, Temperance, audit Treasurers' account of Asso-

ciation and Executive Committee, revise list of Trustees of Warsaw High School, nominate Executive Committee, nominate delegates to Baptist State Convention, nominate preachers for stated sermons, obituaries, and time and place of next meeting.

The Moderator appointed the following as committees:

Foreign Missions—Eld. J. B. Taylor, D. J. Middleton, G. A. Newell.
State and Home Missions—Eld. J. K. Faulkner, John J. Vann, R. Her-
 ing.
Education—Elds. T. H. Pritchard, J. N. Stallings and J. T. Bland.
Periodicals—Elds. F. W. Eason, J. T. Albritton, J. R. Faison.
Sunday Schools—Eld. F. H. Ivey, G. Clute and O. P. Middleton.
Temperance—Elds. J. R. Oliver, R. C. Sandling and J. T. Eaton.
To Audit Account of Treasurer of Association and Executive Committee—
 Eld. J. N. Stallings, B. Matthews and Jesse Roberts.
To Nominate Executive Committee—Eld. C. C. Newton, A. Royall and Joel
 Hines.
To Nominate Delegates to Baptist State Convention—J. M. Wooten, J. W.
 Taylor and J. W. Swinson.
To Revise List of Trustees of Warsaw High School—Eld. George S. Best, A.
 Daniel and A. M. Faison.
Ministerial Support—W. H. Avera, L. R. Carroll, W. H. Thomson.
Obituaries—Eld. J. N. Stallings, A. Alderman and Eld. J. P. Faison.
Stated Sermons—M. E. Britt, J. P. Cox, Isaiah Carroll.
Time and Place of Next Meeting—J. L. Boykin, Eld. J. N. Stallings and
 C. H. Smith.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats. T. H. Pritchard, D.D., President of Wake Forest College, announced himself, and was welcomed to a seat by the Moderator.

On motion, report on education was made the special order for to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

Committee of Arrangements reported as follows: Preaching to-morrow at 11 o'clock by Elder J. K. Faulkner; in the evening by Elder J. B. Taylor.

On motion, adjourned till 9 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow. Prayer by Elder C. C. Newton.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, October 8, 1879.

Moderator called the Association to order. Devotional exercises conducted by Elder C. C. Newton. Prayer by Dr. Pritchard. Roll called. Proceedings of yesterday read and approved.

The time for special order having arrived, Dr. Pritchard read the report on education. After which, he addressed the body upon that subject.

Visiting brethren invited to seats. Brother Kadar Vann and Elder H. S. Spivey announced themselves as corresponding messengers from the South River Association; also Prof. F. P. Hobgood, Principal of Raleigh Baptist Female Seminary, and Elder C. T. Bailey, editor of the *Biblical Recorder*.

Prof. Hobgood made remarks upon the pending motion, which was to adopt the report on education.

Report adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The interests of education are of paramount importance to the welfare of both Church and State.

As a denomination we cannot allow other denominations to educate our children, and it should be a matter of sincere congratulation that we have so many excellent schools for the training of both sexes. At Murfreesboro, in the East, Raleigh and Thomasville in the centre, and Hendersonville in the West, we have prosperous institutions for girls, and your own school at Warsaw for boys and girls.

Your Committee are pleased to report that our college at Wake Forest is in a prosperous condition. There are in actual attendance there this session one hundred and thirty students, and it is confidently believed that the college will report one hundred and fifty by next June.

Among these are twenty-five students for the ministry, of whom fifteen are beneficiaries, supported by the Board of Education. This Board allows each beneficiary the sum of \$96.00, which is sufficient only to pay his board and washing for a year. No student for the ministry of any denomination is charged tuition at this institution.

The object of the Board is not to make it an easy matter for the young minister to obtain an education, but by extending a certain measure of aid to make it a possible thing.

There are probably now not less than seventy-five young men among the Baptists of this State, who, in the opinion of the brethren, are called of God to preach the gospel. Nearly all of these men are unable to educate themselves by reason of poverty. Preach they will, and preach they should, but they would be far more efficient and useful if they were prepared for their life-work by a liberal education. Some associations, and even some single churches, are paying the expenses of a young minister at college, and the Beulah Association has three beneficiaries sustained by its liberality.

Your Committee would, in conclusion, respectfully suggest an increase of interest on the part of this Association in behalf of the cause of education generally, and ministerial education particularly.

T. H. PRITCHARD,
J. N. STALLINGS,
J. T. BLAND,
Committee.

The Association adjourned to hear the Missionary Sermon, which was preached by Elder J. K. Faulkner, of Kinston, from II. Cor., viii: 7. Amount of collection, \$24.52.

EVENING SESSION.

The Moderator called the body to order. Prayer by Elder J. T. Albritton.

The delegates from Riley's Creek stated that the letter sent up by them had been misplaced, and on motion, they were recognized as members of the body.

Petitionary letter from Masonboro, of the Cape Fear Association, accompanied by a letter from that body, was presented, and, on motion, was received as a member of this body.

On motion, B. H. Walker was given leave of absence for remainder of session.

On motion, any brother attending any sister Association was authorized to represent us.

On motion, the committee appointed at last session to consider the matter of dividing the Association, was discharged.

Letter from Moore's Creek, asking for ordination of Bro. A. B. Alderman, was taken from the table. A motion was made and carried to appoint a presbytery to examine Bro. Alderman, and ordain to full work of the gospel ministry if found qualified.

J. J. King was given final leave of absence.

Letter from Morehead City was taken from the table, and, on motion, was referred to Executive Committee.

Committee to revise list of Trustees of Warsaw High School reported. (See page 2.)

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

Elders J. B. Taylor, W. M. Kennedy, H. M. Croom, G. S. Best, J. R. Oliver, J. K. Faulkner, J. N. Stallings, F. H. Ivey, J. L. Stewart, G. W. Hufham, J. P. Faison, C. C. Newton, J. L. Britt, J. T. Albritton, F. W. Eason, C. J. Nelson, and Brethren B. Oliver, E. F. Cox, Joseph W. Taylor, J. F. Oliver, Wm. Powell.

Resolved, That any person attending the State Convention, who is a member of a church within our bounds and in good standing, be requested to act as a delegate until our number be filled.

J. M. WOOTEN,
J. W. TAYLOR,
J. W. SWINSON,
Committee.

On motion, report of Executive Committee was made special order for to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

Letter from Beaufort was taken from the table, and, on motion, was referred to Executive Committee.

Elder F. W. Eason stated that there were copies of Bro. Ivey's Memorial Address on the Life and Character of Dr. Wingate in the house, which could be had by any wishing it. Committee on Foreign Missions reported.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has about forty-five missionaries, native missionaries and assistants in Africa, China and Italy. These are efficient, self-sacrificing, noble men and women. The favor of the Almighty has been upon their work in a remarkable degree. God is blessing the toils and sacrifices of these laborers. The fields are white for the harvest. The Foreign Mission Board is our agent. Let us sustain it with our co-operative sympathy, our prayers and our means.

In this matter the Master expects each to do his duty. Let our pastors and Sunday School Superintendents bring and keep this great interest before the minds of those committed to their watchcare, by information as to facts, and exhortations as to duty.

A valuable auxiliary will be found in the *Foreign Mission Journal*, the monthly paper published at a low price by the Board in Richmond. It will be sent gratuitously to all ministers who will forward their names and post offices.

Every pastor, moreover, should procure each year the Minutes of the Southern Baptist Convention, which he can obtain by enclosing a three cent stamp to the Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board. These Minutes contain a complete summary of the Foreign Mission work done under the auspices of our Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. TAYLOR,
GEO. A. NEWELL,
D. J. MIDDLETON,
Committee.

Remarks by Elder F. W. Eason and Jos. W. Taylor.
Adopted.

Committee on State and Home Missions reported.

REPORT ON STATE AND HOME MISSIONS.

Your Committee report that the State Mission Board has had in its employment eighteen missionaries during the year ending 5th November, 1879. Of these, none have labored within our bounds. Its Committee is located at Raleigh, with Bro. W. H. Pace, President, and J. E. Ray, Secretary. Your Committee regret the absence of statistics, which should make an interesting item of this report.

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention does its work principally through its agent, Bro. E. Dodson. He has received heretofore from \$800 to \$1,000 within the bounds of this State.

We need only to urge the brethren to acquaint themselves more fully with the separate work their Boards are doing within the State.

J. K. FAULKNER,
J. J. VANN,
R. HERRING,
Committee.

Remarks by Elders C. T. Bailey and W. M. Kennedy.
Report adopted.
Trustees of Warsaw High School reported.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF WARSAW HIGH SCHOOL.

We are gratified to report that this Institution is now in a more prosperous condition than at any other time during the last twenty years, under the management of its present efficient and worthy Principal, Rev. J. N. Stallings.

The apparently insurmountable obstacles which have for years impeded its progress, have at last been removed, and a bright and hopeful future is now before it.

The entire school property has been leased to the Principal for ten years, from January 1st, 1879, to January 1st, 1889, at a yearly rental of seventy-five dollars, to be applied to the repair and improvement of the property.

The lessee has already paid four years' rent in necessary repairs. There are now sixty eight pupils attending the school, nineteen of whom board in the Institution. The Principal has four assistants in his corps of instructors: Fleet Rose Cooper, a graduate of Wake Forest College; Miss Lucy B. Kennedy, a graduate of the Raleigh Female Seminary; Miss Minnie E. Stallings, a partial graduate of the same school, and Miss Kate E. Stallings—all members of the Baptist denomination, and thoroughly qualified in every respect as instructors of the young, and worthy of the confidence and patronage of the Baptists of the Eastern Association, and of our entire State.

Enlarged accommodations for boarding pupils and providing school rooms are now being made, with board and tuition so reasonable as to be within the reach of all who desire to avail themselves of the peculiar advantages which their school affords.

Dear Brethren, this is our school, the property of the Eastern Association; give it that encouragement, that cordial support, to which it is so justly entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

L. R. CARROLL,
Chairman Board of Trustees.

Remarks by Elder J. N. Stallings, the Principal of the School. Report adopted.

Committee of Arrangements reported the following: Elder F. H. Ivey to preach to-morrow at 11 o'clock, A. M.; Elder J. N. Stallings at 2½ o'clock, P. M.

On motion, adjourned. Prayer by Elder W. M. Kennedy.

THURSDAY MORNING, October 9, 1879.

Moderator called the Association to order. Devotional exercises conducted by Elder G. S. Best.

On motion, all the letters from churches asking for next session of the Association were taken from the table.

Committee on time and place of meeting referred the matter of place to the Association.

On motion, proceeded to determine the place for holding the next session by a vote of the delegates present. Bethel was selected as the place.

Executive Committee reported.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your Executive Committee beg leave to report :

We have received for the work intrusted to us for the past year \$347.00, and have expended \$200.50. We have had the services of Rev. J. R. Oliver for his whole time in the destitution of Onslow county. He has assisted in constituting one new church—Meadow Bridge. He speaks encouragingly of his field, though no increase in membership during the year. The opposition spoken of last year, he says, is not so manifest at present.

Bro. Best attended Trenton and Piney Grove for three months, but discontinued his appointments on account of his inability to attend them longer. We have also rendered some assistance to Union, Lenoir county, and Fort Barnwell, Craven county, two very important places. Bro. J. L. Britt speaks very encouragingly of the prospects at these points.

We have given you a brief statement of our work during the past year. Probably much more could have been accomplished if we could have had means sufficient to have sent another efficient man into the field, but we were without the means and had to curtail our work. Brethren, the situation is before you concerning the vast destitution. Can you do more to help the Board to extend their operations, which will more fully appear from the number of letters referred to the Executive Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

D. J. MIDDLETON,
Chairman

Remarks by Elders J. P. Faison, J. B. Taylor, R. C. Sandling, and Brethren J. M. Wooten, J. T. Bland, J. W. Lane and J. T. Eaton.

Report adopted.

On motion, list of churches was called and the following pledges made: Wilmington (First), \$25; Wilmington (Second), \$5; Mt. Holly, \$5; Riley's Creek, \$10; Moore's Creek, \$5; Shiloh, \$5; Haw Bluff, \$5; Boykin's Chapel, \$10; Piney Grove (Sampson), \$15; Canaan, \$5; Falling Creek, \$5; Mt. Calvary, \$3; Fremont, \$3; Goldsboro, \$10; Mt. Olive, \$15; Bear Marsh, \$10; Mary's Chapel, \$2.50; Warsaw, \$15; Clinton, \$10; Johnson's, \$10; Kenansville, \$5; Concord, \$5; Corinth, \$5; Union Chapel, \$2; Jacksonville, \$2; Kinston, \$20; La Grange, \$5; Meadow Bridge, \$2; Masonboro, \$5.

The following individual pledges were made: J. W. Taylor, \$5 for Beaufort church; Giles Clute, \$5; R. J. Johnson,

\$1; J. D. Brown, \$1; J. R. Marsh, \$1; M. H. Oats, \$1; O. P. Middleton, \$1; W. M. Kennedy, \$1; B. Oliver, \$10; D. F. Aman, \$1; G. A. Newell, \$5; B. J. Millard, \$1; G. S. Best, \$2.50; M. C. Peterson, \$1.

R. Herring was given leave of absence for remainder of session.

Sunday School Board reported.

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

The Sunday School Board beg leave to report that they have held Sunday School Institutes at various points within the bounds of our Association, with encouraging results. A number of Sunday Schools have been organized. A Sunday School Convention was called the last of August, at Warsaw, at which Convention the question as to the propriety of sending out a Sunday School Missionary and Colporteur to labor within the bounds of this Association, was ably and earnestly discussed, and the matter was referred to the Association for its consideration. The Sunday School cause seems to be looking up generally within our bounds.

Respectfully submitted,
GILES CLUTE,
Chairman.

Adopted.

Committee on Sunday Schools reported.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The report of the Sunday School Board of the Association renders unnecessary any lengthy report from this committee.

We would only say, that if the Sunday School Board think it expedient to put a missionary and colporteur in the field, we would most heartily endorse such action, and earnestly commend such a worker to the cordial support of the churches. We have no work of greater importance, and none that promises larger results of good.

F. H. IVEY,
G. CLUTE,
O. P. MIDDLETON,
Committee.

Remarks by Elders J. P. Faison, W. M. Kennedy, and Brethren J. M. Wooten, O. P. Middleton, L. R. Carroll, G. Clute and W. H. Avera. Adopted.

Bro. W. H. Avera offered the following, which was carried:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Association that a Sunday School Missionary and colporteur ought to be put in the field.

The special committee appointed at the last session of the Association relative to the orthodoxy of J. P. King, of the Second Baptist church of Wilmington, N. C., reported. Report laid on the table.

On motion, J. P. Cox, D. F. Aman, Jere. Aman, J. J. Vann, F. H. Ivey, T. J. Leary, J. T. Eaton, were given leave of absence for remainder of session.

Association adjourned half an hour for dinner.

EVENING SESSION.

The Finance Committee presented the following report:

CHURCHES.	Itiner- ancy.	Minute Fund.	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	State Missions	Educa- tion.	Sunday Schools.
Wilmington—First	\$ 5 00	\$ 4 00					
Wilmington—Second	5 00	1 50					
Mt. Holly	1 85	1 50					
Long Creek	5 00	57					
Moore's Creek	5 00	1 50					
Wells' Chapel	7 30	2 50	3 28				
New Hope	7 00	1 87					
Haw Bluff	5 00	1 50	3 00	2 00			
Boykin's Chapel	10 00	2 50					
Bethlehem	5 00	1 50	9 00				
Mt. Gilead	5 60	2 00					
Piney Grove (Sampson)	10 25	2 00					
Beulah	5 35	80					
Canaan	4 35	1 00	2 00				
Falling Creek	4 45	1 30	2 00				
Goldsboro	10 00	3 00					
Mt. Olive ..	10 00	2 50	1 00				
Warsaw	15 00	2 00					
Mary's Chapel	2 25	55					
Clinton	10 00	1 25					
Johnson's	9 50	1 45					
Kenansville		1 15					
Mognolia	4 00	1 45					
Concord	5 00	50					
Corinth	5 00	2 00					
Dobson's Chapel	75	75					
Island Creek	8 10	2 00					
Hallsville	3 00	1 50					
Kinston	10 00	3 00	2 20	2 24	2 20	2 20	
Swansboro	30						
Shiloh	5 00	1 50					
Meadow Bridge		1 00					
Lisbon		1 50	2 40				
Canetuck Chapel		1 25	2 50	2 50			
Rowan		1 00					
Fremont		1 00					
Mt. Calvary		75	2 50				
Bear Marsh		3 00					

REPORT ON FINANCE—Continued.

CHURCHES.	Itiner- ancy.	Minute Fund.	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	State Missions	Educa- tion.	Sunday Schools.
Berea	\$	1 45	\$ 1 00	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....
Union Chapel		50					
Jacksonville		50					
Rose Hill		1 00					
Newbern		3 00					
Morehead City		1 00					
Beaufort		1 00					
Bethel		1 50	3 00				
Woodville		1 00					
Piney Grove (Jones)		1 00					
Piney Grove (Onslow)		1 00					
La Grange	5 00	1 80					
Riley's Creek	30	2 00					
Masonboro		3 00	1 75	1 00			
Enon		1 00					
Totals	\$ 190 35	\$81 39	\$35 63	\$5 24	\$2 00	\$2 20	\$2 20

We have on hand a balance of \$5.41.

J. L. BOYKIN,
S. E. LOFTIN,
L. R. HIGHSMITH,
Committee.

Committee on Stated Sermons reported as follows:

To preach Introductory Sermon, Elder J. L. Stewart; alternate, Elder J. T. Albritton; Missionary Sermon, Elder F. H. Ivey; alternate, Elder C. C. Newton.

M. E. BRITT,
J. P. COX,
ISAIAH CARROLL,
Committee.

Committee to nominate Executive Committee reported.
(See 2nd page.)

On motion funds in hands of Finance Committee was ordered to be paid over to Treasurer of Association.

Committee on Temperance reported.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Notwithstanding so much has been written and spoken on this subject, we regret to note the great indifference to it. We advise prompt action to lectures on this subject. So let us arouse to duty, and show our faith by our works. Our greatest hope of staying the tide of intemperance is for

preachers to continue to present its evils, churches to deal firmly yet kindly with all offenders, and for us to pray for grace to make us faithful in word and example. Regarding it as proper for us as a religious body to put ourselves on record herein, we propose the following as calculated to aid in accomplishing the great end in view:

We, the members of this Association, believe intemperance to be a prolific source of disease, poverty, vice and crime; that moderate drinking is the primary cause of drunkenness; that it is good neither to drink wine nor anything whereby many stumble and are made weak; that we who are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves; therefore we commend abstaining from the use of alcoholic liquors of every kind as beverages, and would welcome any adequate means for the suppression of the liquor traffic for drinking purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. OLIVER,
R. C. SANDLING,
J. T. EATON,
Committee.

Report adopted.

Committee on Periodicals reported. Remarks by Elder C. T. Bailey, editor of the *Biblical Recorder*.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The interest which any class of people feel in any given object depends upon the amount of information they have concerning it; and in this direction periodicals are indispensable.

They are the great disseminators of information, and thus they are the great educators of the people. As Baptists, we need at our firesides, where the young of our denomination may read them, such as will inform them of the needs of our people, and of the work which we, as God's children, are attempting and accomplishing, and to impart such instruction as will elevate and improve them. Believing that it will have this effect upon them, your Committee would most earnestly recommend the *Biblical Recorder* as a paper worthy of wide and extended circulation, and earnestly urge upon every head of families in all our Associations to subscribe to that paper. We also recommend the *Foreign Mission Journal*, and for Sunday Schools the paper called *Kind Words*.

F. W. EASON,
J. T. ALBRITTON,
J. P. FAISON,
Committee.

Report adopted.

Committee on Ministerial Support reported.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

Your Committee on Ministerial Support beg to submit the following: There is no truth in God's word more plainly taught than that they who preach the gospel should live of the gospel. And believing that the relation between pastor and church should be mutually candid and honest, and that obligations entered into by them should be faithfully performed, we therefore recommend the following:

1st. That a stipulated salary to a pastor should be agreed upon before he enters upon the duty of the pastorate.

2nd. Salaries of pastors should be paid monthly as far as practicable, and certainly paid in full at the end of his pastoral year; and no member of the church should excuse him or herself from aiding in paying it according to his or her ability, each feeling that a sacred obligation rested upon them to pay an honest debt.

3rd. A duty alike to the church and its members demands that inquiry be made into the cause of continued and persistent neglect upon the part of members to aid in bearing the burdens of the church, and unless a cause exists that shall prove to be satisfactory to the church, that fellowship should be withdrawn from such member or members for the sin of covetousness.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. AVERA,
Chairman.

Adopted.

Committee on Obituaries reported.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

Your Committee on Obituaries regret to report the death, during the past year, of Deacon Joel Loftin, of Mt. Olive church, whose worth and loss, so truly and well set forth in the first resolution of the preamble and resolutions adopted by that church, in conference February 22nd, 1879, as follows:

"Resolved, That in the death of Brother Joel Loftin his family have lost an affectionate husband and father, the community a good neighbor and friend, his county one of her ablest and most useful citizens, and this church one of her best supporters, wisest councillors and ablest defenders of our principles." Effects not only Mt. Olive church, but the denomination at large.

Deacons D. Southerland and J. Brown, of Hallsville church, prominent and useful brethren, the former in the 91st and the latter in the 64th year of his age, have been called to their final and glorious reward.

We know of no other death among prominent brethren, but feel that it is appropriate to report the great bereavement and loss of the Kenansville church, and of the denomination, in the death of Sister Mary J. Grimes, a most lovely and pious lady and active worker in the Redeemer's cause.

J. N. STALLINGS,
Chairman.

Adopted.

Auditing Committee reported.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

PINEY GROVE, SAMPSON Co., N. C., October 9, 1879.

A. M. Faison, Treasurer of Eastern Association, in account, 1878-79:

DR. To amount received from all sources.....\$300 86

CREDITOR.

By amount paid Treasurer of Executive Committee.....	\$167 55
“ “ S. G. Hall for Minutes.....	45 00
“ “ J. L. Britt, Clerk.....	26 80
“ “ E. Dodson for Home Missions.....	13 65
“ “ A. C. Dixon for Education	13 65
“ “ Treasurer of Executive Committee.....	34 21

Total.....\$300 86

We, the Auditing Committee, report that we have examined the Treasurer's account and find it correct.

J. N. STALLINGS,
B. MATTHEWS,
JERE. ROBERTS,
Committee.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

DEBTOR.

Collection at Newbern, on	Mt. Gilead	5 60
pledge	Beulah.....	5 35
Piney Grove, Sampson.....	Canaan	4 35
Mt. Calvary, on pledge.....	Goldsboro	10 00
Falling Creek, collection.....	Mt. Olive.....	10 00
B. Oliver.....	Warsaw.....	15 00
Riley's Creek	Mary's Chapel.....	2 25
Magnolia	Clinton	10 00
Kinston	Johnson's.....	9 50
Falling Creek, on pledge....	Kenansville	5 00
Union Chapel, collection.....	Concord	5 00
Wilmington, 1st Church	Corinth	5 00
Mt. Holly.....	Dobson's Chapel	75
Mt. Gilead, collection.....	Island Creek.....	8 10
Rev. J. L. Britt	Hallsville, old pledge.....	3 00
J. T. Eaton.....	Swansboro	30
Wilmington, 2nd Church.....	Shiloh.....	5 00
Long Creek.....	La Grange	5 00
Bethlehem	Rev. G. S. Best.....	2 50
Moore's Creek.....	Amount from Treasurer of	
Wells' Chapel.....	Association.....	34 21
New Hope	Collection at stand	24 52
Haw Bluff.....		
Boykin's Chapel.....	Total.....	\$347 00

CREDITOR.

By amount paid D. J. Middleton.....	\$ 4 67
“ “ Elder J. L. Britt.....	58 33
“ “ “ G. S. Best.....	12 50
“ “ “ J. R. Oliver.....	125 00
“ Balance on hand.....	146 50
	\$347 00

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. LANE,
Treas. Ex. Committee.

We, the Auditing Committee, have examined the above report, and find it correct.

J. N. STALLINGS,
B. MATTHEWS,
JERE. ROBERTS,
Committee.

Bro. Hurst was given final leave of absence.

On motion, Moderator was authorized to appoint a Sunday School Board. The same Board was appointed.

Report of the committee in relation to the orthodoxy of J. P. King, of the Second Baptist church, of Wilmington, was taken from the table.

REPORT.

Whereas, well defined rumors being in circulation, alleging that Bro. J. P. King, of the Second Baptist church of Wilmington, held heterodox views of Christian doctrine, and was preaching such views; and, whereas, the said church having sent a communication to the last session of this Association, complaining that a Presbytery, appointed by the preceding Session, had not performed the duty of examining Bro. King with a view to his ordination; and, whereas, the undersigned were appointed at last session a committee to visit said church and examine into the orthodoxy of Bro. King; and, whereas, Bro. King had obtained ordination from ministers of the Brown Creek Association before the chairman of your Committee called the committee together; and, whereas, your Committee has had a conference with Bro. King at this session of the Association, we beg leave to report that Bro. King holds inconsistent and heterodox views relative to God—holding that “He is a Spirit having form and image, occupying a certain position in Heaven, as a person with form and image;” that with reference to “the end of existence of the Devil, Hell and the wicked” he is undecided, as also with regard to the question “of the separate existence of the soul from the body;” and says that he would like to study the question whether “an unconverted man has an immortal part about him.”

To the question, “Do you believe there will be no more of a wicked man when he dies?” he answers, “No, I believe he will go to hell and be punished; but how long hell and the punishment will last I am not prepared to say.” We find his views crude, contradictory and erroneous about these matters. Upon other doctrines upon which we examined him we find his views correct. Upon this examination, if acting as a Presbytery, we could not have consented to Bro. King's ordination. He states that he was not examined upon the above points by the Presbytery which ordained him, and that he did not divulge his sentiments. Bro. King expresses himself as anxious to arrive at a correct and Scriptural conclusion upon all the points upon which he is undecided, and he asks time and instruction.

In view of the above facts we submit the following:

Resolved, That this Association is not responsible for the ordination of Bro. J. P. King, nor for the doctrine he preaches and teaches.

Resolved, That a committee of five ministers be appointed to confer with Bro. King, and the Second Baptist church of Wilmington for the purpose of instructing Bro. King, and if he does not adopt orthodox views to counsel the church to dissolve the relation of pastor which she now holds with Bro. King and to disavow and discourage the heterodox doctrines he now holds, and to advise the church that if this is not done this Association will withdraw fellowship from her.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. KENNEDY,
F. H. IVEY,
J. L. STEWART,
J. N. STALLINGS,
Committee.

Remarks by Elders J. N. Stallings, F. W. Eason, J. T. Albritton, J. K. Faulkner, W. M. Kennedy, J. B. Taylor and Brother J. R. Marshall.

Adopted.

On motion the Clerk was allowed \$20.00 for his services.

The Clerk was ordered to have 1,500 copies of Minutes printed for distribution.

The Treasurer was ordered to pay the Clerk for his services, and amount necessary for printing the Minutes, and pay remainder sent up as Minute Fund to Foreign Missions.

The Finance Committee was ordered to pay the \$5.00 over balance in their report to the Executive Committee.

The following was offered:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are hereby tendered to the good people of the neighborhood of Piney Grove church, Sampson county, N. C., for their kindness in sustaining the large body of delegates and visitors, and untiring efforts to make all comfortable; also to the railroads for passing delegates and visitors at reduced fares.

The following were appointed as a Committee to visit the Second Church of Wilmington: Elders F. H. Ivey, J. N. Stallings, C. C. Newton, W. M. Kennedy and F. W. Eason.

On motion, collection was taken up for Elder T. J. Leary, who suffered heavily during the late storm on the coast.

On motion the appointment of a Sunday School Missionary was left with the Sunday School Board.

The Association proceeded to adjourn, to meet at Bethel, Sampson county, Tuesday after first Sunday in October, 1880, with prayer by Elder J. K. Faulkner, after which the brethren took the parting hand, while singing an appropriate hymn.

J. L. BRITT,
Clerk.

J. L. STEWART,
Moderator.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	Number Teachers.	Number Pupils.	No. Vols. in Library
Mt. Gilead.....	Jno. J. Vann.....	7	81	60
Mt. Olive.....	J. F. Oliver.....	8	60	150
Magnolia.....	B. C. Borden.....	6	51	120
Meadow Bridge.....	James Andrews.....	4	31	.....
Wilmington—First Church...	William Larkins.....	21	150	400
Berea.....	V. N. Seawell.....	.....	50	175
Bethlehem.....	Giles Clute.....	3	14	.....
New Hope.....	L. R. Carroll.....	6	75	.....
Island Creek.....	C. Harrell.....	4	30	.....
Salem.....	J. B. Willis.....	3	25	.....
Canetuck Chapel.....	T. O. Flinn.....	8	55	100
Morehead City.....	Reports Union School.....	.....	.....	.....
Bethlehem.....	D. P. Bland.....	6	63	125
Newbern.....	Elder F. W. Eason.....	18	108	500
Warsaw.....	S. M. Carlton.....	8	75	.....
Shiloh.....	H. D. Marshburn.....	6	80	200
Bear Marsh.....	H. C. Kornegay.....	3	20	.....
Mt. Holly.....	Isaiah Carroll.....	4	35	.....
Kinston.....	H. D. Spain.....	7	48	.....
Wells' Chapel.....	L. R. Highsmith.....	7	93	.....
Woodville.....	David Arthur.....	5	25	.....
Goldsboro.....	J. E. Peterson.....	11	104	.....
Falling Creek.....	J. R. Hood, Jr.....	8	70	.....
Mary's Chapel.....	F. H. Rogers.....	5	30	.....
La Grange.....	H. A. Litchfield.....	6	59	60
Riley's Creek.....	W. W. Larkins.....	6	40	100
Masonboro.....	.....	5	60	50
Moore's Creek.....	N. R. Croom.....	6	50	50
Bethel.....	Reports Union School.....	4	25	.....
Haw Bluff.....	W. F. Brown.....	4	44	100
Long Creek.....	M. E. Herring.....	3	50	.....
Lisbon.....	J. C. D. Herring.....	4	57	57
Johnson's.....	O. P. Middleton.....	4	40	.....
Wilmington—2nd Church.....	J. W. S. Harvey.....	8	62	40
Total.....	208	1860	2287

STATISTICAL TABLE.

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CHURCHES.	When Constituted.	Additions.				Diminutions.			Membership.				TIME OF MEETING.
		Baptized.	By Letter.	Experience	Restored.	By Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	White Males.	White Females.	Colored.	Total.	
Wilmington—First.....	.....	13	9	.....	1	20	12	1	107	223	...	330	2 times each Sabbath.
Wilmington—Second	1870	72	2	.....	20	.....	2	2	67	132	...	199	2 times each Sabbath.
Mt. Holly .....	.....	34	.....	.....	.....	3	2	2	38	91	3	132	First Sabbath.
Riley's Creek.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	2	4	37	67	...	104	Third Sabbath.
Long Creek.....	1871	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	1	.....	44	57	...	101	First Sabbath.
Moore's Creek.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	4	1	2	53	81	...	134	Fourth Sabbath.
Shiloh	1853	.....	2	.....	.....	2	1	2	49	98	...	147	Third Sabbath.
Bethlehem .....	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	2	2	.....	42	81	...	123	Second Sabbath.
Haw Bluff	1859	17	6	.....	2	3	7	2	48	75	...	123	Third Sabbath.
Wells' Chapel.....	1751	16	2	.....	1	.....	2	.....	70	114	...	184	Second Sabbath.
New Hope.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	4	2	83	121	...	210	Second Sabbath.
Lisbon .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	45	62	...	107	First Sabbath.
Canetuck Chapel.....	.....	6	.....	.....	1	4	.....	1	29	37	...	66	Third Sabbath.
Boykin's Chapel.....	1846	18	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	53	96	...	149	First Sabbath.
Mt. Gilead.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	2	34	78	...	112	Fourth Sabbath.
Rowan	1759	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	36	72	...	108	.....
Piney Grove (Sampson).....	1846	.....	2	.....	.....	2	3	2	74	131	12	217	Second Sabbath.
Beulah.....	1814	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	1	23	37	...	60	First Sabbath.
Canaan .....	.....	.....	3	1	.....	.....	2	.....	7	26	...	33	.....
Falling Creek.....	.....	1	1	1	.....	1	1	.....	10	31	...	41	Second Sabbath.
Mt. Calvary.....	1875	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	12	...	20	Second Sabbath.
Fremont	1875	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	8	...	12	.....
Goldsboro .....	.....	29	11	.....	4	4	11	4	65	113	...	178	2 times each Sabbath.
Mt. Olive ..	1869	3	2	.....	1	3	6	2	41	70	...	111	Fourth Sabbath.

Minutes of the

Bear Marsh.....	1763	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	1	47	112	...	159	Third Sabbath.
Mary's Chapel.....	1875	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	.....	18	24	...	42	Third Sabbath.
Warsaw	1855	63	4	.....	6	1	4	2	116	159	...	275	Third Sabbath.
Clinton	1855	.....	2	.....	.....	2	20	43	2	43	...	63	Third Sabbath.
Johnson's.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	3	.....	4	36	89	16	141	First Sabbath.
Kenansville .....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	2	.....	1	19	48	...	67	Second Sabbath.
Mognolia.....	.....	25	1	.....	2	1	2	2	53	103	...	183	Fourth Sabbath.
Concord	1825	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	33	56	14	103	Second Sabbath.
Corinth.....	1850	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	1	28	46	...	74	Second Sabbath.
Berea	1844	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	1	24	36	...	60	Second Sabbath.
Dobson's Chapel.....	1867	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17	29	...	46	Third Sabbath.
Island Creek.....	1803	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	1	2	51	116	...	167	First Sabbath.
Hallsville.....	1807	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	5	3	48	89	...	137	.....
Union Chapel .....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	12	46	...	58	Fourth Sabbath.
Jacksonville .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	11	28	...	39	First Sabbath.
Rose Hill.....	1876	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	9	...	14	Third Sabbath.
Enon .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	2	.....	17	28	...	45	Second Sabbath.
Piney Grove (Onslow).....	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	25	34	...	59	First Sabbath.
Capernaum*.....	1876	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	24	...	39	.....
Trenton*.....	1870	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	20	...	26	.....
Kinston.....	1817	1	4	.....	1	6	2	1	23	41	1	64	2 times each Sabbath.
La Grange .....	.....	3	2	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	21	47	...	68	Fourth Sabbath.
Union .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	20	...	23	Second Sabbath.
Newbern .....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	5	2	5	40	108	...	148	2 times each Sabbath.
Beaufort.....	.....	10	.....	.....	8	.....	.....	.....	41	53	...	94	.....
Morehead City	1873	2	9	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	11	22	...	33	Third Sabbath.
Smyrna*.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24	59	...	83	.....
Salem.....	1877	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	7	10	...	17	First Sabbath.
Bethel .....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17	43	...	60	Fourth Sabbath.
Piney Grove (Jones)*.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	33	49	...	82	.....
Woodville .....	.....	7	1	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	17	23	...	40	Fourth Sabbath.
Fort Barnwell*.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	16	...	22	.....
Meadow Bridge.....	1878	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	7	...	12	Third Sabbath.
Masonboro .....	.....	10	3	.....	1	5	2	3	69	98	3	170	.....
Those marked * taken from last year. Letter from Piney Grove (Jones) misplaced.		351	80	2	52	90	93	63	1985	3658	34	5692	

Eastern Baptist Association.

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PASTORS, CLERKS AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS AND POST-OFFICES.	CLERKS AND POST-OFFICES.
NEW HANOVER COUNTY.		
Wilmington—First ..	J. B. Taylor, Wilmington.	J. W. Collins, Wilmington.
Wilmington—Second ..	J. P. King, " "	C. H. Newberry, Wilmington.
PENDER COUNTY.		
Mt. Holly ..	W. M. Kennedy, Magnolia.	Isaiah Carroll, So. Wash'ton.
Riley's Creek ..	" "	W. W. Larkins, Long Creek.
Long Creek ..	W. H. Howard, Moore's Crk.	J. H. Brinson, Long Creek.
Moore's Creek ..	J. P. Faison, Harrell's Store	G. W. Woodcock, Pt Caswell
Shiloh ..	C. C. Newton, Herringsville..	H. A. Bland, Moore's Creek.
Bethlehem ..	J. P. Faison, Harrell's Store..	B. F. Keith, Point Caswell.
Carteruck Chapel ..	" "	D. J. Corbet, Nat Moore.
Meadow Bridge ..	" "	R. Sidbury, Topsail.
BLADEN COUNTY.		
Haw Bluff ..	J. P. Faison, Harrell's Store.	J. F. Croom, Point Caswell.
SAMPSON COUNTY.		
Wells' Chapel ..	C. C. Newton, Herringsville..	L. R. Highsmith, Harrell's Str
Bethel ..	" "	M. H. Oats, Taylor's Bridge.
New Hope ..	H. S. Spivey, Clinton ..	J. L. Carroll, Six Runs.
Lisbon ..	J. N. Stallings, Warsaw ..	R. Herring, Herringsville.
Boykin's Chapel ..	J. L. Stewart, Clinton ..	A. Robinson, Clinton.
Mt. Gilead ..	" "	Jno. J. Vann, " "
Rowan ..	W. H. Howard, " "	J. D. Malpass, " "
Clinton ..	J. L. Stewart, " "	G. W. Marsh, " "
Benlah ..	G. W. Hufham, Warsaw ..	J. T. Moore, Warsaw.
Piney Grove (Sampson).	J. L. Stewart, Clinton ..	J. W. Lane, Faison's.
Brown's ..	H. S. Spivey, " "	G. W. Highsmith, Clinton.
Canaan ..	J. T. Albritton, Mt. Olive..	Redding Carr, Newton Grove
WAYNE COUNTY.		
Falling Creek ..	J. T. Albritton, Mt. Olive ..	M. E. Britt, Goldsboro.
Mt. Calvary ..	" "	R. A. Parker, Dudley.
Fremont ..	W. M. Kennedy, Magnolia.	G. B. Ballinger, Fremont.
Goldsboro ..	E. H. Ivey, Goldsboro ..	J. M. Hollowell, Goldsboro.
Mt. Olive ..	J. N. Stallings, Warsaw ..	W. B. Oliver, Mt. Olive.
DUPLIN COUNTY.		
Bear Marsh ..	J. L. Britt, Warsaw ..	B. J. Millard, Mt. Olive.
Mary's Chapel ..	H. M. Croom, Wallace ..	F. M. Southerland, Warsaw.
Johnson's ..	H. S. Spivey, Clinton ..	O. P. Middleton, " "
Warsaw ..	J. N. Stallings, Warsaw ..	S. M. Carlton, " "
Kenansville ..	" "	D. J. Middleton, Kenansville.
Magnolia ..	W. M. Kennedy, Magnolia..	G. W. Carroll, Magnolia.
Concord ..	G. W. Hufham, Warsaw ..	L. R. Matthews, Rose Hill.
Corinth ..	" "	I. J. Johnson, Rockfish
Berea ..	" "	V. N. Seawell, Wallace.
Island Creek ..	G. S. Best, Kenansville ..	H. T. Savage, " "
Dobson's Chapel ..	" "	J. P. Tucker, Kenansville.
Hallsville ..	" "	J. D. Brown, Hallsville.
ONSLow COUNTY.		
Union Chapel ..	No Pastor ..	Jno. Marshburn, Cath. Lake.
Rose Hill ..	" "	D. N. Page, Tar Landing.
Jacksonville ..	" "	S. M. Clants, Jacksonville.
Enon ..	J. Utley, Swansboro ..	L. O. Fonville, Duck Creek.
Piney Grove ..	" "	A. B. Carroll, Swansboro.
Capernaum ..	" "	J. D. Melville, Palo Alto.
Salem ..	" "	" "
JONES COUNTY.		
Trenton ..	G. S. Best, Kenansville ..	L. H. Mallard, Trenton.
Piney Grove ..	" "	J. N. Whitly, Pollocksville.
LENOIR COUNTY.		
Kinston ..	J. K. Faulkner, Kinston ..	J. F. Hill, Kinston.
La Grange ..	J. L. Britt, Warsaw ..	D. A. Murphy, La Grange.
Union ..	" "	W. E. Sutton, Kinston.
GRAVEN COUNTY.		
Fort Barnwell ..	" "	J. W. Biddle, Cobton.
Newbern ..	F. W. Eason, Newbern ..	F. W. Hancock, Newbern.
CARTERET COUNTY.		
Beaufort ..	" "	J. D. Davis, Beaufort.
Smyrna ..	" "	Isa Davis, Beaufort.
Morehead City ..	T. J. Leary, Beaufort ..	J. T. Eaton, Hollywood.
Davis' Shore ..	" "	R. L. Pane, Beaufort.
Woodville ..	" "	D. F. Arthur, Beaufort.
BRUNSWICK COUNTY.		
Masonboro ..	A. A. Edwards, Cordova ..	G. W. Hewlett, Wilmington.

Church Covenant.

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour, and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we do now in the presence of God, angels and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Ghost, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church, in knowledge, holiness and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage, and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the Kingdom of our Saviour.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling, and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offence, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Saviour, to secure it without delay.

We, moreover, engage that when we remove from this place, we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church, where we can carry out the spirit of this Covenant, and the principles of God's word.

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 of seven members, which committee shall have the superintendence of Associational Missions and Colportage. They shall have the 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.

Rules of Order.

1.—On the meeting of the Association, the Moderator of the preceding session shall preside until his successor is known. In case of his absence a chairman *pro tem* shall be elected.

2.—Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises, to be conducted by whomsoever the presiding officer may name.

3.—At each daily session, and previous to proceeding to business, the names of the delegates shall be called, and the proceedings of the previous daily sessions read.

4.—The members shall observe towards the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes Christians.

5.—Any member wishing to speak shall arise and address the presiding officer. He shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration, and avoid personalities.

6.—No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without permission.

7.—All motions seconded shall be definitely stated by the presiding officer before discussion.

8.—No motion shall be withdrawn after its discussion.

9.—When a question is under discussion, no motion or proposition shall be received, except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, or postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.

10.—After a motion is decided, any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.

11.—No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association without permission of the presiding officer, and no one shall take final leave of absence without the permission of the Association, and if any shall do so, their absence shall be noted in the minutes.

12.—All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

13.—The Association shall have the right to decide what subjects shall be admitted to consideration.

14.—The Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any session of the Association by a majority of votes.

Rules of Decorum for the Churches.

1.—We will hold at least four Conference meetings in the year for the transaction of business, also special meetings whenever requisite.

2.—The names of the members shall be called at every regular meeting, and there shall be due notice taken of the absence of those who discover a disposition to absent themselves.

3.—At every Conference, the pastor, in his right of office, shall preside as Moderator, and in case of his absence, the Conference shall appoint a Moderator *pro tem*, who shall open Conference by devotional exercises.

4.—The Clerk shall keep a Church book, in which all the proceedings of the Conference shall be faithfully transcribed, and at every regular meeting the minutes of the preceding meeting shall be read immediately after the names are called.

5.—An invitation will be given to brethren of our faith and order to sit with us in Conference, who shall enjoy all the privileges of the meeting except that of voting.

6.—Every subject for the consideration of the Conference shall be introduced by a motion, which, when seconded, shall be debated and acted upon, unless withdrawn by the mover.

7.—Every speaker shall rise and address the Moderator by the appellation of brother, and shall confine his remarks to the subject under debate and shall not be allowed to speak more than twice on one subject unless by permission of the Church.

8.—No member shall withdraw from the Conference without the permission of the Moderator.

9.—It shall be required that in matters of difference between members, before complaint is made to the Church, the aggrieved party shall have attended to the instructions of the Lord, Matt. 18th chapter, 16th, 17th and 18th verses, and public offences or such as operate against the peace of the Church, shall be the subject of discipline.

10.—All questions submitted to the Conference shall be decided by a majority of votes, except receiving members to fellowship; and any question may be reconsidered upon the motion of any one who may vote in the affirmative.

11.—The Moderator shall propound all questions for vote—shall keep the speakers to the subject under debate—may express his own views, after others are done speaking, and see that these rules are faithfully observed.

12.—These Rules of Decorum may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the whole Church.

Resolved, That this Association recommend the adoption of the foregoing rules to all the Churches that comprise this body.

Order of Business.

- 1.—Reading Church Letters and Enrolling Delegates.
- 2.—Election of Officers.
- 3.—Call for Petitionary Letters.
- 4.—Appointment of Committees.
- 5.—Appointment of Corresponding Delegates.
- 6.—Reports of Standing Committees.
- 7.—Reports of other Committees.
- 8.—Report of Trustees of Ministers' Relief Society.
- 9.—Report of Treasurer.
- 10.—Miscellaneous Business.
- 11.—Incidental and Routine Motions shall be in order
any time.
- 12.—Adjournment.