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FOR NEXT SESSION :

Place of Meeting : Mt. Holly, Pender County.

Time : Tuesday, after 1st Sunday in Oct., 1899.

Introductory Sermon : R. C. Sandlin.

Missionary Sermon : C. S. Blackwell.

WILMINGTON, N. C.,

S. G. HALL, BOOK AND JOB PRINTER,

1898.

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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 reports 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 led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior, 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 Savior.

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 Savior 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 preceeding 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

OF THE

EASTERN ASSOCIATION, FIFTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION.

HARRELL'S STORE, October 4, 1898.

The Eastern Association met in its fifty-fifth annual session in the meeting-house of the Siloam Baptist Church. The Introductory Sermon was preached by J. L. Stewart: F. H. Farrington, the appointee, being absent. Text: Mark 16:17, 18. After the sermon a recess was taken for dinner.

AFTERNOON.

At 1:30 p. m. the Association was called to order by J. L. Stewart, the Moderator of previous session.

Devotional exercises were conducted by F. H. Farrington.

On motion the Letters to this session were ordered to be read. Reading Clerks: F. A. Fennell, S. G. Hall.

The Moderator appointed a Committee on Devotional Exercises. Committee: Pastor and Deacons of this church, with C. E. Daniel and W. S. Johnson added.

Moderator appointed Finance Committee consisting of B. F. Keith, W. J. Fryar, S. H. Strickland.

Announcement: Preaching at the stand at 2:30 p. m., by Benj. Ward. Churches called and delegates enrolled, as follows:

Barlow's Chapel--By Letter.

Bethel--M. H. Oates, W. J. Page, J. B. Williams.

Beulah--W. H. Odom.

Boykin's Chapel--L. M. Boykin, James Pope.

Belea--D. H. Murray, M. T. Wells, J. B. Wells.

Bowden's--Geo. D. Murray.

Bear Marsh--W. H. Brown, R. J. Walker, H. R. Brock.

Bethlehem--D. P. Bland, Daniel Fridgen, W. N. Anderson.

Bear Branch--F. J. Moore, J. F. Wilson, W. H. Fife.

Burgaw--T. J. Vann, J. W. Bowen, K. D. Corbett.

Brooklyn--D. L. Gore.

Clinton--R. S. Peterson.

Concord--D. B. Wells, J. C. Boone, W. D. Wilkins.

Corinth--J. G. Boone, B. F. Fussell, S. E. Johnson.

Colvin's Creek--By Letter.

Caintuck Chapel--By Letter.

Caswell--John Moore, J. S. Pope, W. K. Pope.

Catherine Lake--R. Batts, W. M. Bishop, John Marshburn.

Castle Haynes--

Cedar Grove--

Dobson's Chapel—W. B. Haws, W. H. Murray.
 Ebenezer—J. D. Highsmith, J. A. Tatum.
 Emma's Chapel—Joseph Aden, A. H. Huffman, A. J. Scott.
 Hallsville—J. D. Brown, David J. Farrior.
 Haw Bluff—N. R. Croom, J. B. Porter, Edward Colvin.
 Island Creek—E. Heldt, E. W. Bradshaw, J. A. Teachey.
 Ivanhoe—J. F. Lewis, C. C. Corbett.
 Johnson's—J. A. Boyette, J. A. Powell, W. H. Middleton.
 Jacksonville—W. P. Kelly.
 Keansville—W. L. Grimes, B. C. Barden.
 Kerrs—F. F. Newton, Harry DeVane, W. T. DeVane, Jr.
 Long Creek—J. H. Brinson, L. D. Cherry.
 Lisbon—W. S. Johnson, D. L. Herring, Guss Bronson.
 Maple Hill—W. T. Powers, J. R. Marshburn, T. B. Fisher.
 Mary's Chapel—F. M. Southerland, P. S. Best, A. D. McGowen.
 Masonboro—By Letter.
 Moores Creek—D. J. Johnson, J. H. Highsmith, Eli Larkins.
 Mt. Gilead—E. Williamson, I. W. Powell, B. Matthews.
 Mt. Olive—Matthew Summerlin, Jas. Albritton.
 Mt. Holly—C. Harrell, Isaiah Carroll.
 Magnolia—Jethro Johnson, Jno W. Swinton, T. J. Ezzell.
 New Hope—F. M. Carroll, C. E. Daniel, W. J. Herring.
 Olive Branch—
 Olivet—E. D. Walker, N. A. Shelly.
 Piney Grove—R. C. Sanderlin, G. W. Highsmith, E. L. King.
 Poplar Grove—L. D. Rogers, W. A. Harriss, G. W. Hatcher.
 Providence—J. H. Hildreth.
 Rose Hill—D. M. Page.
 Rileys Creek—H. R. Caison.
 Sharon—Z. Blanchard, J. F. Wallace, R. W. Sloan.
 Siloam—J. B. Highsmith, A. L. Jones, W. A. Melvin, Jr.
 Shiloh—D. J. Sikens, A. H. Costen, A. T. Herring.
 Springvale—A. M. Blackburn, D. F. Register, M. R. Matthis.
 Southside—F. H. Farrington, R. B. Moore.
 Salem—B. Ward, J. Midgit.
 Teachey's—Z. J. Carter, A. F. Bland, Jno. Savage.
 Warsaw—S. M. Carlton, S. H. Strickland, S. G. Owen.
 Well's Chapel—D. F. Colwell, L. R. Highsmith, S. T. Peterson.
 Wilmington—S. G. Hall, Owen Fennell, B. F. Keith.
 Willard—D. F. English, J. W. New, W. F. Bowen.

Letters from Mt. Gilead and Mt. Holly on motion were laid on the table.

The election of officers: J. L. Stewart elected Moderator; A. R. Herring, Clerk; W. H. Middleton, Treasurer.

W. H. Middleton tendered his resignation to take effect upon the adoption of his report. The resignation was accepted.

On motion the Clerk cast the ballot of the Association for Isaiah Carroll for Treasurer.

Committee on Devotional Exercises report: Devotional exercises tomorrow morning at 9 a. m., by S. M. Carlton. Preaching at the stand at 10 a. m., by J. D. Larkins. Preaching at the stand at 2:30 p. m., by J. M. Alderman.

Petitionary Letters called for: Letter from Antioch church was read asking for admission into the Association. On motion of R. C. Sanderlin a Committee of Investigation was appointed to whom the letter was referred. Committee: L. R. Carroll, R. C. Sanderlin, F. H. Farrington.

The following Committees were announced:

State Missions—F. H. Farrington, M. H. Oates, D. J. Farrior.
 Foreign Missions—R. H. Gilbert, D. L. Gore, Isaiah Carroll.
 Home Missions—J. W. Nobles, J. A. Powell, C. E. Daniel.
 Education—O. P. Meeks, J. M. Alderman, W. L. Grimes.
 Periodicals—R. C. Sandlin, J. D. Newton, C. C. Corbett.
 Sunday Schools—J. H. Hildreth, B. S. Peterson, J. F. Lewis.
 Ministers' Relief—S. M. Carlton, F. M. Southerland, E. Heldt.
 Orphanage—N. A. Shelly, B. Matthews, L. D. Cherry.

The courtesies of this body were extended by Moderator to visiting brethren. The following visitors were welcomed: J. C. Caddell, for "Biblical Recorder." A. Johnson, for Orphanage and "Charity and Children." B. S. Peterson represents "N. C. Baptist." J. M. Alderman Atlantic Association. J. D. Newton, Liberty Association.

After prayer by O. P. Meeks, Association adjourned.

SECOND DAY--MORNING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, Oct 5, 1898.

The Association met at 9:30 a. m. Devotional exercises were conducted by S. M. Carlton.

Roll of delegates called, and minutes of yesterday read and approved. Visiting brethren requested to report.

Special order: The Report of Executive Committee together with report on State Missions. W. L. Bilbro presented and read the report of Executive Committee.

REPORT.

Your Committee began the present year under discouragements. Only \$215.90 was pledged at our last Association, for Associational Missions. In addition to this amount, we secured a pledge of \$100.00 from the Northern Union for Antioch mission in connection with the Onslow field. We employed bro. Joseph Aden to preach at Emma's Chapel, Catherine Lake. Tar Landing, Hallsville, Sharon, and Prospect. We have aided bro. Benj. Ward at Maple Hill and Olivet. We have also rendered assistance to bro. J. H. Hildreth at Providence and Turkey Creek. They have made favorable and encouraging reports from their respective fields.

The unpaid balance on the Jacksonville church debt has been a source of worry, and your Committee have urged the churches to send money to this Association sufficient to pay this claim. But only \$8.75 has been received at this meeting, so far, to adjust this debt, which amounts to \$279.25. Our Association assumed this debt four years ago, and still it is not half paid. Your Committee have promised to urge the payment of this debt at this Association, and we hope that you will favorably consider it.

Under existing circumstances, your Committee think it advisable to turn the mission work of the Association over to the State Board.

Submitted,

W. L. BILBRO, for Committee.

F. H. Farrington read report on State Missions.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

North Carolina has been abundantly and singularly blessed in its work of State Missions. We know no other cause amid all the difficulties than the direct blessing of an All-wise Heavenly Father. For we notice in that in these last years, even the last decade, God has given us over

100 per cent increase in the number of those who believe the Lord Jesus to be the living Saviour

Our increase this year in laborers has been from 87 to 103 missionaries. Going all through the State with their message of mercy, preaching to more than 300 destitute places. Another marked increase in harvesters has been our voluntary mission workers; giving their time without remuneration to go to the most destitute portions to tell the story of Jesus. They number 83. So now instead of having 87 missionaries we may practically say that we have now 186; but it is singular to note that we are \$13,000 behind what we had raised up to this time last year. Well it is to for the increase in laborers—for never before were there more lost souls in North Carolina. Over a million stand at our door hungering for the gospel. The faithful presentation of the Saviour's claims has met with open hearts everywhere and the harvest has been great. Many precious experiences in redeemed souls have come from all over our State to our Secretary. We have to state, but with some regret, that our brotherhood seems to be in a more indifferent condition toward the work than is becoming them or it. Brethren this should not be so. Let us, brethren go back to our churches and be not content until each of our members have an opportunity to contribute, and let us go in the strength of Him who has said "I will be with you," and success will be ours.

Your committee recommend bro. L. R. Carroll as the Associational member of the State Mission Board.

Respectfully submitted,

F. H. FARRINGTON,
M. H. OATES,
DAVID FARRIOR,
Committee.

On motion of F. H. Farrington the two reports were made special order, the first business in the afternoon.

R. C. Sandlin presented Report on Periodicals:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Realizing the fact that our people should be informed along denominational lines, and as we cannot be interested about what we know nothing, our zeal in the progress of our work will be measured by the extent of our information concerning it. We would urge all our people to take and read all good literature possible.

Your Committee would recommend the "Biblical Recorder," the "N. C. Baptist," "Charity and Children," and the literature of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The report was spoken to by J. C. Caddell and B. S. Peterson. A. Johnson said he would speak for "Charity and Children" in his remarks on report on Orphanage.

The Report on Orphanage was read by L. D. Cherry, as follows:

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

The Baptist Orphanage has just closed a year of great prosperity. A gracious Providence has cared for the health of the officers and children, though a severe epidemic of measles has prevailed; only one child has died from the disease. One has died from heart disease, and one from dropsy. Since the last session of this body many valuable improvements have been made. The central or school building has been completed at a cost of more than \$5,000. During the past year this has been occupied and found admirably suited to the purpose for which it was erected. By means of this building the Superintendent has been able to grade the school properly, and thus to have the children more thoroughly taught. And, too, the congregating of the children into this building for instruction, has opened for sleeping rooms the rooms heretofore used for school-

rooms. The Trustees have thus found themselves in a position to admit a larger number of orphans than the original plans of the building permitted. A home for the General Manager—certainly an urgent need—is in process of erection. He and his wife have heretofore been housed in the infirmary, an inconvenient arrangement, especially in case of epidemic disease raging. The Treasurer's report shows the sum of \$800 has been contributed for this building, though \$1200 were subscribed at the last session of the Baptist State Convention. A new printing press and general outfit for "Charity and Children" have been secured at a cost of several hundred dollars. A marked improvement—the general make-up—the mechanical part—of the paper has been observed by all. It is carefully and ably edited, and is in all respects admirably filling its sphere. The Treasurer's report shows that the receipts from subscriptions and advertising have exceeded the expenses by \$450. The Orphanage owns a farm of over 300 acres of fairly valuable land. The products of this farm for the last year are estimated to be worth \$1282. The total expenses of making the crop were \$649.45, leaving a net profit of \$632.55. The total receipts in money and in kind for the past year reached the magnificent sum of \$13,871.05—the largest of any year in the history of the Orphanage. A part of this was used to pay off the debt on central building—a part, \$1,000, was legacy from R. D. Flemming's estate—and \$9,000 were used to clothe, feed, and teach 160 children—making the average cost per head \$56. And your committee begs to assure this body that this sum, wisely used, has been found sufficient to maintain, in a very comfortable style, the orphan children under the care of this institution. The expenses of conducting the orphanage are small, because the salaries of the officers are small. Our efficient Superintendent receives \$900 a year, and a house and fuel, but no board. His efficient wife as General Lady Manager, receives \$250 a year. The teachers receive \$20 a month and board.

It is painful to close this report by recording the death of two of the Trustees during the past year: bro. Jno. Marcom, of Durham, N. C., and Dr. R. D. Fleming, of Warrenton, N. C., both devoted friends of the institution, giving their time and means freely for its advancement. Dr. Fleming was one of the largest contributors in the State.

The location of the Orphanage is ideal. Just a mile from the village of Thomasville, on the Southern Railway, in a beautiful grove of native oak and hickory, will be found the home for the orphan children of our brothers and sisters who have been called away from earth.

The buildings, all well arranged, consist of five dormitories, a printing house and laundry, a central school building, an infirmary, and a home for the General Manager, now in process of erection, are estimated to be worth \$25,000.

Submitted,

L. G. CHERRY,
N. A. SHELLY,
B. MATTHEWS,
Committee.

Remarks by A. Johnson. On motion of R. C. Sandlin a cash collection was taken, amounting to \$13.66. The report was then adopted.

On motion of R. H. Gilbert, Jno. E. White was requested to preach the missionary sermon, in the absence of J. J. Douglas. At 11 a. m. the Association suspended for the preaching of the missionary sermon. Text Rom. 1:16.

The report on Home Missions was presented by J. W. Nobles.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

This Board has for its territory all the States making up the Southern Baptist Convention, the Indian Territory, and Cuba. The more we learn of our Home Mission work the more we are convinced that it is

God's work. It ought to have as prominent a place in our efforts as any department of Christian work. Considering our success in the past we ought to take courage for the present and future. Dear brethren, the people in the territory under our Home Board are brought to a knowledge of the saving truth of God, in proportion as we give them the gospel. We had last year 5,069 members in this Association, they gave to Home Missions \$125.06. Dear brethren, the field demands our best efforts. Souls are dying daily and going down into hopeless despair. Let us redouble our efforts, unite our forces to give the Bread of Life to them that have it not. Brethren let us enlarge our work under the Home Board. Praying the Lord of the harvest to let His blessings rest upon all honest efforts made, and to guide us in the Ways of Truth.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. NOBLE,
For Committee.

On motion by O. P. Meeks the report on Home Missions was made special order to follow reports of Executive Committee and State Missions. The Association adjourned for one hour.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

At the hour appointed the Moderator called the Association to order. Special order, reports of Executive Committee, together with report on State Missions were taken up. Pending the adoption of the reports the Association was addressed by J. H. Hildreth and W. L. Bilbro.

By request of J. M. Alderman, J. W. Kramer will preach at 2:30 p.m. at the stand.

The Association was further addressed by Jno. E. White. After which the reports were adopted.

Proposition by Jno. E. White to pay the balance of the debt on the Jacksonville church by cash and pledges on 30 days. Under the \$5.00 call brethren D. L. Gore, W. H. Murray, B. F. Keith, W. P. Kelly, and J. L. Stewart—condition that the amount of debt be raised. On 30 days L. R. Carroll, F. H. Farrington, B. S. Peterson, C. E. Daniel, and J. C. Caddell, \$2.50. Cash paid by Benj Ward 1.00, D. W. Fussell 1.00, M. H. Oates 25 cents. 30 days W. B. Hawes 1.00. On motion of J. H. Hildreth a committee of three was appointed to investigate the Jacksonville church debt and if possible to settle the same and report to the Association at its next session.

Members of committee—S. M. Carlton, L. R. Carroll, J. A. Gavin.

Just here a cash collection was taken to pay balance of \$12.00 due by Executive Committee to missionaries. Amount of collection \$5.45.

Resolution by O. P. Meeks:

Resolved, That our Association will from this session do its missionary work under the direction of the State Board; sending all money therefore to the Treasurer of the State Board; all missionaries in our bounds to be commissioned and appointed by the State Board by and with the recommendation of the Executive Committee of this Association.

The resolution was adopted.

Special order, report on Home Missions was taken up and adopted without discussion.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PETITION OF ANTIOCH CHURCH.

We the Committee to examine into the faith and orthodoxy of the Antioch church, after having consulted with the pastor, Joseph Aden, hereby recommend that said Antioch church be received into the membership of this Association. Respectfully submitted,

L. R. CARROLL,
R. C. SANDLIN,
F. H. FARRINGTON.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee the Antioch church was received into this Association.

Final leave of absence granted W. D. Wilkins, delegate from Concord.

Report of Finance Committee, submitted by B. F. Keith:

FINANCE REPORT.

The Finance Committee finds and reports the following amounts for the various objects sent up with Letters:

Foreign Missions	77.72	Orphanage	61.01
Gospel Missions	6.00	Ministerial Education	41.67
Home Missions	55.65	Minute Fund	36.89
State Missions	61.90	Jacksonville Church	10.72
Associational Missions	186.74		
Ministerial Relief	30.90		569.20

B. F. KEITH,
W. J. FRYAR,
S. A. STRICKLAND,
Committee.

Adopted.

On motion by B. S. Peterson, Treasurer was ordered to pay to Executive Committee all money sent up for Associational Missions and Jacksonville church debt; and to J. E. White amounts for State, Home, and Foreign Missions, Ministerial Education, and Ministers' Relief.

Motion by L. R. Carroll to raise a Committee to Nominate an Executive Committee, adopted. Committee—N. B. Cobb, L. R. Carroll, J. B. Harrell.

Final leave of absence was granted the delegates from Maple Hill and Bear Branch; also to F. M. Carroll, delegate from New Hope, and J. H. Hildreth.

After prayer by J. B. Harrell the Association adjourned to meet at 9:30 to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 6.

Association reassembled at 9:30. Devotional exercises conducted by Moderator. J. D. Larkins led in prayer.

Roll of delegates called. Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Visiting brethren requested to report themselves. W. B. Oliver being present was welcomed by Moderator.

Treasurer's report was submitted by S. M. Carlton:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

W. H. MIDDLETON, in account with the Eastern Association for 1897:

To amount received from Finance Committee	472.67
Collection for Orphanage	13.71
	486.36

Disbursed as follows:

State Missions.....	84.65
Home Missions.....	40.08
Foreign Missions.....	57.49
Minute Fund.....	46.21
Orphanage.....	83.46
Ministerial Education.....	47.88
Gospel Missions.....	16.90
Ministers' Relief.....	32.53
Jacksonville Church.....	8.50
Associational Missions.....	68.68

Money on hand 486.38

Turned over to Isaiah Carroll, 90 cents.

W. H. MIDDLETON, Treasurer.

Report as read was adopted.

R. H. Gilbert submitted report on Foreign Missions:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Southern Baptist Convention is a missionary body. In this great gathering representatives from all the Southern States meet annually to talk about and plan for world-wide evangelization. At its organization more than fifty years ago, the Convention decided that the wisest and most practical plan for conducting the Foreign Mission work, was to elect a Board to which should be committed the general oversight of the work. The fact that this plan has remained unchanged for more than fifty years is the highest attestation to its efficiency. This Board is elected annually, and is required to submit a full and complete report to the Southern Baptist Convention at its annual meeting. From the last report of the Board we gather the following

GRATIFYING AND ENCOURAGING FACTS.

The Board was able to go to the Convention without debt. Receipts for year ending May 1, 1898, \$124,249.69.

Baptisms on foreign fields last year, 701.

Missionaries under appointment of Board, 80, with quite a number of native assistants. Forty of these missionaries are in China, and the other 50 are at work in Africa, Italy, Brazil, Mexico, and Japan.

Of the 40 in China 8 are from North Carolina.

WOMAN'S WORK.

Of the \$124,249.69 reported for Foreign Missions last year, \$21,633.51 was raised by the women through their societies.

NEEDS OF THE BOARD.

1st. The prayers of the people, that they may be guided in their responsible work by an all-wise God, and that the missionaries under their appointment may have great success in saving souls.

2d. Enlarged contribution. "We must lengthen our cords." The call for reinforcements is coming from every foreign field. The expenses of our Board are remarkably small now, but they can be made smaller still by increasing our contributions. This same force could handle a million dollars almost as easily as they do a hundred thousand.

3d. Amounts collected for Foreign Missions should be promptly forwarded. Last year the Board paid over \$2,000 interest on borrowed money. This amount would have supported four missionaries—two men and their wives.

NORTH CAROLINA'S PART.

We were asked to raise \$9,000 last year. Dr. Willingham's report shows that we fell considerably behind that sum. We speak of the number of missionaries we have given as if that should exempt us from contributing any large amount to foreign missions. But brother, what did that cost you? There are vacant places in a few homes, aching voids in a few hearts, but the great majority of Baptists in North Carolina could not give the names of the missionaries that have gone from our State to foreign fields. It is gratifying to note, however, that there is an increase of interest among our people on the subject of Foreign Missions. Let us take for our motto for the ensuing year.

"A contribution for Foreign Missions from every member of every church in our Association."

R. H. GILBERT,
D. L. GORE,
ISAIAH CARROLL,
Committee.

Pending its adoption the Association was addressed by W. B. Oliver.

Just here J. B. Harrell read report of Woman's Missionary Societies, as follows:

To Eastern Association: It is with pleasure that the Woman's Central Committee of Missions for our State reports to you the ever growing work of the Woman's Missionary Societies. This work, begun a little more than eleven years ago, by order of the Baptist State Convention, has made steady and remarkable progress from the first. The annual gifts of the Societies have increased from \$500.00 to more than \$6,000.00, and the number of Societies contributing from 14 to nearly 400. In the 11 years of the Committee's work the Societies have reported to Home, Foreign, and State Missions the large sum of \$37,771. In a number of the Associations. Associational Vice Presidents have given untiring effort to the organization and maintenance of Societies. In no Association however have as many Societies been organized as we would wish, and in none has our aim—a Woman's Missionary Society in every church and every woman a member of it—been realized. While gratefully acknowledging the assistance of many of our most influential ministers in the past, we would earnestly ask the aid of every minister and layman for the woman's missionary work of the future. The great blessings that God has seen fit to bestow upon our efforts is an assurance that this work is from Him. Rejoicing in the progress we have made, and again asking your sympathy and aid in the work we are endeavoring to do, I am,

Yours Very Sincerely,

FANNIE E. S. HECK.

In the 60 churches in this Association only 13 Societies reported last year to the Woman's Central Committee, as follows:

First Church, Wilmington.....	7.92
Sunbeams, Mt. Olive.....	1.88
Mt. Olive.....	14.17
Young People, Magnolia.....	8.97
Bear Marsh.....	2.00
Sun Beams, Bear Marsh.....	1.00
Clinton.....	17.90
Sunbeams and B. Y. P. U., Clinton.....	2.50
Sunbeams, Warsaw.....	5.15
Sunbeams, Clinton.....	3.81
Warsaw.....	10.35
Bethel.....	80
Sunbeams, Kenansville.....	4.00

Total..... 80.45

J. B. Harrell spoke on Woman's Work.

Report on Foreign Missions was further spoken to by N. B. Cobb and J. D. Larkins.

It was announced that Will B. Oliver will address the ladies at the stand, on Woman's Work.

The report was then adopted.

Report on Education was submitted by O. P. Meeks, as follows:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The Baptists of North Carolina are committed unreservedly to the cause of education. Believing as we do in individual liberty in all matters of conscience and religion, we naturally favor the best and broadest culture of the individual faculties. Inasmuch as the great majority of the children of the State are dependent upon the public schools for their education, we very earnestly favor the support of these schools by taxation. The appalling condition of illiteracy in our borders makes it doubly important that every honorable effort shall be tried to render our common school system more efficient. The present policy of our State towards higher education we consider unnecessary, unwise, and unjust, and reaffirm our unwavering belief in the wisdom and efficiency of the Voluntary Principle. And we most earnestly insist upon the duty of Baptists to patronize their own (Baptist) institutions.

THE EDUCATION OF WOMEN.

As the first school is the home and the mother the most important teacher, and as the influence of woman is a potent force, in advancing or retarding the progress of civilization and Christianity, it follows that her education is a matter of supreme importance. We rejoice in the steady and encouraging progress of the movement for the Woman's College in Raleigh. The building is being pushed to rapid completion, and will, in the near future, be ready to open its doors to our women. But there is still much to be done. A great enterprise needs a great deal of money. Our Woman's College needs the support of every Baptist in the State, especially should the members of the Association accord a liberal support to this institution, located in their own borders.

The Oxford Seminary and Murfreesboro Institute are both excellent institutions under Baptist control and should receive a liberal patronage.

WAKE FOREST COLLEGE.

Wake Forest College belongs to the Baptists of North Carolina. Founded and fostered in their prayers and sacrifices, it has ever sought to do their will and serve their interests. It is preeminently a Christian College. It strives to give thorough culture, at moderate cost, in a distinctively Christian atmosphere. The Bible has been made an essential part of the College course, and is required of all applicants for degrees. The last session of the College was in some respects the most successful in all its history. The enrollment, 264, surpassed all previous records; the health of the students was excellent, and their general spirit one of order, industry, and decorum. The present session has opened well and the prospects for the future are good, but they can be realized only as the College has the support of the Baptists of the State. Will not every member of the Association recognize and emphasize his ownership in the College by giving in large measure his prayers, his patronage, and his sympathy.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Wise leadership is essential to the largest success. Wise leaders must be trained. In our work as a denomination our preachers are our leaders. In this age as never before they need training. To aid worthy and

indigent young ministers in getting this training, the State Convention established the Board of Education. The value of the work of this Board is attested by the lives and labors of its beneficiaries. In a careful and judicious way, it dispenses the contributions of the churches to needy young men who have been approved by their churches. Its aid is given as a loan. Last session about 30 young men were aided. There are other worthy applicants but they cannot be helped unless the churches increase their contributions. What say you, brethren? Will not the churches of the Association, blessed with the prospect of a bountiful harvest, promise to do more for training reapers for the Master's great harvest? Our opportunity is great and our duty urgent.

ENDOWED ACADEMIES.

We also wish to press upon our people the fundamental importance of endowed Baptist Academies, to prepare our boys and girls for our colleges. To this end we urge upon our Association the importance of rallying to the support and patronage of the Warsaw High School.

O. P. MEEKS,
J. M. ALDERMAN,
W. L. GRIMES,
Committee.

Remarks by O. P. Meeks. Motion by N. B. Cobb to amend by striking out the words, "The present policy of our State toward higher education, we consider unnecessary, unwise, and unjust." The amendment was discussed by O. P. Meeks, R. H. Gilbert. N. B. Cobb. The previous question was moved by S. M. Carlton and sustained. Upon division the vote stood 20 yeas, 42 nays. The report as read was then adopted.

The report of Committee to Nominate Executive Committee:

Your Committee to Nominate Executive Committee respectfully recommend S. M. Carlton, W. H. Murray, D. L. Gore, D. L. Herring, L. Middleton.

L. R. CARROLL,
N. B. COBB,
J. B. HARRELL,
Committee.

Adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERS' RELIEF.

Your Committee beg leave to report our Board in excellent condition. About 30 were aided last year. If the churches will continue their contributions to this worthy object, there will be no cause for complaint. Rev. W. C. Frye, Durham, N. C., is Chairman of our Board.

Respectfully submitted,

S. M. CARLTON,
E. HELDT,
F. M. SOUTHERLAND,
Committee.

Report was adopted.

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, but most pious members as Superintendent and teachers. Respectfully submitted,

J. H. HILDRETH,
J. F. LEWIS,
B. S. PETERSON.

Report adopted without discussion.

On motion of O. P. Meeks, the churches were called and pledges taken for State, Home, and Foreign Missions, Ministerial Education, Minister's Relief, and Orphanage. [See Table.]

On motion by R. C. Sandling, Moderator appointed delegates to Southern Baptist Convention and Baptist State Convention. All preachers in this Association were appointed delegates to Baptist State Convention; D. L. Gore delegate to Southern Baptist Convention.

The Association elected J. L. Stewart as a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, if we be allowed two.

REPORT OF INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE.

We the committee appointed to examine into the faith and orthodoxy of the Antioch church, after having consulted with the Pastor, Rev. Joseph Aden, hereby recommend that said Antioch church be received into the membership of this Association.

Respectfully Submitted.

L. R. CARROLL,
R. C. SANDERLIN,
F. H. FARRINGTON,
Committee.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee, Antioch church was received into the membership of this Association.

On motion the Letters from Mt. Gilead and Mt. Holly were taken from the table.

On motion of J. D. Larkins the roll of churches and ministers was called to elect the place for holding our next session. Mt. Holly was elected as the place.

On motion the reports of the Woman's Missionary Societies were ordered printed in the minutes.

On motion of B. S. Peterson, the Moderator appointed R. C. Sanderlin to preach the Introductory Sermon, and Dr. C. S. Blackwell to preach the Missionary Sermon at our next session.

Motion by D. L. Gore that hereafter all the money collected for the several objects be sent to the Treasurer of the Association. Adopted.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Resolved, The Association hereby renders its grateful appreciation of the generous hospitality of the Siloam Baptist Church and of the good people of this community generally; also to the railroads if they aided us. Adopted by a unanimous vote.

The work of the Association having been accomplished, Dr. N. B. Cobb led in prayer; and the brethren engaged in singing "Blest be the tie that binds."

The Association adjourned to meet again in the Meeting House of the Mt. Holly Baptist Church, in Pender county, on Tuesday after the first Lord's Day in October, 1899.

J. L. STEWART,
Moderator.

A. R. HERRING,
Clerk.

PLEDGES.

CHURCHES.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Minister's Relief.	Orphanage.	TOTAL.
Antioch							
Barlow's Chapel	5.00	20.00	5.00	3.00	3.00	5.00	41.00
Bethel	2.00	2.50	7.00	3.00	1.00	.....	15.50
Beulah	1.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	1.00	5.00	13.00
Boykin's Chapel .....	.....	.....	3.00	1.00	.....	1.00	5.00
Berea							
Bowden's							
Bear Marsh	2.00	3.00	3.00	1.00	1.00	2.00	12.00
Bethlehem							
Bear Branch							
Burgaw .....	.....	.....	.....	1.50	1.50	4.00	7.00
Brooklyn	10.00	5.00	20.00	5.00	10.00	10.00	60.00
Clinton	5.00	5.00	15.00	5.00	2.00	5.00	37.00
Concord	2.00	.....	3.00	1.00	1.00	2.00	9.00
Corinth	10.00	10.00	6.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	35.00
Colvin's Creek							
Caintuck Chapel	3.00	20.00	5.00	3.00	3.00	5.00	39.00
Caswell .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	50
Catherine Lake .....	.....	1.00	2.50	.....	.....	1.00	4.50
Castle Haynes							
Cedar Grove							
Dobson's Chapel	6.00	6.00	13.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	33.00
Ebenezer	1.00	1.00	2.00	.....	.....	1.00	5.00
Emma's Chapel .....	.....	1.00	3.00	.....	50	2.00	6.50
Hallsville	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	6.00
Haw Bluff	1.00	6.00	2.00	.....	.....	1.00	10.00
Island Creek	10.00	10.00	15.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	50.00
Ivanhoe							
Johnson's	5.00	10.00	10.00	1.00	1.00	.....	27.00
Jacksonville	1.67	1.67	1.67	1.67	1.66	1.66	10.00
Kenansville	3.00	10.00	8.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	25.00
Kerrs'							
Long Creek	1.00	.....	.....	.....	2.00	2.00	5.00
Lisbon	5.00	5.00	10.00	2.00	2.00	5.00	29.00
Maple Hill	1.00	1.00	3.00	1.00	.....	1.00	7.00
Mary's Chapel	1.50	1.50	2.00	.....	.....	.....	5.00
Masonboro							
Moore's Creek	50	50	50	50	50	50	3.00
Mt. Gilead	2.00	.....	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	10.00
Mt. Olive	7.50	7.50	7.50	.....	2.50	5.00	30.00
Mt. Holly	2.00	3.00	4.00	1.00	2.00	3.00	15.00
Magnolia	2.00	2.00	2.00	.....	.....	2.00	8.00
New Hope	2.50	.....	5.00	2.50	2.50	10.00	22.50
Olive Branch							
Olivet .....	.....	.....	2.00	50	50	1.00	4.00
Piney Grove	1.00	3.00	5.00	1.00	1.00	2.00	15.00
Poplar Grove	1.00	1.00	3.00	.....	1.00	2.00	8.00
Providence							
Rose Hill .....	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	50
Riley's Creek	2.00	2.00	3.00	1.00	2.00	1.00	11.00
Sharon							
Siloam	2.00	2.00	4.00	1.00	1.00	2.00	12.00
Shiloh .....	.....	.....	5.00	.....	.....	2.00	7.00
Springvale	2.00	2.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	2.00	10.00
Southside	10.00	10.00	30.00	5.00	5.00	15.00	75.00
Salem	3.00	5.00	10.00	2.00	1.00	2.00	23.00
Teachey's							
Warsaw	5.00	10.00	15.00	5.00	1.00	5.00	41.00
Wells Chapel	2.00	.....	2.00	.....	3.00	5.00	12.00
Wilmington							
Willard	1.00	.....	2.00	1.00	1.00	2.00	7.00
	122.67	170.67	247.17	68.17	70.66	129.66	809.00

FINANCIAL.

CHURCHES.	Foreign Missions.	Gospel Missions.	Home Missions.	State Missions.	Associational Missions.	Ministers' Relief.	Ministerial Education.	Orphanage.	Jacksonville Debt.	Poor.	Other Objects.	Minute Fund.	Pastor's Salary.	Improvements.	Other Church Expenses.	Total.	Present Indebtedness.	Value Church Property.
Antioch					2.00													
Barlow's Chapel	20.00		5.00		5.00	1.69	3.00	5.25				20				2.20		
Bethel	12.94	3.84	11.47	5.00	12.00	2.00	2.00	2.27			9.60	1.10	100.00		60.00	210.64		1,000.00
Beulah	2.00		1.00	2.00		1.00	1.50					75	60.00		11.75	124.02		600.00
Boykin's Chapel			1.00	1.00	5.00		1.00		2.00		8.15	50	75.00			93.15		
Berea		1.00		1.00								70	50.00		6.00	64.70		300.00
Bowden's			1.55		2.65			1.50				50		50.00		54.00		300.00
Bear Marsh	4.00		2.00	1.22	3.00		2.00	1.24				1.00				5.20		
Bethlehem	3.75	5.15	3.00	2.50	3.35		25	3.50				80	75.00			89.26		
Bear Branch	1.19		3.10	1.77				42	3.00			1.25				36.25		
Burgaw		5.00			10.00		3.10	4.86				35	40.00		3.75	54.53		125.00
Brooklyn					18.50						5.75		100.00	472.08		595.04		600.00
Clinton	5.54			23.12	10.00							1.50	700.00		93.75	894.50		
Concord	83	6.15	1.00	5.00	2.00		1.00	1.54				2.50	260.00	17.35	30.00	354.01	32.90	1,500.00
Corinth	12.67		5.43	5.00	4.00	2.50	2.50	3.21	87			50	100.00	17.00		155.02		600.00
Colvin's Creek	2.41		1.00					1.12				1.00	150.00			232.21		750.00
Caintuck Chapel	17.15	2.85	3.00		5.00	2.04	3.00	2.11			3.25	20	36.00		7.78	51.76	10.00	125.00
Caswell	1.25		1.25		3.00	2.00		3.00				1.50	125.00			161.65		
Catherine Lake	1.00				1.03			3.00		50		50	100.00			111.50		1,000.00
Castle Haynes												50	25.00			27.50		700.00
Cedar Grove																		
Dobson's Chapel	5.00		5.00		10.00	1.00	2.50	1.75	2.35			70	100.00			128.30		400.00
Ebenezer	1.00		1.00	1.00	2.03			25				50	48.00		6.00	60.38		200.00
Emma's Chapel	1.05			1.00	7.50							50	50.00	50.00	10.00	120.05		650.00
Hallsville	2.00		2.00	2.00	3.00			1.07	50			85				12.42		400.00
Haw Bluff	1.85		1.75	1.00	7.61	1.00		3.16				50	75.00		5.00	95.87	13.00	450.00

Island Creek	12.00		13.68	13.44	15.00	5.00		1.33			15.00	1.50	100.00			176.95		600.00
Ivanhoe	6.62		1.41	3.87	3.89	1.00	1.40	2.26				70	60.00		41.50	123.25		500.00
Johnson's	14.67	7.43	5.35	6.49	12.62	5.45	1.00	8.66				1.50	125.00		25.00	213.17		1,000.00
Jacksonville	1.60		1.00	50	48	1.58	1.00	1.00	100.00			52	58.10		48.67	214.45		1,500.00
Kenansville	10.00		3.00	5.00	5.00		2.00						125.00		12.00	162.00		1,000.00
Kerr's	3.50		2.50	1.52			55	1.00			2.68	10	50.00			61.85		
Long Creek		9.00	82		1.37	1.05						35	75.00			87.59		500.00
Lisbon	5.00	3.47	5.00		15.00	1.42	2.00	4.08				76	125.00			161.73		500.00
Maple Hill	2.00				3.00		2.00						30.00			37.00		
Mary's Chapel		1.00		1.00	2.00		1.00		1.00							6.00		
Masonboro		10.00		3.00	6.56	2.90		10.00		1.00		1.00	100.00		50.00	183.56		500.00
Moore's Creek			1.00	65		1.00		1.22				75	60.00		1.21	65.83		
Mt. Gilead		23.00	6.00	1.96		1.48		2.11					125.00			159.55		800.00
Mt. Olive	2.50		2.50	5.00	10.00											20.00		
Mt. Holly	1.00	6.50	1.00		1.00			1.25				75	50.00			61.40		800.00
Magnolia	4.34		4.33	2.81	90			2.40				1.50	100.00		4.83	121.11		800.00
New Hope	2.59	30.00	2.00	2.36		2.10	2.38	10.38			10.00	1.00	100.00			162.81		500.00
Olive Branch																		
Olivet					4.71	1.05	1.31	56				50	40.00	50.00		98.13		350.00
Piney Grove	4.00		2.00	2.00	5.00			4.00				25	75.00			92.25		350.00
Poplar Grove	2.61		1.21	1.16	4.66			3.66					60.00		12.00	85.30		300.00
Providence	50	50			1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00		50		50	75.00		10.00	91.00		320.00
Rose Hill									1.00			25	26.25			27.50		
Riley's Creek					5.38		5.00					95	100.00			111.33		600.00
Sharon	1.00				2.00				1.00			62				4.62		
Siloam	2.00		2.00	1.00	4.75	1.00	1.00	2.00		1.00		1.00	100.00		5.00	120.75		1,000.00
Shiloh		14.35	1.37	54	8.19	3.06		2.47	1.00				100.00			130.98		200.00
Spring Vale			2.00	3.00	2.00		1.00	3.01				60				11.61		600.00
Southside	10.00		10.00	35.00	3.00	5.00	5.00	15.00		13.15	57.00	2.00	260.00	155.00	96.36	660.51	391.50	891.50
Salem	7.00		4.44	1.15	6.84	1.00	1.00				13.70	50	103.62	2.35		141.60		300.00
Teachey's	2.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	3.00	70		2.00				1.00	100.00			112.70		800.00
Warsaw			7.60		10.00		5.00	1.00				1.00	125.00	1.73	18.00	169.33		
Wells' Chapel	1.24	384.33	1.56	5.60	1.27	1.56	2.00	3.61				1.15				402.32		
Wilmington	16.20	32.00	1.15	95.00						72.00		2.00	1500.00			1718.35	1000.00	40,000.00
Willard			1.00	1.72	2.00		2.00	2.17				50	75.00	70.00		154.39		757.00
Totals	208.00	557.57	134.50	250.38	257.16	49.68	59.49	123.02	113.72	93.90	266.48	41.65						

PASTORS AND CLERKS.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS AND POST OFFICES.	CLERKS AND POST OFFICES.	TIME OF MEETING.
Antioch.....	Jos. Aden, Richlands.....	A. W. King, Sloop Point.....	4th Sunday.
Barlow's Chapel,	J. B. Harrell, Wilmington....	M. Ward, Joford.....	4th Sunday and Saturday before.
Bethel.....	R. H. Gilbert, Harrell's Store,	C. I. Thomson, Turkey.....	1st Sunday.
Beulah.....	J. D. Larkins, Kenansville....	L. M. Boykin, Clinton.....	3d Sunday evening.
Boykin's Chapel,	J. J. Douglass, Clinton.....	Jos. Brooks, Wallace.....	3d Saturday and Sunday.
Berea.....	J. L. Stewart, Clinton.....	W. S. Loftin, Bowden.....	2d Sunday evening.
Bowden's.....	J. J. Douglass, Clinton.....	W. R. Brinson, Montague.....	3d Sunday and Saturday before.
Bear Branch....	J. H. Dobson, Atkinson.....	J. E. Swinson, Mt. Olive.....	3d Saturday and Sunday.
Bear Marsh.....	R. C. Sandling, Clinton.....	W. C. Keith, Keith.....	3d Sunday and Saturday before.
Bethlehem.....	J. W. Noble, Harrell's Store..	J. L. Hocut, Ashton.....	3d Sunday.
Burgaw.....	M. C. Walton, Burgaw.....	J. C. Gore, Wilmington.....	Twice every Sunday.
Brooklyn.....	J. W. Kramer, Wilmington....	J. A. Sykes, Clinton.....	1st and 3d Sundays.
Clinton.....	J. J. Douglas, Clinton.....	W. D. Wilkins, Natural Wells...	1st Sabbath and Saturday before.
Concord.....	R. H. Gilbert, Harrell's Store..	I. J. Johnson, Rose Hill.....	1st Sunday and Saturday before.
Corinth.....	A. J. Taylor, Chinquepin.....	R. C. Henry, Atkinson.....	1st Sunday and Saturday before.
Colvin's Creek...	J. H. Dobson, Atkinson.....	D. J. Corbett, Nat More.....	2d Sunday and Saturday before.
Caintuck Chapel,	J. B. Harrell, Wilmington....	J. L. Watson, Point Caswell....	
Caswell.....	M. C. Walton, Burgaw.....	W. M. Bishop, Catherine Lake...	4th Sunday.
Catherine Lake..	Joseph Aden, Catherine Lake..		
Castle Haynes...			
Cedar Grove....			
Dobson's Chapel,	J. B. Harrell, Wilmington....	J. M. Dobson, Kenansville....	3d Sunday and Saturday before.
Ebenezer.....	N. B. Cobb, Harrell's Store...	R. Highsmith Parkersburg.....	2d Sunday.
Emma's Chapel..	Joseph Aden, Catherine Lake..	A. H. Huffman, Richlands.....	1st Sunday.
Hallsville.....	Joseph Ad-n, Catherine Lake..	J. I. Brown, Cavanaugh.....	2d Sunday and Saturday before.
Haw Bluff.....	R. H. Gilbert, Harrell's Store..	N. R. Croom, Colly.....	2d Sunday.
Island Creek....	L. R. Carroll, Warsaw.....	E. M. Teachey, Rose Hill.....	1st Sunday and Saturday before.
Ivanhoe.....	F. T. Wooten, Huntley.....	C. R. Corbett, Ivanhoe.....	4th Sunday and Saturday before.
Johnson s.....	N. B. Cobb, Harrell's Store...	L. Middleton, Warsaw.....	1st Sunday and Saturday before.
Jacksonville....	J. H. Hildreth, Wilmington...	R. P. Hinton, Jacksonville.....	3d Sunday.
Kenansville.....	J. D. Larkins, Keenansville....	Jno. A. Gavin, Kenansville.....	4th Sunday.
Kerr's.....	J. H. Dobson, Atkinson.....	Harvey DeVane, Kerr.....	2d Sunday.
Long Creek.....	J. W. Noble, Harrell's Store...	J. S. DeVane, Daughton.....	1st Sunday.
Lisbon.....	J. B. Harrell, Wilmington....	W. B. Lamb, Ingold.....	1st Sunday and Saturday before.
Maple Hill.....	Benj. Ward, Marines.....	J. R. Marshburn, Catherine Lake,	3d Sunday and night before.
Mary's Chapel...	J. D. Larkins, Kenansville....	F. M. Southerland, Kenansville..	4th Sunday.
Masonboro.....	W. S. Ballard, Clarkton.....	Ad. Hewlett, Wilmington.....	Twice each 1st Sunday.
Moore's Creek...	N. B. Cobb, Harrell's Store...	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.....	4th Saturday and Sunday.
Mt. Holly.....	B. Ward, Marines.....	Isaiah Carroll, South Washington,	2d Sunday and Saturday before.
Magnolia.....	O. P. Meeks, Clinton.....	Jno. K. Hamlin, Magnolia.....	4th Sunday.
New Hope.....	J. D. Larkins, Kenansville....	G. W. Carroll, Six Runs.....	2d Sunday.
Olive Branch....			
Olivet.....	B. Ward, Marines.....	E. K. Walker, Rocky Point.....	1st Sunday and Saturday before.
Piney Grove....	R. C. Sandlin, Clinton.....	E. L. King, Clinton.....	1st Sunday.
Poplar Grove....	J. T. Albritton, Mt. Olive....	W. D. Stevens, Faison.....	3d Sunday and Saturday.
Providence.....	J. H. Hildreth, Wilmington...	J. M. Bishop, Holly Ridge.....	2d Sunday.
Rose Hill.....	Jos. Aden, Richlands.....	D. M. Page, Tar Landing.....	4th Sunday.
Riley's Creek...	M. C. Walton, Burgaw.....	J. D. Mahn, Rocky Point.....	1st Sunday and Saturday before.
Sharon.....	Jos. Aden, Richlands.....	W. D. Brock, Cavanaugh.....	2d Sunday.
Siloam.....	R. H. Gilbert, Harrell's Store..	N. F. Highsmith, Harrell's Store,	3d Sunday and Saturday before.
Shiloh.....	F. T. Wooten, Huntley.....	C. C. Woodcock, Moore's Creek..	3d Sunday and Saturday before.
Spring Vale.....	R. C. Sandlin, Clinton.....	A. F. Robinson, Ingold.....	1st Sunday and Saturday before.
Southside.....	F. H. Farrington, Wilmington,	J. F. Littleton, Wilmington....	Twice each Sunday.
Salem.....	J. H. Hildreth, Wilmington...	J. E. Robinson, Snead's Ferry...	3d Sunday.
Teachey's.....	M. C. Walton, Burgaw.....	M. W. Teachey, Wallace.....	2d Sunday.
Warsaw.....	J. J. Douglass, Clinton.....	H. G. Owen, Warsaw.....	2d Sunday and Saturday before.
Wells' Chapel...	J. W. Noble, Harrell's Store...	L. K. Taylor, Harrell's Store...	2d Sunday.
Wilmington.....	C. S. Blackwell, Wilmington..	F. L. Huggins, Wilmington.....	Twice each Sunday.
Willard.....	J. W. Noble, Harrell's Store...	W. F. Bowen, Willard.....	4th Sunday and Saturday before,

DENOMINATIONAL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	ADDITIONS.			LOSSES.			MEMBERSHIP.			ORDAINED MINISTERS.	LICENTIATES.
	Baptisms.	Letter.	Restored.	Excluded.	Died.	Letter.	Males.	Females.	Total.		
Antioch.....											
Barlow's Chapel....	5	1	3	2	1	1	42	55	97		
Bethel.....	2										
Beulah.....	19			2	1	2	59	73	132		
Boykin's Chapel....			1		4	3	45	68	113		
Berea.....					2	3	39	41	80		
Bowden's.....					1		11	28	39		
Bear Marsh.....	2		1		3		42	85	127		
Bethlehem.....				12		3	59	87	146		
Bear Branch.....	4	1		2	1	1	29	20	49		
Burgaw.....		1	1	1	1	1	45	45	90		
Brooklyn.....											
Clinton.....		5		1		5	93	117	210	O. P. Meeks, J. L. Stewart.	
Concord.....		2	3		1	4	32	36	68		
Corinth.....	18	13	1	2	2	1	87	97	184	A. J. Taylor.	
Colvin's Creek.....	11	1		1		2	26	33	59		
Caintuck Chapel....	6	6	1	3	1	4	73	81	154		
Caswell.....	4	3	1	6	1	8	31	54	85		
Catherine Lake.....	4	9	1	1	1		8	20	28		
Castle Haynes.....											
Cedar Grove.....											
Dobson's Chapel....		1		1		1	46	55	101		
Ebenezer.....						1	29	22	51		
Emma's Chapel.....	1	5		1		1	26	38	58		
Hallsville.....	8	2			2	7	38	76	114		
Haw Bluff.....		2	1	37	1	6	46	63	109		
Island Creek.....	4	10	2	5	1	7	81	127	208		

Ivanhoe.....		1				4	17	17	34		
Johnson's.....	4	2			1	1	61	77	138	W. L. Bilbro.	
Jacksonville.....	12			4		2	26	24	50		
Kenansville.....		3			1		29	47	76		
Kerr's.....	3	2			1	3	18	24	42		
Long Creek.....		2	4	2	2	4	51	63	114		
Lisbon.....	2	3		1	3	3	53	49	102		
Maple Hill.....							14	18	33		
Mary's Chapel.....					2	4	24	41	65		
Masonboro.....	3	4		1	2	2	42	73	115		
Moore's Creek.....	4	10		1	1		24	31	55		
Mt. Gilead.....	2			1	3	2	63	105	168		
Mt. Olive.....	2	10				4	62	99	161		
Mt. Holly.....		7		8	1	5	39	67	106		
Magnolia.....	4	3	1	2	3	3	38	107	147		R. J. Bateman.
New Hope.....	2	5		8		1	73	113	186		W. B. Rivenbark.
Olive Branch.....											
Olivet.....		1	1			1	23	30	53	N. A. Shelly.	
Piney Grove.....	1	3	1	3	3		51	83	134	R. C. Sandlin.	
Poplar Grove.....		1		4		4	42	52	94		
Providence.....	5	5		1	1	1	21	38	59		
Rose Hill.....							4	10	14		
Riley's Creek.....		2		13	2	6	66	95	161		C. R. Taylor.
Sharon.....				1			26	44	70		
Siloam.....		6		3	5	3	62	67	129	R. H. Gilbert, W. A. Melvin.	
Shiloh.....	1	1	5	2	1	4	80	120	200		
Springvale.....	12			2	3	7	41	59	100		
Southside.....	9	21	6	13		3	49	82	131	F. H. Farrington, J. B. Harrell.	
Salem.....	3	2	2		3		36	40	76	Benj. Ward.	
Teachey's.....	2			4	1	11	51	54	105		F. Savage, L. B. Boney.
Warsaw.....	14	7			2	5	83	120	203		
Well's Chapel.....					1	2	102	130	232		
Wilmington.....	3	27	1	14	2	20	137	240	377		J. R. Marshall, A. T. King.
Willard.....		2		14		3	36	54	90		

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	No. Schools.	ENROLLMENT.				No. Months Open.	CONTRIBUTIONS.		
			No. Teachers and Officers.	No. Pupils.	Average Attendance.			Other Objects.	Orphanage.	Expenses.
Antioch	James Andrews, Sloop Point	1	5	46	35	12				15.00
Barlow's Chapel										
Bethel										
Beulah										
Boykin's Chapel										
Berea	T. W. Stallings, Wallace	2	6	40	25	4				
Bowden's	G. A. Stokes, Bowden's	1	3	28	20	12		2.50		
Bear Marsh	D. B. Brown, Mt. Olive	1	4	30	25	12				4.00
Bethlehem										
Bear Branch	W. R. Brinson, Montague	1	5	25	20	12				2.66
Burgaw	J. T. Bland, Burgaw	1	5	25	20	12				
Brooklyn	J. H. McDougall, Wilmington	1	29	200	170	12		145.92		
Clinton.	W. B. Stewart, Clinton	1	11	100	60	12			6.50	21.00
Concord										
Corinth										
Colvin's Creek	D. M. Lewis	1	6	25		12				
Caintuck Chapel	R. D. Pridgen, Viola	1	7	81	40	12				6.12
Caswell	W. H. Pridgen, Pt. Caswell	1	7	45	34	12		5.65		
Catherine Lake	G. W. Taylor, Catherine Lake	1	10	45	35	12				7.50
Castle Haynes										
Cedar Grove										
Dobson's Chapel										
Ebenezer	R. Highsmith, Parkersburg	1	5	26	25	9			51	1.50
Emma's Chapel	T. A. Marshburn, Richlands	1	6	72	40	12				10.00
Hallsville	O. W. Scott, Hallsville	1	4	37	20	12				
Haw Bluff										

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Island Creek	E. M. Teachey, Rose Hill	1	5	25						
Ivanhoe	J. T. Lewis, Ivanhoe	1	4	25	15	12				3.20
Johnson's	W. H. Middleton, Warsaw	1	6	38		12		20.14		10.64
Jacksonville	M. B. Humphrey, Jacksonville	1	7	38	36	12				26.49
Kenansville	J. W. Stokes, Kenansville	1	5	30	26	12				7.50
Kerr's										
Long Creek	G. A. Herring	1	4	50				5.00		
Lisbon	D. L. Herring, Clear Run	1	6	51	35	12			5.29	10.50
Maple Hill										
Mary's Chapel										
Masonboro	E. Hewlett, Wilmington	1	7	84	50	12				15.00
Moore's Creek	W. L. Nunalie, Currie	1	3	24						
Mt. Gilead	J. J. Vann, Clinton	1	3	32		12				1.10
Mt. Olive										
Mt. Holly	C. Harrell, Burgaw	1	4	53		12				2.00
Magnolia	C. W. Hollingsworth, Magnolia	1	6	70						17.36
New Hope	C. E. Daniel	1	5	81						
Olive Branch										
Olivet	A. S. Lanier, Rocky Point	1	8	40	35					2.18
Piney Grove	H. J. Weeks	1	6	54		12				4.00
Poplar Grove										
Providence										
Rose Hill	D. N. Page, Rose Hill	1	4	30		12				
Riley's Creek	M. L. Guyton									
Sharon										
Siloam	A. J. Ward, Harrell's Store	1	5	35	25	12				5.50
Shiloh	A. H. Costin, Gritt	1	6	40	30	12				5.00
Springvale	A. F. Robinson, Ingold	1	5	75	45	9				3.00
Southside	J. S. Canady, Wilmington	1	12	80						57.56
Salem	Z. E. Milton	1	4	30				12.22	7.81	
Teachey's	A. T. Bland	1	2	30		12				3.25
Warsaw	S. M. Carlton, Warsaw	1	9	90					15.00	10.00
Well's Chapel	L. R. Highsmith, Harrell's Store	1				12				
Wilmington	L. H. Battle, Wilmington	1	23	250	200	12			75.00	75.00
Willard	R. T. Rivenbark, Willard	1	3	25	20	12				

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