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B. S. Montford, A. R. Herring.

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PROCEEDINGS.

The Eastern Baptist Association met in its Fifty first Annual Session with the church at Lisbon, Oct. 9th, 1894.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Dr. John Mitchell. Text from Ephesians 3, 16 to 19.

Adjourned for one hour.

The Association was called to order by Rev. L. R. Carroll, Moderator pro tem. A. R. Herring acted as Secretary pro tem.

The roll of churches was called, a majority being present. On motion, Finance Committee was appointed, L. R. Highsmith, B. Matthews, and — Dobson.

Reading Clerks F. A. Fennell and D. L. Herring. Committee of Arrangemens was appointed, consisting of Rev. M. C. Walton and Deacons of Lisbon church.

Church letters were read. The delegates were not enrolled there being so few delegates present.

Rev. S. D. Swaim was elected Moderator, A. R. Herring, Clerk, W. H. Middleton, Treasurer.

An invitation was extended to visiting brethren, and the following brethren responded: J. C. Caddell, in the interest of the *Biblical Recorder*, Dr. John Mitchell, for the Board of Education W. D. Harrell, from Chowan Association, B. S. Peterson, for the *North Carolina Baptist*, D. C. Durham, for State Missions.

The Committee of Arrangements report :

Devotional exercises to be conducted by Rev. F. T. Wooten, 9, a. m. Time of meeting of the Association, 9:30 a. m.

Petitionary letters were called for. Letters from South Side church and Olivet church were presented, asking for admission into this body, and also letters from Providence church of the Atlantic Association. These were referred to a committee consisting of Revs. Will B. Oliver, F. T. Wooten, W. B. Harrell and M. C. Walton.

The above named committee reported favorably as to Providence and South Side. The letter from Olivet church was referred to the Association for some irregularity. The reports were adopted and the churches received.

The following committees were appointed : State Missions, Dr. C. Durham and R. S. Montford. Foreign Missions, L. R. Carroll and J. S. Canady. Home Missions, M. C. Walton and Eli Larkins Or Jhanage, Will B. Oliver and J. B. Harrell. Ed Ication, Dr. John Mitch.ll and R. W. Harrell. Periodicals J. C. Caddell and B. S. Peterson. Temperance, R. E. Peele and D. L. Herring.

Ministers' Relief, L. R. Carroll and E C. Herring.

Motion to adjourn. Prayer by W. B. Oliver. Benediction by Rev. R. E. Peele.

SECOND DAY .- MORNING SES ION, Wednesday, Oct. 10, 1894.

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. M. C. Walton. Read 15th chapter of John.

The Association was called to order by Moderator. Roll of churches called but few delegates answered because of overflow in the rivers.

Proceedings of the 1st day read and approved

Committee to nominate an Executive Committee was appointed, consisting of Rev. M. C. Walton and N E. Shelly. To nominate preachers for next session of the Association, L. R. Highsmith and R. B. Moore.

Committee on Sunday Schools, A. Hewlett and Isaiah Carroll. Report of Executive Committee was read by L. R. Carroll, and in connection the report on State Missions was read by Dr. C. Durham, and pending a motion to adopt, remarks were made by L. R. Carroll and Dr. C. Durham.

Roll of churches were called for pledges for the next year for State Missions. The churches responded as follows:

Barlow Chapel \$10,00, Bethel 4.00, Boykin's Chapel 5.00, Burgaw 10.00, Caintuck Chapel 15.00 Dobson Chapel 12.50, Johnsons 15.00, Lisbon 10.00, Poplar Grove 2.50, Masonboro 12.50, Mt. Holly 5.00, New Hope 10.00, Riley's Creek 5.00, Salem 10.00, Siloam 10.00, Teachey's 3.00, Warsaw 15.00, Willard 2.00, Colvin Creek 1.00, South Side 5.00, Olivet 1.00, Providence 5.00, Corinth 2.00, Clinton 10.00, Well's Chapel 10.00, Ebenezer 2.00. Here remarks were made by Moderator and J. S. Canady.

The reports as read on State and Associational Missions were adopted. The Executive Committee requested to correspond with the churches in the Association, asking for pledges. Adjourned for one hour.

EVENING SESSION.

Report on Education was read by Dr. John Mitchell, pending

its adoption, remarks were made by Dr. Mitchell, R. E. Peele and R. W. Harrell. Rev. L. M. Curtis from West Chowan was welcomed by Moderator.

Report of committee on Ministers' Relief, was read by L. R. Carroll. Adopted without remarks.

Report on Foreign Missions was read by L R. Carroll. Adopted without remarks. Treasurer's report was adopted without being audited. Report on Home Missions read by M. C. Walton. Adopted without remarks.

Report of Committee to nominate an Executive Committee. Read by N. A. Shelly. Adopted.

Report to name Preachers for next Session was read and adopted.

Corinth church petitions the Association to hold its next session with her. Request granted.

Report on Periodicals was read by J. C. Caddell. Report adopted without remarks.

Report on Temperance, read by D. L. Herring. Report adopted without remarks.

By motion, all unfinished business of the Association was referred to the Executive Committee to finish the work of the session, and when done to report the same to the Clerk, with all the church letters and other papers belonging to the Association. On account of the rapid rising water in the river, the Association was forced to adjourn to meet with the Corinth church, on Tuesday after the first Sunday in October, 1895. Prayer was offered by Rev. M. C. Walton.

S. D. SWAIM, Moderator.

A. R. HERRING, Clerk.

The following ministers were present at this session of the Association: Revs. S D Swaim, R E Peele, Will B Oliver, M C Walton, John Mitchell, C Durham, J B Harrell, L R Carroll, R W Harrell, L M Curtis.

REPORTS.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Owing to our failure to take pledges at the last Association, for the support of the work within our bounds, your committee has labored under some serious disadvantages during the year, and while from this and other causes, the progress of the work has not been so satisfactory as it otherwise might have been, yet it has not been without some very plea ing results.

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Bro. R. E Peele, our former missionary, retired from the field, or work in Onslow, in Feb'y last. At the request of the Board, one of your committee undertook to visit the churches thus left, until a regular minister could be secured. In Jan'y Bro. M. C. Walton agreed to take charge o^c the work until the present Association. For the more successful prosecution of the work in the future, your committee respectfully recommend a consolidation of the unions as in the earlier history of the work. That the number of the Executive Committee be reduced to five. That they select the place of the 5th Sunday meetings, and ask the churches to send representatives with contributions for the work.

Respectfully, L. R. CARROLL, for Com.

STATE MISSIONS.

The Baptist State Convention has defined State Missions to include all practical efforts to give the Gospel, as we believe it, to the destitute sections, towns and neighborhoods of the State. This work is done through individuals, through Associations and through the Board of Missions and Sunday Schools of the Convention. This year there are 92 Missionaries, located in all sections of the State, preaching at more than 300 destitute places. Among these there are some of the most consecrated and successful Baptist preachers in the State. The Board is very anxious to go to the Convention this year without a debt on this department of our work. But to do this it will be necessary for all of the pastors and churches to do what they can during October and November, to aid the work. Your committee therefore recommends, first, that the pastors be requested to present State Missions to their churches, during the months named above, and to ask the people to aid this work and to forward whatever is thus secured to J. D. Boushall, Treasurer, Raleigh, N. C.

C. DURHAM, for Com.

EDUCATION.

We are pleased to be able to report an increasing interest in the subject of Education. Our Schools and Colleges have opened well, and the future is encouraging. Wake Forest College enrolled 210 students this session, and still they come Let us be thankful and rally to their support, and also our High School at Warsaw, and to the Chowan Bartist Female Institute, at Murfreesboro, and to the Oxford Female Seminary, and to all of our schools.

Ministerial Education.

The importance of the subject has never been felt as now. More young ministers are asking help than ever before, and their

need is great. The Board of Education has secured 36 for this session, and others are asking for help, and some now at the College, know not how they can remain longer, unless they can be aided. But the Board is not able to help them. There is now a debt ot \$900 on the Board, and others cannot be secured unless the contributions should greatly increase. Would that we were able to help all the worthy young ministers who apply for aid. Brethren, come up to the help of the Lord, and aid all His young ministers who are in need of help. There are now four on the Board from this Association, and they all seem to be promising. Will the churches support them? We submit the following :

Resolved, That all our churches be requested to take a collection, at least once a year, for the Board of Education, and that we will endeavor to raise an amount sufficient to pay the board of the four young ministers from this Association.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN MITCHELL. R. W. HARRELL.

MINISTERS' RELIEF.

In appreciation of the faithful services of the aged ministers of our State, and our corresponding duty to them and their families, we earnestly recommend and affectionately urge our churches to take, at least, one collection a year, for our Ministers' Relief Board, and forward the same to Rev. J. F. McDuffie, Durham, N. C.

L. R. CARROLL, for Com.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Grateful to Him who said "go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." and for His continued and abundant blessings on the work, we affectionately urge the brethren to greater diligence and liberality along the line of world-wide missions.

We cannot afford to circumscribe the work assigned us, on a narrow, selfish basis, and still hope for our father's highest endorsement and approval. The love of God includes the whole world, so must ours. The work of Christ offers salvation to the entire human family, so must ours. Let us not cease then to give the Gospel to every creature, and labor earnestly for the day when all the nations of the earth shall join in the welcome acclaim of highest heaven, and so let Jesus, the crucified one, reign king of kings and lord of lords.

> Respectfully submitted, L. R. CARROLL, J. S. CANADY.

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HOME MISSIONS.

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Your committee on Home Missions, submits the following report:

This work is under the direction of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, and includes all of the Southern and many of the Western States, including the work among the Indians and also in Cuba. This Board has sent out, and are pledged to support about 400 missionaries, who are doing a great work, not only among the first mentioned but also among the negroes.

We most heartily commend this work to our churches, with their paper, the *Home Field*, which will keep us well informed as to the work and its needs.

> Respectfully submitted, M. C. WALTON, ELI LARKINS, Committee.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

We, your committee, submit the following brethren: L. R. Crrroll, F. A. Fennell, B. S. Montford, J. S. Canady, and A. R. Herring.

> M. C. WALTON, N. A. SHELLY, Committee.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

Your committee, to name preachers for next session of the Association, report as follows:

Introductory Sermon, A. A. Butler. Alternate, M. C. Walton. Missionary Sermon, Will B. Oliver. Alternate, O. P. Meeks.

L. R. HIGHSMITH, R. B. MOORE, Committee.

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PERIODICALS.

At no time, in our his ory as a denomination, has the necessity of our people to be informed in all departments of our work, been so great as now. Realizing that no small portion of this must be done through the religious press, we would urge our people to take and read all the good literature possible. We commend the *Biblical Recorder*, which for 60 years has been the organ of our Convention, and which during all these years, has been the faithful exponent of Baptist principles and Baptist progress in North Carolina. We further recommend the *North Carolina Baptist*, *Charity and* Children, The Home Field, The Foreign Mission Journal, and the S. S. literature, published in Nashville, Tenn., as worthy a place in the homes of our peop'e.

J. C. CADDELL. B. S. PETERSON.

TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance respectfully ask all the brethren and sisters, of every church in this Association, to put in practice the teaching of God's Holy Word in reference to strong drink. Let the churches everywhere, constantly pray God to give them power to put the enemy to flight, so that where now stands mighty edifices in honor of the devil, they may be thrown down, and erected in their stead, temples for the worship of God's people. We charge. you brethren and sisters, that while you may not be the one to hold up the glass of domestic bliss into the pure sunlight of God's love, and drink those dregs to the announcement of flattering sentiment, vet you can be the grand cause of elevating those who are bowed down to the idol of satan, and bring them back to Christ. We urge you, brethren, who are true men and women to God's cause, to rescue those who visit the bar rooms and card-cellars of our towns; who get behind the red stained glass and drink that fiery demon that flashes its madness in a thousand human faces every day. Throw out the life line, and instead of grinding your apples into cider, and pressing your grapes into wine, for sale to those who are dragging your members to destruction, try to keep yourselves pure and unspotted from the world, and help to hasten the time when the proud State of North Carolina can be the first to proclaim herself free from the liquor traffic.

D. L. HERRING, for Com.



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