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FOR NEXT SESSION :

Place of Meeting : Mt. Olive, Wayne County.

Time : Tuesday after 1st Sunday in Oct., 1900.

Introductory Sermon : J. J. Adams.

Missionary Sermon : J. D. Larkins.



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CONSTITUTION.

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 all ordained ministers who are members or pastors of churches of this body, and three delegates from each church, chosen from her membership assembled in conference.

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

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

ART. 6.—It shall be the business of the Moderator to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve order, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on 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 distribute the same as ordered by the Association. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the treasury.

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

ART. 10.—The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches which neglect to observe Gospel order.

ART. 11.—The Association may invite visiting and corresponding brethren to seats, and extend to them the privilege 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.

CHURCH COVENANT.

Having been lead, 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 Spirit, to walk together in Christian love, to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness, and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel through all nations. We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion, to religiously educate our children, to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances, to walk circumspectly in the world, to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all talking, 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 or distress, to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of these 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 principles of God's Word.

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 opened by whomsoever the presiding officer may name.

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

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

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

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

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

8.—No motion shall be withdrawn after discussion.

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

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

11.—No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association without permission of the presiding officer, and no one shall take final leave of absence without 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 vote.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

- 1.—Calling the Roll of Churches and enrolling Delegates.
- 2.—Election of Officers.
- 3.—Calling of Petitionary Letters.
- 4.—Appointment of Committees.
- 5.—Appointment of Corresponding Delegates.
- 6.—Reports of Standing Committees.
- 7.—Reports of other Committees.
- 8.—Report of Treasurer.
- 9.—Miscellaneous Business.
- 10.—Incidental and routine motions shall be in order at any time.
- 11.—Adjournment.

MINUTES.

MOUNT HOLLY, Oct. 3. 1899.

The Eastern Association met in its fifty sixth annual session with the Mt. Holly Baptist Church at 11 a. m., Tuesday, October 3, 1899.

On motion bro. N. B. Cobb preached the Introductory Sermon, in the absence of R. C. Sandlin, the appointee. Text: Romans 6:3, 4.
After the sermon a recess was taken for one hour.

AFTERNOON.

The Moderator called the Association to order at 1:30 p m., and read 19th Psalm. Benj. Ward led in prayer.

On motion of S. M. Carlton, Moderator appointed Committee on Religious Exercises, as follows: Pastor and Deacons of this church, D. H. Murray and Jasper Corbett added.

On motion of W. B. Lamb the following were appointed a Committee on Finance: F. M. Southerland, J. F. Lewis, W. B. Lamb.

Moderator appointed S. G. Hall and J. F. Littleton Reading Clerks.

On motion of J. T. Albritton the Letters to this session were read.

Churches called and Delegates enrolled as follows:

Antioch—
Barlow's Chapel—J. B. Harrell, L. F. Batson.
Bethel—J. E. Smith, Murray Ward.
Beulah—By Letter.
Boykin's Chapel—O. L. Herring.
Berea—T. W. Stallings, H. B. Stallings, D. H. Murray.
Bowden's—By Letter
Bear Marsh—J. T. Albritton, Dr. B. Brown,
Bethlehem—W. C. Keith.
Bear Branch—F. M. Orr.
Burgaw—J. C. Carroll, J. T. Bland, J. D. Hocutt.
Brooklyn—J. J. Payseur, J. H. Hildreth, D. L. Gore.
Clinton—O. P. Meeks, D. M. Peterson.
Concord—D. D. Wells, D. L. Register, J. C. Boone.
Corinth—A. D. Rogers, D. W. Fussell.
Colvin's Creek—By Letter.
Caintuck Chapel—D. J. Corbett, D. S. Ray.
Caswell—A. B. Rooks, Haywood Kelly.
Catherine Lake—John Marshburn.
Castle Haynes—S. Blossom.
Cedar Grove—
Dobson's Chapel—J. M. Dobson, W. B. Hawes.
Ebenezer—By Letter.
Emma's Chapel—F. D. Shaw.
Hallsville—S. S. Boslie.
Haw Bluff—L. C. Boswell.
Island Creek—J. A. Teachey, E. Heldt.
Ivanhoe—C. C. Corbett, C. R. Corbett, J. F. Lewis.
Johnson's—W. H. Middleton, C. C. Everett, Lewis Carlton.

Jacksonville—By Letter.
 Kenansville—J. A. Gavin, J. A. Gavin, Jr.
 Long Creek—A. D. Bordeaux, J. H. Brinson, Geo. A. Herring.
 Lisbon—W. B. Lamb, A. R. Herring, W. S. Johnson.
 Mt. Zion—F. F. Newton.
 Maple Hill—J. R. Marshburn, E. P. Powers, E. N. Rayner.
 Mary's Chapel—F. M. Southerland.
 Masonboro—R. H. Hewlett, J. G. Walton.
 Moore's Creek—W. J. Hollingsworth, J. H. Highsmith D. J. Johnson.
 Mt. Gilead—A. C. Peterson, B. Matthews.
 Mt. Olive—Oliver Summerlin.
 Mt. Holly—W. T. Hodgers, C. Harrell, I. Carroll.
 Magnolia—G. W. Carroll, Ed. Southerland.
 New Hope—C. E. Daniel, W. J. Herring, J. R. Wilson.
 Olive Branch—
 Olivet—S. E. McAlister, E. D. Walker, Henry King.
 Piney Grove—By Letter.
 Poplar Grove—L. D. Rogers.
 Providence—B. P. Bethea.
 Rose Hill—By Letter.
 Riley's Creek—David Barn Hill, W. W. Larkins.
 Sharon—
 Siloam—J. B. Highsmith, Love Jones.
 Shiloh—A. T. Herring, H. A. Bland, C. C. Woodcock.
 Springvale—By Letter.
 Southside—J. F. Littleton, R. B. Moore, W. E. Taylor.
 Salem—Benjamin Ward.
 Teachey's—Jas. D. Teachey, F. Savage, John Savage.
 Warsaw—S. M. Carlton, S. A. Strickland, H. G. Owen.
 Well's Chapel—L. R. Highsmith, W. J. Rooks, R. L. Pigford.
 Wilmington—S. G. Hall, B. F. Keith, J. R. Marshall.
 Willard—W. F. Bowen, B. F. Johnson, E. T. English.

Committee on Religious Exercises report preaching at the stand at 2 p. m., by J. J. Payseur. Prayer service Wednesday morning, 9:30, by J. D. Larkins.

On motion the Treasurer was ordered to pay the money sent with Letter from Bowden's equally to State, Home, and Foreign Missions.

On motion of S. M. Carlton the Letters from Clinton, New Hope, Mt. Olive, and Salem were laid on the table.

On motion of L. R. Highsmith, that part of the Shiloh Letter referring to Ivanhoe was laid on the table.

Moderator announced that it was in order for the election of officers for the ensuing year. Whereupon by motion of J. T. Albritton, S. G. Hall cast the ballot of the Association for J. L. Stewart, Moderator; A. R. Herring, Clerk; Isaiah Carroll, Treasurer.

The following visiting brethren were recognized and welcomed to seats in the body: J. C. Caddell representing Riblical Recorder, E. J. Edwards representing N. C. Baptist, J. D. Newton from Liberty Association, C. S. Blackwell, J. J. Adams, and J. J. Payseur, who are now members of this Association.

The following Committees, appointed by the Moderator were announced:

State Missions—J. B. Harrell, C. C. Corbett, F. M. Orr.
 Home Missions—J. W. Nobles, J. D. Hocutt, R. C. Lewis.

Foreign Missions—N. B. Cobb, A. B. Rooks, B. Matthews.
 Orphanage—J. D. Larkins, D. L. Gore, W. B. Hawes.
 Ministerial Education—C. S. Blackwell, C. E. Daniel, L. D. Rogers.
 Ministerial Relief—J. H. Hildreth, E. Heldt, S. M. Carlton.
 Periodicals—J. T. Albritton, J. J. Adams, J. T. Bland.
 Sunday Schools—N. A. Shelly, Benj. Ward, Maury Ward.

On motion of J. T. Bland the Letter from Shiloh was taken from the table and referred to a Committee appointed by Moderator, consisting of C. S. Blackwell, J. T. Albritton, N. B. Cobb.

On motion J. T. Bland was added to the Committee.

On motion of J. T. Bland the Moderator appointed as Corresponding Delegates any member of this Association who may visit any of the Associations to whom we usually send delegates.

The Association adjourned after prayer by M. C. Walton.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Wednesday, Oct. 4, 1899.

Religious exercises were conducted by J. D. Larkins, after which the Moderator called the Association to order.

Roll of delegates called Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Jno. E. White Corresponding Secretary, A. Johnson of the Orphanage and Charity and Children, were welcomed by Moderator.

Special order.—Reports of Executive Committee together with State Missions and Jacksonville church debt.

Reports not being ready, the Treasurer submitted his report, which was referred to an Auditing Committee composed of C. E. Daniel, J. R. Marshall, W. J. Hollingsworth.

Report on State Missions was then submitted and read by J. B. Harrell:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

We as Baptists of North Carolina have continual cause to thank God for the success that attends the work of State Missions within our bounds. Our motto has ever been and ever shall be "North Carolina for Jesus Christ." To this end our faithful laborers have toiled in the past, are toiling now, and shall continue to toil, until this grand ideal is reached. Our faithful heralds have gone to every county and almost every home in our beloved State, and as a result our most aggressive churches have sprung up, and many of the most faithful servants of the Lord who are preaching the Gospel, not only in North Carolina but in other portions of our country as well as in foreign lands, have been the outcome of this work. Our Board of Missions has in the field this year 100 regular missionaries, one general missionary for the west, one district missionary, and a Sunday School missionary for the whole State. In addition to these we have 120 of our best pastors as members of the Volunteer Mission Corps reinforcing the regular workers on the destitute fields. We are occupying 358 destitute stations in 69 different counties.

Your Committee would call especial attention to the fact; that since our last session God has flung open a gate of great opportunity in western North Carolina. The Western North Carolina Convention dissolved and 10 counties were added to our field of work; this enlargement of our territory, brought about by God's providence, has made necessary an increase of \$5,000 in Boards of Appropriation. In order that we may do our share in meeting the demands of this enlarged work, we recommend

that each church should increase its pledges for State Missions 33 1/3 per cent.

At the request of the Executive Committee of the Association we report that in our own bounds the Board has made appropriations as follows: To Joseph Aden and N. A. Shelly, \$200; B. Ward, \$50; J. H. Hildreth, \$75; F. H. Farrington, \$250; making a total amount of \$575. These appropriations were made on the recommendation of the Executive Committee. The earnest attention of the Association is called to the fact that by oversight or neglect no pledges were taken at our last session for Associational Missions; consequently our churches, with few exceptions, have taken collections to help the Board meet its obligations to missionaries in our own bounds; and we have received more than twice as much for our missionaries as we have raised for State Missions. Such a state of affairs ought not to be, and this Association should at once take pledges for Associational Missions.

J. B. HARRELL,
C. C. CORBETT,
F. M. ORR.

Pending its adoption the congregation sang "Jesus lover of my soul." At close of song Jno. E. White addressed the Association: after which a cash collection for State Missions was taken, amounting to \$16.70.

On motion of J. H. Hildreth pledges were taken for State Missions as will appear in Table.

No written report of Executive Committee or Committee on Jacksonville church debt was submitted, but J. H. Hildreth, Benj. Ward, and N. A. Shelly spoke of their work and its needs.

At this juncture an effort was made to raise funds to pay balance due on Jacksonville church debt. D. L. Gore proposed that he would pay 25 per cent of the debt if the State Board would pay \$100 and the Association would pay the balance. Jno. E. White assumed the payment of \$100 on the part of the Board; \$17.60 in cash received by individual subscriptions. Roll of churches then called and pledges taken which secured the payment of the balance of the debt in thirty days.

On motion it was ordered that the settlement of this debt be turned over to D. L. Gore, and that all money raised for the payment of the same be paid in to him and that he apply the same to the settlement of said debt and report at our next session.

The report was then adopted.

The report on Orphanage was submitted and read by J. D. Larkins:

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

The Baptist Orphanage has just closed a successful year, although it has had a cause to be gloomy and almost despair, for, this year God has taken to his eternal reward one of the greatest, if not the greatest, friend the orphans have ever had. J. H. Mills will ever live in the memory of those who are homeless, yea, every one who knew him, and he was known where he was never seen. We wish to begin a new building. "Mills Memorial Machine Shop," let every Baptist in North Carolina rally to its erection. 175 orphans are provided for, and 300 more homeless and helpless are knocking at the door. Can't we provide for them? A new nursery nearly completed at a cost of \$2200. Orphanage property valued at \$25,000. Out of debt; do not owe a cent. All of the officers and teachers in full sympathy with their work, and the treatment of the children excellent. Charity and Children a circulation of 6,000, therefore destined

to be a great source of revenue. May God bless us and increase our zeal till all of those who are homeless shall find homes.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. LARKINS,
D. L. GORE,
W. B. HAWS,
Committee.

On motion of J. D. Larkins this report was made special order, the first business after dinner.

Announcement by C. S. Blackwell that the Representatives of the Woman's Missionary Societies will meet at 2 p. m., at the stand.

Committee on Investigation reported as follows:

REPORT.

After carefully investigating all the facts relating to the grievances expressed in Letter from Shiloh church against Ivanhoe church, your Committee are unanimously of the opinion that this Association, to whom an adjustment of the difficulties between these churches has been referred, recommend, 1st. That Ivanhoe church rescind its action in receiving the 49 brethren from Shiloh church who united with them without Letters. 2d. That Shiloh church rescind its action in regard to all the brethren and sisters who endorsed a paper setting forth certain grievances and signed "Brethren and Sisters of Shiloh church," and restore such of them as have been excluded to church fellowship, with the understanding that they be granted Letters of Dismission to unite with other Baptist churches if they so desire.

C. S. BLACKWELL,
J. T. ALBRITTON,
N. B. COBB,
Committee.

The report as read was adopted after which a prayer of thanks was offered by C. S. Blackwell.

The Association then adjourned for one hour. Benediction by O. P. Meeks.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association reassembled at 1:30 p. m.

On motion the preaching of Missionary Sermon was made special order to follow Report on Orphanage.

Special order, Report on Orphanage was taken up and spoken to by A. Johnson.

Final leave of absence granted the delegates from Masonboro and Hallsville.

On motion a cash collection was taken for the Orphanage, amounting to \$9.59. The report was then adopted.

The delegates from Poplar Grove, Castle Haynes, also D. L. Gore were granted final leave of absence.

Then the Association suspended for the preaching of the Missionary Sermon.

Scripture used, Isaiah 38:17, Rom. 1:3, and latter part of Rom. 8.

After sermon business was resumed. D. W. Fussell excused.

Report on Periodicals submitted and read by J. T. Albritton.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your Committee deplore the fact that so many brethren fail to patronize our periodicals. No Baptist can become a well developed Chris-

tian character, and no organization can become an active, co operative Baptist church that ignores our denominational literature. The individual or church thus deprived of the means of information and development will be marred by dwarfishness or disfigurement, or both, and as unsightly as a body covered with wens and carbuncles. We appeal to our pastors to urge their brethren to seek wider information about, and deeper interest in the co-operative work of the denomination by means of the Biblical Recorder, price \$1.50 per year; North Carolina Baptist, \$1.00; Charity and Children, \$1.00; Foreign Mission Journal, 25 cents; Our Home Field, 10 cents; and the Sunday School Literature of the Southern Baptist Convention. See to it that above periodicals are taken by the membership of their churches.

Respectfully,

COMMITTEE.

J. C. Caddell and J. D. Newton spoke to the report, After which the report was adopted,

On motion J. T. Albritton the Committee on Requests was appointed by the Moderator, consisting of O. P. Meeks, Oliver Summerlin, L. R. Highsmith.

By N. B. Cobb, a motion that Moderator appoint one member on each of the several Committees who shall be Chairman of his respective Committee, who shall prepare a report to the next session of the Association for his Committee. Adopted.

The Moderator appointed the following;

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES.

State Missions—N. B. Cobb.
Home Missions—C. S. Blackwell.
Foreign Missions—J. W. Nobles.
Orphanage—J. D. Larkins.
Ministerial Education—O. P. Meeks.
Ministerial Relief—C. E. Daniel.
Periodicals—J. T. Albritton.
Sunday Schools—S. M. Carlton.

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

We the Committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's Report have examined the same and found it correct.

Isaiah Carroll in account with Eastern Association for 1898:

To amount received of Finance Committee for	
Foreign Missions	\$ 77.72
Gospel Missions	6.00
Home Missions	55.65
State Missions	61.90
Associational Missions	186.74
Minister's Relief	30.90
Orphanage	61.01
Minute Fund	36.89
Ministerial Education	41.67
Jacksonville Church	10.72
Cash collection for Orphanage	13.66
Received of W. H. Middleton, ex-Treasurer	90
Church at Antioch, Association Funds	2.25
J. R. Marshburn, for Jacksonville Church	1.00
Miss Ethel Herring, for Ministerial Education	50

Clerk Association, for Jacksonville Church	2.25
Mt. Olive Church	6.75
B. S. Peterson	5.00
Church at Bear Branch	1.00
Church at Hallsville	1.50
C. E. Daniel	2.50
Jacksonville Church, for State Missions	1.00

607.51

Disbursed as follows:

By order of the Association to		
Jno. E. White, for State Missions	\$ 61.90	
Home Missions	55.65	
Foreign Missions	77.72	
Ministerial Education	41.67	
Minister's Relief Fund	30.90	
A. Johnson, for Orphanage	74.67	
W. L. Bilbro, Associational Missions	186.74	
Jacksonville Church Debt	11.72	
A. R. Herring, Minute Fund	36.89	
Gospel Mission	6.00	
Thomas J. Jarmon, on note	15.00	
Treasurer B. S. C. for State Missions	1.00	
Ministerial Ed'n	50	
Postage	26	
		\$600.72
Balance in Treasury		6.79

The report was adopted.

Final leave of absence given delegates from Bear Branch

On motion of S. G. Hall it was ordered that the Treasurer be paid \$5.00 out of the funds in the hands of Finance Committee not appropriated.

On motion of J. J. Adams it was ordered that the balance of the money in the hands of Finance Committee be divided equally between State, Home, and Foreign Missions.

Committee on Devotional Exercises report prayer service to-morrow morning at 9:30 by J. W. Noble. Preaching at the stand at 11 o'clock by J. D. Larkins.

Report on Sunday Schools was read by Renj. Ward.

The Association then adjourned with benediction by J. J. Adams.

THIRD DAY—THURSDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Religious exercises by J. W. Nobles. At 10 a. m. the Moderator called the Association to order. Roll of delegates called. The proceedings of yesterday read and corrected, then approved.

On motion of J. H. Hildreth, Moderator appointed a Committee to nominate an Executive Committse. Committee—J. H. Hildreth, W. B. Hawes, Jno. A. Gavin.

On motion a Committee was appointed to nominate delegates to the State Convention and Southern Baptist Convention. Committee—Jno. T. Albritton, S. M. Carlton.

On motion Moderator appointed a Committee on Stated Sermons, as follows: D. M. Peterson, W. H. Middleton, L. R. Highsmith.

The report on Sunday Schools was then spoken to by O. P. Meeks, J. J. Adams, and J. H. Hildreth.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Believing that the Sunday or Bible School stands next to the Church as a factor in shaping the moral, social, and religious destiny, we, your Committee, earnestly recommend that the churches and pastors of this Association keep zealous watch over their respective Sunday Schools, and not only report most intelligent and pure members as Superintendents and teachers.

Respectfully submitted,

N. A. SHELLY,
BENJ. WARD,
MAURY WARD.

The report was adopted.

Report on Foreign Missions was submitted and read by N. B. Cobb:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Paul writing from Corinth "to all that in Rome called saints," said: "I am debtor both to the Greek and to the barbarians, both to the wise and to the unwise, so as much as in me is I am ready to preach the Gospel to you that are at Rome also."—Rom. 1:14. He did not mean that because these parties had bestowed upon him favors, or were his personal friends or connected by earthly kinship, that he owed them the gospel, but he meant plainly, that a man who had received the gospel himself was placed under obligation to deliver that Gospel to every human being upon the whole earth, whom he could reach in his life time. It was a legacy left him by the Saviour to be distributed among all nations—to be carried to every creature. And Paul's debt to the world could not be fully discharged so long as a single individual remained within his reach who had not heard of the Gospel of Christ. As was Paul's indebtedness to the lost world, so is ours; for this obligation rests upon every individual who has received the gift of eternal life. What are we doing to discharge our debt? The 1658 white churches in North Carolina containing 165,754 professing Christians gave last year but \$8,092.91 to the Foreign Mission Board to send the Gospel to the millions of China, of Africa, of Japan, of Brazil, and of Mexico, who have it not.

Some individual churches have made contributions to support individual missionaries through what is known as "The Gospel Mission Plan," amounting to ; but what are these amounts when compared with the vast destitution in pagan and in papal lands.

North Carolina Baptists are now represented in China by the following ordained missionaries and their wives, and by the daughter of Bro. G. W. Green.

Under the Board: R. T. Bryan, E. F. Tatum, Shanghai, China; G. W. Green, Canton, China; T. C. Britton, W. E. Crocker, Soochow, China.

Under Gospel Mission: David Wells Herring, Chinkiang, China; J. P. Bostic, Shanghai, China; T. L. Blalock, F. M. Royal, T. J. Hudson, Chinkiang, China.

We have given liberally in men and women. Let us give as liberally of the means wherewith God has blessed us

N. B. COBB,
B. MATTHEW,
Committee.

Report on Woman's Work read by J. J. Adams and ordered to be printed together with Report on Foreign Missions.

REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF MISSIONS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

To the Eastern Association:

It is with great pleasure that the Central Committee reports to your Association another prosperous year in its mission work. While we regret to say there are yet many churches in which there are no Woman's Missionary Societies. The number of these organizations is constantly increasing and testimony to their helpfulness comes from every section of our State. The aim of these Societies is not only regular contributions to Home, State, and Foreign Missions; but also the study of the Scriptures, united prayer and mission study. It is with deep thankfulness, therefore, that we can truly say we believe the Societies are not only growing in gifts, but growing in the grace of God, and in knowledge of His Word.

In the year 1897-98 96 new societies were organized, and \$6,893 were reported. December, 1898, closed the 13th report of the Central Committee. This Committee was appointed by the State Board of Missions in 1896, and from a beginning of 14 societies has risen to 350. In the 13 years work \$44,664 has been reported. We ask again as last year for the continued assistance of the ministers, believing that an active Woman's Missionary Society will be found to be a blessing to every branch of church work.

Respectfully submitted,

FANNIE E. S. HECK,
President Woman's Central Committee.
MISS JULIA M. JONES,
Vice President for the Eastern Association.

In 1897-98 only 11 societies reported to the State Central Committee from the 60 churches of this Association the following amounts to Home, State, and Foreign Missions:

Mt. Olive	12.04
Magnolia	2.50
Warsaw	33.35
Bear Marsh	3.81
Clinton	15.20
Sunbeams—Clinton	1.05
Sunbeams—Kenansville	20.00
Wilmington	109.92
Corinth	19.30
Sunbeams—Mt. Olive	4.67
Southside—Wilmington	4.23
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	226.07

The reports were spoken to by N. B. Cobb and then adopted.

The Committee to nominate an Executive Committee reported recommending: S. M. Carlton, W. H. Murray, D. L. Gore, J. W. Nobles, and E. Middleton. Report was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE DELEGATES TO THE BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION AND S. B. CONVENTION.

To Baptist State Convention.—C. S. Blackwell, J. J. Adams, J. B. Harrell.

To Southern Baptist Convention,—J. J. Paysuer.

Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATED SERMONS.

Introductory Sermon.—J. J. Adams.
 Missionary Sermon.—J. D. Larkins.

Report on Ministerial Relief submitted and read by J. H. Hildreth, as follows:

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

All vocations and professions in life do at some time find their value in dollars and cents save preaching the gospel. Therefore, we your committee believe it to be not only a duty but also a privilege to see after and support aged ministers and their faithful companions of our denomination, and as they have worn their lives away ministering to us in spiritual things, feel it to be our duty to care for them in their old age. We also request and urge upon the pastors of this Association to faithfully explain this worthy object to their churches, and take up at least one collection a year for this worthy object.

Faithfully,

J. H. HILDRETH,
 E. HELDT,
 S. M. CARLTON,
 Committee.

Report was spoken to by J. H. Hildreth and adopted.

Report on Home Missions submitted and read by J. W. Nobles:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

This department of our work has for its territory Tennessee, Texas, Florida, Louisiana, Cuba, Indian Territory, Oklahoma, and all the States making up the Southern Baptist Convention. This work is very important. Foreign population is coming in from various parts of the world. We ought to give them the gospel as they come to us. To fully supply the destitution in North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Maryland, Missouri, and Texas alone it would require more than 1,000 missionaries and about \$480,000 to support them, besides what their fields of labor would furnish, and about as much for building churches, annually, for the next 10 years. If we include the remaining States of the Southern Baptist Convention, it would require about 2,000 missionaries and about \$500,000, annually, to supply our own destitute territory. Cuba came into our hands in the war with Spain, and ought to be nearer our hearts than ever before. We ought to gain and take that country for Christ. Last year this Association gave for Home Missions \$134,50. This year it gave about \$122,67. Shall this Association with its 6,333 members let these conditions remain unchanged? Dear brethren let's fall in line, unite our efforts, double our gifts to this work, and give the gospel to our brethren.

J. W. NOBLES,
 J. D. HOCUT,
 Committee.

O. P. Meeks spoke to the report.

On motion of O. P. Meeks Roll of Churches was then called, and pledges taken for Home and Foreign Missions, Ministerial Education, Minister's Relief and Orphanage, which will appear in table; after which the report was adopted.

The Committee on Requests submitted its report by O. P. Meeks recommending Clinton as the place of meeting of this Association in 1900.

An amendment by C. E. Daniel to strike out Clinton and insert New Hope. The amendment prevailed by a vote of 32 to 13. By J. H. Hil-

dreth, a motion to amend by striking out New Hope and inserting Salem which was carried by a vote of 29 to 27. An amendment was then offered by J. T. Albritton to strike out Salem and insert Mt. Olive. Amendment in favor of Mt. Olive by a vote of 32 to 29 prevailed.

On motion the vote was made unanimous for Mt. Olive.

Finance Committee submitted its report, as follows:

Foreign Missions	\$ 69.54
Gospel Missions	8.00
Home Missions	73.56
State Missions	152.09
Minister's Relief	52.63
Orphanage	65.61
Ministerial Education	46.47
Minute Fund	42.52
Jacksonville Church	9.50
Poor	1.12
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	521.04

From Mt. Olive not designated 19.60

Not designated from other churches . . . 17.56

37.16

The Finance Committee finds and reports the above amounts for the various objects sent up with the Letters.

F. M. SOUTHERLAND,
 W. B. LAMB,
 J. F. LEWIS, Committee.

Report as submitted was adopted.

Report on Ministerial Education was submitted and read by C. E. Daniel:

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

We congratulate the Baptists of North Carolina on being the leaders in the great educational movement now sweeping the State from mountain to sea. The educational enthusiasm now prevailing in the State is evidenced in the unprecedented number of students now in Wake Forest and in the Baptist Female University—250 and 184 respectively. The opening of the Baptist Female University with 142 boarders and 42 day pupils is phenomenal in higher female education. No school of equal grade ever opened with such signal tokens of public favor. It is a work that began in faith and God has not failed to honor his faithful servants.

WAKE FOREST.

Has moved on and up on all lines. The 250 students now within her walls testify how close she is to every Baptist heart. The ministerial students now number 30, and the Board appropriates \$9.00 per month to each, with the agreement that each beneficiary give his note for same and to refund with interest. We believe this arrangement is wise and calculated to inculcate a higher selfrespect in each beneficiary and at the same time increase the usefulness of the Board in future years. We heartily commend this interest to every church, and urge a collection for Ministerial Education. We commend our many preparatory schools scattered over our State, and especially such as are within the bounds of our own Association. Baptists should patronize Baptist schools, other things being equal—and things are more than equal in favor of our Baptist schools.

C. S. BLACKWELL,
 C. E. DANIEL.

The report was adopted.

On motion the Treasurer was instructed to pay over the funds in his hands to the several objects as indicated by the Finance Committee.

On motion of J. J. Adams it was ordered that the Clerk be allowed \$20.00 for his services and the distribution of the Minutes; and that he have as many copies of the Minutes published as he can have printed for the balance of Minute Fund.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

I appeal to the pastors and delegates to request their Woman's Missionary Societies to send quarterly reports to Mrs. J. A. Briggs, Raleigh, N. C., and to Miss Julia M. Jones, Warsaw, N. C. If you have no society please organize one.

By J. T. Albritton, Resolution of Thanks—

Resolved, That we hereby tender our heartfelt thanks for the bountiful hospitality so generously given by the Mt Holly Church and by the Christian people generally; also to the friends who helped us to and from the railroad. Adopted by a rising vote.

The work of the Association having been finished the Moderator asked J. T. Albritton to take charge of the closing exercises. The congregation united in singing "Blest be the tie that binds." Rev. J. T. Albritton led in prayer. After which the Association adjourned to meet again with the Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Mt. Olive, Wayne County, on Tuesday after the first Lord's day in October, 1900.

J. L. STEWART,
Moderator.

A. R. HERRING,
Clerk.

PLEDGES.

CHURCHES.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Orphan's.	Minister's Education	Minister's Relief.	Jacksonville Debt	TOTAL
Barlow's Chapel.....	10.00	5.00	20.00	5.00	3.00	3.00	*2.00	46.00
Bethel.....	15.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	3.00	3.00	*2.50	58.50
Beulah.....	5.00	1.00	1.00	.....	1.00	1.00	1.00	10.00
Boykin's Chapel.....	3.00	1.00	1.00	2.00	.....	1.00	.....	8.00
Berea.....	2.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	.....	1.00	.....	6.00
Bowden's.....	2.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.00
Bear Marsh.....	4.00	2.00	3.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	2.00	15.00
Bethlehem.....	8.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.00	10.00
Bear Branch.....	3.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.00
Burgaw.....	.....	5.00	.....	5.00	2.00	2.00	.....	14.00
Brooklyn.....	75.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	105.00
Clinton.....	17.00	5.00	5.00	5.09	5.00	2.00	*.50	39.50
Concord.....	3.00	2.00	.....	2.00	1.00	2.00	1.00	11.00
Corinth.....	10.00	8.00	8.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	.....	35.00
Cintuck Chapel.....	5.00	3.00	20.00	5.00	3.00	3.00	.....	39.00
Caswel.....	7.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7.00
Catherine Lake.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.00	6.00
Castle Haynes.....	1.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.00
Dobson's Chapel.....	15.00	6.00	6.00	2.50	2.50	2.50	1.00	35.50
Emma's Chapel.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.00	1.00
Hallsville.....	2.50	2.00	2.00	2.00	.....	1.00	*.25	9.75
Haw Bluff.....	5.00	1.00	2.50	2.00	.....	1.00	*.50	12.00
Island Creek.....	15.00	10.00	8.00	5.00	3.00	5.00	1.00	47.00
Ivanhoe.....	.....	5.00	5.00	5.00	1.00	1.00	.....	17.00
Johnson's, Jacksonville.....	15.00	5.00	10.00	3.00	1.00	1.00	*2.00	37.00
Kenansville.....	10.00	3.00	8.00	1.00	2.00	1.00	.....	25.00
Kerr's (Mt. Zion).....	3.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.00
Long Creek.....	2.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.00
Lisbon.....	20.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	2.00	2.00	.....	39.00
Maple Hill.....	3.50	1.00	4.00	3.00	2.50	1.00	.....	15.00
Mary's Chapel.....	3.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	.....	8.00
Masonboro.....	7.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.00	8.00
Moore's Creek.....	4.00	1.00	1.00	2.00	.....	1.00	1.00	10.00
Mt. Gilead.....	4.00	2.00	.....	2.00	2.00	2.00	*.50	12.50
Mt. Olive.....	10.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	2.50	2.50	.....	30.00
Mt. Holly.....	5.00	2.00	3.00	2.00	.....	1.00	1.00	14.00
Magnolia.....	15.00	2.00	5.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	27.00
New Hope.....	15.00	3.00	.....	10.00	3.00	3.00	2.00	36.00
Olivet.....	5.00	5.00	.....	1.00	5.00	5.00	.....	7.50
Poplar Grove.....	4.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4.00
Providence.....	2.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	8.00
Riley's Creek.....	4.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	2.00	14.00
Siloam.....	5.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	.....	13.00
Shiloh.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.00
Southside.....	40.00	8.00	5.00	12.00	.....	5.00	5.00	75.00
Salem.....	12.00	2.50	2.50	3.00	.....	2.00	1.00	22.00
Teachey's.....	2.50	2.00	.....	3.50	2.00	2.00	1.00	13.00
Warsaw.....	20.00	5.00	10.00	8.00	5.00	2.00	2.50	52.50
Well's Chapel.....	5.00	2.00	.....	5.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	18.00
Wilmington.....	100.00	37.50	37.50	50.00	20.00	5.00	5.00	255.00
Willard.....	2.00	2.00	1.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	10.00
	534.50	161.50	195.50	182.00	83.00	76.50	52.75	1285.75

Amounts marked thus * paid. Churches making no pledges omitted.

FINANCIAL.

CHURCHES.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Gospel Missions.	Orphanage.	Ministerial Education.	Ministerial Relief.	Jackson's Debt.	Poor.	Other Objects.	Minute Fund.	Pastor's Salary.	Improvements.	Other Church Expenses.	Total.	Present Indebtedness.	Value Church Property.
Antioch.....																	
Barlow Chapel..	5.00	5.00	22.35		6.31	3.00	3.00			4.44	1.00	125.00		30.00	205.10		1,000
Bethel.....	7.00	2.00	4.78	10.10	6.00	3.00	3.25				75	75.00			111.88		
Beulah.....	2.50	1.00	8.34		11.81	2.00	1.00			2.00	45	75.00			104.10		
Boykins Chapel.	3.00				1.00	1.00					50	65.00			70.50		300
Berea.....					1.00						50				1.50		300
Bowden's.....	3.50	1.00	1.00									35.00			40.50		
Bear Marsh.....	3.00	2.00	3.00		2.80	14.00	1.00				1.00				26.80		350
Bethlehem.....	7.00	3.00	4.15	13.25	2.98	2.15	2.27				1.25	100.00		135.00	271.05		600
Bear Branch....	1.76	1.35		90	35						35				4.71		125
Burgaw.....	4.09		28.15	4.34							1.05	100.00	527.92	5.00	670.55	100.00	1,400
Brooklyn.....	120.00	35.00	15.00		35.00	5.00	35.00		5.00		1.00	750.00		52.00	1053.00		2,500
Clinton.....	15.00	5.00	5.00		5.00	5.00	2.50	5.80			1.00	275.00			318.80		1,500
Concord.....	3.75	2.00	10	8.25	2.88	1.00	2.00				75	70.00			90.73		500
Corinth.....	6.00	10.00	10.00		3.13	3.00	3.00				75	125.00			160.88		750
Colvin's Creek..	2.05		6.40		1.19				9.52		50	45.50	10.00		75.19	13.00	200
Caintuck Chapel	5.00	3.00	19.40	3.10	5.00	3.00	3.00				1.00	125.00			167.50		300
Caswell.....	1.00		1.00	1.50	5.03		1.00		2.70		50	75.00		16.13	103.86	17.40	1,000
Catherine Lake.	1.00		75		50						25	25.00			27.50		700
Castle Haynes..	1.00				50						25	50.00			51.75	50.00	1,000
Cedar Grove....																	
Dobson's Chapel	13.50	6.00	15.00		2.50	2.50	2.50				50	100.00			142.50		400
Ebenezer.....	2.00	1.00	1.00		1.00		80				30	48.00			54.10		200
Emma's Chapel..	3.00		1.00		2.60		50				1.00	50.00			57.50		600
Hallsville.....	1.00	1.00	1.00		1.00		1.00		1.12		1.00				7.12		400
Haw Bluff.....	2.07	1.00	6.00		1.59						50	60.00			71.16	25.00	400
Island Creek...	15.00	10.00	10.00		5.00	5.00	5.00			14.00	1.50	100.00			165.50		600

Ivanhoe.....	5.89	3.82	6.99		6.70	4.50	2.30				1.30	60.00	55.00		146.50		500
Johnson's.....	13.78	4.91	24.10	10.00	11.52	2.00	3.00		25.00	1.00	1.70	125.00			222.01		1,000
Jacksonville...	1.67	1.67	1.75		1.66	1.9	1.66					100.00		99.14	209.14	242.00	1,500
Kenansville...	15.51	4.00	10.00		16.50	2.00	1.00				1.00	125.00	138.00	12.00	325.01		1,000
Long Creek.....		1.00		10.00	1.75		1.00				20	75.00		30.00	118.95		300
Lisbon.....	18.10	5.00	6.28	10.33	5.10	4.00	2.17			18.00	1.20	125.00	1.00		196.18		800
Mt. Zion.....	3.19	1.52	1.00		1.42	63				2.98	20	50.00			60.94		
Maple Hill.....	3.00		2.00			2.00					25	30.00		7.00	44.25		
Mary's Chapel..	1.75	1.00	1.00		1.33	1.00	1.00	1.00			45	36.00			44.53		
Masonboro.....	5.00			15.00	5.00		1.85				1.00	100.00		30.00	157.85		500
Moore's Creek..	2.67		2.57	1.50	4.04		1.40	1.00			1.00	100.00	60.00		174.18		500
Mt. Gilead.....	2.50	2.00		32.00	2.00	2.05	2.00					125.00		5.50	175.05		860
Mt. Olive.....															24.35		
Mt. Holly.....	2.50	1.25	3.40		3.00		1.00				1.00	50.00	125.00		187.15	50.00	800
Magnolia.....		1.33	5.00			1.03					1.00	100.00			108.36		
New Hope.....	6.25	2.54		45.00	10.68	2.79	2.97		11.55	10.00	1.00	100.00			192.78		500
Olive Branch...																	
Olivet.....	3.81				2.14						94	40.00	100.00	72	147.61		400
Piney Grove...	4.00	1.00	1.00		3.00				5.50		50	75.00			90.00		350
Poplar Grove..	3.00	1.19	2.41		3.10	1.30	93				58	50.00			62.51		350
Providence.....	2.00	1.00	1.00		4.00	50	3.00				50	83.11		10.75	105.86		300
Rose Hill.....			45									25.00			25.45		
Riley's Creek..	3.00	2.00	2.00		1.00	1.00	2.00		1.50		75	100.00		8.00	121.25		
Sharon.....																	
Siloam.....	4.00	2.00	2.00		4.50	1.00	1.00				1.00	100.00			115.50		1,000
Shiloh.....	2.30	1.01	3.10	24.00	3.75	1.38	2.58				1.00	100.00			139.12		100
Springvale....	2.00	88	2.00		26.12	1.00	1.00				65	60.00			93.65		700
Southside.....	30.00	5.00	5.00		15.00				5.45	10.00	1.75	350.88	464.92	91.20	979.20	948.87	1,800
Salem.....	10.00	2.65	5.00		1.20				5.65	10.62		80.98			116.10		250
Teacheys.....	3.00	1.00		4.47	3.21		2.00				1.50	100.00		10.00	125.18		1,000
Warsaw.....	15.00	25.04	24.15		5.00	5.00	1.00				1.50	125.00		25.00	296.69		1,500
Wells Chapel...	3.62	3.70	2.00	376.13	9.70		3.12	2.25			1.50				402.02		
Wilmington....	167.50	18.40	33.09	17.25	15.00				229.90	29.00	3.30	1500.00	140.96	1282.00	3,436.40		40,000
Willard.....	2.00	1.00	1.00		2.00	50	1.00				60	75.00			73.10		800
Total	604.29	185.26	283.56	610.93	277.33	81.92	105.30	10.05	302.89	102.04	45.82	6639.47	1622.80	1849.44	12,747.65		

PASTORS AND CLERKS.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS AND POST OFFICES.	CLERKS AND POST OFFICES.	TIME OF MEETING.
Antioch			
Barlow's Chapel. ✓	J. B. Harrell, Magnolia	R. S. Atkinson, Sloop Point	4th Sunday and Saturday before.
Bethel. ✓	J. W. Nobles, Harrell's Store ..	Maury Ward, Joford	4th Sunday and Saturday before.
Beulah	J. D. Larkin's, Warsaw	C. J. Thomson, Turkey	3d Sunday.
Boykin's Chapel. ✓	N. B. Cobb, Harrell's Store	L. M. Boykin, Clinton	3d Sunday and Saturday before.
Berea	J. L. Stewart, Clinton	Joseph Brooks, Wallace	3d Sunday and Saturday before.
Bowden's	J. D. Larkins, Warsaw	W. S. Lofton, Bowdens	
Bear Branch. ✓	J. H. Dobson, Atkinson	W. R. Brinson, Montague	3d Sunday and Saturday before.
Bear Marsh		J. E. Swinson, Mt. Olive	3d Sunday and Saturday before.
Bethlehem	J. W. Nobles, Harrell's Store ..	W. C. Keith, Keith	3d Sunday and Saturday before.
Burgaw	M. C. Walton, Burgaw	J. D. Hocut, Ashton	3d Sunday and Saturday before.
Brooklyn	J. J. Payseur, Wilmington	W. G. T. Keen, Wilmington	Twice each Sunday.
Clinton	J. J. Douglass, Clinton	J. A. Sykes, Clinton	1st and 3d Sunday.
Concord	N. B. Cobb, Harrell's Store	W. D. Wilkins, atural Wells ..	1st Sunday and Saturday before.
Corinth	J. B. Harrell Magnolia	I. J. Johnson, Rose Hill	3d Sunday and Saturday before.
Colvin's Creek. ✓	J. H. Dobson, Atkinson	W. G. Horrell, Atkinson	1st Sunday and Saturday before.
Caintuck Chapel. ✓		D. J. Corbett, Sr., Nat Moore ..	
Caswell	R. H. Hewlett, Wilmington	J. L. Watson, Pt. Caswell	4th Sunday.
Catherine Lake. ✓	N. A. Shelly, Catherine Lake	W. M. Bishop, Catherine Lake ..	Twice 4th Sunday.
Castle Haynes ..	Benj. Ward, Sneed's Ferry	Mrs. Cora Fonville, Castle Haynes	4th Sunday.
Cedar Grove			
Dobson's Chapel. ✓	J. B. Harrell, Magnolia	J. M. Dobson, Keenansville	2d Sunday and Saturday before.
Ebenezer	N. B. Cobb, Harrell's Store	R. Highsmith, Parkersburg	2d Sunday.
Emma's Chapel. ✓	N. A. Shelly, Catherine Lake	A. H. Hoffman, Richlands	1st Sunday.
Hallsville	N. A. Shelly, Richlands	J. D. Brown, Cavanaugh	2d Sunday and Saturday before.
Haw Bluff. ✓	J. H. Dobson, Atkinson	L. C. Boswell, Colly	2d Sunday.
Island Creek ..	J. L. Stewart, Clinton	E. M. Teachey, Rose Hill	1st Sunday and Saturday before.
Ivanhoe	F. T. Wooten, Salemburg	C. R. Corbett, Ivanhoe	4th Sunday and Saturday before.
Johnson's	J. D. Larkins, Warsaw	L. Middleton, Warsaw	1st Sunday and Saturday before.
Jacksonville. ✓	N. A. Shelly, Catherine Lake	R. P. Hinton, Jacksonville	3d Sunday.
Kenansville	J. D. Larkins, Warsaw	Jno. A. Gavin, Keenansville	4th Sunday and Saturday before.
Long Creek	J. W. Nobles, Harrell's Store	J. S. Devane, Daughton	1st Sunday and Saturday before.
Lisbon	J. J. Adams, Clinton	W. B. Lamb, Ingold	1st Sunday and Saturday before.
Mt. Zion	J. H. Dobson, Atkinson	H. Devane, Kerr	2d Sunday.
Maple Hill	Benj. Ward, Marines	J. R. Marshburn, Maple Hill	3d Sunday.
Mary's Chapel. ✓	J. D. Larkins, Warsaw	F. M. Southerland, Keenansville.	1st Sunday—evening.
Masonboro	M. C. Walton, Burgaw	Add Hewlett, Wilmington	4th Sunday and night.
Moores Creek. ✓	E. J. Edwards, Lena	F. B. Orr, Currie	3d Sunday.
Mt. Gilead	J. J. Douglass, Clinton	B. Matthews, Taylor's Bridge	4th Sunday and Saturday before.
Mt. Olive	L. R. Carroll, Warsaw	J. F. Oliver, Mt. Olive	
Mt. Holly	Benj. Ward, Marines	I. Carroll, South Washington	2d Sunday and Saturday before.
Magnol a. ✓	J. B. Harrell, Magnolia	H. M. Swinson, Magnolia	1st Sunday.
New Hope	J. D. Larkins, Warsaw	G. W. Carroll, Six Runs	2d Sunday and Saturday before.
Olive Branch. ✓			
Olivet	Benj. Ward, Marines	E. K. Walker, Rocky Point	1st Sunday.
Piney Grove. ✓	R. C. Sandlin, Clinton	E. L. King, Clinton	2d Sunday and Saturday before.
Poplar Grove. ✓	J. T. Albritton, Mt. Olive	W. D. Stevens, Faisons	1st Sunday and Saturday before.
Providence. ✓	J. H. Hildreth, Wilmington	J. M. Bishop, Holly Ridge	2d Sunday.
Rose Hill. ✓	N. A. Shelly, Catherine Lake	D. N. Page, Tar Landing	
Riley's Creek. ✓	M. C. Walton, Burgaw	J. D. Maun, Rocky Point	1st Sunday and Saturday before.
Sharon			
Siloam	F. T. Wooten, Salemburg	N. F. Highsmith, Harrell's Store.	3d Sunday and Saturday before.
Shiloh		C. C. Woodcock, Moore's Creek ..	3d Sunday and Saturday before.
Springvale	R. C. Sandlin, Clinton	A. F. Robinson, Ingold	1st Sunday and Saturday before.
Southside		J. F. Littleton, Wilmington	Twice each Sunday.
Salem	J. H. Hildreth, Wilmington	J. E. Robinson, Sneed's Ferry ..	3d Sunday.
Teachey's	M. C. Walton, Burgaw	B. P. Teachey, Wallace	2d Sunday.
Warsaw	J. J. Douglass, Clinton	H. G. Owen, Warsaw	2d Sunday.
Well's Chapel. ✓	J. W. Nobles, Harrell's Store	L. D. Highsmith, Bland	2d Sunday.
Wilmington	C. S. Blackwell, Wilmington	E. S. Lathrop, Wilmington	Twice each Sunday.
Willard	O. P. Meeks, Clinton	W. T. Bowen, Willard	1st Sunday and Saturday before.

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DENOMINATIONAL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	ADDITIONS.			LOSSES.			MEMBERSHIP.			ORDAINED MINISTERS.	LICENTIATES.
	Baptism.	Letter.	Restored.	Excluded.	Died.	Letter.	Males.	Females.	Total.		
Antioch											
Barlow Chapel				5	1	1	38	52	90		
Bethel				2		5	48	79	127		
Beulah	4	1		10		3	54	70	124		
Boykin's Chapel				1	3	1	33	47	80		
Berea	2			1	1		39	40	79		
Bowden's				3	1		10	26	36		
Bear Marsh				2	1	1	42	76	118	J. T. Albritton.	
Bethlehem	1	2	1	2		5	60	82	142		
Bear Branch	4			1	1	1	31	20	51		
Burgaw	1	8		10		5	45	45	90		
Brooklyn							34	51	85	J. H. Hildreth.	
Clinton	4	2			3	2	90	123	213	J. L. Stewart O. P. Meeks	L. M. Hobbs.
Concord		1	1		5	1	28	45	73		
Corinth				1	2	2	85	94	169	A. J. Taylor.	
Colvin's Creek					2	1	25	31	56		
Caintuck Chapel				2	1	2	69	80	149		
Caswell	13	3	2	3	2	8	31	59	90		
Catherine Lake					2		6	20	26		
Castle Haynes	4			1	1				21		
Cedar Grove											
Dobson's Chapel				1	1		47	56	103		
Ebenezer				2		1	26	22	48		
Emma's Chapel		1		2		1	17	40	57		
Hallsville	4				1	1	40	69	109		
Haw Bluff					1	1	45	63	108		
Island Creek	2	1			3	1	79	125	204		

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Ivanhoe				1	1	2	29	43	72		
Johnson's	9	5	1		1		69	85	154	W. L. Bilbro.	
Jacksonville		2			3	4	25	25	50		
Kenansville	10	4			1	2	29	58	87	J. D. Larkins.	
Long Creek	1		5	11	3	4	43	57	100		
Lisbon	8			1	1	5	54	49	103		
Mt. Zion	1					3	18	22	40		
Maple Hill	1						16	21	37		
Mary's Chapel						8	21	33	54	J. H. Dobson.	
Masonboro	3			4	1	3	37	69	106	R. H. Hewlett.	
Moore's Creek	4	9			2		25	35	60		
Mt. Gilead			3			3	66	104	170		
Mt. Olive							63	97	160		
Mt. Holly		2			1		40	69	109	R. J. Bateman.	
Magnolia	13	4		2		2	49	105	154		
New Hope	21	2	2		1	3	93	117	210		W. B. Rivenbark.
Olive Branch											
Olivet	3		1		1		24	31	55		
Piney Grove				1	2	1	50	79	129	R. C. Sandlin.	
Poplar Grove				5	1	5	47	37	84		
Providence	3	2				2	22	39	61		
Rose Hill							4	10	14		
Riley's Creek	15		5	6	3	1	66	105	171	Charley Taylor.	
Sharon											
Siloam			1	1	3	2	59	65	124	W. A. Melvin.	
Shiloh	1			13	2	1	62	114	176		
Springvale							41	59	100		
Southside	27	8	9	4	3	7	55	96	151	F. H. Farrington.	
Salem	1	1		3	2	4	33	40	73		
Teachey's	5	2		1			54	58	112		
Warsaw	2		1		1	3	78	122	200	L. R. Carroll.	
Well's Chapel	7			21	1	4					
Wilmington	12	48		1	1	18	155	266	421	A. F. King.	
Willard				3		6	36	52	88		
Totals	186	109	33	127	67	136	2,425	3,577	6,002		

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SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	ENROLLMENT					CONTRIBUTIONS.		
		Number Schools	No. Teachers and Officers.	Number Pupils.	Average Attendance	No. Months Open.	Expenses	Orphanage.	Other Objects.
Antioch.....									
Barlow's Chapel.....	James Andrews, Sloop Point.....	1	5	30	35	12			
Bethel.....									
Beulah.....									
Boykin's Chapel.....									
Berea.....		1	5	45	25	5	6.00		
Bowden's.....									
Bear Marsh.....	D. B. Brown, Mt Olive.....	1	5	30	25	12			
Bethlehem.....	W. N. Anderson, Birta.....	1	8	85	52	9	7.45		
Bear Branch.....	W. B. Brinson, Montague.....	1	3	20	15	9	2.00		
Burgaw.....	J. T. Bland, Burgaw.....	1	5	50	30	12	6.00		
Brooklyn.....	J. C. Gore, Wilmington.....	1	16	150	112	12	74.26	4.72	
Clinton.....	W. B. Stewart, Clinton.....	2	9	110	66	12	15.00		
Concord.....	W. G. Wilkins, Natural Wells.....	1	5	25	20	12			
Corinth.....	I. J. Johnson, Rose Hill.....	1	6	50	40	12	3.60		
Colvin's Creek.....	David Lewis, Atkinson.....	1	4	35	25	12	3.00		
Caintuck Chapel.....	D. J. Corbett, Sr., Nat More.....	1	4	77	33	12	4.00	1.96	
Caswell.....	Wm. Malpass, oint Caswell.....	1	4	45	36	12	3.98	27	
Catherine Lake.....	G. W. Taylor, Catherine Lake.....	1	10	55	50	12	11.90		
Castle Hayne.....									
Cedar Grove.....									
Dobson's Chapel.....	W. B. Hawes, Xenia.....	1	4	45	5	10	6.95	2.79	
Ebenezer.....	R. Highsmith, Parkersburg.....	1	4	54	30	12	5.66		
Emma's Chapel.....	A. H. Hoffman, Richlands.....	1	8	82	35	12	4.00	1.60	
Hallsville.....	O. W. Scott, Hallsville.....	1	3	30	20	12			
Haw Bluff.....									
Island Creek.....									
Ivanhoe.....	J. F. Lewis, Ivanhoe.....	2	4	50	25	12	3.20		
Johnson's.....	W. H. Middleton, Warsaw.....	1	7	27	25	12	12.12	15.43	
Jacksonville.....	I. E. Ketchum, Jacksonville.....	1	7	45	27	12	26.36	1.70	
Kenansville.....	L. A. Beasley, Kenansville.....	1	6	35	28	12	6.00		
Long Creek.....	J. F. Herring, Daughton.....	1	3	50	35	12	3.00		
Lisbon.....	D. L. Herring, Tomahawk.....	1	7	53	26	12	7.90	4.00	
Mt. Zion.....								3.55	
Maple Hill.....	K. F. Powers, Maple Hill.....	1	5	40	25	12	2.80		
Mary's Chapel.....	J. W. Stokes, Keenansville.....	1	4	27	18	9			
Masonboro.....	B. S. Montford, Wilmington.....	1	8	83	40	12	25.00	10.00	
Moore's Creek.....	W. J. Hollingsworth.....	1	5	45	30	12	5.00		
Mt. Gilead.....	C. F. Tew, Clinton.....	2	8	50	35	12			
Mt. Olive.....	O. E. Franklin, Mt. Olive.....	1			60	12		13.81	
Mt. Holly.....	C. Harrell, Burgaw.....	1	4	40	25	12	3.00		
Magnolia.....	Dr. Arthur, Magnolia.....	1	6	60	45	12	12.00	3.93	
New Hope.....	C. E. Daniel, Turkey.....	1	6	80	60	12	7.00		
Olive Branch.....									
Olivet.....	F. C. Shepard, Rocky Point.....	1	8	30	20	12	10.05		
Piney Grove.....	S. H. Hare, Kenner's.....	2	7	50	40	12	3.50		
Poplar Grove.....	W. B. Harriss, Faison.....	1	4	49	20	12			
Providence.....									
Rose Hill.....	D. N. Page, Tar Landing.....	1	3	42	30	12	10.00		
Riley's Creek.....	M. L. Guyton, Rocky Point.....	1	7	50	40	12			
Sharon.....									
Siloam.....	W. P. Ward, Harrell's Store.....	1	3	43	35	12	5.00		
Shiloh.....	H. A. Bland, Moore's Creek.....	1	5	60	50	12	4.00		
Springvale.....	A. F. Robinson, Ingold.....	1	5	68	40	9	3.00		
Southside.....	J. S. Canady, Wilmington.....	1	13	90	90	12	64.31	23.00	
Salem.....	J. E. Robinson, Sneed's Ferry.....	1	3	25	20	12	3.75	5.20	
Teachey's.....	A. F. Bland, Teachey's.....	2	5	50	30	12		3.00	
Warsaw.....	S. M. Carlton, Warsaw.....	1	7	85	65	12	10.00	20.00	
Wilmington.....	G. E. Leftwich, Wilmington.....	1	25	215	165	12	147.50	41.75	
Willard.....	R. T. Rivenbark, Willard.....	1	3	30	20	12	4.00		
Wells Chapel.....	L. R. Highsmith, Harrell's Store.....	1				12			
		53	284	2602	1853		532.29	132.93	39.28

CHURCHES.	Woman's Missionary So.				B. Y. P. U.			Sun Beams.		
	Foreign Missions.	Gospel Missions.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Missions.	Orphanage.	Expenses.	Missions.	Orphanage.	Expenses.
Bethel		1.89	95	95						
Clinton	20.00			19.20	4.00			5.80	15.00	
Corinth	1.29	2.14	3.80	3.10		3.13				
Lisbon				5.00				6.62		
Mt. Olive	6.00		12.34	4.14						
Southside								3.00		
Warsaw	12.25		7.75	18.65						
Wilmington ..	11.33		11.34	11.33			275.00	1.18	5.00	
	50.87	4.03	36.18	62.37	4.00	3.13	275.00	16.60	20.00	

