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MINUTES

OF THE

FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Eastern Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE

Church at Warsaw, Duplin Co., N. C.,

OCTOBER 9, 10 AND 11, 1888.

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**FOR NEXT SESSION:**

PLACE OF MEETING—Concord, Duplin County, N. C.  
TIME—Tuesday after first Sunday in October, 1889.  
INTRODUCTORY SERMON—Elder F. R. Underwood.  
MISSIONARY SERMON—T. H. Pritchard, D. D.

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## PROCEEDINGS.

WARSAW, DUPLIN COUNTY, N. C.,  
October 9th, 1888.

The Eastern Baptist Association met in its 46th Annual Session in the Warsaw Church.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Dr. T. H. Pritchard, from 2 Cor., 8:9.

\* Adjourned for one hour.

Association called to order at appointed hour by the Moderator, Elder J. L. Stewart.

Devotional exercises conducted by Elder C. Durham. Roll of churches called, and forty-seven out of fifty churches found to be represented.

On motion, Finance Committee was appointed, consisting of N. F. Highsmith, B. S. Montford and J. W. Lane.

The Moderator announced that Elder N. B. Cobb would preach in the Presbyterian Church at 2½ o'clock.

Bro. J. T. Bland and Elder L. M. Curtis were appointed Reading Clerks.

On motion, Committee of Arrangements was appointed. Committee: Elders W. M. Kennedy and G. S. Best, and Deacons of Warsaw Church.

Letters from the churches were read and delegates enrolled, as follows:

*Bethel*—W. J. Fryar, M. Ward.  
*Beulah*—W. H. Thomson, C. I. Thomson, F. J. Faison.  
*Boykin's Chapel*—L. M. Boykin, J. L. Boykin.  
*Berea*—T. W. Stallings, R. L. Dickson.  
*Bethlehem*—R. W. Pridgen, D. P. Bland.  
*Bear Marsh*—D. H. Lambert.  
*Burgaw*—J. T. Bland.  
*Clinton*—J. L. Stewart, B. S. Peterson, H. B. Giddens.  
*Concord*—M. Drew, Wm. Brice.  
*Corinth*—J. G. Boon, J. C. Williams.  
*Caintuck Chapel*—D. J. Corbett, L. A. Smith, C. Moore.  
*Caswell*—A. B. Rooks.  
*Dobson's Chapel*—W. P. Dobson, S. C. Register, W. H. Murray.  
*Emma's Chapel*—T. J. Baker, W. S. Cox, John Marshburn.  
*Faison*—D. J. Rivenbark, A. Rich, J. W. Lane.  
*Hallsville*—Isaac Sanders.  
*Haw Bluff*—A. W. Andrews.  
*Island Creek*—E. Helett, F. Savage, D. J. Parker.  
*Johnson's*—D. C. Middleton, H. S. Boyette, J. A. Powell.  
*Kenansville*—L. M. Cooper, A. D. Ward, D. J. Middleton.  
*Lisbon*—W. B. Lamb, J. O. Herring, K. Vann.  
*Mary's Chapel*—T. H. Rogers, F. M. Southerland, J. W. Stokes.  
*Masonboro*—J. G. Walton, B. S. Montford, W. V. Hewlett.  
*Moore's Creek*—F. P. Alderman.  
*Mount Gilead*—B. Matthews, J. R. Peterson, F. F. Mosely.  
*Mount Olive*—J. F. Oliver, J. Davis.  
*Mount Holly*—I. Carroll.  
*Magnolia*—Levi Moore, P. G. Wilson, H. L. Riter.



*New Hope*—F. M. Carroll, L. R. Carroll, G. W. Carroll.  
*Olive Branch*—E. W. Manning.  
*Piney Grove*—W. I. Lane, J. A. Weeks, H. E. Brewer.  
*Poplar Grove*—R. R. Bell, Willie Smith, M. W. Clifton.  
*Rose Hill*—D. N. Page.  
*Riley's Creek*—J. T. Walker, S. Blossom.  
*Shiloh*—A. T. Herring, H. A. Bland.  
*Silcom*—J. F. Lewis, N. F. Highsmith, F. A. Fennell.  
*Sharon*—J. F. Wallace, Z. Blanchard, J. L. Cottle.  
*Teachey*—H. M. Croom, T. H. Carter, D. W. Bradshaw.  
*Warsaw*—I. Brown, J. K. Smith, O. P. Middleton.  
*Wells' Chapel*—J. E. Page, L. K. Taylor, L. R. Highsmith.  
*Wilmington*—J. R. Marshall, Allison Alderman.  
*Willard*—W. F. Bowen, J. E. Johnson.  
*Brooklyn Br. of Wilmington ch.*—J. W. Taylor, W. H. Strickland.  
*Mount Zion*—F. F. Newton.

Salem, Calvin's Creek, Capernaum, Long Creek, and Maple Hill not represented.

Barlow Chapel and Bear Branch represented by letter.

Letters from Concord, Emma's Chapel and Lisbon laid on the table.

Delegates from Wells' Chapel stated that their letter had been prepared and would be here to-morrow.

On motion, their names were recorded as delegates.

The Association then proceeded with the next order of business, which was the election of officers for the ensuing year.

The following brethren were appointed tellers: For Moderator: B. S. Peterson and J. O. Herring; for Clerk, W. B. Lamb and J. R. Marshall; for Treasurer, J. F. Lewis and W. V. Hewlett.

Result: Elder J. L. Stewart re-elected Moderator; Elder J. L. Britt re-elected Clerk; W. H. Thompson elected Treasurer.

Committee of Arrangements reported as follows: Preaching in this house to-night by Elder F. N. Underwood; Association meet to-morrow morning at 9½ o'clock; Missionary Sermon at 11 o'clock, by Elder C. Durham; preaching to-morrow at 10 o'clock a. m., in the Presbyterian Church, by Dr. John Mitchell; preaching in the Presbyterian Church at 1½ o'clock p. m., by Elder J. W. Powell.

Visiting brethren invited to seats. Elder C. Durham, Corresponding Secretary State Board of Missions, Dr. Mitchell, representative of Education Board, Elder F. R. Underwood and Bro. I. Royall, Corresponding Messengers from South River Association, and Elder N. B. Cobb, Corresponding Messenger from Pee Dee and Anson Associations, announced themselves, and were welcomed by the Moderator.

Petitionary letters called for. A letter from Mount Zion was presented, asking for admission into this body. The matter was referred to a committee, consisting of Elders W. M. Kennedy, G. S. Best and L. M. Curtis.

On motion, usual committees were appointed.

#### COMMITTEES.

*State Missions*—Elder C. Durham, L. K. Taylor and G. W. Carr.

*Foreign Missions*—Dr. T. H. Pritchard, R. R. Bell and W. J. Fryar.

*Ministerial Education*—Dr. John Mitchell, D. J. Corbett and D. P. Bland.

*Periodicals*—Elder J. T. Albritton, B. S. Peterson and D. H. Lambert.

*Sunday Schools*—Elder F. R. Underwood, W. I. Lane and J. W. Taylor.

*Temperance*—Elder J. B. Harrell, J. K. Smith and Levi Moore.

*Requests*—J. L. Boykin, M. W. Clifton, and E. W. Manning.

*Home Missions*—Elders N. B. Cobb, H. M. Croom and F. M. South-erland.

*Obituaries*—I. Royall, Elder F. T. Wooten and A. Hollingsworth.

*Nominate Executive Committee*—O. P. Middleton, K. Vann and Daniel Rivenbark.

*Baptist Orphanage*—Elders W. M. Kennedy, R. C. Sandling and I. Carroll.

*Audit Treasurer's Account*—W. H. Thomson and L. R. Highsmith.

Appointment of Corresponding Messengers.

On motion, Dr. T. H. Pritchard was appointed to represent us at the Cape Fear Association; Elder W. M. Kennedy to represent us at South River Association, Dr. Pritchard to represent us at Southern Baptist Convention, and the Moderator to represent us at the Baptist State Convention.

On motion adjourned. Benediction by the Moderator.

#### SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, October 10, 1888.

Devotional Exercises, conducted by the Moderator. Roll called. Proceedings of yesterday read and approved. Visiting brethren invited to seats.

Elder H. J. Duncan, Corresponding Messenger from South River Association, Elder J. D. Newton, representative of Concord Church building, Elders J. F. Love, A. J. Hires and J. T. Albritton, Corresponding Messengers from Atlantic Association, Elder J. W. Wildman, representative of Greenville Memorial Church building, and Elder O. L. Stringfield, Corresponding Messenger from Raleigh Association, announced themselves, and were welcomed by the Moderator.

Committee to whom was referred petitionary letter from Mount Zion reported, recommending the reception of the said church as a member of this body.

On motion it was received, and the Moderator extended right-hand of fellowship to delegate.

Report on State Missions was read, and made special order for 11 o'clock.

Committee on Periodicals reported. Pending adoption of report, remarks were made by Elder W. M. Kennedy, C. Durham, J. W. Powell, N. B. Cobb, J. H. Mills and A. D. Ward.

#### REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

One great obstruction to our denominational advancement is the meagre supply of religious literature in the homes of our people. To remove this obstruction, we must give greater emphasis to the usefulness of the religious colporter and publisher. The periodical is the cheapest of all agencies for the dissemination of religious knowledge.

We recommend, therefore, earnest and persistent effort to put into every Baptist home the *Biblical Recorder*, *Gospel Herald*, *Foreign Mission Journal*, and the Baptist Sunday-school papers and lesson helps issued from Philadelphia and Atlanta.



We also recommend to our people that excellent paper, *Charity and Children*, published by Bro. J. H. Mills, of Thomasville Orphanage.  
Respectfully submitted,

JOHN T. ALBRITTON,  
B. S. PETERSON,  
D. H. LAMBERT,  
*Committee.*

Adopted.

Special order 11 o'clock: Missionary Sermon was preached by Elder C. Durham. Amount of collection for State Missions, \$40.55. Roll of churches called and following pledges made to State Missions: Bethel, \$10; Beulah, \$5; Boykin's Chapel, \$5; Berea, \$1; Bethlehem, \$5; Bear Marsh, \$3; Burgaw, \$5; Clinton, \$5; Concord, \$5; Corinth, \$5; Caintuck Chapel, \$5; Caswell, \$2; Dobson's Chapel, \$3; Emma's Chapel, \$5; Faison, \$3; Hallsville, \$2; Haw Bluff, \$5; Island Creek, \$8; Johnson's \$10; Kenansville, \$10; Lisbon, \$6; Mary's Chapel, \$6; Masonboro, \$5; Moore's Creek, \$5; Mount Gilead, \$10; Mount Olive, \$10; Mount Holly, \$5; Magnolia, \$6; New Hope, \$10; Olive Branch, \$2; Piny Grove, \$5; Poplar Grove, \$2.50; Rose Hill, \$5; Riley's Creek, \$5; Shiloh, \$5; Siloam, \$10; Sharon, \$2; Teachey, \$2.50; Warsaw, \$20; Wells' Chapel, \$15; Wilmington, \$172.12; Willard, \$1; Brooklyn, \$25; Mount Zion, \$1. Individual pledges: L. M. Curtis, \$2; J. L. Stewart, \$10; J. T. Lewis, \$2; F. T. Wooten, \$1; F. A. Fennell, \$2; O. P. Middleton, \$1; D. J. Middleton, \$1; T. H. Rogers, 50c.

#### REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Missions is life. Anti-missions or omissions is death. The spirit of missions is the spirit of progress, enlargement, consecration, life. He, who having authority gives a command, expects it to be obeyed. Our Lord has commanded us to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He expects us to obey. Shall we meet or disappoint this expectation? The Dead Sea is properly named—always receiving and never giving. Our faith is the limit of God's power to help us, and of our power to do our God-given work. Let us, in the strength of the Lord, undertake to do more than ever before.

The Board of Missions and Sunday-schools has, during the past year, had eighty-seven missionaries and thirteen colporters. These are located in the destitute towns and country neighborhoods from the sea to Ashe and Alleghany counties.

The Board enlarged its work this year over all preceding years.

To meet the salaries of these men, we shall have to raise more than \$1,000 a week from this time to the next session of our Convention in Greensboro. From the church letters it seems that about \$160 less has been given to this object by the churches of this Association this year than last year. Can we now, in any way, arrange for this amount? It can be done.

The Board publishes a monthly paper, *The Gospel Herald*, which we think is worthy of support. If in all the families connected with our churches, the contributions to all the objects would be greatly enlarged. Cannot some one in each church take this matter in hand, and make a large club? Will not the pastors see to it?

C. DURHAM,  
L. K. TAYLOR,  
G. W. CARR,  
*Committee.*

Adopted.

Adjourned for dinner.

#### EVENING SESSION.

Committee on Education reported, and pending motion to adopt, remarks were made by Dr. John Mitchell and Elder O. L. Stringfield. Cash collection for education, \$7.80. Roll of churches was called, and pledges made to education as follows: Bethel, \$5; Beulah, \$3.50; Boykin's Chapel, \$2; Berea, \$1; Bethlehem, \$3; Bear Marsh, \$1; Burgaw, \$2.50; Clinton, \$5; Concord, \$5; Corinth, \$2; Caintuck Chapel, \$3; Caswell, \$1; Dobson's Chapel, \$1; Emma's Chapel, \$2; Faison, \$2; Hallsville, \$2; Island Creek, \$3; Johnson's, \$2; Kenansville, \$5; Lisbon, \$2; Mary's Chapel, \$5; Masonboro, \$2; Moore's Creek, \$1; Mount Gilead, \$5; Mount Olive, \$10; Mount Holly, \$2; Magnolia, \$3; New Hope, \$5; Olive Branch, \$1; Piny Grove, \$2; Poplar Grove, \$1; Riley's Creek, \$3; Shiloh, \$5; Siloam, \$10; Sharon, \$1; Teachey, \$1; Warsaw, \$10; Wells' Chapel, \$10; Wilmington, \$105; Willard, \$1; Brooklyn Branch, \$5; Mount Zion, \$1.

#### REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The increasing interest taken by our people in the subject of education is one of the hopeful signs of the times. Parents are beginning to feel that it is their duty, as far as they are able, to give to their children, boys and girls, a good, thorough practical education, and the facilities for doing it are at hand. Our schools are increasing in numbers and efficiency, and many of them are controlled by our own people, and are commended to your patronage.

Wake Forest College has taken rank among the foremost institutions of the South, and the Baptists have great reason to be proud of their college. The number of students last session reached 213, and it is hoped there will be an increase this session. There are now about 200 in attendance, the largest number ever present so early in the session.

Thirty-two young ministers have been received by the Board of Education, and still others are asking for aid. Would that the contributions from the churches might enable the Board to give aid to all the worthy young ministers who are in need of help. Brethren, help the young preachers in their laudable efforts to prepare themselves for the work to which the Lord has called them.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN MITCHELL,  
D. J. CORBETT,  
D. P. BLAND,  
*Committee.*

Adopted.

In the absence of Elder T. J. Baker, the Moderator appointed in his stead, on temperance, Elder J. B. Harrell.

The Executive Committee reported as follows:

#### REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The destitution within our bounds is still large, and our need of funds to supply the gospel to the people is great. It is sad to note that there seems to be a want of interest in this work on the part of the churches. We believe the cause of this indifference is largely attributable to the want of information among the churches on this subject.

We would recommend that each of the pastors devote one service at each of their churches to giving information to the people on the subject of State Missions.



During the past year, upon our recommendation, aid has been extended to brethren Baker, in Onslow; Sandling, at Teachey's and Willard; Pope, at Burgaw; Melvin, at Sharon, and Kennedy at Hallsville. These brethren have reported to the State Board, and have not made report to us, hence we are unable to give more definite report of the work. We request the missionaries to make quarterly reports to us at the same time they report to the State Board.

Respectfully submitted,

D. J. MIDDLETON,

*Chairman Executive Committee.*

Adopted.

On motion, Bro. Wildman was heard in the interest of Greenville Memorial Church.

Finance Committee reported as follows:

#### REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Received .....	\$491 80
Appropriated as follows:	
State Missions .....	\$ 180 82
Foreign Missions .....	135 53
Ministerial Education .....	45 77
Sunday-School Board .....	3 15
Minute Fund .....	55 09
Baptist Orphanage .....	37 00
Home Missions .....	32 35
Total .....	\$ 489 71
Balance not appropriated .....	2 09

Respectfully submitted,

N. F. HIGHSMITH,

B. S. MONTFORD,

J. W. LANE,

*Committee.*

Committee on Sunday-schools reported. Pending motion to adopt, remarks were made by Elders C. Durham F. R. Underwood and I. Royall.

#### REPORT ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Your committee find, on examination, that all the churches of the Association report Sunday-schools except five, and that these five give but little evidence of life or growth.

In connection with the schools reported, there are about 2,500 teachers and scholars.

We deem it needless to urge upon the churches the great importance of this work; but in order to excite greater interest and enthusiasm in it, we recommend that each of the three Unions of the Association call a convention of Sunday-school workers, to meet annually, at such times as may be thought best.

F. R. UNDERWOOD,

W. I. LANE,

J. W. TAYLOR,

*Committee.*

Elder O. Miller, colored, appeared, bearing a letter of fraternal greeting from Kenansville Eastern Association, colored, to this body, and on motion, he was received and welcomed by the Moderator.

Report on Baptist Orphanage was read, and made special order for 11 o'clock to-morrow.

Bro. Newton was heard in the interest of Concord Church building.

A letter from Providence Church, Onslow county, was read, asking for admission into this body.

On motion, the matter was referred to a committee, consisting of Elders R. C. Sandling, L. M. Curtis and J. B. Harrell.

The Association decided to hold next session at Concord, Duplin county.

Committee on Home Missions reported as follows:

#### REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, located at Atlanta, Ga., is seeking to do for the whole South what our own Mission and Sunday-school Board is doing for North Carolina.

In 1887 they had 251 missionaries under appointment, most of whom labored in Texas, Louisiana, Florida and Indian Territory. They have sustained a most successful mission under Bro. Diaz, in Cuba, and have supplemented the salaries of thirteen missionaries and Sunday-school workers in Western North Carolina, beyond the Blue Ridge. They have also undertaken a work among the colored people of Georgia, Alabama and Florida. This Board now publishes Sunday-school lesson helps of every kind, and weekly and monthly periodicals for the children.

The committee recommend the re-appointment of a committee of one in every church to solicit contributions for the Board as heretofore.

N. B. COBB,

H. M. CROOM,

F. M. SOUTHERLAND,

*Committee.*

Adopted.

On motion, the delegates were requested to give to the Clerk the name of some person in their respective churches to take charge of Home Mission work.

The following responded: Mount Gilead, J. R. Peterson; Kenansville, Miss Maggie Wallace; Magnolia, A. Hollingsworth; Clinton, Miss Mamie Ashford; Beulah, Mrs. Annie J. Oates.

Committee on Obituaries reported as follows:

#### REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

Since the last session of this Association, Deacons A. M. Faison, J. M. Newton, Benajah C. Weeks and Hosea J. Hobbs, have been called from earth to their eternal home. We present the following obituaries of these brethren:

J. M. NEWTON,

Died at his home in Sampson county, N. C., July 21, 1888, very suddenly and unexpectedly, and apparently in good health, at the age of 66 years. Bro. Newton was a consistent and honored member of the church at Piny Grove. He was received there as a Deacon, as he had been previously ordained to that office in the Church of Mount Zion, and afterwards served as Deacon in the church at Lisbon, from which church he took a letter, and united with the church at Piny Grove. He was a great lover of his church, and strong friend and supporter of his pastor. Having lived an exemplary life, he died with the fullest assurance of a blessed immortality in the great beyond. He was loved not for his means, but for the greatest and purest characteristic of a human life—the gentle, Christ-like spirit.



Sampson county has, in the death of Bro. Newton, lost one of her best characters. Piny Grove Church a good member, the bereaved wife an affectionate husband, eleven children, two of whom are now preaching the gospel of our Lord and Saviour, a kind father. Truly a good man has gone to his reward.

BENAJAH C. WEEKS,

Born and raised in Sampson county, N. C., died at the age of 55 years. He joined the church at Piny Grove when he was quite a young man, and in November, 1885, was ordained as Deacon. He was a consistent and honored member of Piny Grove Church for several years. His home was near the church, and was noted alike for happiness and hospitality. In prudence, sound judgment, natural amiability and punctuality in all church work, he was a model member. He was peaceable, cheerful, quiet, forgiving and forbearing, always helpful, and never giving just cause for complaint or unpleasantness. His presence was a comfort and inspiration to the pastor, and an unfailing support and encouragement to the brethren. We will long miss his cheerful smiles, his gentle words and ready help. Thus a good and useful man, a devoted husband and loving father has passed away.

COL. A. M. FAISON,

The honored Treasurer of this Association, and Deacon of the church at Warsaw, has also passed away. He died at Morganton, whither he had gone for medical aid, in September, 1888, aged about 62 years. As a Christian he was liberal, charitable, sacrificing, punctual and prompt in all his duties, always willing to bear his part of the expenses of his church, and ever ready to contribute to all benevolent objects, and a strong friend and advocate of ministerial education. As a citizen he was pure, upright, honest and just in all his dealings. He has often been known to accommodate his neighbors to his own financial injury. As a member of the Legislature and law maker, he had broad and liberal views, anxious to aid in enacting such laws as would bring the greatest good to the greatest number, without oppressing any one. He belonged to that class of persons who are willing to serve their country in whatever position they may be called.

As a husband and father, brother Faison was kind, affectionate and indulgent, always striving to contribute to the comfort and happiness of his family.

We feel that in his death society has lost an exemplary and honored citizen, the church a good, useful and active Christian, and the family an affectionate, devoted and indulgent husband and father.

HOSEA J. HOBBS.

The subject of this sketch died at his home near Clinton, Sampson county, September 29th, 1888, aged about 70 years. When a young man he attended school at Wake Forest College, and while there he made a profession of religion, and was baptized by Dr. Waite. During his whole life he lived up to his profession, always strict in his duties to his church. When Deacon H. J. Hobbs died, the last son—one of the original members of the Church of Clinton—died.

Bro. Hobbs was a very quiet, orderly, humble and unassuming Christian. He was for several years an active member of this Association, and an efficient member of the Executive Board. He was a kind and affectionate

husband and father, and was for many years burdened by heavy afflictions in his family, all of which he bore with a Christian resignation, feeling that God doeth all things well. He leaves a bereaved widow and several children to mourn their loss.

I. ROYALL,

*Chairman of Committee.*

Committee of Arrangements reported as follows: Preaching in this church to-morrow night by Elder A. J. Hires; at Presbyterian Church by Elder O. L. Stringfield; preaching to-morrow morning at Presbyterian Church by Elder L. M. Curtis.

Brethren M. W. Clifton, J. W. Taylor and E. W. Manning, were given final leave of absence.

On motion, the vote by which Report on Obituaries was adopted was reconsidered, in order that the committee might add to their report. After the addition, the report was adopted.

The Moderator called upon Elder W. M. Kennedy to lead in special prayer in behalf of the widow and daughter of Elder A. Guy.

Adjourned.

### THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

THURSDAY, October 11th, 1888.

Devotional exercises conducted by Elder H. W. Battle. Roll call. Proceedings of yesterday read and approved.

Committee on Foreign Missions reported. Pending motion to adopt, remarks were made by Dr. T. H. Pritchard.

Roll of churches called, and following pledges made to Foreign Missions: Beulah, \$5; Boykin's Chapel, \$2; Berea, \$1.50; Bethlehem, \$5; Bear Marsh, \$3; Burgaw, \$2.50; Clinton, \$5; Caintuck Chapel, \$5; Dobson's Chapel, \$3; Faison, \$1; Hallsville, \$2; Island Creek, \$8.50; Johnson's, \$10; Kenansville, \$10; Lisbon, \$10; Masonboro, \$3; Mount Gilead, \$5; Mount Olive, \$10; Mount Holly, \$2; Magnolia, \$2; New Hope, \$10; Piny Grove, \$5; Poplar Grove, \$1.50; Riley's Creek, \$3; Siloam, \$5; Teachey, \$3; Warsaw, \$15; Wells' Chapel, \$15; Wilmington, \$100; Willard, \$2; Brooklyn Branch, \$25.

### REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Several events of special interest to this cause have occurred during the past year. The first you can mention is the death of our veteran missionary, Dr. M. T. Yates, who fell on the field of duty after a faithful service of forty years. North Carolina feels honored in having thus given to this noble cause, not only the ablest man the Southern Baptists ever sent to the foreign field, but perhaps the ablest man America has given to preach the gospel in China.

The second matter of congratulation is the fact that our churches are annually increasing their contributions to this cause.

The third thing for which we should thank God is the spirit that is moving among our young ministers, inducing them to offer themselves as laborers in the foreign field, three having been accepted by the Board at Richmond, brethren Tatum, Britton and Chapel.

But the event of special interest was the holding of a World's Missionary Conference in the city of London last June. Fifteen hundred delegates, representing all Protestant churches, and gathering from all parts of the earth, in the great commercial center of the world, to con-



sider for ten days the great interest of mission work, an event which has been pronounced second in importance to no meeting held since the days of the apostles. The full proceedings of this Conference will be published in ten large volumes, which will contribute the most elaborate and valuable work on missions ever issued from the press. From these volumes it will be seen that greater progress has been made in the foreign field during the past ten years than within the fifty years preceding, and that the aggregate number of trophies now from heathenism to Christianity is not far from three millions of souls.

T. H. PRITCHARD,  
R. R. BELL,  
W. J. FRYAR,  
Committee.

Adopted.

Eleven o'clock special order. The Report on Baptist Orphanage was read. Pending motion to adopt, remarks were made by Bro. J. H. Mills and Elder H. W. Battle. Cash collection for Orphanage, \$2.40.

#### REPORT ON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

The Lord has inclined the Baptists of North Carolina to build a home for the unfortunate little children. God has greatly blessed this enterprise, inclining the brethren to give of their means, and still we have not done our duty. Let us make a special effort to meet the demands of this noble institution. We urge our brethren to open their hearts of liberality towards these dear children, and to give them the advantage of becoming the bright gems of heaven and lights of joy to the world. These are the children of our brethren, sisters, neighbors and friends. The injunction is to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Brethren, if they remain scattered throughout the borders of our State it will be impossible for us to train them; but under the present system, if the Baptists will give their many mites, they can be properly trained.

As a means of information concerning the Orphanage and its work, we would heartily recommend *Charity and Children*, an excellent little paper published every week at Thomasville. Every person, by paying one dollar, becomes a member of the Orphanage Association, and also receives *Charity and Children*. We recommend that the list of churches be called, and pledges taken.

Respectfully submitted,

R. C. SANDLING,  
W. M. KENNEDY,  
I. CARROLL,  
Committee.

Adopted.

Adjourned for dinner.

#### EVENING SESSION.

Committee on Temperance reported as follows:

#### REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

It is an admitted fact that the excessive use of ardent spirits is among the greatest evils. It is condemned by the Bible, and should be by all of God's people.

While we hope and believe that our churches are beginning to open their eyes to this vice as never before, and are encouraged to believe that it is growing less, yet it is a source of grief that it is still living and tormenting our churches. The one great question for Christians to solve now is, how shall this evil be removed? Legislation against it seems to be at most a failure. But something must be done. As in everything else, we can rely on the help of our Lord. Let us then pray Him to cause those addicted to this vice to cease from it, that the standard of vital godliness may be raised above this and other vices.

J. B. HARRELL,  
J. K. SMITH,  
LEVI MOORE,  
Committee.

Adopted.

The committee to whom was referred the petitionary letter from Providence, stated that they had no means of ascertaining anything in regard to the matter, there being no delegate present from the church.

On motion, the letter from Providence was laid on the table, and the Clerk instructed to write to them.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Bro. W. I. Lane offered the following:

*Resolved*, That whereas, the Committee on Obituaries are often placed in an embarrassing and awkward situation in regard to the desired information to make out their report; we recommend to the churches whenever they wish any notice taken of their deceased members, that they send the obituaries or particulars of their death ready written by their delegates. Adopted.

On motion, the unappropriated balance in report of Finance Committee was added to the Minute Fund.

Bro. L. R. Highsmith offered the following:

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this body are due, and are hereby tendered the good people of this town and community for the hospitality extended during this session of the Association; also to the Presbyterians for the use of their house of worship. Adopted.

On motion, the Clerk was allowed \$20 for his services.

Elder F. R. Underwood was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon, and Dr. T. H. Pritchard the Missionary Sermon at the next session.

The former Treasurer having died during the year, there was no report of Treasurer.

On motion, the matter was referred to the Executive Committee.

On motion, adjourned to meet at Concord, Tuesday after the first Sunday in October, 1889.

Immediately after adjournment, by request of the Association, Elder H. W. Battle preached.

Payer by Elder N. B. Cobb. Benediction by Elder H. W. Battle.  
J. L. STEWART, MODERATOR.

J. L. BRITT, Clerk.



# Contributions for all Objects.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Church Expenses.	Ministerial Education.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	S. S. Board.	Home and Indian Missions.	Other Objects.	Minute Fund.	From Ladies' Missionary Society.	Baptist Orphanage.	Total for all Objects.
Barlow Chapel	\$ 45 00	\$ 3 00	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 48 00
Bethel	100 00	50 00	1 11	10 00	2 50		1 25		1 50		1 80	168 16
Beulah			3 85	5 00	5 47		3 45		1 50		4 75	24 02
Boykin's Chapel	100 00	7 88		5 58	2 50		60		1 00		56	118 12
Berea	48 00			3 00					1 00			52 00
Bear Branch	50 00			2 00					50			52 50
Bethlehem	100 00	13 50	3 00	4 10	5 00		2 00		1 50		3 71	139 91
Bear Marsh	100 00		1 35		4 90		7 35		1 50			123 10
Burgaw	95 79	4 90		5 00	5 00				1 50			119 60
Brooklyn	375 00	784 40	3 00		25 00			125 00	1 00	100 00	7 46	1,423 40
Clinton	150 00	20 00	4 14	10 00	7 50		1 92		1 00		3 00	197 56
Concord	125 00		2 00	5 00	2 50				1 50			136 00
Corinth				5 00	3 00							8 00
Calvin's Creek												
Caintuck Chapel	72 00	50 00	2 00	5 00	5 00	2 00			1 00		2 00	139 00
Capernaum												
Caswell	90 00	10 00	1 00	3 30	3 00				1 00			108 30
Dobson's Chapel	65 00		1 00	3 00	3 00		3 00		75		5 90	81 65
Emma's Chapel	100 00	26 00			3 00		4 00		1 10			134 10
Faison	52 00			2 00	1 00				50			55 50
Hallsville	75 00				1 00		2 30		1 00			79 30
Haw Bluff	75 00			2 30	50	15	30		85		85	79 95

EASTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Island Creek	100 00	50	2 55	7 50	9 09		2 00		2 00	3 40	2 00	128 93
Johnson's	100 00		2 00	10 00	10 00		3 00	3 50	1 50		5 00	135 00
Kenansville	125 00		3 13	7 99	13 68			3 18	70		2 93	156 61
Long Creek												
Lisbon	125 00		2 15	10 00	6 00		2 10		93		5 25	151 44
Maple Hill												
Mary's Chapel				7 00	3 50				2 00			12 50
Masonboro	100 00	40 00	1 00	2 00	3 00	1 00	1 00		2 00			150 00
Moore's Creek				5 00					80			5 80
Mt. Gilead	125 00		1 68	3 31	4 05		3 95		2 00			140 13
Mt. Olive	250 00	303 30	6 45	10 00	11 27		5 00	59 77	1 00		10 00	656 79
Mt. Holly	75 00			3 50	2 00				1 00		3 48	84 98
Magnolia	100 00	12 00		3 00	3 00				2 10			120 10
Mt. Zion				1 00					1 00			2 00
New Hope	125 00		5 00	15 00	15 00		5 00		1 50	5 00	8 05	178 55
Olive Branch	30 00								2 50			32 50
Piny Grove	100 00		2 00	5 00	8 71		1 00				6 48	124 19
Poplar Grove	75 00	300 00	2 00	2 50	2 50		1 00		1 40		2 25	386 65
Rose Hill	100 00	1 00			1 10				35		25	102 70
Riley's Creek	125 00			5 00	3 50				1 50			135 00
Sharon	42 00			3 00	2 00				1 00			48 00
Salem		5 29										
Shiloh	100 00		5 00	5 00	3 45		5 95		1 00	2 50	5 00	127 90
Siloam	125 00	25 00	5 00	12 50	5 00		3 00		1 50	4 00	9 35	190 35
Teachey	50 00	16 00	1 00	2 50	3 00		1 00	1 00	50		1 00	74 00
Warsaw	250 00	60 00		20 00	15 00		5 00		2 00		10 00	362 00
Wells' Chapel	150 00			15 00	15 00			10 00	1 75		25 00	216 75
Wilmington	2,500 00	685 90	105 00	172 12	129 00		13 00	1,856 68	4 00		35 00	5,531 05
Willard	100 00			2 00	2 00				1 00		2 55	107 55
Total	\$6,889 79	\$2,468 22	\$ 164 41	\$ 405 20	\$ 348 72	\$3 15	\$78 17	\$2,059 13	\$55 09	\$ 114 90	\$ 163 62	\$12,750 40

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# STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	ADDIT'ONS.		LOSSES.		MEMBERSHIP.				No. of copies Re- cord taken.	TIME OF MEETING.
	Baptized.	Received by letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by letter.	Excluded.	Died.	White Males.	White Females.	Colored.	Total.
Barlow Chapel	9	1					16	30	46	2 3d Sunday.
Bethel		3					47	70	117	8 4th Sunday.
Beulah		4	1	1	2		56	61	117	2 1st Sunday.
Boykin's Chapel		5	1	1		5	49	86	135	3 3d Sunday.
Berea		3		1	1		29	50	79	2d Sunday.
Bear Branch	6			1	1	1	24	21	45	4th Sunday.
Bethlehem	21		1				50	71	121	3 1st Sunday.
Bear Marsh			1	12	6		37	101	138	3 3d Sunday.
Burgaw		1				1	14	24	38	4 3d Sunday.
Clinton		4					39	58	97	12 3d Sunday.
Concord	11	7		3	1	2	47	78	125	2 1st Sunday.
Corinth			1	5	3	4	45	68	113	
*Calvin's Creek							26	26	52	
Caintuck Chap'l	2	3					51	50	101	2 4th Sunday.
*Capernaum							8	24	32	
Caswell							23	26	49	2 1st Sunday.
Dobson's Chapel	3	1			1		36	51	87	4 1st Sunday.
Emma's Chapel	1				2		27	47	74	4 1st Sunday.
Faison		6		3			1	5	10	2d Sunday.
Hallsville	4		1	2	3	2	36	81	117	1 2d Sunday.
Haw Bluff				1	1		45	74	119	3d Sunday.
Island Creek	7		2				62	110	172	9 1st Sunday.
Johnson's		1		2		3	43	69	112	6 1st Sunday.
Kenansville				2		2	38	56	94	10 2d Sunday.
Long Creek							69	87	156	
Lisbon		1		3		3	38	47	85	12 1st Sunday.
*Maple Hill							21	22	43	
Mary's Chapel		1	1	2	1	1	44	56	100	1 4th Sunday.
Masonboro			2	5	4	4	73	90	164	
Moore's Creek		1					32	42	74	4 4th Sunday.
Mt. Gilead	17	3	1	13	3	3	64	96	160	6 4th Sunday.
Mt. Olive	12	2		4	3		35	78	113	11 4th Sunday.
Mt. Holly					1	1	54	99	146	2 2d Sunday.
Magnolia			1	6	5	1	63	131	194	3 4th Sunday.
Mt. Zion	5	6					9	9	18	3d Sunday.
New Hope	12		4	3		1	56	117	173	12 2d Sunday.
Olive Branch	7	4					36	45	81	4th Sunday.
Piney Grove			7	1	2		54	86	140	2d Sunday.
Poplar Grove	3	6					51	59	110	4 3d Sunday.
Rose Hill				2	4	1	6	17	23	2d Sunday.
Riley's Creek	10	2	1	2		1	54	90	144	10 3d Sunday.
Salem	1	1	1	1	3	2	4	25	29	1st Sunday.
Shiloh	54	2	2	11	4	4	96	146	242	5 3d Sunday.
Siloam	7	17		1			32	30	62	10 3d Sunday.
Sharon							14	36	50	2 3d Sunday.
Teachey	3	5					17	31	48	2 4th Sunday.
Warsaw	40	10	9	6	4	2	94	180	274	10 2d and 4th Su.
Wells' Chapel	18	6	1	19	2	1	85	100	185	
Wilmington	71	23	8	8	3	10	179	312	491	2 tim's Sund'y.
Willard	7	4	2	4	5	2	36	42	78	3 4th Sunday.
Brooklyn	37	27			3	2	60	108	168	2 tim's Sund'y.
Total	368	160	41	136	72	73	2229	3523	175769	192

\*Taken from last year's Minutes.

# SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.	Teachers and officers.		No. of volumes in the Library.	Average attendance.	No. of months in the year school kept open.
		Teachers	Scholars.			
Barlow Chapel	James Andrews, Sloop Point.	7	25		20	12
Bethel	J. D. Alderman, Taylor's Br'ge.	7	49		30	12
Beulah	L. D. Rogers, Faison.	5	30		15	12
Boykin's Chap'l	J. C. Howard, Clinton.	5	27		20	6
Berea	Jos. Brooks, Wallace.		25		20	
Bear Branch	W. R. Brinson, Jr., Pt. Caswell.	5	27		15	12
Bethlehem	W. C. Keith, Keith.	12	51	110		12
Bear Marsh	R. J. Walker, Mt. Olive.	7	57		40	12
Burgaw	J. T. Bland, Burgaw.	5	60	24	50	12
Brooklyn	J. W. Taylor, Wilmington.	20	100		89	12
Clinton	Jno. Ashford, Clinton.	14	54	40	40	12
Concord	J. C. Boon, Magnolia.	4	25		15	
Corinth						
Calvin's Creek						
Caintuck Chap'l	D. J. Corbett, Nat Moore.	8	68	150	45	12
Capernaum						
Caswell	J. G. Parker, Point Caswell.	10	65		40	
Dobson's Chap'l	W. H. Murray, Kenansville.	6	30		30	12
Emma's Chap'l	W. M. Barbee, Richlands.	12	60		45	12
Faison						
Hallsville	G. M. Hall, Hallsville.	5	30			12
Haw Bluff	W. F. Brown, Magruder.	5	59		40	8
Island Creek	C. Harrell, Wallace.	4	56		35	9
Johnson's	L. Middleton, Warsaw.	6	60		30	6
Kenansville	A. D. Ward, Kenansville.	6	20		20	12
Long Creek						
Lisbon	W. B. Lamb, Lisbon.	6	50		20	9
Maple Hill						
Mary's Chapel	F. M. Southerland, Kenansville.	4	23		15	12
Masonboro	Elijah Hewlett, Wilmington.	7	60	30	40	12
Moore's Creek						
Mt. Gilead	B. Matthews, Taylor's Bridge.	3	30		20	
Mt. Olive	J. F. Oliver, Mount Olive.	8	75	75	65	12
Mt. Holly	A. Carroll, South Washington.	7	51		35	12
Magnolia	Miss Mary E. Clute, Magnolia.	8	93		55	12
Mt. Zion	F. F. Newton.	3	28			
New Hope	C. E. Daniel, Warsaw.	3	150			
Olive Branch	W. L. Rogers.	10	80		40	12
Piney Grove	W. I. Lane, Faison.	5	60		30	6
Poplar Grove	R. R. Bell, Faison.	6	78	50	34	12
Rose Hill						
Riley's Creek	J. T. Larkins, Long Creek.	5	10		10	12
Sharon	Mrs. Martha Sloan, Chinquepin.	4	51		22	9
Salem						
Shiloh	J. P. Stringfield, Moore's Cr'k.	5	80	100	60	
Siloam	J. F. Lewis, Harrell's Store.	5	70		65	12
Teachey	A. F. Bland, Teachey.	4	25		15	12
Warsaw	S. M. Carlton, Warsaw.	8	90		65	12
Wells' Chapel	L. R. Highsmith, Harrell's Store.	10	120		90	12
Wilmington	J. S. Mitchell, Wilmington.	40	280	125	217	12
Willard	D. H. Brinkley.	4	42		25	
Total		308	2524	704	1562	



## Pastors, Clerks and their Post Offices.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.	CLERKS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.
Barlow Chap'l	T. J. Baker, Tar Landing	James Andrews, Sloop Point.
Bethel	F. R. Underwood, Glenwood.	M. H. Oates, Taylor's Bridge.
Beulah	J. L. Britt, Warsaw	F. J. Faison, Elliott
Boykin's Ch'l	E. D. Wells, Warsaw	C. D. Peterson, Clinton.
Berea	W. A. Melvin, Harrell's Store.	J. A. Southerland, Wallace.
Bear Branch	J. W. Smith, Birdsville	W. R. Brinson, Jr., Pt. Casw'l.
Bethlehem	F. T. Wooten, Harrell's Store.	W. C. Keith, Kei.h.
Bear Marsh	J. B. Harrell, Mt. Olive	D. B. Brown, Mt. Olive.
Burgaw	L. M. Curtis, Clinton	A. E. Taylor, Burgaw.
Brooklyn	G. M. Tolson, Wilmington	J. H. Yopp, Wilmington.
Clinton	J. L. Stewart, Clinton	H. J. Hines, Clinton.
Concord	R. C. Sandling, Harrell's St're	W. A. Moore, Magnolia.
Corinth		I. J. Johnson, Rose Hill.
Calvin's Cr'k.		
Caintuck Ch'l	J. B. Barlow, Wilmington.	D. J. Corbett, Nat Moore.
Capernaum		
Caswell	J. P. Faison, Harrell's Store.	J. G. Parker, Pt. Caswell.
Dobson's Ch'l	W. M. Kennedy, Warsaw	Thos. Kilpatrick, Cavenaugh,
Emma's Ch'l	T. J. Baker, Tar Landing	G. M. Barbee, Richlands.
Faison	J. B. Harrell, Mt. Olive	J. W. Lane, Faison.
Hallsville	W. M. Kennedy, Warsaw	J. D. Brown, Chinquepin.
Haw Bluff	H. M. Croom, Wallace	L. C. Boswell, Colly.
Island Creek	J. T. Albritton, Mt. Olive	J. M. Wallace, Cavenaugh.
Johnson's	E. D. Wells, Warsaw	L. Middleton, Warsaw.
Kenansville	R. C. Sandling, Harrell's St're	D. J. Middleton, Warsaw.
Long Creek		
Lisbon	F. R. Underwood, Glenwood.	O. Blackburn, Ingold.
Maple Hill		
Mary's Ch'l	G. S. Best, Kenansville	J. W. Stokes, Kenansville.
Masonboro		B. S. Montford, Wilmington.
Moore's Cr'k	J. P. Faison, Harrell's Store	C. P. Woodcock, Pt. Caswell.
Mt. Gilead	J. L. Stewart, Clinton	H. E. Peterson, Clinton.
Mt. Olive	J. B. Harrell, Mt. Olive	Thaddeus Jones, Mt. Olive.
Mt. Holly	J. B. Barlow, Wilmington	Isaiah Carroll, S. Washingt'n.
Magnolia	W. M. Kennedy, Warsaw	Levi Moore, Warsaw.
Mt. Zion	D. S. Bullard, Clay Fork	Daniel Leonard, Gravel Hill.
New Hope	J. L. Stewart, Clinton	J. T. Kennedy, Warsaw.
Olive Branch		Silas Sneed, Wrightsville.
Piny Grove	F. R. Underwood, Glenwood.	G. W. Highsmith, Clinton.
Poplar Grove	J. L. Britt, Warsaw	W. D. Stevens, Faison.
Rose Hill	T. J. Baker, Tar Landing	J. H. Foyles, Tar Landing.
Riley's Creek	W. M. Kennedy, Warsaw	J. L. Larkins, Long Creek.
Sharon	W. A. Melvine, Harrell's St're	W. D. Brock, Cavenaugh.
Salem		J. D. Coughton, Snead's F'ry.
Shiloh	F. T. Wooten, Harrell's Store.	J. P. Stringfield, Moore's Cr'k.
Siloam	R. C. Sandling, Harrell's St're	N. F. Highsmith, Harrell's St.
Teachey	R. C. Sandling, Harrell's St're	M. W. Teachey, Teachey.
Warsaw		Jas. K. Smith, Warsaw.
Wells' Chapel	F. T. Wooten, Harrell's Store.	L. D. Highsmith, Bland.
Wilmington	T. H. Pritchard, Wilmington.	J. W. Collins, Wilmington.
Willard	R. C. Sandling, Harrell's St're	G. W. Woodcock.

## CHURCH COVENANT.

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

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

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

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

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

## RULES OF ORDER.

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

2. Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises, to be conducted by whomever 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 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.

## CONSTITUTION OF THE EASTERN ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the Eastern Association.

ART. 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men; and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity to the New Testament.

ART. 3. This Association shall be composed of all ordained ministers, members of churches of this body, and three delegates from each church, elected by the church in conference assembled.

ART. 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, communicating information relative to the state of the church: *Provided, however,* That when any church has prepared a letter, and through inadvertance 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 a majority of the members voting, and continue in office until their successors are elected.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve order, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under discussion, after others have spoken, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, and superintend their printing and distribution among the churches.

ART. 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the session of the body, and disburse the same, as ordered by the Association. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the treasury.

ART. 9. The Association shall appoint an Executive Committee of seven members, who shall co-operate with the State Board in the superintendence of the Mission work within the bounds of our Association, and during the interval of the meeting of this body, take such steps as they may deem advisable for the advancement of the same, and make an annual report of their work to the Association.

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

ART. 11. The Association may invite visiting and corresponding brethren to seats, and extend to them the privileges of the body, except that of voting.

ART. 12. The annual session of this Association shall commence on Tuesday after the first Lord's Day in October, at such place as may be chosen.

ART. 13. By appointment of the Association there shall be an Introductory Sermon of a denominational character, and a Missionary Sermon.

ART. 14. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS.

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



WATSON'S REPORT

The annual report of the  
of the United States  
for the year ending  
at Washington, D.C.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

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