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#### FIRST DAY-MORNING SESSION.

MOREHEAD CITY, N. C. Tuesday, Oct. 13, 1896.

The Atlantic Baptist Association met in its Thirteenth Annual Session with Morehead City Baptist Church, Oct. 13, 1896. Religious exercises were conducted by Rev. Jas. Long, by reading the 35th chapter of Isiah. Song, "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name."

The Association was then called to order with Dr. R. H. Lewis, Moderator, presiding, J. H. Eaton, Clerk, and J. C. Whitty, Treasurer.

The following ermmittees were appointed:

Committee on Finance-Rev. J. W. Rose, J. D. Cox, W. R. Simmons.

Committee on Petitionary Letters-Rev. R. D. Carroll, M. D. Lane, R. W. Haywood.

The Clerk was instructed to cast the ballot for Dr. R. H. Lewis for Moderator. J. C. Whitty moved that J. H. Eaton be elected Clerk. Motion carried.

J. C. Whitty was elected Treasurer by acclamation. On motion of Rev. J. T. Jenkins Dr. R. H. Lewis was appointed Historian.

The Clerk called the Roll of Delegates and the following responded:

Antioch-W. C. Jackson, J. B. Jackson, A. G. Cox, John D. Cox.

Ayden-None.

Bayboro-Alonzo Miller, Rev. W. F. Fry. Bay Creek-M. M. Meekins, J. S. Martin.

Beaufort-M. A. Marshall, John D. Davis. Cove-None.

Capernaum-B. M. Riggs, J. C. Conway.

Cool Springs-None.

Christian Hope-Isaac Ramsey.

Davis Shore-R. L. Willis, D. J. Willis, Allen Willis.

Daughtery-None.

Eureka-None. Emmaus-None.

Enon-Rev. D. F. Aman, Rev. Benj. Ward.

Falling Creek-G. P. Britt.

Fort Barnwell-M. D. Lane.

Goldsboro-First Church -Rev. Jas. Long.

Goldsboro-Second Church-None.

Kinston-Rev. J. P. Spence, Dr. R. H. Lewis, Rev. B. W. Spilman, Miss Lena Spain, Miss Tiffany West, Miss Mozelle Pollock, Miss Bettie Whitfield.

La Grange-D. M. Stanton, G. W. Bizzell.

Morehead City-Rev. J. T. Jenkins, Seth Arthur, L. L. Leary, John H. Eaton, M. S. Webb, I. B. Willis, J. O. Wade, J. B. Davis, Needham Willis, J. W. Davis.

Moore's Chapel-Rev. Geo. D. Styron, R. T. Willis, H. C. Lockhart.

Maysville-None.

Mount Calvery-Geo. W. Parker, Mrs. G. W. Parker. Newbern (Middle Street)-Rev. S. J. Porter, J. C. Whitty, Mrs. J. C. Whitty, Mrs. N. M. Gaskill, Mrs. Janey Berry.

Newbern (Tabernacle)—M. E. Whitehurst, H. B. Duffy. New Hope-Miss Daisy Bright.

Oregon-None.

Pollocksville-S. L. Brown, R. W. Haywood.

Piney Grove (Jones)—B. A. Riggs, R. P. Parker. Piney Grove (Onslow)-J. F. Holland.

Seven Springs-W. R. Simmons, E. Jarmon.

Smyrna-H. B. Bell, W. P. Wade.

Snow Hill-None.

Spring Garden-None.

Swansboro-Rev. Benj. Ward, J. B. Olive, Mrs. E. O.

Olive, Mrs. M. A. Russell, Mrs. V. C. Heady. Truitt-A. E. Purefoy, A. N. Whitford.

Trenton-None. Union-Miss Nellie Davis, Miss Bertha Huggins.

Vandemere-U. C. Holton.

Vanceboro-None.

Woodville--E. B. Simpson.

Rev. J. T. Jenkins, pastor Morehead City Church, made a few appropriate remarks of welcome to the delegates which made all feel that indeed they were in a congenial Baptist atmosphere.

The Moderator then called upon Rev. B. W. Spilman, of Raleigh, to respond in behalf of the Association, which he did in a very pleasant and appropriate manner.

The Moderator welcomed the following visiting brethren: Dr. John Mitchell, from the Central Association, representing the Board of Education; Bro. B. S. Peterson, from the Eastern Association, representing the "N. C. Baptist;" Bro. B. H. Mathews, representing the EVANGELIST. The Moderator welcomed Brethren J. P. Spence and J. J. Douglas as new members and pastors of the Association.

The Moderator appointed the following committees: Committee on Time, Place and Preacher-Revs. J. W. Nobles, B. W. Spilman and J. T. Jenkins.

Committee on Constitution and By Laws-Rev. J. P. Spence, J. H. Eaton and L. L. Leary.

Committee on Devotional Exercises—The Pastor and Deacons of this Church.

Report of Committee on Petitionary Letters recommending Swansboro Baptist Church for membership in the Association was adopted

R. D. CARROLL, M. D. LANE, Committee. R. W. HAYWOOD,

On motion of J. C. Whitty the Church was received

into the fellowship and the delegates admitted into the membership of the Association. Bro. J. C. Whitty stated that Rev. S. J. Porter who was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon would be here this evening on the freight train. that he had been detained

In behalf of the Association the Moderator extended the right hand of fellowship to the new delegates from

Committee on Order of Service reported as follows: Meet at 2 p. m. this evening, adjourn at pleasure. Special order for this evening, Education and Ministers Relief Board. Meet to-night at 7 o'clock for Introductory Sermon by Rev. S. J. Porter. Meet Wednesday at 9 a. in., for Devotional Exercises; Association come to order at 9:30 a.m. Special order: Associational Missions, Colportage and Church Extension Funds.

Rev. B. W. Spilman moved that the report on State Missions and Sunday Schools be made together by one

Meeting adjourned until 2 p. m. Benediction by Rev. J. P. Spence.

# AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Moderator called the Association to order at 2:30 p. m. Rev. B. W. Spilman moved that the report on Education be special order for Wednesday at 2 p. m.

On motion the report on Ministerial Relief Board be heard. The Committee was not present, and on motion of Bro. Jas. Long the last year's report be read and supplemented with this year's statistics; motion carried

REPORT OF MINISTERS RELIEF BOARD.

This Board is located at Durham, N. C., with Rev. W. C. Tyre, President, and Rev. J. F. McDuffie, Corresponding Secretary. Its object is

to aid Baptist ministers that have given their life to the preaching of the Gospel of Christ and in old age are poor and unable to take care of themselves. Also to aid the widows of Baptist ministers who are left in needy circumstances. One-third of the contributions made to this object is invested as a permanent or endowment fund; so it hopes to be self sustaining some day. The Board has been in operation about five years. There are now ten dependent upon the Board for support. The receipts this year have been about \$500.00. This is an increase over last year. Your committee recommends that the pastors bring this object before the churches at least once a year, giving them an opportunity to contribute to its support. The officers of the Board will be glad to receive any information concerning old Baptist ministers or widows of Baptist ministers who are in need of help. S. J. PORTER, Committee.

The report was discussed by Rev. Jas. Long, Rev. J. T. Jenkins, J. C. Whitty, Dr. John Mitchell and Rev. B. W. Spillman and adopted.

Bro. J. B. Olive moved that we take a cash collection now, and also take promises from the delegates to try to raise a certain amount the coming year for the Ministers Relief Board; motion carried and the collection was taken amounting to \$6.16.

On Roll Call of Churches the following pledges were then made for the Ministers Relief Board:

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Antioch	- Character (Inclow)
Antioch	Swansboro
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Pollocksville 1.00	Vear
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On motion of Rev. Jas. Long the Associational Year shall end Sept. 30th.

Meeting adjourned to meet at 7 p.m. Benediction by Rev. B. H. Mathews

#### NIGHT SESSION.

The Association met at 7 p. m., and Rev. S. J. Porter preached the Introductory Sermon from the 20th verse of the 17th chapter of John.

# SECOND DAY-MORNING SESSION.

Association met at 9 a. m., for devotional exercises, WEDNESDAY, Oct. 14. conducted by Bro. John E. Ray. At 9:30 the Moderator called the Association to order. Minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and adopted. Roll of delegates

The Moderator welcomed visiting brethren as follows: Rev. J. E. White, Corresponding Secretary Baptist State Convention, representing State Missions, &c.; Brother John E. Ray, representing the Deaf, Dumb and Blind Institute of Raleigh; Bro. O. T. Smith, representing the "Biblical Recorder;" Bro. J. B. Newton, Colporter from

On motion the regular order for this hour was deferred 40 minutes for report on Periodicals. The report was read as follows by Bro. A. G. Cox:

We feel proud of our organization and of its workings in education and giving the gospel to perishing souls, and caring for the homeless orphans together with other work too tedious to mention. In order that we be true to our organization and to each other we should become acquainted not only with each other, but with the entire working of our body. We can get such information from the Biblical Recorder (which is the organ of the Association) the N. C. Baptist, Charity and Children and The Foreign Mission Journal, and we urge upon our membership to make at least one of the above named papers their companion.

A. G. COX, Committee.

After being ably discussed by Brethren Smith, Peterson, Jenkins, Mathews, White and Rose, the report was

On motion State Missions was dispensed with for the present and Ministerial Education taken up. Brother Spilman read the report on Education as follows:

REPORT ON EDUCATION. 1. The first object of the Baptist State Convention, as stated in its constitution, is the Education of Baptist Preachers. This work is commitstitution, is the Education of Daphist Freachers. This work is committed to a Board located at Wake Forest College. The purpose is to assist poor young preachers who would be unable otherwise to obtain assist poor young preachers who would be unable otherwise to obtain an education. We should assist in this work because an education is an education. We should assist in this work because an education is helpful to do effective service; because God often calls poor men to be

preachers; becauses the lives of the men thus helped by the churches prive the wisdom of the work. The churches are now aiding at Wake Forest College twenty-two young preachers. Many worthy ones can not now be believed for back of funds.

2. Wake Forest College has claims upon us which we cannot ignore. In the lives of the men who through more than sixty years have left its walls in the cost that they have done, in the work now being done. its walls, in the work that they have done, in the work now being done at the Coll. at the College we see the reasons for its continued existence and prosperity that the reasons for its continued existence and prosperity that the reasons for its continued existence and prosperity that there are 947 and 100 perity that the reasons for its continued existence and prosperity that the reasons for its continued existence and prosperity that the reasons for its continued existence and prosperity that the reasons for its continued existence and prosperity that the reasons for its continued existence and prosperity that the reasons for its continued existence and prosperity that the reasons for its continued existence and prosperity that the reasons for its continued existence and prosperity that the reasons for its continued existence and prosperity that the reasons for its continued existence and prosperity that the reasons for its continued existence and prosperity that the reasons for its continued existence and prosperity that the reasons for its continued existence and prosperity that the reasons for its continued existence and prosperity that the reasons for its continued existence and prosperity that the reasons for its continued existence and the reasons for its continued perity. This is its most prosperous year. Already there are 245 students corolled. The raw school of the Bible under the direction of dents earolled. The new school of the Bible under the direction of Prof. W. P. Galleria, Legishle addition

3. The Female University is not yet completed. The building has ceased for lack of funds. It is hoped that it may soon be complete in building and owners.

4. We believe that for the good of the student, the institution and the State that the voluntary principle in education should be put in practice in all educational institutions.

B. W. SPILMAN

The report was discussed by Brethren Dr. John Mitchell, J. E. Ray, Rev. Benj. Ward and Rev. W. F.

Bro. Fry stated that Bro. N. L. Gaskins was a member of Truitt Church and was called of God to preach the Gospel but had not the means to educate himself, and the Board of Education was unable to assist him

Brethren W. F. Fry, R. D. Carroll, J. W. Rose, S. J. Porter and J. M. Alderman each pledged themselves to pay for one month's board for Bro. Gaskins, either at Bro. Fry's School or at Wake Forest. On motion the On Roll Call of Churches the following pledges were

report was adopted.

On Roll       \$12.50         made for Education       5.00         Antioch       5.00         Bayboro       1.00         Bay Creek       1.00         Capernaum       2.50         Enon       2.50         Falling Creek       1.00         Fort Barnwell       25.00         Goldsboro 1st church       10.00         Kinston       2.00         Moores Chapel       12.00         Morehead City       1.00         Mount Calvery       2.00	Newbern Tabernace 2.00 Oregon 5.00 Pollocksville 5.00 Piney Grove (Jones) 1.00 Piney Grove (Onslow) 1.00 Seven Springs 1.50 Smyrna 2.00 Snow Hill 1.00 Spring Garden 1.00 Traitt 1.00 Union 2.50 Vandemere. \$125.00
Moores Chaper   1.00   Morehead City   2.00	

Bro. James Long moved that a supplementary statistical table be added to the minutes, and that this year the Clerk state that this is an imperfect report, but hereafter this table will be inserted.

Meeting adjourned to meet at 2 p.m. Benediction by Rev. J. E. White.

# AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Moderator called the Association together at 2 p. m. Prayer by Bro. J. C. Whitty.

Committee on Petitionary Letters reported, recommending Oregon Baptist Church for admittance into the

R. D. CARROLL, M. D. LANE,

The report was received and on motion the church was received as a constituent part of this body. The Moderator extended the right hand of fellowship to the delegates of this church in behalf of the Association.

The report of the Executive Committee and Colportage was read by Rev. J. T. Jenkins and Rev. S. J.

# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND COLPORTAGE.

This Executive Board was appointed by this Association last year. We organized by electing Brethren Samuel J. Porter, chairman, and

The Board mapped out some territory which we could occupy at that time by the service of six missionaries, namely: Rev. R. D. Carroll at Smyrna, Davis and Marshallburg; Rev. J. W. Rose at LaGrange. roll at Smyrna, Davis and Marshallburg; Rev. J. W. Rose at Lagrange. Snow Hill, Castoria, Seven Springs, Union and Fort Barnwell; Rev. J. D. Parker at Pollocksville, Piney Grove, Spring Garden, Maysville, Cove, Truitt and Trenton; Rev. J. W. Nobles at Enon. Piney Grove, Capernaum, Christian Hope, Bear Creek and North East; Rev. M. Rev. at Baybaro, Vandemere, Bay Greek, and Oregan - Rev. Benj. W. F. Fry at Bayboro, Vandemere, Bay Creek and Oregon; Rev. Benj. F. Ward at Swansboro, Cool Springs, Sanders Store and Bogue Banks.
Brother Carroll has had 22 additions to his churches during the period of nine months, and one meeting to hold soon. Brother Rose has received fifteen on his field in nine months, three meetings to hold soon. Brother Parker occupied his field eight months and had fifty additions. Brother Nobles has had thirty-five additions; Brother Fry has had

twelve additions and one of his churches, Bayboro, has withdrawn from the Board and is self sustaining. Bro. Ward has had three additions to his churches. The total number received into the churches

Brother Simpson, our Colporter, has preached regularly at Piney during the year, in our mission work, is 137. Point, Linches Bridge and Woodville. Bro. C. B. Paul did some

We have several other important points which need occupying, but preaching in addition to Colportage work. we lack funds with which to put goodmen in the field.

At the Union meeting in the Tabernacle Church, Newbern, last December, it was voted to appoint a committee on Colportage and money was pledged to put a Colporter in the field. Rev. E. B. Simpson was selected. At the Union at Vandemere it was voted to add another Colporter. Rev. C. B. Paul was selected.

The report was spoken on by Rev. B. W. Spilman and

Report on State Missions and Sunday Schools was adopted. read by Rev. R. D. Carroll as follows:

# STATE MISSIONS AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

State Missions is probably the most important work before North Carolina Baptists at the present day. Upon its success depends the prosperity of all our other denominational enterprises. Very much of the strength which we now possess as a denomination has come to us through the State Mission work. There are 94 Baptist preachers employed by the State Mission Board this year. These give a part or all of their time to Mission work. Only 34 of these men labor in the Eastern part of the State; while 24 of them labor in the middle section and 36

These Missionaries are located in thirty Associations, and preach to between 400 and 500 congregations. Several of these brethren have in the Western part of the State. been doing Mission work in the bounds of this Association. What the Board sends back to us is more than this whole Association raises for

Faithful work is being done by all of these brethren, and it is hoped that at each of these points at an early day there will be a self sustaining church in full sympathy with the work and contributing liberally to its support. The Convention in Greensboro authorized the expenditure of \$15,000 this year. In the Treasurer's report of October 7th, only

Brighten we appeal to you to rally to the support of this work upon which half of our interests are based. Three weeks now remain and which half of our interests are based. Three weeks now Tenian and the books will be closed. During this time much earnest work must be done, or the cause will suffer. The cause of Christ, dear to every loval Baptist, must not lag or falter. North Carolina for truth, for Christ and the Clorus of Cout is one motto.

We urge upon all the churches of this Association to rally to the Christ and the Glory of God is our motto. support of State Missions this year, and not to tire in their zeal until all the destitution in our bounds have been supplied with the Gospel

The Sunday School work has for many years been a department of work under our Board of Missions and S inday Schools. Its importance is a recognized fact among all intelligent Baptists. At our last State Convention the Sunday School and Colportage department of our work was placed under the direction of a committee of fifteen members of the Board of Missions and Sunday Schools and a min was selected who took the oversight of this work April 1st. The work of this committee is to see to it that there is a well equipped Baptist Sunday School opened fifty two Sundays in each year within reach of every individual

The added expense of this work is paid by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and the State Convention. In connection with this work the Baptists own and operate the Baptist Book Store, of Raleigh. This store is prepared to fill at publisher's prices all orders for Sunday School Literature, Bibles, Sunday School supplies and books of any sort. All profits go to help on the work.

In connection with this work Sunday School Institutes are held wherever an opportunity presents.

R. D. CARROLL,

The report was ably discussed by Brethren J. E. White and J. E. Ray, and adopted.

On calling the Roll, pledges were made as follows for State Missions:

# IDUAL PLEDGES I

H. P. Bell, paid 1.00 Benj. Ward 1.00 D. F. Aman 1,00	Mrs. N. M. Gaskill.       1.00         Mrs. N. M. Gaskill.       1.00         Miss Albritton.       1.00         Miss Katie Leary.       1.00         Miss Viola Fulford.       1.00         Miss Maud Davis.       1.00         Miss Daisy Bright.       1.00         Miss Lucy Davis.       1.00         \$29.50       508.50         Grand total.       \$537.00
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A cash collection was taken up for State Missions amounting to \$6.74. The following resolution was of-

Resolved, That the Association express by a rising vote its high appreciation of the gift that Bro. C. J. Nelson has made to our work in contributing over \$400.00 to Eureka Church, and for his liberal gifts and in-Emmans. Emmaus. Also to Bro. E. L. Edmundson for his liberal gifts and interest in Eureka and Emmaus.

The resolution was adopted by a rising vote. On motion two members was added to the Executive Committee, these two to have special care of the Col-

The report of the Finance Committee was received portage work.

Amount of money received by Finance Committee is \$381.79, divided 5 follows. State Windows 172.98. Minute Fund \$33.16; Home Missions Amount of money received by Finance Committee is \$381.79, divided as follows: State Missions \$173.96; Minute Fund \$33.16; Home Missions \$50.33; Foreign Missions \$66.36; Education \$45.35; Colportage \$19.13; Orphanage \$9.50. Total \$381.79 Orphanage \$2.50. Total \$381,79.

JNO, D. COX, W. R. SIMMONS.

On motion the Finance Committee was ordered to

Meeting adjourned to meet at 7 p. m. Benediction by turn the money over to the Treasurer. Rev. Benj. Ward.

# NIGHT SESSION.

The Moderator called the Association together at 7:15

Rev. J. E. White very ably discussed State Aid to o'clock. Prayer by Bro. Peterson. Resolution against State Aid was read by Rev. J. T.

Higher Education.

Whereas, The hope of our people and the safety of our civilization depends upon the maintenance of the principles of distinctive Christian Education. Therefore be it resolved that the Atlantic Association of Baptist Churches does hereby disapprove and condemn the present policy, "State Aid to Higher Education."

Report on Orphanage was read by Bro. J. C. Whitty.

# REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

The Thomasville Orphanage is our Orphanage. Its children are our children, under our care and protection, it appeals to us from year to year for support and as the orphans increase so the demands upon us as a denomination increases. How good it is in our Heavenly Father to place such a duty upon us and how glad we should be to keep the fatherless. And as the needs of the institution are all the time increasing and are especially urgent at this time, we would earnestly appeal to the brethren to help and help liberally so that the orphans may be comfortably cared for during the severe winter months that will soon be upon us. "Remember the words of our Lord Jesus how he said it is more blessed to give than to receive.' Send your contributions at once, they need your help and they need it at once.

Respectfully,
J. C. WHITTY, Chairman. The report was spoken on by Brethren J. C. Whitty and John E. Ray, and adopted. A cash collection was taken for the Orphans amounting to \$13.44.

Roll of Churches was called and pledges were made for the Orphanage as follow

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Antioch Antioch as follows	:
Antioch. Bayboro \$5.00 Bay Creek. 5.00	
Day Creek	Newbern Tabernacle 40.00 Pollocksville
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	Oregon. (Onslow) 2.50
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Fort Rome 1.00	Smyrna 2.00
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Moore's Chapel	Woodville. 5.00 Swansboro 1.00
street oo	1.00
Bro. John E. Box	Total amount

John E. Ray spoke a few words about the Insti-Total amount......\$277.00 tute for the Deaf, Dumb and Blind. The report on the work of the churches was read by Bro. Long and

Committee on Order of Service announced the programme for to-morrow. Meet at 9 a. m. for Devotional Exercises; 9:30 a. m., report of Executive Committee be taken up again; 11 a. m., Foreign Missions; 2 p. m., Home Missions; 3 p. m., Sunday School; 4 p. m., Temperance. Association adjourned. Benediction by Rev.

# THIRD DAY-MORNING SESSION.

THURSDAY, Oct. 15.

Association met at 9 a. m., for Devotional Exercises, conducted by Bro. J. B. Jackson. Moderator called the Association to order at 9:30. Rev. E. B. Simpson led in prayer. Minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read

The Moderator appointed the following committees and adopted. for the coming year:

Foreign Missions-J. C. Whitty, J. D. Cox and Geo. W. Parker. State Missions—Rev. B. W. Spilman, Rev. Benj. Ward, I. B. Willis. Home Missions-Rev. J. W. Rose, Rev. J. W. Noble, M. S. Webb. Temperance—Rev. R. D. Carroll, W. G. Britt, T. B. Parker. Education-Rev. S. J. Porter, L. L. Leary, Rev. W. F. Fry. Orphanage-Rev. J. P. Spence, J. D. Davis, J. A. McDaniel. Periodicals—Rev. J. T. Jenkins, W. R. Simmons, J. B. Jackson. Ministers Relief Board-Rev. Jas. Long, B. F. Dillahunt, Rev. E. B

Committee to nominate Executive Committee for Simpson. coming year Rev. R. D. Carroll, Rev. B. W. Spilman. Rev. J. P. Spence, Rev. Jas. Long and J. B. Jackson.

Bro. J. E. Ray moved that the regular order for to-day as adopted yesterday be dispensed with. Motion carried. Bro. J. E. Ray then moved that the different reports be taken up in regular order as given, except Foreign Missions, which will be taken up to-night. Motion

Report of Executive Committee was again taken up and the general Mission work in our Association was discussed by Rev. J. W. Rose, Rev. S. J. Porter, Bro. J. C. Whitty, Rev. Jas. Long and Rev. R. D. Carroll. The

Committee to nominate Executive Board reported and report was adopted. the report was adopted as follows:

Rev. S. J. Porter, chairman of Committee; Rev. Jas. Long, Rev. J. T. Jenkins, T. A. Bell and Dr. R. H. Lewis.

Sunday School and Colportage-H. B. Duffy, chairman, Rev. J. P. Spence. Respectfully submitted,

R. D. CARROLL. J. P. SPENCE, J. B. JACKSON, Committee to JAS. LONG. Nominate.

Bro. J. C. Whitty moved that we have a sermon tonight by Rev. J. P. Spence, and take up Foreign Missions immediately afterwards. Motion carried.

Committee on Time, Place and Preacher reported Goldsboro First Church as the place, Tuesday after second Sunday in October, 1897, as the time, and Rev. J. P. Spence to preach the Introductory Sermon. The

J. T. JENKINS, R. W. SPILMAN, J. W. NOBLE, Committee.

Report on Temperance was read by Rev. J. W. Rose as follows:

# REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Intemperance is a great evil. Even the moderate use of intoxicants on members prevents a bright Chairman in the little of the chairman in the by our Christian influence it is a Bright Christian light from shining. It by our memoers, prevents a origin Christian light from shining. kills our Christian influence; it is a curse to the Church, and a stumbkills our Christian innuence; it is a curse to the Church, and a stulling block to the world. We, your Committee, therefore, earnestly recommend that some steps be taken by the pastors and Churches of this Association to prohibit even the moderate use of liquor among our Respectfully submitted,

J. W. ROSE, Chairman. On motion of Rev. J. T. Jenkins the report was adopted without discussion. The following resolution was of-

Resolved, That we, the Atlantic Association, in convention assembled this year of our Lord, Oct. 15th, 1896, do hereby ask the County Commissioners and the Commissioners of our towns, to issue no more license to sell intoxicating drinks within our bounds.

The resolution was spoken on by Brethren J. C. Whitty, Geo. W. Parker, A. G. Cox, Rev. J. W. Rose

# REPORT ON CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

Your committee beg leave to report that no changes in the present onstitution Constitution and By-Laws have either occurred to them or been suggested by others.

J. P. SPENCE, L. L. LEARY, J. H. EATON,

The Committee on Home Missions was not ready to report. Brother J. E. Ray moved that we take up the subject of Home Missions now, and that the Committee hand report to the Clerk in the future. Motion carried.

The following is the report:

# REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission work is probably the most perplexing problem ith which with which we have to do. The territory is large, embracing the Southern Baptist C. with which we have to do. The territory is large, embracing the Southern Baptist Convention and Cuba. Here we have to do with more different characters, grades and classes of people than in any other department of our work. We have to work among the colored people, partment of our work. We have to work among the colored people to the Indians, foreign population, native whites and Cubans. The baptisms the Indians, foreign population, native whites and Cubans. The baptisms Mission Board has done a great work in this territory. The baptisms this year are not so many as last year by 304. The receipts have of the this year are not so many as last year.

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The Home Mission work was then spoken on by Rev.

J. P. Spence and Bro. John E. Ray without a report. On Roll Call of Churches the following pledges were Middle street..... 12.50 made for Home Missions:

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Rev. Jas. Long requested and urged that a large representation of the churches be in attendance at the Association at Goldsboro next year.

Bro. J. W. Rose offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Clerk be allowed \$10.00 for his services and that he use the balance of minute fund in printing minutes of the Associa tion. Minutes to be out in thirty days.

Rev. J. T. Jenkins announced that the Morehead Church would give the Association a complimentary sail this evening, and requested all delegates and visitors to be on the wharf at 2 p. m.

Association adjourned to meet at 7 p. m. Benediction by Rev. J. B. Newton.

#### NIGHT SESSION.

The Association met at 7 o'clock and Rev. J. P. Spence preached an interesting sermon from the 24th chapter and 8th verse of Luke.

The Moderator called the Association to order at 8 o'clock. Foreign Missions report was read by Rev. Jas. Long, and after being fully discussed by Brethren Jno. E. Ray, S. J. Porter, James Long and Jno. C. Whitty,

#### FOREIGN MISSIONS.

It is not necessary to discuss this topic at length in the report of your committee. We beg lease to urge upon this Association the importance of keeping this work to the front. It is to be found that we are taking our eyes off of the fields which are white with the harvest. The door swings wide and the cry is, "Come over and nelp us."

We ought to keep in mind the good doctrine which has made us what we are as the people of God. It is because we are Missionary Baptists that we should emphasize this point.

In proportion as we help others will the Lord help us and give us strength to help ourselves. Our Southern Board has a debt upon it which is likewise in part our debt. Our contributions in this State are not what they ought to be. We beg leave to cal. the attention of our pastors and delegates to the need of systematic giving throughout the year, and hope that there will be special effort made to distribute the contributions through the year rather than wait till the close of the

Associational year. It will increase our contributions, be easier done and deepen the spiritual life of our churches. While we are trying to go forward in the other departments of our work let us not stand still in the work in the work of sending the gospel to the great world in darkness, but Respectfully submitted, go forward in this likewise.

J. W. ROSE, BENJ. WARD.

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In calling the Roll of Churches there was no response heard from some of the churches, (on account of delegates being absent) in such cases the Clerk was ordered to pledge them for the same that they pledged last year.

Report of J. C. Whitty, Treasurer, was received and adopted as follows:

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The following were appointed delegates to attend the Baptist State Convention-Rev. J. P. Spence, H. B. Duffy and Rev. R. D. Carroll.

To Southern Baptist Convention-Dr. R. H. Lewis and J. C. Whitty, alternate.

The following resolution was offered by Rev. James Long and adopted:

Resolved, That we tender our hearty thanks for the kindly and most pleasant hospitality extended to us by the Morehead citizens, and that Second, That the thanks of the Association be extended to the offi-

cers of the A, & N. C. R. R., for reduced rates.

Rev. S. J. Porter offered the following resolution which was approved:

Resolved, That we extend our thanks to the Morehead City Baptist Church for the sail given us this evening.

On motion Rev. James Long's 'name was placed on Executive Committee instead of Rev. B. W. Spilman.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet at Goldsboro on Tuesday after the Second Sunday in October, 1897. The congregation all sang "Stand up for

Benediction by Dr. Jno. Mitchell.

DR. R. H. LEWIS, MODERATOR.

JNO. H. EATON, CLERK.

# CONSTITUTION OF THE ATLANTIC BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

1.—This Association shall be known as the "ATLANTIC BAPTIST

2.—It shall be composed of the pastors and of the delegates elected by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates unless the membership shall exceed fifty, and then there shall

be an additional delegate for every twenty five members.

3.—Its object shall be the promotion of the Redeemer's Kingdom, by securing the co-operation of its churches for their edification and for

the spread of the Gospel according to our faith and order. the spread of the Gospei according to our rath and order.

4.—The "New Hampshire Declaration of Faith" shall be the summary of Divine Truth for determining questions of faith or order in this body; and churches desiring to be received must signify their acquaintance of it, in substance, together with the covenant herewith

5.—This Association shall not annul the discipline of a church, or submitted, and this Constitution. exercise authority over it. But it may advise, and it may sever from its connection any church that neglects to preserve gospel order, or that treats with contempt the objects or advice of the Association.

6.—Each church shall send to the Association, at its annual session, a o.—Each church shall send to the Association, at its aimed scending statement of (1) its locality; (2) the vame of its pastor, clerk, clerk's postoffice, delegates and ministers other than the pastor; (3) the Sunday or Sundays of regular service; (4) the church statistics; (5) Sunday School statistics; (6) contributions to pastor's salary; church expenses. Associational Missions, Home Missions, State Missions, Foreign Missions, Ministerial Education, Baptist Orphanage, Minute Fund and

ner objects.
7.—Whenever a church shall not represent itself at an annual session of the Association, either by delegate or letter, or whenever a church shall not report something contributed for missions, inquiry shall be made for the cause; effort shall be made to revive the church and induce it to do its duty, and this effort shall be continued till the church

be recovered or dropped from this Association. 8.—The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk, a 8.—The onicers of the Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk, a Historian, and a Treasurer, elected annually by ballot from among its members, to serve until their successors shall have been elected, and to members, to serve until their successors shall have been elected, and to perform the duties usual to such officers, the Moderator in presiding, perform the duties usual to such omcers, the Moderator in presiding, the Clerk in recording and preserving minutes and other papers belonging to the body, and the Treasurer in receiving and disbursing according to its will all funds belonging to or entrusted to the body.

9.—The Association shall appoint annually an Executive Board of 9.—The Association shall appoint annually an Executive Board of seven, of whom the Treasurer shall be one, to whom shall be entrusted the prosecution of the Associational Missions, and any other work which this body may refer to them, and who shall, as far as practication of the Association of the which this body may refer to them, and who shall, as far as practicable, co-operate with the State Mission Board in supplying the destitution in our territory, and between the meetings of the Association take such action as may seem to them advisable for the advancements of its

objects.

The Board shall present to the Association at its annual meeting a the Board shall present to the Treasurer's report of all receipts report of all its proceedings with the Treasurer's report of all receipts and disbursements, and with the names of its missionaries, time of

10.—The annual session of the Association shall begin on Tuesday service and details of their work. after the Second Lord's Day in October, at such place as may be chosen, and an Introductory Sermon shall be delivered on the first day of the and an introductory Sermon snan be delivered on the first day of the esssion. Representatives from a majority of the churches shall con-11.—This Constitution may be amended at any Annual Session by a

stitute a quorum. two-thirds vote of the members present.

#### BY-LAWS.

1.—The daily Sessions of the Association shall be opened and closed

2.—Delegates shall be recognized by letters from their churches,

designating them as such.

3.—The Moderator shall recognize corresponding messengers or the delegates of newly received churches by extending to them his right

4.—The Clerk shall record and read the proceedings when called for, superintend the publication and distribution of the minutes preserve a file of them, and have it present at each annual session, and deliver to his successor all papers belonging te the body.

5.—Members desiring to speak, shall first rise and address the Moderator; shall use the term "brother," in speaking to each other; shall not speak on the same subject more than twice without permission, and shall observe the courtesy that becomes Christians.

6.—Members shall not absent themselves from the session without permission.

7.—The roll of members shall be called at least once, and absentees marked.

8.—Corresponding messengers and visiting brethren shall be invi-

8.—Corresponding messengers and visiting preturen shall be invited to seats, with privilege of speaking, but not of voting.

9.—A copy of the minutes shall be sent to the Secretary of the State Mission Board, also one to the Secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention, and one to the American Baptist Publication Society, 1420

10.—All questions of order not herein provided shall be decided by

10.—All questions of order not herein provided shall be decided by "Mell's Parliamentary Practice."

11.—The report of the Executive Board, and the Missionary work of the Association, shall take precedence of all other business during the morning session of the second day of the annual session. 12.—The General Order of Business shall be

1.—Reading Church Letters and Enrollment of Delegates.

3,-Petitionary Letters.

4.—Appointment of Committees for this Session.
5.—Appointment of Standing Committees.

6.—Report of Committees on Churches delinquent at the previous

7.—Reports of Standing Committees. 8.—Reports of other Committees, 9.-Miscellaneous Business,

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